

Case Findings

Our Childhoods, Reading Rainbow vs. Today's Drag Queen Activist Child Programming

From *Reading Rainbow* to contemporary activist-driven programming, there has been a noticeable shift in how childhood education and storytelling are being framed. Increasingly, elements of adult city-subcultures are being introduced into spaces designed for very young children. This raises legitimate concerns about age-appropriateness and boundaries.

Children in kindergarten and early elementary settings do not need exposure to nightlife-derived performance art or ideological messaging tied to adult identity movements. Schools should remain focused on literacy, creativity, curiosity, and emotional development,

not social or political activism.

Parents have a fundamental right to decide when and how their children are introduced to complex social beliefs and adult topics. That responsibility should not be transferred to schools, activists, or outside organizations. Safeguarding children means maintaining clear boundaries, especially when programming originates from adult entertainment or activist spaces that were never designed with child development in mind.

It is also important to acknowledge that human trafficking and sexual exploitation disproportionately **affects** LGBTQ populations. Within these spheres runaway youth and children are targeted and exposed to adult sexualized environments including forced pornography. ***These children and teenagers were groomed.***

Law enforcement and child advocacy organizations have repeatedly documented that exploitation can occur across many subcultures and activist spaces when proper safeguards, oversight, and accountability are absent. This reality underscores the need for caution, transparency, and parental consent, not ideological conformity, in educational settings.

Protecting children is about preserving childhood as a protected, neutral space and ensuring that education remains developmentally appropriate, transparent, and accountable to families.



<https://www.dragstoryhour.org/queer-visitors>

“PenGrooms”

US believes in protecting children, especially at vulnerable stages and votes no.