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## How is Your Neighborhood School Teaching Sex Ed?

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**Education:** On Monday, April 23, 2018, parents around the U.S. kept their children home from school in a [“Sex-Ed Sit-Out”](#) in protest of radical sex education that is being pushed on their children in public schools. Parents from several states, including California, Michigan, North Carolina and Pennsylvania have protested the involvement of Planned Parenthood in teaching their children. Planned Parenthood has been instrumental in producing guidelines and materials that claim to provide “age-appropriate” sex education to children as young as 4 years old. (1)

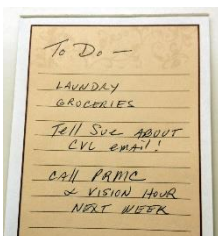
The Trump administration has changed the application for Title X funds to prioritize programs that emphasize the research on “healthy relationships, to committed, safe, stable, healthy marriages, and the benefits of avoiding sexual risk”. The announcement stressed that grantees could include programs offering fertility-awareness based methods of family planning. Participants will also have to train their staff to respond to threats of child abuse, sexual abuse, domestic abuse and human trafficking. Pro-abortion groups criticized the goals, claiming that the administration is working on taking away birth control and imposing religious beliefs with abstinence-based programs. (2)

Parents have the right to know what schools are teaching their children. In addition to sexuality education, influence is brought to bear in other areas as well. The “best-selling American politics textbook in the U.S.”(3) includes over 20 citations regarding abortion. The book refers to “abortion rights”, and clearly presents liberal judges as expanding the rights of minorities while conservative judges “impose their own political beliefs and policies...”(1)

1. <http://www.lifenews.com/2018/04/17/parents-organize-sex-ed-sit-out-to-protest-planned-parenthood-sex-ed-classes-targeting-kids/>
2. <http://www.lifenews.com/2018/02/26/trump-admin-cuts-planned-parenthood-funding-will-shift-sex-ed-funds-to-abstinence-programs/>
3. <https://www.american.edu/spa/faculty/oconn.cfm>



**Prayer:** Dear Father God, please inspire parents to take the time and trouble to find out what their children are learning in school and ensure that the powerful influence of public education is not used to promote unhealthy attitudes to sexuality and false notions of political issues. Please inspire faithful people to write high-quality textbooks that fairly present history and politics as well as sexuality in a way that promotes healthy living and true freedom in our nation. Help all students to learn your beautiful plan for sexuality and to learn to appreciate and preserve religious freedom and the right to life.



**Action:** If you have children in school, be aware of what they are being taught. Parents often are given the opportunity to review teaching on sexuality and allow their children to opt out of participation. Before your student takes government or history, ask to see a copy of the textbook to review. Decide how you can best ensure that your child is not strongly influenced to adhere to judgments or moral positions that you object to.