

Oregon students could face a stern future

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Imagine this.
"Class, it is time to stand and say *The Pledge of Allegiance*," says the third grade teacher to her students.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all except people who are Gay and Lesbians."

"Very good class. Steven, you have your hand raised. Why?"

"Yes Ma'am. Um... well... er it's just that I think that Billy is a gay."

"Why do you think that Billy is gay Steven," asks the teacher.

"Because he tried to hold my hand in the playground," says Steven.

The third grade teacher appears shocked and dismayed as a look of horror grows across her face; her job is on the line. "Billy is this true? Did you try to hold Steven's hand in the playground," she asks sternly.

"Yes," mutters Billy.

"Why Billy? Why did you try to hold Steven's hand in playground? You know that type of behavior is abnormal, wrong, unnatural, and perverse and should be avoided," hollers the third grade teacher. "Billy, I taught you that just the other day so why Billy did you try to hold Steven's hand in the Playground."

Following a long pause of hesitation, "I'm not really sure ma'am... um it's just that I really think I like Steven a lot and I felt like holding his hand," moans Billy.

"Well, that is just terrific, just fantastic," says the teacher to the student. "Billy, I think you had better go see the principal and explain to HIM just how much you LIKE Steven."

Billy gets up and leaves the class with his head hanging low.

"O.K. class," says the teacher, "it's time for our morning prayer."

"God is good, God is Great,

God made us all pure and straight.

..."

Later that day....

"So Billy, your teacher tells me that you have been trying to hold other little boys' hands in the playground," says the principal. "What have you got to say for yourself?"

The principal is a very imposing figure. He sits behind a very large desk and stares hard right into students' eyes. Behind him, you can see intimidating plaques bearing bold education degrees.

"Uh... nothing sir... I guess," responds Billy, who is now on the verge of tears.

"Nothing? You have nothing to say for yourself?" shouts the principal who is now standing. "You are prancing around my school like a flaming faggot

seat behind his desk, his forehead is now showing sweat and he is breathing heavily.

"Billy, I'm going to let you off the hook this time, that is to say that I'm not kicking you out of school." The principal pauses for a moment to catch his breath.

"I'm going to notify your teacher that corrective measures have been taken against you and that she shouldn't expect any more abnormal behavior out of you. Am I correct Billy... there will be no more abnormal behavior coming from you?"

"Yes sir."

"Good," a smile forms on the principal's face and he is now appearing to be in a good mood. "Now you run on back to class and be a normal boy."

"Yes sir," Billy says as he turns to leave.



and you have absolutely nothing to say for yourself. Jesus Christ Billy, who the Hell do you think you are?"

Billy is crying hysterically, "I don't know sir... 'sob' I don't know anything any more."

The principal seemingly regains his temper and moves from behind his desk in order to stand directly over young Billy.

"That's right Billy, you don't know a damn thing do you?" he says as he places his hand on Billy's neck.

"YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT YOU ARE A QUEER," shouts the principal.

The principal returns to his

"And study hard Billy and maybe someday you can be a principal too," adds the now proud and joyful administrator.

The situation that you have just experienced is fictional but the possibilities of it happening are true if Ballot Measure 9 passes. You know Measure 9, the movement to label homosexuality "abnormal" and "perverse behavior;" the idea that specific religious ideas should be enforced in education.

If Ballot Measure 9 passes, it is very likely that we will have little boys and little girls finding themselves in situations like Billy found himself.

And what about the college student who might find himself sitting in a classroom with an instructor who presents only one form of sexuality as normal and acceptable? The topic is not open for discussion.

Studies show us that about 90 percent of child abusers and molesters are heterosexual white men. Yet the supporters of Ballot Measure 9 will have you believe otherwise. They will tell you that mostly homosexuals abuse their children. This is simply a lie.

So why do supporters of 9 continually lie to the decent and loving citizens of the beautiful state of Oregon? Maybe it's because they themselves are homosexuals who were forced deep into the closets when they were in their youth or maybe they are themselves victims of child abuse. A closer examination of these theories reveals interesting possibilities.

Perhaps they were little Billys. Perhaps as children, they found themselves standing alone in the grade school playground longing for the affection of another child of the same sex. They probably had been told by an adult that it was not normal to feel this way.

Of course, we will never know if Billy was in fact a homosexual or a heterosexual.

As time subsequently moved on, the supporters of Measure 9 may have grown more and more alone. Having felt rejected from society, they also grew very cold.

One day these people found each other. They felt right for each other; they shared the same ideas and morals; they even went to the same church; and most importantly, they shared a disliking of homosexuals.

They formed a life together.

Together, they formed a family and called it the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA). Over the years, as the family grew, so did the amount of dissent that it could spread into the community. They spent every moment of every day promoting their lifestyle. Soon there was a large gathering of repressed and angry individuals who were willing to support an anti-homosexual initiative. They even started a thing called Ballot Measure 9.

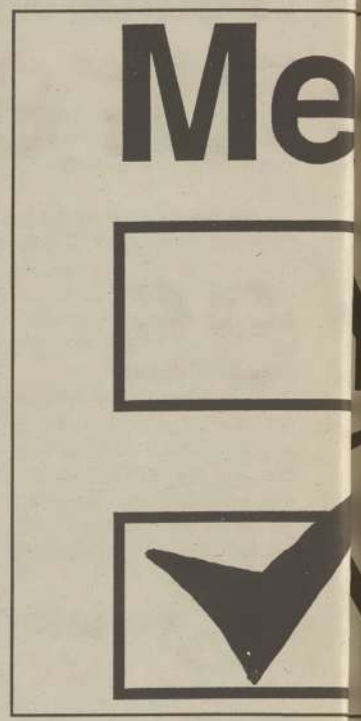
We should really feel sorry for people who act out their aggressions and display unusual behavior because they were likely to have been abused sometime during their childhood. We will not want to meet their intolerance with intolerance, but instead show them how it is possible to live in multicultural society. Let us remedy their illusions.

We know that these people do not understand themselves and their actions, so it is up to the rest of us to educate them in area of social behavior. We must instill in them the power of nurturing and understanding. We must point the way towards a more peaceful society.

But immediately, we must stop Ballot Measure 9. We cannot allow these people to spread vicious discrimination throughout our community. Now, we must halt aggression; we must end hatred. As sure as Bush bombed Iraq; so will we end Measure 9.

It's really funny that way; the same people who dislike David Duke and Saddam Hussein support Measure 9. That's the trouble with the current human situation: it seems that anyone can find a way to hate. Well, I'm starting to find a way to hate the supporters of Measure 9.

People are attempting to put an end to a specific lifestyle when they ought really to be trying to put an end to hate. Hatred breeds



hatred regardless of how justified you think the hatred is. It you hate me then I might learn to hate you and then we might find ourselves together on a battlefield.

It's the law of nature: aggression will always lead to retaliation. I have never once witnessed a creature that let itself die without a fight. Still, though, people believe that it is easier to just kill or push images out of sight. This type of behavior is a disease--Hate: the most widespread disease in America.

I would estimate that this disease affects 90% of Americans, mostly white males. It affects the nervous system and causes a disruption in the caring part of the brain. The brain, seeing that it cannot comprehend images outside of its preconditioned paradigm, will shut down or attempt to close out the world.

This disease usually drives those afflicted to alcoholism, abuse or violent tendencies. It motivates people to hate. Then once the hate virus hits the public, it spreads like a wildfire. If you think you have contracted the disease called Hate you should visit the counseling department for treatment or love someone immediately or maybe read some poetry.

As a culture, the far-Right white male is known for his raping and molestation. It can be charted throughout the history of time and its effects are evident on the Earth today.

There is a cure. It's called Faith; faith in love and hope and in all that is real on Earth and in the universe. I believe there is a balance; there is a compromise.

We can put an end to Measure 9. We can live together.

End abuse and discrimination and preserve human rights.

We as humans are not asking for any special rights other than the right to live and breath the clean, crisp air of Oregon.

Don't let hatred distort your ability to feel.

Vote no on 9.

DON'T BUY IT,

In these troubling times, there's just so much to think about: war, AIDS, famine, communism, atheism, homosexuals, transvestites, people who look different, people who don't believe the same things you do... it can sometimes be so hard to make the right decisions.

That's why we at the Oregon Citizens Alliance have volunteered to make these decisions for you, once and for all. That's just us, the OCA, working together for a better, brighter, happier America.

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