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The Republican Club of Comal County

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Our goal is to inform about current issues and conservative candidates.*

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OUR NEXT MEETING

THE REPUBLICAN CLUB OF COMAL COUNTY

will meet on Tuesday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m. *(setup at 5:00, social mixer at 5:30)*
at the First Protestant Church of New Braunfels, 172 W. Coll Street
(Enter the parking lot by the Civic Center from Coll St.)

The refreshments theme for April is “Taco Tuesday.”

The Club will provide taco shells and meat, Members are encouraged to bring fixings, desserts, and anything else they want.

We encourage members to arrive early. This will allow time to pay dues, greet friends and guests, and partake of refreshments before the meeting starts.

Please share this meeting announcement with friends and family. As we grow in numbers, our influence grows with our elected officials, and they will respond to our calls on legislative priorities.

Questions? Call or email our President, Al Highfield, at 830-255-1367 or at Albert.Highfield@yahoo.com.



Our guest speaker will be

Jim Gibson,

**the public events coordinator
with the Texas Border Volunteers.**

**Jim will talk about the situation at the southern border,
which is expected to get much worse this month.**

Please join us for this informative talk.

(See page 6 for more information about Jim Gibson.)

A Message from our Club President

Welcome to all our brothers and sisters in the Grand Old Party (GOP) or, as I call it, the Government Of the People.....As we watch the world events today, it's not surprising for all to be concerned. It is hard not to amused by Dr. Fauci coming out of hiding to warn us of another round of Pandemic; our President's son never talking with his Dad about his business dealings; or him not opening up our oil/gas industry but asking other countries for help with our shortage and higher fuel prices. (Whereas, a mere 15 months ago, our country was energy independent!!) Seriously, it could be laughable, except for the fact that our country is being destroyed from within!

However, we have an opportunity to turn this situation around. Every Republican in Comal County needs to band together to take back our government. It doesn't matter what you do....vote, volunteer, talk to your friends and family, visit your neighbors, and get everyone involved!!! Always remember, a NO vote for a Republican only leaves the door open for a liberal or socialist with a WOKE agenda! I'm proud to represent a strong agenda for the Republican Party in Comal County. Again, thank you for allowing me to stand for the Republican Club of Comal County.

President Albert F. Highfield

“Ask me what You can do to get involved!”

OUR PATRON PROGRAM

The Republican Club of Comal County is thankful for those who have contributed to our Club through the Patron Program during 2021 and 2022.

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Patrons donate \$100 per year per person to help us finance our 2022 election strategy.

Contact our Patron Program chair, Carolyn Herbert, at 830-515-5919 to become a Patron or for more information. Patrons receive a special personalized Texas flag name tag.

If you have not paid dues recently, your dues are due!

Pay your dues for 2022 at our April meeting.

The dues are only \$35 for a family and \$25 for an individual.

**Another wise choice is to become a Patron for only \$100
as we strive to build up our Club's treasury to prepare for the
crucial election season that starts this year!**

Our Officers for 2022

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Comal County Precinct Chairs

Why do we publish the Comal County Precinct Chair List in the Republican Club Newsletter each month? Our mission as active Republicans is to support the political process. Each one of us should know what Precinct we live in and who serves as our Precinct Chair.

We should offer our assistance to our Precinct Chair for the elections. We can assist as an Election clerk or Election Judge on Election Day. We can offer to block walk to inform our neighbors of early voting. We can block walk for our chosen candidates. We can offer to take a list of Republicans to call with a reminder of the times and places to vote early. There are a number of ways an individual can help to assure a maximum Republican vote.

Studies show that when people intend to vote, but fail to vote early, a substantial percentage of that vote is lost on Election Day. There is a lot to be done. Please offer your help to your Precinct Chair.

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Our Mission

The mission of the Republican Club of Comal County is to promote “Faith, Family, and Freedom” by providing information and education about critical political issues, by encouraging active participation in the political process, by supporting conservative Republican nominees, and by fostering loyalty to the Republican Party and its conservative ideals.

The 2020 Principles of the Republican Party of Texas (RPT)

The following is a portion of the RPT 2020 Platform. This is an outline of what we believe our Party stands for and should be made familiar to all Texas Republicans so when we are asked, "Why are you a Republican?" you can cite one or all of these ten primary reasons.

Preamble

Affirming our belief in God, we still hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Throughout the world, people dare to dream of freedom and opportunity. The Republican Party of Texas unequivocally defends that dream. We strive to preserve the freedom given to us by God, implemented by our Founding Fathers, and embodied in the Constitution. We recognize that the traditional family is the strength of our nation. It is our solemn duty to protect innocent life and develop responsible citizens. We understand that our economic success depends upon free market principles. If we fail to maintain our sovereignty, we risk losing the freedom to live these ideals.

Principles

We, the 2020 Republican Party of Texas, believe in this platform and expect our elected leaders to uphold these truths through acknowledgment and action. We believe in:

1. "The laws of nature and nature's God," and we support the strict adherence to the original language and intent of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of the United States and of Texas.
2. The sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, which should be equally protected from fertilization to natural death.
3. Preserving American and Texas sovereignty and freedom.
4. Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas Constitutions.
5. Personal accountability and responsibility.
6. Self-sufficient families, founded on the traditional marriage of a natural man and a natural woman.
7. Having an educated population, with parents having the freedom of choice for the education of their children.
8. The inalienable right of all people to defend themselves and their property.
9. A free enterprise society unencumbered by government interference or subsidies.
10. Honoring all of those who serve and protect our freedom.

Jim Gibson Texas Border Volunteers

Jim graduated from Brownsboro High School in Brownsboro, Texas. in 1971. He enlisted in the United States Air Force after graduation and retired in 1992 with the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. After that retirement, he attended the University of Texas at San Antonio and completed his degree in political science with a social studies composite teaching certification. After graduation, Jim taught high school economics at Harlandale High School in San Antonio and retired in 2011. In 2008 he joined the Texas Border Volunteers. His current position is the TBV media and public events coordinator. Jim frequently speaks to various civic groups about the current state of affairs in the south Texas border region. For two years he was one of the featured presenters at the National Security Intelligence Seminar for Law Enforcement.

Update on Court Case by Joeylynn Mesaros

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to update RCCC members on the status of our lawsuit. I wish I had good news for you, unfortunately I do not.

This week we received the dreaded news that our judge has denied our motion to dismiss the lawsuit (after making us wait eight months for a decision, bleeding us of over \$50,000 in legal fees) and has ruled that we will go to trial in federal court before a jury of our peers.

In addition to this, the plaintiffs have also filed a protective order attempting to gag us from speaking about the details of the lawsuit as we enter into discovery. The judge has not yet ruled on this decision, but it is his sole decision to make if we will be gagged or not.

It is incredibly important to talk about the details of this lawsuit as much as we can, before we are limited. We are also in need of regenerating attention to this matter and directing donors to our fundraiser so we can continue fighting the fight to defend free speech. As we progress through the judicial system, we have depleted the funds to defend ourselves. And things will become increasingly more costly.

Robert and I do not wish to only be on defense, but we want to offensively fight for American's constitutional rights and freedoms - but we need support and funds to do this properly.

We greatly appreciate you keeping local members abreast of the developing story! We created a new website where donors/supporters can follow along with our story and make contribution. The website is: www.FreeSpeechDefender.com. We ultimately hope to be victorious in the end and plan to start a fund where we can financially equip other Americans in defending their God-given constitutional rights.

Together, we fight to defend our God-given right to Free Speech.

Thank you for being such a critical part of our journey - we are thankful for your compassion and support.

Blessings!
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See Joeylynn's video on youtube at
<https://youtu.be/gnv7rBe8wts>
It's less than two minutes long.

Our past President, John Hobson, contributed this letter to our newsletter.

Dr. James C. Dobson Family Institute
March, 2022

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hobson,

We join millions of Americans today in sadness and outrage in response to Russia's unprovoked assault on the peace loving people of Ukraine. Vladimir Putin, the thug and former KGB head of the Soviet secret police, reportedly murdered countless enemies of the State in his day. Now, as President of Russia, he has rained down terror on innocent Ukrainian men, women, and children, who are desperately trying to defend their beloved homeland. As of this writing, their cries for help have largely fallen on deaf ears, as our weak President and European leaders have dithered.

Putin's act of war is reminiscent of Adolf Hitler, who invaded Poland on September 1, 1939. He needed an excuse for the attack, so he ordered his Gestapo to simulate border incursions by Polish forces and had a half dozen concentration camp inmates killed. Their dead bodies were dressed in Polish uniforms essentially to create an illusion designed to dupe the international community into believing that Germany was the victim of Polish aggression. That, along with other staged raids, became his pretext to overrun the border and massacre tens of thousands of Polish citizens. Then, after a bloody and devastating conquest, he set up puppet regimes dominated by Nazi operatives. In the following months and years, Hitler rounded up six million Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals, and mentally-disabled people, and killed them in the gas chambers of Auschwitz and other extermination camps.

In a sense, there is a similarity between then and now. What "the Fuhrer" did to Poland and Europe in 1939 was profoundly evil. Likewise, what Putin is doing 83 years later is also unconscionable. This Russian tyrant didn't even bother to concoct an excuse to send guns, tanks, and planes into Ukraine. The brave Ukrainian people are resisting his merciless invasion against impossible odds.

Such is the history of man's inhumanity to man. War has a way of escalating and usually leads to a wider conflagration. Hitler's murderous assault led to the Second World War and the deaths of 50 million people around the world. On June 18, 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie Duchess of Hohenberg, were riding in an open touring car on a city street in Sarajevo. A madman ran out of the crowd and fatally shot them both. The aftermath of those murders led to World War I and the deaths of 25 million people around the world. Violence begets violence.

Is the human race ready for another worldwide military catastrophe? Many prognosticators warn that it is likely. They say that Putin wants to rebuild the Russian Empire, which collapsed in 1989. That implies that after Ukraine, the Baltic States may be his next objective. Some believe that Putin's greater goal is the NATO countries, beginning with Poland and Eastern Europe.

And then there is China, with its thirst for world domination. What about Iran and North Korea? A couple of weeks ago, Putin said he would consider using nuclear weapons if necessary, and ordered the Russian Army's nuclear forces to be on combat alert.

The most frightening scenario is a two-headed threat. On the one hand is Vladimir Putin, in complete control of one of the world's premier nuclear forces. On the other hand is a weak, indecisive President of the United States, Joe Biden. That could be a recipe for disaster.

Yet throughout the history of humankind, the sheer essence of freedom rings stronger than any dictator's arsenal. As President Ronald Reagan rightfully declared in his inaugural address, which I witnessed in 1981: Above all, we must realize that no arsenal or no weapon in the arsenals of the world is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not have.

This is true for Americans as well as our Ukrainian brothers and sisters. Regardless of the size of the bully, there are valiant men and women who will anchor themselves to liberty's calling—for themselves and for future generations.

But where do we go from here? While I'm not an authority on such issues, the world seems poised on a knife-edge of destiny, and we must remember that the Bible speaks of such matters.

We should be like the sons of Issachar, who "understood the times and knew what to do." (1 Chronicles 12:32) It is time for concerted prayer, especially for the people of Ukraine. Let's call upon our loving God, who cares about those who are suffering. Please pray also for our country, which is in desperate need of a revival that will sweep the nation and bring us back to our spiritual roots. Let it begin with you and me.

May God's hand of mercy be upon Ukraine and all freedom-loving nations.

James C. Dobson, Ph.D.

Pence's Plan for America

Thomas Gallatin, April 5, 2022

The former vice president released his "Freedom Agenda" as he seeks to steer the country back to her founding principles.

As the adage states, failure to plan is a plan for failure. Former Vice President Mike Pence has certainly taken that bit of wisdom to heart, working tirelessly since leaving office to advocate for what he terms "the ideas of the conservative movement from Ronald Reagan to Donald Trump." In that vein, Pence has produced what he is calling his "Freedom Agenda" to help clearly delineate a conservative policy agenda moving into the 2022 midterms and 2024 presidential election. Pence argues, "You can't beat a program without a program."

One of the biggest items in his Freedom Agenda directly targets education with a call for the promotion of "patriotic education." He explains, "State and local jurisdictions should require high school students to pass testing on their knowledge of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Federalist Papers prior to graduation to ensure that high school students are graduating with a basic knowledge of America's most important founding documents and ideals."

But it's not just promoting and training up high school students in the basics of America's founding ideology; Pence takes on the racist 1619 Project indoctrination being pushed by leftists across the nation. The plan also calls for opposing "radical political indoctrination — including the teaching of anti-American racist ideologies such as critical race theory — in our schools and universities (as well as businesses and government agencies)." It advocates "maximum curriculum transparency so that parents have all the information necessary to pick and monitor schools that best fit the needs of their families."

Pence's plan also tackles the radical Left's attack on women. He aims to "preserve and protect female athletic competition by ensuring that sports competitions are between those who share their God-given gender."

Countering the abuse of free speech is yet another pillar in his plan. Reforming Big Tech "to align it with our democratic and free enterprise system" is a critical plank. Further planks include: "Prevent censorship in the modern public square by requiring that internet companies live under the same liability framework as traditional print and broadcast media companies. Advancing free speech and ending digital surveillance without meaningful consent. ... Championing increased ownership and portability of private data."

In releasing this plan, it may appear that Pence is positioning himself for a run at the White House in 2024, which could have him facing off directly against Donald Trump. Pence may very well intend to run, but his motives for the Freedom Agenda are clearly bigger than merely a political campaign. There is little doubt that Pence is a proud American who truly loves and is committed to the betterment and preservation of this greatest nation on earth. As he states regarding his 28-page plan: "This is a pathway not just for winning elections, but for winning the hearts and minds of Americans. We need to have a conversation about not just what's wrong with the other side, but also the spirit of a freedom agenda."

Another January 6 Narrative Goes Boom

Capitol Police did, in fact, let the protesters into the building.

By Julie Kelly, April 7, 2022

How does a mob "illegally storm" the Capitol building when police let them in? That is the latest narrative-shifting question the media wants desperately to avoid after a federal judge on Wednesday found a January 6 defendant not guilty for his conduct during the protest at the Capitol that day.

Matthew Martin was arrested in Santa Fe, New Mexico on April 22, 2021; he later was charged with the four most common misdemeanors related to the Justice Department's prosecution of Capitol protesters: entering a restricted building, disorderly conduct, violent entry, and parading in the Capitol building.

Those petty offenses comprise the overwhelming majority of criminal charges against the nearly 800 or so January 6 defendants. More than 150 people have pleaded guilty to the "parading" charge—many have been sentenced to a few months in prison.

But those defendants might regret accepting the plea deal offered by the government after D.C. District Court Judge Trevor McFadden not only acquitted Martin on all counts but agreed with Martin's assertion that he was "waved" in by Capitol Police officers. Martin, who opted for a bench trial before the Trump-appointed judge and testified in his own defense, entered the building around 3 p.m. through a set of doors on the east side. He walked through the Rotunda and stayed inside for about 10 minutes.

For that activity—a right protected under the Constitution up until January 6, 2021—Martin's life, like that of every other American ensnared in this abusive prosecution, has been destroyed. Following his acquittal, Martin spoke to reporters outside the federal courthouse in Washington, D.C. "I am very thankful for the judge's verdict and hoping to get my life back together, get my job back," said Martin, who was fired as a contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy after he was arrested a year ago.

As Martin tries to rebuild the life his own government attempted to annihilate over a 10-minute jaunt through a public building which had been vacated by lawmakers, Martin might get the last laugh. His trial blew up one of the most animating features of January 6—that hundreds if not thousands of Trump supporters overran police and unlawfully invaded the Capitol. Despite a trove of video evidence, including security camera footage showing how law enforcement officers stood by as people filed in on both the east and west side of the Capitol, the myth that a "mob" broke down doors to gain entry persists to this day.

But that narrative just suffered a major blow—and by a witness for the government, no less.

Testifying under oath, a U.S. Capitol police official told the court that police indeed had allowed people to enter the building that day. BuzzFeed reporter Zoe Tillman, who is covering the in-person trials, reported the bombshell news: When Martin entered the Capitol through a set of doors on the east side, there were two US Capitol Police officers standing on either side," Tillman wrote on April 6. "Video played at trial showed them standing still and for the most part not reacting to the crowd. U.S. Capitol Police Inspector John Erickson testified that given the large number of people, the officers understood they couldn't stop them from coming in, but could only observe and try to make sure no one got hurt; Erickson wasn't one of the two officers but spoke generally about the security perimeter and police response.

The video, according to Tillman, also showed "Martin had waited to enter while the officer leaned forward to speak with another person, and then leaned back, reopening the passageway; Martin tapped the officer on the shoulder and the officer leaned back further."

In other words, Martin and others were allowed into the building.

It's not the first time video footage confirmed police officers did not attempt to stop people from gaining entry on January 6. Surveillance footage released under a court order in October clearly shows numerous Capitol police officers standing inside a set of doors on the west side of the building as hundreds walked inside over a nearly 40-minute period.

So, one more allegation about January 6 is exposed as a lie, which can be added to the growing list of falsehoods.

No, it wasn't an "armed insurrection." No, Officer Brian Sicknick was not bludgeoned to death by a fire extinguisher or killed as the result of any attack by Trump supporters. Zero police officers died as a result of January 6, not "several" as Joe Biden and Attorney General Merrick Garland maintain. No, "white supremacists" and "right-wing militia" groups are not responsible for what happened that day. No, Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) was not in danger of being raped or killed. No, Kamala Harris and Mike Pence were not in the building during the breach, rendering the property off-limits to the public.

It's unlikely this latest revelation will stop Joe Biden from continuing to promote these lies, as he appears especially fond of using the talking point of blaming January 6 for Russian aggression in Ukraine. "[How] would you feel if you saw crowds storm and break down the doors of the British Parliament, kill five cops, injure 145—or the German Bundestag or the Italian parliament? I think you'd wonder," Biden said during a speech on March 3. "Well, that's what the rest of the world saw. It's not who we are. And now, we're proving, under pressure, that we are not that country. We're united" in taking on Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Only in the imaginary world of Joe Biden's deteriorating brain did any of that happen.

Kudos—in this case, anyway—to Judge Trevor McFadden for showing a bit of mettle woefully lacking in his colleagues on the D.C. District Court. His verdict represents a tiny glimmer of justice in an otherwise unjust, hyperpartisan, and vengeful legal system in the nation's capital.

'Gender Reassignment' Is Dangerous

It's fraught with complications that ultimately make the "cure" worse than the affliction.
The Patriot Post, Emmy Griffin, March 25, 2022

Famous author of the Harry Potter series, J.K. Rowling, has been using her platform on social media for individuals to share their "transition" stories and bring visibility to the many issues surrounding the destructive nature of the trans agenda.

One particularly heart-wrenching story was of a young woman who developed polycystic ovary syndrome and potentially even cancer as a result of her surgeries.

Other news sources have also published harrowing stories of regret along with the serious health complications individuals underwent in attempting to reconcile their gender dysphoria. The biggest underlying theme from testimonies and from studies is that gender reassignment surgeries sometimes cause irreversible damage.

One peer-reviewed study demonstrates that "transgender men and women" have a higher mortality rate after surgery. Some of the leading causes of death in gender dysphoric men were "cardiovascular disease, lung cancer, HIV-related disease, and suicide." For "transgender men" (i.e. women), it simply stated that they died of non-natural causes, which heavily implies suicide. Overall, the hormones and surgeries shorten the life expectancy of gender dysphoric people who choose this path by 50%.

The UK's University of Birmingham's aggressive research intelligence facility (Arif) conducted a mega study in which they analyzed over a hundred medical studies on the aftereffect of "gender affirming" surgery. Two such studies from the UK and Holland suggest that 20% of people who undergo these surgeries end up regretting it. Another study found that the suicide rate still remains high even after transition.

And yet, gender-affirming surgeries and hormone therapies are the ways that gender dysphoria is commonly treated. These medical avenues can be pursued with ease — no mental health professional permission needed. Medical doctors are lining up to perform these services despite ample evidence that this avenue is neither caring nor in the best health interest of the patient.

This is especially troubling because, according to The Federalist, scholars say that "56.7 percent of detransitioners, or people who try to reverse their transgender surgery, believe they received inadequate mental health assessments before transitioning and 58.0 percent believe that their gender dysphoria was caused by trauma or a mental health condition." In light of these facts and studies, it is scary to think how many more gender dysphoric people could stumble into this life-altering medical debacle.

Transition surgeries are big business and range from \$3,000-\$100,000. With more and more young people identifying as "trans" — Gen Z leads with 1.8% identifying as "trans" — it is in the financial interest of gender-affirming medical professionals to convince as many of them as possible that they need surgery.

At least 20% of "trans" people regret their surgeries; there's a 50% higher chance of death as a result of undergoing these surgeries; and there's almost no deterrence to the risk of suicide. So to even consider using these methods on children is horrifying.

In fact, countries that have been studying the effects of hormone treatment — such as Sweden, Denmark, and France — have now outlawed its use. Sweden's health agency in particular remarked that even these early interventions with hormone therapy are "potentially fraught with extensive and irreversible adverse consequences such as cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, infertility, increased cancer risk, and thrombosis." This is just hormones. When you add to that gender-affirming surgeries, it's a recipe for disaster.

It puts a whole new light on the Texas bill that calls parents who allow their children to undergo these mutilations child abusers. It also calls into question the whole practice of relieving parents of the custody of their children who are struggling with these gender issues. "Gender affirmation" is leading to more deaths, not saving lives.

Lieutenant Governor of Texas Slams Radical Left's Agenda to Disrupt Family

Dan Patrick casts state's moral fight as between 'those who believe in God, and those who believe they are God'

By Patrick Butler, April 11, 2022

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said the battle over abortion and the sexualization of children K–2 in public schools was "a battle of those who believe that they are God and have control over life and death and even their sex and those who believe there is a Creator, who believe in God, believe in Jesus Christ."

Patrick made his comments during a 15-minute phone interview at Dallas area radio station 660 AM "The Answer" on April 6.

"Whatever their denomination is and their faith is, they believe there is a higher power who decides life and a higher power who designed us as human beings," Patrick said.

He also described the "radical left ideology" as the "Marxist, socialist agenda to disrupt the family."

In a series of communications in 2022, Patrick has made known his concerns about primary school education, higher education, and abortion.

Previously, Patrick has advocated the revocation of tenure for professors hired by the Texas university system; he has vowed to review books in public school libraries promoting transgender identity; he has affirmed the so-called "Heartbeat Bill" that restricts abortions after about six weeks, and he has now framed the gender issue in early primary school education in religious terms.

On April 4, the lieutenant governor, who's up for reelection in November, released a campaign email after the Walt Disney Company had objected to the recent Florida legislation restraining schools from teaching young children about sexual orientation or gender identity.

Disney said its goal was to see the Florida law repealed or defeated.

Patrick not only defended the Florida law's implementation but said he wants to see it "enacted in Texas."

"I will make this law a top priority in the next session," Patrick wrote. "This issue will be addressed in our interim Education Committee Hearings under Parental Rights."

The Walt Disney Company in Orlando, Florida, released a statement at the end of March saying the Florida measure "should never have passed and should never have been signed into law."

"Our goal as a company is for this law to be repealed by the legislature or struck down in courts, and we remain committed to supporting the national and state organizations working to achieve that," the statement read.

"We are dedicated to standing up for the rights and safety of LGBTQ+ members of the Disney family, as well as the LGBTQ+ community in Florida and across the country."

Patrick criticized Disney in his April 4 email.

"This crazy 'woke' radical agenda is pushed by a few, but rejected by almost everyone in America, across all political spectrums," he wrote.

"What can we do? Until they change their corporate philosophy, stop spending money with them. Cut off the Disney Channel. Cancel your trip or cruise, if one is planned."

Let Kids Be Kids

After being roundly criticized in some of the North Texas Press on April 5 and his email being characterized as a "Tirade against Disney," Patrick took to the airwaves the next day.

"Can't we let kids be kids, especially in kindergarten and first and second grade?" he said.

"We have the left who wants to teach, 'If you're a girl, you can be a boy,' or vice versa. ... That is not what parents want their children taught at that age, and some at any age—there's no need for it, kids don't understand it and parents don't want it."

However, his strongest statements were for the "left."

"The radical left is pushing this ideology into our system, which is the Marxist, socialist agenda to disrupt the family unit," Patrick said.

His campaign isn't "Don't Say Gay in Texas," and no one should be bullied because of their orientation, he said.

"If someone chooses to be gay, that's their lifestyle; just don't try to turn society upside down about it," Patrick said.

Playing God

"LGBTQ+ has to understand that other people have rights, too. Parents have rights to say, 'I don't want my first and second graders to learn about being gay or lesbian or that they can change their sex.'"

"If you can take a life in the womb because you want to, you play God," Patrick said. "If you can change your sex because you want to, even though you know you can't—boys will always be boys and girls will always be girls that's biology—then you play God."

"This is a battle between those who believe they are God and have control over life and death and even their sex, and those who believe there is a Creator, believe there is a God, believe in Jesus Christ."

"This is what this battle is about. This is the heart of it."

Kerry J. Ledford, Ph.D.



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