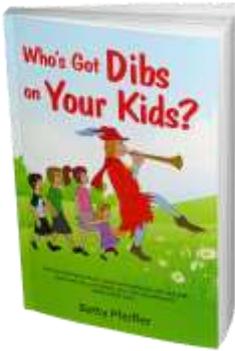


ACTIONS THAT CAN BE TAKEN BY ANYONE

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You don't have to be a parent or grandparent of young children to take action against the Pied Pipers leading our children on paths away from God.

This list may seem long, but it gets easier if you decide to do just one or two things. There are some that take no money, only your time. There are some that require changing laws, if that is where your interests lie. There are some that benefit from organizational skills, and others that do not. Read these over, and see what appeals most to you.

When you've decided the type of action that is right for you, look for those where change will have the greatest effect. Or, if that seems too daunting, find some middle-of-the-road ones to pursue. In other words, don't start trying to pull pin feathers when the chicken is still running around the farmyard.

INTERACT WITH PARENTS and GRANDPARENTS

1. Talk to parents for their viewpoints
2. Get interested, concerned, parents and grandparents to form a group with you to share the tasks.

LAWS

1. Educate yourself about the issues
2. Start to learn about state laws, determine how they personally affect you and your kids, and see if they need changing.
3. Learn about the educational directives for your state. Most of you will find this involves some level of Common Core.
4. Find out what your state standards are, and what they are based on.
5. Take action to pass laws similar to Louisiana's Act 473 (<http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=503483>) and Tennessee Senate Amendment 893 (<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/107/Amend/SA0901.pdf>) that permit critical thinking and discussion of theories of origins other than evolution, global warming, cloning, etc.
6. In *Who's Got Dibs on Your Kids?* I advocated teaching intelligent design along with evolution. The Discovery Institute opposes that idea, taking the view that advocating teaching intelligent design politicizes the issue. You can read their assessment and suggestions at <http://www.discovery.org/a/3164> and decide for yourself which approach is best.
7. Additional information can be found at the Family Action Council of Tennessee (<http://factn.org/teacher-protection-and-academic-freedom-act/>) where are listed various States and School Districts that have successfully implemented policies that allow for the objective teaching of the strengths and weaknesses of evolutionary theory.
8. Check out abortion rights laws in your state. Planned Parenthood's website <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/abortion/parental-consent-notification-laws> is a good resource. If your state does not require parental approval, advocate for that law.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS and BOARDS

1. Check out what is happening in your own school district
2. Attend school board meetings.
3. Get to know the members of your school board—know their viewpoints.
4. Try to get on the textbook adoption or review committee.
5. Write letters to the members of the district school board expressing your displeasure, and suggesting alternatives.
6. Circulate a petition to send to the district, demonstrating you are not the only one objecting.
7. Run for a position on the school board.
8. If you aren't running, endorse others you think are good candidates.
9. If you don't have success getting changes made, campaign against any more tax increases in any form for your school district.

TEXTBOOKS and ANCILLARY MATERIAL

1. Read their textbooks. An example is the promotion of Islam in world history or social science. Another is promotion of immorality and homosexuality. This most often occurs in the sex education classes, but some schools have moved the homosexuality agenda to other classes, such as social science, where there is no opt out available. Report back to your group, church, or parents' association.

2. Ask to see ancillary learning material.

3. Investigate content of non-textbook information such as reading lists and outside speakers. This includes both required reading and suggested reading lists. You may also check online for "banned books." Report back to appropriate entities.

In my opinion, not all requests to have books banned have valid reasons—some are even foolish. Two books, on reading lists, among others, I will call "perverted." They are *The Bluest Eye* and *Beautiful Bastard* (6th grade required reading list in Florida). *WARNING: The excerpt I read from Beautiful Bastard is extremely vulgar, to the extent that I will not repeat it in print. I did not read anything other than the excerpt I received in an email.*

4. When you know where the weaknesses are, ask for changes.

OTHER THINGS YOU CAN DO

1. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about matters that concern you.
2. Try to get on a local radio talk show to get your views more widely known.
3. Volunteer to teach cursive writing if it is not taught at school. Organize an after-school club for learning cursive.
4. Buy, rent, or get copies from your library of some of the books and videos recommended on the DibsOnYourKids.com website, and watch and discuss them in church groups, with friends, etc.