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PARENTS SPEAK UP AGAINST CLASSROOM ABUSE

Since I began writing about the psychological courses and materials used in elementary and secondary schools in violation of the Pupil Rights Amendment, I have been flooded with letters and phone calls from parents who are angry and outraged at what has been done to their children in the classroom. Let me share some of these messages; they have an authentic eloquence which I could not duplicate.

"My 16-year old son's chemistry teacher explicitly described in class how to kill yourself 'painlessly' by drowning yourself. The next night, my son tied weights to his ankles and drowned himself in a swimming pool. It certainly was not painless, as he'd been told; he tried in vain to get loose and choked to death."

"My son committed suicide as a result of his involvement with the fantasy role-playing game called Dungeons and Dragons. It was played in the 'gifted and talented class' at school. A 'curse' was placed on him the day he killed himself."

"We recently lost a son to suicide from what he learned at school." "My daughter was required to fill out a questionnaire on which she was asked if she had ever contemplated suicide."

"Fourth, fifth and sixth grade pupils in a Maryland school spent an entire afternoon session at school memorizing the chorus and all six verses of the theme song from the popular movie M*A*S*H. The title of the song is 'Suicide Is Painless,' and its lyrics say cheating is the only way to win and the game of life is lost anyway."

"My first-grade child is required to spend classroom time in group discussions on death and handicaps." "My fifth-grade child was taken to the local funeral parlor to view the embalming room."

"My child was required to fill out a 'Decision Sheet for Communications Exercise' on which she had to rank her likes/dislikes, 1, 2, or 3. Here are some of the choices: (1) shoplifting, high school dropout, promiscuous; (2) marry out of necessity, marry outside of his/her race, smoke marijuana once a week; (3) a racially mixed couple, Christine

Jorgenson, the Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan; (4) to become (or get someone) pregnant while unwed, to be dependent on hard drugs, to date someone from another race."

"My child was required to choose which four of the following ten persons she would 'eliminate' as not worthy to live, and why: 31-year-old bookkeeper, 6-months-pregnant wife, black militant medical student, 42-year old historian, Hollywood singer/dancer, bio-chemist, 54-year-old rabbi, Olympic athlete, college co-ed, policeman with gun."

"In a required English class, my daughter was asked to participate in a role-playing skit. She was to play the part of a prostitute, while a boy in the class was asked to play a part of a married man. She was to invite the married man to come and live with her, as his wife had thrown him out over some disagreement."

"My child was required in class to see the movie called 'The Lottery.' This is a bloody and upsetting film about a mother being stoned to death in front of her own child."

"My son told me that a 10-week-old fetus was kept in a jar in his classroom. I made an appointment to speak to the principal and we had a friendly conversation. He said he would check into the matter. Later he called me and said that the fetus would be removed. Two weeks later, my husband was told that his wife was 'harassing' the school, and he'd better 'control' her or else."

"My child was given 'alcohol education' without my knowledge. He was told that he should drink 'responsibly' by taking one or two drinks. Alcohol is contrary to our religion, and I object to my child being taught that some drinking is a good thing."

"Here are some samples of a 'Forced Choice Quiz' which my child was forced to answer: (1) I would rather tell my parents that at last Saturday night's party: my date got drunk and drove dangerously all the way home, my date tried to get me to have sex with him, my date tried to get me to smoke dope with him; (2) I would rather have my mother find: a bottle of Jack Daniels in my closet, a packet of birth control pills in my dresser drawer, a joint in my purse; (3) I would rather have to tell my parents that: I am pregnant and have decided to marry my boyfriend, I am pregnant and don't know what to do next, I was pregnant last summer and had an abortion; (4) I would rather have to face the fact that: I am an alcoholic, I am pregnant, I am homosexual, I have herpes."

Who are the Typhoid Marys who carry such poison into the classroom?