

The High Rate of Infiltration

Jimmy Heyward, a middle schooler in California, found himself at the center of a controversy that has raised important questions about freedom of speech and school policies. In May, he ran for the Commissioner of School Spirit & Patriotism position at Saint Bonaventure Catholic School in Huntington Beach, California. However, upon learning the content of his speech, his principal banned him from delivering it. The principal and the school's board of directors, in a move that many consider a violation of Jimmy's freedom of speech, banned him and his sister from returning to the private Catholic school next year, citing violations of the 'Christian Code of Conduct' and their 'Parent Electronic Communications Policy.'

Here are some statements he made in his bid for the role in his middle school.

My love for America is my motivation for running for Commissioner of Patriotism & School Spirit. It is an honor to live in this country. Sadly, some people take their citizenship for granted. Whether it is disrespecting those who protect or eating nachos during the national anthem at a sporting event. Many people recite the Pledge of Allegiance without understanding its meaning; they might as well be reciting the lyrics to Shake It Off by Taylor Swift.

As the Commissioner of Patriotism, I would have the crucial task of creating ways to bring more patriotism to SBS.

I love my country and I love St. Bonaventure, but I want to strengthen our patriotism and school spirit.

I will make the school spirit great again. I will make patriotism within SBS great again. And most importantly, I will make SBS great again. [Where do you think he got that?]¹

We are seeing a double infiltration of the Marxist left. First into education and second into religion. Here is a private religious institution presumably exempt from paying taxes to their state and nation for religious purposes. You would think they would give even a little appreciation to a country that would provide such an incentive to their organization. Instead, they have made patriotism into a hate crime and expelled students for loving their country.

I know that the new education standard is to despise our country. The left doesn't consider that the reason they can do this is because our forefathers protected our unalienable right of free speech in the Constitution. The governments of many countries prohibit their citizens from openly and freely expressing thoughts that differ from those of the ruling powers. Apparently, that same tyrannical spirit has come to the education and religious camps in America. It is ushered in by what the Communists call "useful idiots," who carry out their wishes without thinking.

Are you awake yet? How about those around you? If such things as an anti-patriotic spirit are going on in private religious schools, what is happening in the government-funded public indoctrination centers? This kind of criminal behavior is impacting our school children. As A. Lincoln stated, "The philosophy of the schoolhouse in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next." We are seeing it play out before our eyes. Yet many Christians refuse to engage and wring their hands as the nation crumbles.

¹ Swietoniowski, Jessica. "Mom says son who was barred from giving patriotic speech has been kicked out of Catholic school (his little sisters too)." *Not The Bee*, 12 June 2024, notthebee.com/article/middle-schooler-barred-patriotic-speech-told-he-and-sisters-banned-returning-school-next-year. Accessed 14 June 2024.

Have you noticed how leading evil entities have learned to control people? If they can't bribe them, they threaten. When they have power, they don't "go along to get along." They use their power and get their way. There is no place for compromise with them. This Catholic school is just one small example of this kind of atrocity. The Jews' and churches' compliance with the Nazis in WWII got them nowhere but gas chambers and concentration camps, where they were worked to death in many cases. What makes us think going along to get along will work today?

Our national leaders want to call Christian patriots "terrorists" and participate in anti-American, anti-Christ behavior. However, our ancestors connected patriotism and religion. Listen to two of our top Founders.

George Washington:

- While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest Glory to laud the more distinguished Character of Christian.
- Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens.

Benjamin Rush:

- Patriotism is as much a virtue as justice and is as necessary for the support of societies as natural affection is for the support of families. The Amor Patriae is both a moral and a religious duty. ... Even our Savior himself gives a sanction to this virtue. He confined his miracles and gospel at first to his own country.

Christians have dual citizenship. We belong to heaven (Philippians 3:20) and our earthly nation. When God sent Judah to Babylon, He spoke through His prophet in Jeremiah 29:7 (NKJV) and gave them a burden for the well-being of their new land. He said:

⁷And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.

God has placed us in our nation at this time for His purposes. While we seek the kingdom of God first (Matthew 6:33), we do not neglect the best for our nation. God blesses nations when they seek Him (Psalm 33:12). What could be better for our country than to humble ourselves, pray and seek God's face, and turn from our wicked ways so He will hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land? ("Perry"-phrase of 2 Chronicles 7:14).

Shame on our leaders, schools, and religious institutions for demeaning our nation and ridiculing the patriotic spirit that connects GodNAmerica. I pray God will deal appropriately with the Heyward family and Saint Bonaventure Catholic School.

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