# **American Family Association** of



Pennsylvania



# **UPCOMING ELECTION**

Debate continues concerning the November 2020 election. Many are still out there demanding to know what happened, using Right-to-Know requests, addressing elected officials, consulting computer experts, signing petitions, etc. But, let's fact it: There are still too many unanswered questions!

The mid-term elections are right around the corner: November 8th. This election will help determine the future of our nation. All elections are important, but this one stands out as our representative republic (not a pure democracy, as one particular political party claims) hangs in the balance.

Here are some important dates to remember: October 24th—last day to register to vote before the November election; November 1st—last day to apply for an absentee ballot; November 8th—all absentee ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m.

As mentioned earlier, much is still going on behind the scenes to try to answer lingering questions. One thing that has come to light is ERIC! The Electronic Registration Information Center is a nation-wide voter data-gathering system, funded by the Pew Center and an "anonymous" donor, the Soros Open Society.

The guy behind ERIC, David Becker, helped the Pew Charitable Trust with the Soros grant, to organize and found ERIC, in 2012. Becker has been termed a "hard-core leftist who couldn't stand conservatives", and "very unethical and unprofessional" by those who worked with him at the DOJ in the early 2000's. This guy now controls the voter rolls of 33 states!

A little background: The Kansas Crosscheck, another interstate voter roll maintenance system was free to its members (ERIC charges \$25,000 annually), was working quite well for 40 states until it was dismantled by an Obama-appointed judge for "voter suppression." Enter ERIC...

ERIC is designed for fraud and data- gathering, not roll maintenance. Member states must turn in ALL data from their voter rolls, both old and new, as well as all records from motor vehicle divisions and every public service agency.

ERIC takes all of these lists, and adds the USPS data and Social Security records from the state. All of this information on every person living in each state is stored in ERIC's massive artificial intelligence Whether you are a voter or not, whether you are a CITIZEN or not, your name and personal information are stored with ERIC. The rules specify that citizenship status can not be requested, nor is there a requirement to clean up the voter rolls!

For those who are eligible to vote, but not registered, states are then required to contact at least 95% of those not registered to vote within 90 days, soliciting them to register. (continued next column)

# Contact Information for Elected Officials Post it Near Your Phone!

Federal Level: White House:

Comment Line 202-456-1111 or e-mail at https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact

Senator Patrick Toomey —202.224-4254

Senator Bob Casey, Jr. — 202-224-6324

To Find Your <u>Congressman</u>, call the Congressional Switchboard at 202-224-3121 or go to http://afaofpa.org/congressional-voting-records/

#### State Level:

State Rep or State Senator—check the government pages in your phone book or call us.

# **UPCOMING ELECTION (cont.)**

Pennsylvania is one of the thirty-three ERIC member states! Just how clean are your county's voter rolls? How many illegal aliens or kids who just got their learner's permit are being contacted to register? ERIC's website brags about the increase in registered voters, but being registered to vote, doesn't mean you intend to vote. However, your name is on that roll and who knows . . . . Dead people vote in Philly regularly!

According to the US Election Commission webpage, currently 92.4 percent of eligible Pennsylvanians are registered to vote. On September 7th, Governor Wolf signed an executive order expanding the number of places one could pick up voter register applications. These include CareerLink offices, PA's 121 state parks, Dept. of Ag programs at the Farm Show Complex, state veterans' homes, Bureau of Community Corrections services. Additionally, The *Epoch Times* recently broke the story out of PA: A "small clerical change" has suddenly combined the voter registration form with a mail-in ballot application! What could go wrong?? It is time to step up to save the republic!

# Being salt and light . . . By Diane Gramley AFA of Pennsylvania President

It has been a number of years since we sent out an actual newsletter—the winter 2018-2019 edition to be precise!!. With problems we were encountering, it was just simpler to send out the Action X 2 letters. Looking back over those years and reviewing the issues the Action X 2 letters addressed, nothing much has changed!



If anything, the fight for our children, for our nation, has intensified!! The nation was paralyzed by a "global pandemic", questions still remain about our last presidential election, drag queen story hours at local public libraries are common, sexually explicit books in our public school libraries and curriculum, revising American history, increasing racism through the teaching of critical race theory, the very public push to normalize all things 'gay' and transgender.

This four-page newsletter cannot contain all the information that we had hoped to include! I'll bullet point some of them:

- The 4th Circuit has ruled that gender dysphoria (feeling that you are born in the wrong body) is a "disability" under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- The CDC's "LGBTQ Health Youth Resource" page is promoting Q Space, an online chat service for youth 13-19. Topics include "Drag Culture 101", "Sex and Relationships", "Having Multiple Genders". It is partially funded by Planned Parenthood.
- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia has a "Gender and Sexuality Development Program" which helps a child on his or her "gender journey" including social and medical "transition".
- The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh is now putting our promotional videos on puberty blockers for kids!
- Director of the Yale Pediatric Gender Program describes the program as one that works with "gender expansive individuals, 3 to 25, and their families".
- The World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) has lowered the recommended ages for "gender affirming care" for children who identify as transgender.
- Good news: PA Supreme Court has denied Governor Wolf's request to stop SB 106, which introduces several constitutional amendments to the PA Constitution, including one that says there is no constitutional right to abortion.

There's more, but I'm out of room! Our nation is under attack from within and our children are in the crosshairs. Pray that more will stand up in opposition to this assault. Thank you for your continued support.

### **EDUCATION ISSUES**

- The American Federation of Teachers (AFT)—the second largest teachers' union in the nation, is encouraging teachers to use a "Student Identification Card" for all grade levels. This resource is classified as "social emotional learning" and ask students to write their "Government Name," "the Name they'd like to be called in class", "Can I call you this name outside of class" yes or no, and then the inevitable: pronouns, which includes four questions to be answered! One of the questions pertained to which pronoun the teacher should use when conversing with parents about the student.
- Villanova University (Philly) recently made it possible for all faculty, staff, and students to enter chosen first name and personal pronouns into the administrative system.
- Northern York County School District (York) has granted permission for the Satanic Temple to rent their facilities. The group has targeted the district ever since they learned that a Christian Dillsburg Community Worship and Prayer event was hosted at the high school. In April the group also filed a lawsuit against the district for refusing to allow them to host an "After School Satan Club". The Satanic Temple assures concerned parents that "converting children to Satanism is not their goal".
- Philip H. Sheridan Elementary School was named after one of the most famous Union generals, but in an effort to erase "racist" historic figures from school buildings the Philadelphia Board of Education voted to change the school's name. It is now the Gloria Chavez Elementary School. Chavez was an LGBTQ activist and Philly's first director of LGBTQ affairs. Chavez' "wife" addressed the students at the beginning of the school year!
  - Tamaqua Area School District and the Minersville School District (both in Schuylkill County) have recently had to deal with a biological male identifying as a female wanting to use the girls' bathroom. Both school districts made the right decision and said 'no', but transgender activists are NOT happy! "Powered by Rainbows" will be targeting those districts to "educate" them. The group has created the "LGBTQ Friendly Classroom" platform "so educators can learn all about the LGBTQ community, learn the science of how valid being gay or transgender are, and learn how to help their students come out of the closet if they see the signs of a student being LGBTQ." They go on to say, "We included lessons for teachers so they can learn how to implement LGBTQ discussions in every subject from history, to math and economics, to literature and more." Their YouTube channel has just under 100,000 subscribers. They have over 650 episodes posted. Additionally, they provide LGBTQ educational resources for students to over 18,000 school districts across the country!
- Parents, what is going on in your child's school district?

# Porn/Media Concerns

- <u>TikTok</u>— "helping" girls become boys: The website contains countless videos of young people, most of whom appear to be in their teen years, showing off their mastectomy scars, laying in hospital beds after operations and trying to raise money for the procedure, according to a *Daily Caller News Foundation*.
- <u>Netflix:</u> Episodes of both Dead End: Paranormal Park and Jurassic World Camp Cretaceous contain blatant LGBTQ content.
- <u>Disney:</u> With the purchase of 20th Century Fox, Disney took control of the FXX Network. Along with Disney productions Maleficent, Star vs. the Forces of Evil, and The Owl House, their newest adult cartoon series is "Little Demon". Storyline: "Thirteen years after being impregnated by Satan, a reluctant mother and her Antichrist daughter attempt to live an ordinary life." So far the series has included full nudity, violence, witchcraft, sorcery!
- <u>Instagram</u>—has removed the Pornhub account from its platform. The platform had more than 13 million followers with 6,200 posts and was also blue-check verified, meaning it was previously endorsed and verified by Instagram. Pornographic content was not carried on the Pornhub Instagram page, but promoted pornography and encouraged followers to have a "career in the industry".
- **EBSCO and Gale**—school online databases still give children access to pornographic material! What's in your school?

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	Sign up here to receive our weekly e-newsletter and AFA of PA Action Alerts via e-mail
_	I would like to obtain copies of "Navigating the Transgender Land-scape" School Resource Guide. Suggested donation is \$8.00 each.

Buddy Smith, Senior Vice President of the AFA, presents Diane Gramley, AFA of PA president, with the Don Wildmon Cultural Transformation Award in Tupelo, MS on March 17, 2022.



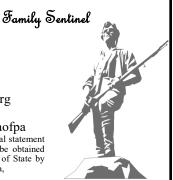
AFA of PA President and Dr. Alan Keyes spoke at an event in Erie on April 29, 2022.



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## LIFE ISSUES

<u>Allentown</u> is seeking to pass 4 anti-life ordinances: (1) establish a 15 foot buffer zone around abortion facilities, (2) order city officials not to cooperate with out-of-state criminal abortion investigations without a court order, (3) restrict "deceptive advertising practices" of crisis pregnancy centers, (4) order police to de-prioritize enforcement of abortion bans, if one were to pass in PA. The vote has been postponed.

<u>Pittsburgh</u> — On July 19 approved a resolution that "would ensure that if Pennsylvania moves to ban abortions that criminal charges will be a low priority for law enforcement".

<u>Philadelphia</u> — is being sued for donating half a million dollars to the Abortion Liberation Fund of PA. State law prohibits such.

<u>Representative Jessica Benham</u> (D- Allegheny County) will introduce a bill to remove the Rh Factor testing requirement before an abortion to "improve the Abortion Control Act".

<u>Representative Kristine Howard</u> (D- Chester County) will introduce a bill to repeal PA's Abortion Control Act in its entirety.

<u>PA Democrats</u> — will introduce a bill to repeal provisions of the Abortion Control Act such as the 24-hour waiting period before an abortion and state-mandated counseling.

<u>Hulu</u> — currently owned by Walt Disney, announced cutting parental leave from 20 weeks to eight. A new employee benefit was also announced: pay for the travel expenses to get an abortion. <u>Department of Veterans Affairs</u> — will begin offering abortions to pregnant veterans and their beneficiaries, even in states that ban abortion. This comes after 27 Democrat lawmakers make the demand.

Pennsylvania is one of several states that requires school boards to adopt a policy allowing for Released Time. Students are permitted to be dismissed for up to 36 hours per school year to attend religious instruction.

This statute opens the door for Released Time in every school district in the state. Released Time programs should be operating in every school in the state to ensure that students are able to take advantage of their right under state law to participate in religious instruction.

In addition, any Released Time program would also need to ensure compliance with the guidepost for Released Time programs provided by the U.S. Supreme Court in *McCollum v. Board of Education*, 333 U.S. 203 (1948) and *Zorach v. Clauson*, 343 U.S. 306 (1952). These guideposts include:

- (1) The school cannot fund the Released Time program, other than *de minimis* administrative costs (such as the costs of a school board approving a local Released Time policy).

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- (2) Released Time programs cannot take place on school premises;
- ★ 3) Student participation in Released Time programs must be vol-★ untary. There cannot be any coercion, encouragement, or dis-★ couragement on the part of any school official.

Is there anyone or any organization in your school district heading up this effort to provide religious instruction?

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