

## News and Current Events :: Texas School Punishes Boy For Opposing Homosexuality

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"It wasn't directed to anyone except my friend who was sitting behind me," Dakota told Fox. "I guess he heard me. He started yelling. He told me he was going to write me an infraction and send me to the office."

Dakota was sentenced to one day in-school suspension – and two days of full suspension. His mother was flabbergasted, noting that her son had a spotless record, was an honor student, volunteered at his church and played on the school football team.

Officials at the high school did not return calls for comment. However, the Fort Worth Independent School District issued a statement that read:

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"I told the school that he should never have been suspended for exercising his Constitutional rights," Krause told Fox News Radio. "The principal is sincere in trying to do the right thing and hopefully they will tell the teacher, 'Do not do that anymore.' He won't be pushing his agenda."

Krause called the incident "mind blowing" and said the teacher had frequently brought homosexuality into ninth grade classroom discussions.

"There has been a history with this teacher in the class regarding homosexual topics," Krause said. "The teacher had posted a picture of two men kissing on a wall that offended some of the students."

Krause said the picture was posted on the teacher's "world wall."

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Dakota’s mother said she believes the teacher should apologize.

“He should never have been punished,” Pope said. “He didn’t disrupt the class. He wasn’t threatening. He wasn’t hostile. He made a comment to his friend and the teacher overheard it.”

“My son knows people that are homosexual,” she said. “He’s not saying, ‘I don’t like you.’ He’s saying, ‘I’m a Christian and I believe that being that way is wrong.’”

Krause said school leaders told Dakota that in the future he should be careful when and where he talks about his opposition to homosexuality— suggesting that he talk about such matters in the hallway instead of the classroom.

He said Liberty Counsel will monitor the situation to make sure there is no future retaliation. Meantime, Pope said her son will return to the teacher’s classroom.

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**Re: Texas School Punishes Boy For Opposing Homosexuality - posted by Trekker, on: 2011/9/24 5:25**

Oh this makes me so mad and so sick to my guts! In Texas of all places?!?! A state as red and Conservative as they come?!

Astonishing. Appalling. Insane! If I were that mother I would get my son out of that school system, since he is so young. I wouldn't want my child under such tyranny and insanity. How can she/he be trusted to give a fair grade now, protect him if the other kids pick on him, or be civil towards him henceforth? Moreover, since teachers gossip in their teacher's lounge during their breaks, it's a possibility the teacher will poison other teachers against him.

The kid should have just continued saying "homosex is wrong" every single day and let them pile up their suspensions.

**Re: Texas School Punishes Boy For Opposing Homosexuality - posted by Lysa (), on: 2011/9/24 6:21**

That teacher needs to be in everyone's prayers.

God bless,  
Lisa

**Re: - posted by Trekker, on: 2011/9/24 6:38**

Why pray for just ONE teacher? Pray for them ALL.

**Re: Texas School Punishes Boy For Opposing Homosexuality - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2011/9/24 7:45**

It is very sad that our school systems are now given over to Secular Humanism. Anything is tolerated but Christianity.

It is not the student that deserved to be disciplined but the teacher and principal.

Can you imagine what would happen to a Christian teacher that shared his or her Christian beliefs with the class?

Yet it is all right for a teacher to try to influence the students that homosexuality is normal, and to punish those who oppose these beliefs.

If this could happen in one of the most conservative states, what would be the reaction to this in a liberal state where homosexuality is embraced?

Mike

**Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2011/9/24 8:00**

Brother Mike thanks for posting the Article, just a heads up though you posted it twice in the same post :) I started reading it the second time and realized this.

It's a sad state and something that we must keep a clear head and open eyes on, the time is coming when we will have our rights removed for the sake of someone else not being offended. Yet it's okay if they insult us and infringe on our rights as Americans.

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2011/9/24 10:58**

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Thanks for the heads up Matt!

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**Re: - posted by Creation7, on: 2011/9/24 11:30**

"Public schools today are nothing more than indoctrination camps". Sad but true.

**Re: Ket's go all the way., on: 2011/9/24 13:40**

Look we all agree what was done to the young man was wrong. We all agree that homosexuality is wrong, rather sinful. But let's go all the way. If I was a Christian student in a public school and wanted to get myself expelled then let's go out with a bang. Let them expel me for declaring that Jesus Christ is the only way for salvation. I would want to use every class discussion to declare that Jesus is Lord. That would probably get me suspended, expelled, or jailed. Then I would want to call the media and say I was disciplined for declaring the truth of Jesus Christ. If we are going to rile the people up then let's do it by declaring Jesus. The devil hates the name of Jesus.

Blaine

**Re: - posted by Veronica226 (), on: 2011/9/27 1:42**

Quote:

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The U.S.A. school system has always been given over to secular humanism. The founder of the public school system, John Dewey, was a signer of the Humanist Manifesto. He went to Russia and studied the socialist school system over there, then came back to the U.S. and implemented a version of it here.

Seems a lot of people are finally realizing how humanistic the school system really is. Unfortunately it's always been that way, just no one wanted to see it.

(Just to make it clear I am not talking about private schools, but the public school system.)

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Since you're not in jail can we assume you have not done this yourself? :-)

Krispy