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2023-08-22 - In the year 2000 I ran for my local school board and served for 12 years much of the time as president of the board.

One of my motivations for running was a new law passed in California allowing school districts to facilitate abortions for children and allowing the district staff to take a young pregnant girl to a clinic for an abortion without the knowledge of the parent.

In fact, it was even more insidious, because the law instructed the district to not log the child as being out of school. Therefore lie on official paperwork, so that no one would find out that a child was removed from school to have an abortion.

We are now hearing about similar situations where school districts are taking children, without their parents knowledge, out of school to have gender affirming and related surgeries and procedures.

One of my additional motivations in 2000 was learning that a young girl, I believe 13 or 14 years of age, who had an abortion, facilitated by the school district, had committed suicide. She was demonstrating signs of depression after her abortion. The parents saw her depression, but were unaware of the abortion, so they did not understand the nature of their daughter's emotional state.

The underlying problem is not the abortion and it is not the gender affirming surgeries or procedures. The problem is the government and it's insatiable and continual desire to undermine parental responsibility and to assume responsibility themselves for the children of our nation. The problem is the governments ongoing desire to control all aspects of our lives.

The government should not be looked at as a parent, they should not be looked at as God. But that seems to be the desire and goal of our government today.

I am most saddened by the simple fact that I was elected to the school board nearly 25 years ago. And instead of this situation getting better, it has only gotten worse. There does not seem to be a large enough movement in this country that sees the big picture and is willing to stand up against this juggernaut of a government which is hell-bent on controlling every aspect of our lives.

As bad, and as wrong as abortions are and as bad and as wrong as the mutilation of young children is, they pale in comparison to the larger problem of our governments thirst for complete control, and our governments ability to continue with this abhorrent behavior, and to go even further in the wrong direction. If you think it is bad now just wait.

We should not allow ourselves to be derailed as parents by getting caught up in the specifics of abortion or gender affirming procedures. They are simply wrong and immoral. We should focus on the larger picture and take away, remove, and eradicate the governments ability to assume the role of parent and assume the role of God.

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