



### Home of the Brave Rally May 22, 2021

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.... so the most important thing for us to be aware of right now is that there is a raging war for the hearts and minds of your children and your grandchildren. That war has been going on for a long time and that war is part of a bigger war. If you were to look down from the 40,000 level of the enemy, you could say it's globalism; you could say it's Marxism; you could say it is the new world order. But the bottom line is all these battles that we're fighting, we're fighting because that enemy has one goal and that goal is to destroy our country. They're going to destroy it by destroying the family, destroying the structures, destroying the three things that make a family, that make a country great: 1. faith in God, 2. the love for your family and 3. the love for your country.

I can prove this to you by telling you one example. If you look at just one country that never gave up that's the country of Poland. Poland was literally wiped off the map. Did you know that if you go back and you look at historical maps you will see that there were times in history that Poland ceased to exist. Poland did not cease to exist as a people because of their love for God, their love for family, and their love for their country. They never gave up their identity as a Polish people. Are we ever going to give up our identity as Americans? **No!**

The Child Protection League is an organization located here in Minnesota. We network across the country with hundreds of other individuals and organizations and we are fighting one of those battles. **That battle is the battle for the hearts and minds of children.** We do that by equipping parents and citizens with the tools that they need to speak up and take action. Mark talked about getting involved in your local school board, getting involved in your local city council. I'm going to give you some actual tools that you can use to go in and do that kind of work because I'm going to tell you exactly how they are coming after your kids.

The first issue that I want to bring to your attention is one that the Child Protection League helped stop in 2019. The liberals brought it back in 2020 but they didn't push it this year and we will continue to fight because it will never go away until they're defeated. That issue is Comprehensive Sexuality Education. My friends, those of you who are my age, this is not the biology class you took in sixth grade. What they are teaching in the schools today under the heading of comprehensive sexuality education is basically anything goes with whoever you want, with however many people you want, and as long as it's consensual it's okay. We have proof and if you go to our website we will give you all of the info that you need to be able to articulate and fight this battle. They are exposing kids to obscene material. They are grooming them for early sexual behavior and then, when they

get into trouble, they're taking them to Planned Parenthood to solve their problems. How many of you want that future for your children and grandchildren? Anyone? No!

The next issue I want to tell you about is **Critical Race Theory**. Now how many of you - this is blowing up across the country - how many of you have heard about Critical Race Theory? Critical race theory is like the latest iteration of the same garbage that they have already infiltrated the schools with prior to this. It was diversity and inclusiveness training. In between you get the white privilege and implicit bias. It's been around but I think the reason today is because they aren't holding back. They have pulled off the mask. They are showing us exactly what they want to teach our kids using Critical Race Theory and that is to hate America and to hate your parents. And if you think that's too bold just go to our website - by the way it's on the flyers that my colleagues have been handing out [childprotectionleague.com](http://childprotectionleague.com) - and look at the evidence.

The third issue and this one really ticks me off. A lot of our work at the Child Protection League is done under public policy. A lot falls within school policy. It is a battleground and they are far advanced in what they're doing to get to your kids. This last issue has to do with the culture at large and this has to do with the fact that in the state of Minnesota, we have some of the weakest laws in the country when it comes to putting child predators away who are convicted of both producing child sexual abuse imagery, trading it, and possessing it. Let me give you just how horrifying these statistics are. The worst crime in that category is the production of child pornography. It is a crime of raping and torturing little kids, filming and making videos of it. In the state of Minnesota - and we're talking about the ones who were convicted of that crime not charged, convicted - 60% of them walk away with probation! Are you okay with that? In the state of Minnesota, 74 of those who are convicted of trading in child pornography get probation only. Are you okay with that? In the state of Minnesota, 85 of those who are convicted of possession of child pornography get probation only. Now in this legislature, we have a state representative Matt Grossell, former law enforcement, who comes from northern Minnesota and introduced a bill to bring the Minnesota sentencing standards up to the level of the federal government that would require prison sentences for those convictions. He tried to introduce this legislation in 2016 and he couldn't get anywhere. He introduced it in 2018 and he couldn't get anywhere. He introduced it again in 2020. Did any of you hear about those hearings? No! Because in the Senate and in the House, nobody gave that bill a hearing. Senator Ingebrigtsen is the author on that language in the Senate version and Matt Grossell of the House version. What I want you to understand folks is if you're not okay with these predators getting back on the street, being becoming the boy scout leader, the church youth group leader or your kids' babysitter, the fact is, it's not going to change unless you and I stand up and start talking to our legislators, the ones that represent you and anyone you talk to like I did. When I saw Mark who happens to be my senator, my first question was hi Mark, how are you, and why haven't you signed on that bill? Ask them to sign on to the bill.

Go to the Child Protection League get the information about the **Protect Minnesota's Kids Act**. Let's get these predators off the street! How many of you think that child trafficking child pornography is a problem in this country? Let me see a show of hands. Anybody feel like I do?

So, these are some of the issues that the Child Protection League works on. We are at a crossroads in our country! I think back to what our founding fathers did. A lot of you already know this story. A woman asked Ben Franklin, "What do you have for us?" and he said, "A republic if you can keep it." That's the question for every generation and that's the question for this generation. I don't care if there's three of you out there or 50 of you out there, I'm here to implore you to take that question seriously because that's the question of today. Are we going to keep the republic or are we going to let it fall? Those founding fathers pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to provide for us the country that we live in. The reality is that the question for us might not require the cost of our lives, it might, but it's going to require something. Wouldn't you agree? It's going to cost us something. It's going to potentially cost your time, your talent, your efforts, your popularity. Are your kids and grandkids worth it? They're worth it! Is the ideal of America worth it? It's worth it!

I agree we have to be willing to take that stand. Thomas Payne wrote about the summer soldier and the winter patriot who were all on board until it got tough and then they fled. The issues that the Child Protection League works on are not necessarily popular issues. They're not fun issues. They're issues that bring out real ugliness from the other side, but they're issues that are core to us winning the battle because they are for the preservation of the family. Remember this: faith, family, and country are what makes you invincible. It's what makes me and our country invincible. Those foundations. They can't destroy it - only you can destroy the family, only you can destroy this country by sitting back and not caring. Only you can allow the children to continue to be raped and tortured because you just weren't willing to take up the fight. With all the issues going on in our country, you are being called to something. I have no doubt in my mind you wouldn't be here if you weren't being called to something and the question for us is to ask what am I being called to? If you have a heart for protecting kids, if you have a heart for that fight, then come and join us.

At the Child Protection League, we have a narrow scope. Why? Because we can do those things well and provide accurate effective tools for people to go take back to their school boards, go get their kids out of the failing, disgusting public schools. So let me end by saying that every hero in history whether it was the Crusades or the Christeros or the founding fathers or the heroes of the civil war, they went on and the future wrote about them and that's how we know who they were and what they did. The future is going to write about us so let's take up the cause okay. God bless you.