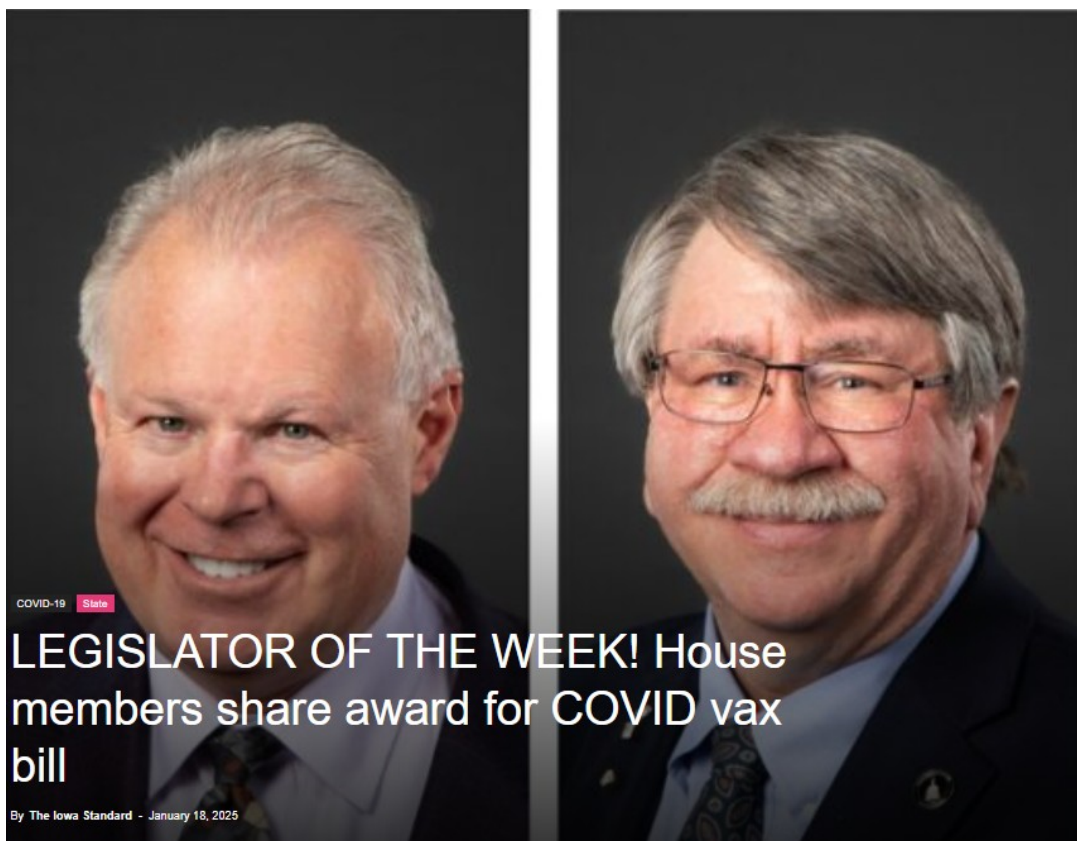


St. Ambrose situation another indictment of education system

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LEGISLATOR OF THE WEEK!



Sunday, Jan. 19

Good morning! Are you ready for a new President of the United States?
Just one more day!

First, congratulations to Republican State Representatives Dean Fisher and Steve Bradley for earning this week's "Legislator of the Week" award. Fisher and Bradley introduced a bill requiring colleges to seek out clinics for students that don't require COVID vaccines if requested by the student. It'd be great if this bill were amended to include the flu shot, but we'll see how it plays itself out.

On Friday, we wrote about a situation involving a junior at St. Ambrose University. The student was kicked out of the Social Work program. Based on documents we were provided, the student had to meet with instructors because he said men protect women because women have babies and then was apparently booted from the program when he wore a "Real Women's Day" shirt to class.

Prior to publication, we asked St. Ambrose University about a dozen questions about the situation. The university declined to comment citing privacy concerns with student records. Following that response, we asked questions that didn't require revealing anything about records to be answered. The university elected not to respond.

If you want to read the story, please do so [here](#). And please feel free to share it!

The longer I worked on this story, the more infuriating it became. The student had previously served in the military. And he shouldn't have to abandon reality — you know, believing there are two genders or that men should protect women or that transgenderism is a symptom of a larger issue — in order to be a social worker.

But that sure seems like that's what he is being asked to do. And this is extremely worrisome.

We know how terrible the indoctrination is that takes place in schools across the state and country. And we know how terrible the indoctrination is at college campuses. We are literally sitting back and allowing the inevitable destruction of our country.

As I worked on the story, I wondered what this state and country will be like in 20 or 30 more years when the social work students (and other students) who are being indoctrinated today are in charge of the field. And when the future teachers who are being indoctrinated today are doing the educating in the future.

I fail to see how any of it is positive. And it makes me really wonder if we even have a chance to “win” these battles.

I really struggle to believe — OK, actually, I’ll just be honest — I do not believe the elected Republicans understand the moment we are living in. And I do not believe they are willing to take the steps necessary to win the battle.

A dozen or two might, but I don’t believe it is even close to being a majority.

It’s sad. It’s depressing. It’s frustrating. Because it seems like it should be pretty easy to see that there will be severe consequences.

For whatever reason, when Republicans get control, it’s like they push the pause button. But when Democrats get control, they hit play. Inevitably, Republicans gain control back, and hit pause. But we never think to hit rewind and return to a time where sanity mattered.

So can I offer anything positive?

Well, I can say that since I started covering the Iowa Legislature, the Iowa House has seen an increase in actual conservatives. There has been positive gains. No, there aren’t 51 conservative Republicans in the House yet, but there are probably twice as many as there were.

Unfortunately the same cannot be said of the Iowa Senate. In fact, it’s gotten much weaker as it relates to conservatism.

What happened at St. Ambrose should be hard to believe, but actually makes perfect sense and checks out with so many other things we have seen and hear from other educational institutions.

Our education system needs to be completely overhauled. Completely. Republicans have done some good things in that regard, but I'm not sold that they're willing to go as far as they need to in order to actually fix it.

I mean, I certainly wouldn't say we have "great" public schools. Individual schools and individual teachers may not be the problem, because the problem is the system. I know plenty of teachers who are fine, but I don't many who speak out against the liberal, insane indoctrination that happens. I can't think of many teachers at all who spoke in support of parental rights in education or against sexually explicit books being available in school libraries.

If we don't find a way to restore our education system to something that resembles sanity, we're in big trouble. More trouble than we know.

Honestly, I am not overly hopeful that we will. But I know we have to try.

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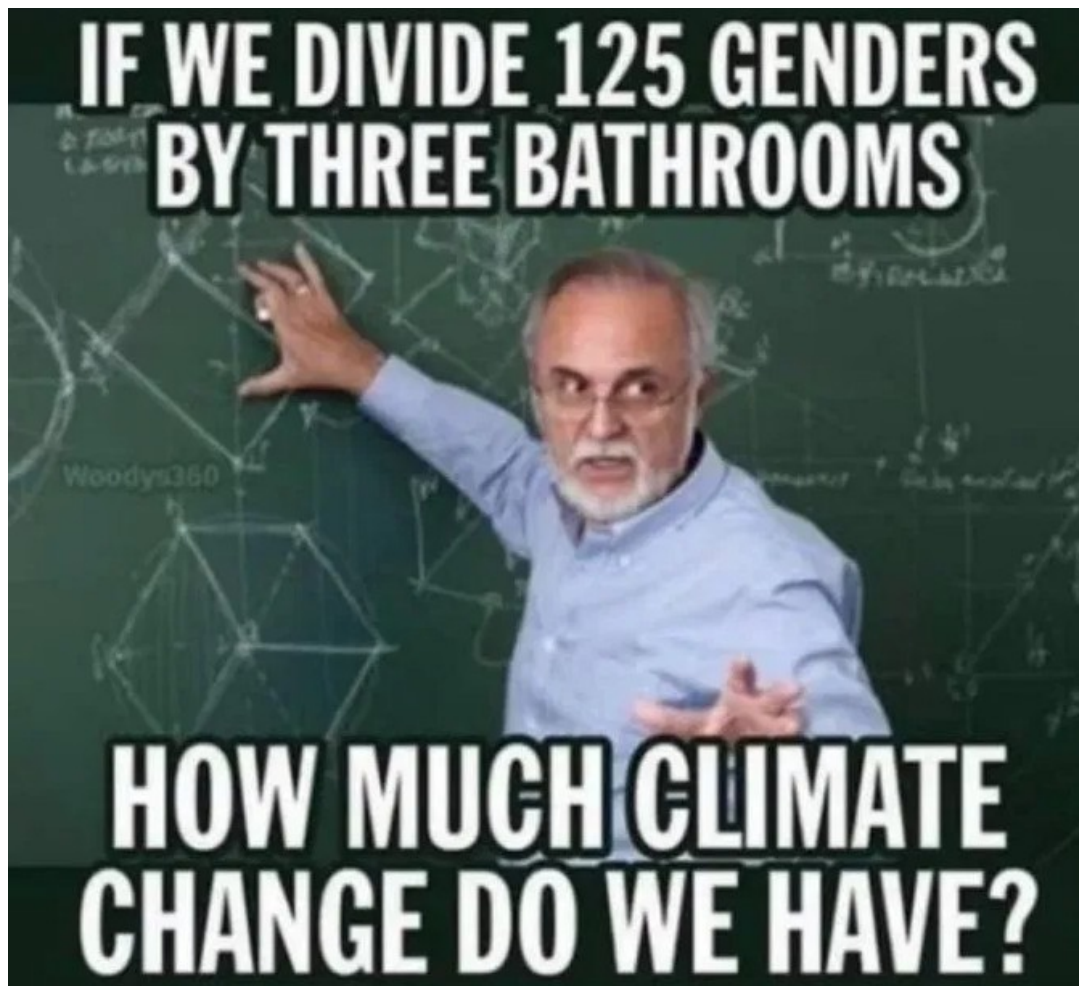
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