

Testimonies of Parents Targeted by DOJ Weaponization: 2021-2025

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Introduction

As members of President Donald J. Trump's newly established **Weaponization Working Group**, you stand at the threshold of exposing one of the most dangerous assaults on American liberty in modern history: **the systematic targeting of parents by government institutions for the simple act of defending their children.**

The testimonies presented here—documented and detailed—reveal a nationwide pattern of bureaucratic abuse, legal intimidation, and federal overreach that no free society should tolerate. From FBI surveillance and politically motivated prosecutions to retaliatory job loss, doxxing, gag orders, and social persecution, these actions were not isolated incidents. They were part of a coordinated campaign that has substantially affected an estimated 10,000 to 50,000 parents across all 50 states—most egregiously following the Biden DOJ's 2021 memo weaponizing federal law enforcement against school board protestors. These parents were labeled extremists, arrested, censored, and financially devastated—not for breaking the law, but for standing in defense of their children's innocence, education, and well-being. This dossier, compiled by the Parents Demanding Justice Alliance, is a call to action: to investigate, expose, and dismantle the machinery of state-sponsored retaliation against the very citizens who most embody civic responsibility and moral courage.

Most importantly, these parents and their families—targeted by a weaponized federal government that directed and influenced state and local prosecutions—must be fully restored and exonerated. This process must not drag on for years while families continue to suffer. **Justice delayed is justice denied.** The time for redress is now. Every unconstitutional charge must be dropped, every public record corrected, and every victim offered meaningful restitution. The longer these violations go unaddressed, the deeper the harm to both these families and the constitutional fabric of our Republic.

Constitutional Violations

The **Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments** to the U.S. Constitution were designed to prevent exactly the kind of abuse that occurred when the federal government, under the Biden administration, **targeted school parents as "domestic terrorists"** for exercising their First Amendment rights. These provisions guarantee **due process, protection from arbitrary punishment, and equal treatment under the law**—rights systematically denied to thousands of parents across the nation.



Fifth Amendment Violations: Deprivation Without Due Process

PDJA Co-Founder Kelly John Walker's case epitomizes the weaponization of the justice system. In 2021, he was arrested after peacefully entering a school office to support another parent. A judge reviewed video footage and found no crime had occurred, yet prosecutors added charges and reassigned the case to a judge previously flagged for misconduct. Walker was sentenced to 100 days in jail and nearly \$10,000 in restitution—while two others received minor plea deals. As a public figure, he was punished more harshly for his advocacy, in clear violation of his **Fifth Amendment right to due process** and **Fourteenth Amendment right to equal protection under the law**. His case stands as a chilling example of state power weaponized to punish dissent and silence constitutionally protected speech.

Similar violations occurred across the country, which we detail in the next section, including:

- **Mike Brown** was banned from all school property and later arrested for picking up his son—with no hearing or notice, violating due process.
- **Sophie Anderson** was charged with misdemeanor disruption of a public meeting after speaking a single sentence—following eight months of being denied a comment slot and speaking only after the meeting had adjourned.
- **Parent A** and her husband were jailed for refusing to leave a school lobby where they were advocating for their daughter's education—with no disruption, no threats, and no legal justification.

These are not isolated errors—they reflect a **pattern of federal and state actors using intimidation, arrest, and excessive punishment** to silence parental dissent.

Fourteenth Amendment Violations: Unequal Treatment and Government Retaliation

The **14th Amendment** prohibits any state from depriving a person of **life, liberty, or property without due process**, or **denying equal protection** under the law. Yet, parents were **treated as criminals for speech** that was constitutionally protected. For example:

- **Parent G**, a decorated [member of the military], lost his security clearance and now faces separation from the military for speaking up about unapproved LGBTQ+ content in schools—while teachers and administrators promoting that content face no repercussions.
- In **Scott Smith's** case, where his daughter was raped in a school bathroom, he—not the school—was arrested, shamed, and publicly vilified. His eventual pardon underscores just how unjust his treatment was from the beginning.



Across dozens of cases, parents were denied the same protections afforded to others, not because of their actions, but because of their beliefs. This is the essence of **unequal protection under the law**—and it is unconstitutional.

A System Weaponized Against Liberty

From **FBI surveillance** to **bogus criminal charges**, from **job loss** to **reputational destruction**, the treatment of these parents violated the core guarantees of the 5th and 14th Amendments. The federal government—through the DOJ, local law enforcement, and coordinated actions with progressive school boards—**deployed lawfare and bureaucratic force to criminalize parental involvement**. These amendments were written to stop precisely this: the **politicization of justice**.

Kelly Walker's story—and those of Mike Brown, Parent F, Parent G, Sophie Anderson, and countless others—demand one thing: **Restoration of rights, restitution for damages, reversal of charges, and accountability for every official who broke their oath to the Constitution**.



Testimonies of Federal Weaponization and its Effects on Parents & Families

Kelly John Walker (AZ)

The Bellwether Case of a Peaceful Parent Turned National Advocate

Arrest, jail (100 days), fines (\$10,000), gag order, legal issues, persecution by law enforcement, FBI surveillance, job loss, loss of business, social persecution, media defamation

On September 2, 2021, Kelly John Walker—an Arizona father, journalist, and community advocate—was invited into Mesquite Elementary School in Vail, Arizona, to support a fellow parent. A child had allegedly been forced by school officials to retrieve and wear a soiled mask from a trash can—a shocking violation of dignity and basic health standards—and ordered to quarantine at home for the third time, despite having no symptoms. Walker and two other fathers sat in the school office, hoping to have a reasonable discussion with the principal. There were no raised voices, no threats, no protest signs—just concerned parents seeking answers.

Despite the peaceful nature of the meeting, Walker and the other men were **arrested three days later and charged with misdemeanor 3 trespassing**. Yet even Judge Antonio Riojas, who presided over the pretrial hearing, found the charges baseless after reviewing body camera footage. “You guys sat down the entire time,” the judge remarked, “That’s not disorderly conduct. That’s not rude; that’s not threatening. You guys don’t get to define how people disagree with you. School districts don’t have that right. The citizens have that right.” In a just system, that should have been the end of it.

Still, the case advanced. Magistrate Geraldine Hale—whose reappointment had recently been opposed by the Tucson Magistrate Merit Selection Commission—took over and sentenced Walker to 100 days in jail and nearly \$10,000 in restitution. Walker, with no prior criminal history, was targeted with an intensity that raised serious questions about judicial impartiality. The commission had cited reports of the judge being abusive toward parties and counsels, having trouble understanding basic legal principles and failing to afford due process to defendants who come before her. They expressed concerns about Hale’s courtroom demeanor, inconsistent rulings, and a pattern of undermining the appearance of impartiality. Despite the commission’s unanimous recommendation against her reappointment, the Tucson City Council voted 4–3 to reinstate her.

In Walker’s case, Hale disregarded the lead judge’s findings and imposed the harshest, unprecedented sentence possible. In the lead-up to trial, prosecutors stacked on additional



misdemeanors—including disorderly conduct and disruption of an educational institution—despite no new actions—appearing to deliberately escalate charges and increase pressure. (The other two fathers—ostensibly because they were not public figures—were offered plea deals involving small fines and unsupervised probation.) Adding to the contradiction, Vail Unified School District Supervisor John Carruth sent an all-staff email dated September 3, 2021, confirming the incident ended peacefully and the school environment was not disrupted. Hale refused to admit this exculpatory evidence.

The harsh sentence was only part of the story. What emerged during proceedings was that **no fewer than 15 Tucson police officers** had been assigned to investigate this alleged "trespass." Even more alarming, the **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had been monitoring Walker**. This extraordinary use of local and federal law enforcement resources suggested something much deeper: a coordinated effort to treat dissenting parents as political threats.

This wasn't coincidental. In October 2021, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland issued a memorandum directing federal agencies to treat school board protestors as potential **domestic terrorists** under the Patriot Act. The National School Boards Association (NSBA) had lobbied for this intervention, prompting a national backlash. Kelly Walker's case became a **symbol of this federal overreach**, spotlighting the dangerous precedent of criminalizing parental advocacy.

But instead of silencing him, the ordeal transformed Walker into a national figure. He became a leading voice for parental rights, founding the **Parents Demanding Justice Alliance** alongside actress and education advocate **Sam Sorbo**. Together, they formed a powerful coalition exposing the weaponization of government agencies against everyday Americans.

Walker and a coalition of parents had previously met with members of Congress in June 2023, sharing his harrowing experience as proof that the Department of Justice had indeed targeted parents who dared to challenge school mandates and curricula. His media platform, FreedomTalk, grew rapidly, and he began writing regularly for outlets like *The Washington Times*, *Epoch Times*, and *Gateway Pundit*. He also launched FreedomTalkTV, amplifying the stories of other families who were similarly persecuted.

Walker's experience was not isolated. It was part of a broader movement—parents across the country being **arrested, censored, surveilled, and maligned** simply for asserting their rights and protecting their children. What makes Walker's case stand out is the egregious nature of the charges, the excessive deployment of state and federal resources, and the resilience he showed in fighting back.



The **financial toll** was severe. Legal fees, travel expenses, court costs, loss of job and business mounted quickly. He lost key clients and contracts due to the public smear, and even lost his home in the aftermath of the prosecution. Ultimately, the family was forced to **relocate across the country**—from Tucson, Arizona to Tennessee—for a fresh start, away from the reach of hostile officials and broken local systems. The **costs of relocation, temporary housing, and rebuilding a home and business in a new state** added another crushing burden, estimated at **[\$[redacted] to \$[redacted]**.

In total, the financial damage has exceeded **[\$[redacted]**, encompassing lost income, destroyed business opportunities, the cost of moving, and permanent disruption to his professional life.

The **emotional toll** was just as deep. The pressure of being surveilled by federal agents, smeared in public, and dragged through a corrupt court process weighed heavily. Walker and his family endured isolation, anxiety, and the gut-wrenching realization that the justice system had been turned against everyday citizens. Friends and family withdrew. Community ties unraveled. The fear of being watched or targeted again never fully left.

Then there was the **reputational damage**—incalculable in many ways, yet devastatingly real. Once a respected voice in his community and business world, Walker was painted as a criminal by the very institutions meant to serve him. Local officials and major mainstream media outlets either ignored or distorted the truth, amplifying the narrative that he was dangerous simply for standing up.

In his own words, Walker said, *“This isn’t just about me. It’s about what kind of country we want to live in. If speaking up for your child makes you a criminal, then the system is the problem—not the parent.”*

His case is not an outlier but a symbol of a larger crisis: the systematic suppression of dissenting parents. Following are specific testimonials that PDJA gathered, starting early June, 2025:

Mike Brown (UT)

Arrest, fines, trespass order, legal issues, persecution by law enforcement, job loss, social persecution

In the spring of 2021, Utah software-engineer-turned-activist Mike Brown began attending Davis School District board meetings to protest lingering COVID restrictions.



On May 5, 2021, when Brown entered Mueller Park Junior High to retrieve paperwork, the principal demanded he mask up. Brown, citing constitutional objections and Utah's lifted mandate, refused and was **escorted out**. At the next board meeting, Brown quietly slid three widely spaced chairs together so his sons could sit with him. Trustee John Robison ordered him to separate them, then threatened removal. Brown complied and watched the rest of the meeting without incident. One week later district security chief Blake Haycock and two officers arrived at 6 a.m. to hand-deliver a letter:

"Mr. Mike Brown, if you enter or remain on Davis School District property you will be **charged with criminal trespass**." No hearing, appeal, or written findings accompanied the ban.

Brown nonetheless drove to Woods Cross High's curb lane after school to pick up his son. As he pulled away—with his son belted in—Officer Brett Jones initiated a traffic stop, served a class B misdemeanor citation, and ordered the father off campus.

While waiting for his court date, Brown returned to a subsequent meeting wearing a small "Freedom Over Fear" sticker. Officers threatened arrest, even though one deputy sported a Ukraine-flag pin on his lapel. Brown asked: "Why is his political symbol acceptable but mine isn't?" He was **handcuffed**, released, and served an additional warning. A later GRAMA (Utah FOIA) request uncovered an internal e-mail in which a board member wrote that the goal was to keep Brown away from all student events.

At a Utah legislative hearing on school-board ethics, Brown recounted receiving the ban "with no recourse, no due process whatsoever," calling the trespass statute "a weapon to silence free speech."

After months of motions, Brown faced a justice-court bench trial. Mid-hearing prosecutors offered to hold the conviction in abeyance for six months if he **paid a fine and stayed off district property**. Exhausted and wanting his case moved forward, he accepted.

Brown filed *Brown v. Newey et al.* in U.S. District Court, alleging viewpoint discrimination, retaliation, and abuse of Utah's trespass code. The complaint seeks damages and an injunction to bar districts from issuing indefinite bans without hearings. The litigation remains active following partial dismissals and amended claims.

Legal costs: ~ \$[redacted] to date in criminal defense and federal filings.

Employment: Missed contract hours during court appearances cut family income by nearly \$[redacted] .



Family impact: His five sons temporarily lost access to after-school activities; one missed a varsity try-out because Brown could not enter the gym.

“It was a horrible time for me and my family. If disagreement is trespass, then free speech is dead,” Brown says.

He continues to lobby the Utah Legislature to tighten trespass-notice rules and guarantee parents a prompt appeal.

Aaron Davidson (UT)

Fines, legal issues, persecution by law enforcement, job loss (lost income and campaign disruption), social persecution

On April 27, 2021, Aaron Davidson attended an Alpine School District board meeting in Utah to protest ongoing mask mandates, despite the state lifting its mandate. ASD illegally locked the doors, violating public meeting law. Davidson called police, who refused to respond—only to later be found parked across the street observing the gathering.

Davidson and a few others knocked on the glass doors to gain entry. For slapping the door for eight seconds, he was **charged with disorderly conduct**. The court dismissed the charge of disrupting a meeting, as all activity occurred outside. During the trial, Davidson’s First Amendment defense was ignored, and **his fine was tripled** after he questioned the judge’s disregard of constitutional rights. Despite being convicted, Davidson remained undeterred and ran for Utah County Clerk—winning the election.

The financial fallout from Aaron Davidson’s prosecution may not match the scale of federal retaliation cases, but it was nonetheless significant—and deeply symbolic of how government systems can be weaponized to punish dissent.

Davidson spent an estimated **[\$redacted] to [\$redacted]** on legal defense, including attorney consultations, court preparations, and filings—just to fight a **disorderly conduct charge** for tapping on a locked door. After raising constitutional objections in court, the judge responded by **tripling his fine**, inflating it to between **[\$redacted] and [\$redacted]** in what appeared to be punitive overreach.

The case also disrupted Davidson’s professional and civic responsibilities. Preparing for trial and attending hearings meant lost workdays and delays in his Utah County Clerk campaign, costing him an estimated **[\$redacted] to [\$redacted]** in income. Additional **travel and**



administrative expenses, such as mileage, document preparation, and court records, added another **[\$[redacted] to \$[redacted]** .

Perhaps most significantly, the ordeal created an **opportunity cost**—both in campaign momentum and reputational repair—valued between **[\$[redacted] and \$[redacted]** .

Altogether, Davidson’s **total financial damages are estimated between \$[redacted] and \$[redacted]** . More than the dollars lost, however, his case illustrates how **petty prosecutions and judicial hostility** can be used to intimidate and silence citizens who dare to stand up for their rights.

Sophie Anderson (UT)

Arrest (summons), fines, trespass order, gag order, legal issues, social persecution

In early 2021 Sophie Anderson—a Salt Lake City mother of four—began calling the Granite School District office every month, trying to secure one of the three coveted public-comment slots at each board meeting. For eight straight months her name was left off the list. Finally, on May 4, 2021, after the board again refused to add her, Anderson quietly rose from her seat, walked to the podium, and spoke a single sentence into the microphone. She neither shouted nor used profanity, but the room—already tense over the statewide K-12 mask order—erupted when other parents joined in, chanting “No more masks!” The board hastily adjourned and slipped out a back door; police on scene maintained a “non-confrontational” posture but took note of everyone who had spoken.

A month later, Anderson received a summons in the mail. **She and 10 other parents were charged with class B misdemeanor “disruption of a public meeting,”** even though many of those cited had no children in the district and some, like Anderson, had merely uttered a sentence before the meeting was gavelled out. The court also issued a **no-trespass order** barring her from all district property—which meant she could not enter her children’s schools—and a gag order forbidding her to discuss the case publicly. Legal fees quickly mounted, and by the time pre-trial motions wrapped up her family had **spent about \$[redacted]** just to contest the misdemeanor.

After nearly **two years of litigation**, jury selection was set for March 2023. On the eve of trial prosecutors offered a deal: plead no contest to an infraction (downgraded from a misdemeanor) and pay a \$340 fine. Wanting to spare two friends who still faced trial—and **exhausted by the financial and emotional toll**—Anderson accepted. At the March 13, 2023 hearing, Judge Ryan Richards lifted the no-trespass and gag orders and imposed only the fine. Asked for final remarks, Anderson said simply, “I just pray that parents’ rights can be honored going forward.”



Seven of the original eleven defendants had already seen their cases dismissed; two others took the same plea; and the district acknowledged it had struggled to identify any genuine threat or violence emanating from the May 4 meeting. Yet for Anderson the episode underscored what she calls a **“weaponization of process”**: **the use of criminal charges, prolonged court proceedings, and speech restrictions to deter ordinary parents from speaking out.** Today, she still fields media requests and receives calls from other Utah parents facing similar sanctions. “I followed every rule they gave me for eight months,” she reflects. “The message was clear: if you keep asking, we’ll make an example of you. But I’m still here—and I’m still talking.”

Parent A (AZ)

Arrest, jail, fines, trespass order, legal issues, job loss, social persecution

In mid-August 2021, Parent A and her husband [redacted] learned that [redacted] High School had barred their 16-year-old daughter from campus because she “might” have been exposed to someone who later tested positive for COVID-19. The teen was asymptomatic, had no positive test, and possessed no individualized quarantine directive—yet school officials insisted she stay home for ten days. Repeated phone calls to the district nurse and assistant superintendent yielded the same answer: “We’re following county health policy; there’s no appeal.” Frustrated and fearing another lost stretch of classroom time after the previous year’s shutdowns, the [redacted]s asked principal [redacted] for a face-to-face meeting.

On the morning of August 13, 2021 the couple, their daughter, and several supportive parents entered the school lobby, expecting mediation. Principal [redacted] refused to confer and instead summoned the [redacted] Police Department. Body-camera footage later showed a calm but dogged exchange: officers urged the parents to leave; Parent A replied that her daughter was a duly enrolled student and that no statute authorized an involuntary quarantine without due-process paperwork. After three hours of stalemate, police **arrested [redacted], Parent A, and their daughter for third-degree criminal trespass—handcuffing** them in front of students and staff and escorting them to the station, where they were booked, fingerprinted, and cited before being released that afternoon. Charges against the daughter were dropped within days; the parents pleaded not guilty and prepared for what became a grueling **legal marathon.**

For eight months the [redacted] juggled **repeated court dates, discovery delays, and strict pre-trial release rules**—including a **directive to email the principal every time they set foot on district property**, even just to collect their younger child. In April 2022 [redacted] Municipal



Judge [redacted] held a **three-day bench trial**. The prosecution offered no evidence of violence or threats, relying solely on [redacted]’s testimony that the couple’s refusal to leave made her feel unsafe. Judge [redacted] convicted both parents of the misdemeanor, declaring from the bench that a **stiff penalty was necessary to “make an example” of them**. Each was sentenced to **five days in the [redacted] County Jail, a \$300 fine, mandatory completion of a conflict-resolution course, and the writing of formal letters of apology to the principal and district administrators**.

Parent A, an award-winning children’s-book author with no prior record, **spent Mother’s Day behind bars**. The couple’s **security-clearance-dependent federal contracting work was jeopardized** by the conviction, leading to substantial income loss. Their **legal costs and related travel expenses exceeded \$[redacted]** . In addition, the district’s trespass order kept them from school meetings and athletic events for most of the 2021-22 academic year, isolating their daughter from extracurricular life.

Upon release Parent A told local media, “If protecting my child’s right to an education makes me a criminal, our system is broken.” She now mentors other Arizona parents navigating similar trespass or disorderly-conduct prosecutions, emphasizing the importance of written public-records requests and contemporaneous video. Though her misdemeanor cannot be expunged until 2025, she has filed a civil-rights notice of claim against [redacted] Unified School District and [redacted] County, alleging violations of due-process and free-speech protections.

“I’m not looking for vengeance; I’m looking for reform,” she says. “A quarantine policy with no medical review and no appeal is not public health—it’s tyranny. If the price of challenging that is five days in jail, then so be it. My daughter saw her mom stand up for her.”

Parent B (TX)

Arrest, jail, legal issues, job loss (lost campaign opportunities), social persecution, media defamation

Parent B and two fellow stay-at-home mothers, long-time volunteers with [redacted] ISD in Texas, began raising concerns over financial irregularities with school booster clubs. In retaliation, school district employees made false statements that led to their **arrests for felony theft**—over funds they never took.

A Grand Jury refused to indict them, but they still **spent 22 hours in jail**, faced **public mugshots**, and **cannot expunge the arrest**. The [redacted] ISD internal auditor allegedly



pushed charges because the moms were vocal at school board meetings and because Parent B planned to run for office.

“They sent the message: if you shine light on wrongdoing, we will wreck your life.”

The retaliation against Parent B and two fellow [redacted], Texas mothers carried a heavy and lasting cost—not just in reputation, but in real financial and emotional terms. After raising concerns about financial mismanagement within school booster clubs, the three longtime volunteers were falsely accused of felony theft by [redacted] ISD officials. The charges were baseless—a Grand Jury refused to indict—but the damage was already done.

Parent B spent **22 hours in jail**, had her **mugshot publicly circulated**, and now carries an **arrest record that cannot be expunged**, despite her full exoneration. The financial fallout began immediately. **Legal defense fees**—including attorney retainers, filing motions, and communications with the DA’s office—are estimated at **[\$redacted] to [\$redacted]**, much of it paid out-of-pocket for charges that never should have been brought.

Time spent fighting the accusations cost Parent B weeks of productivity and opportunities, especially as she was preparing to **run for public office**. She estimates between **[\$redacted] and [\$redacted]** in lost campaign contributions and speaking opportunities, along with additional **administrative and travel expenses** related to the case.

On top of that, Parent B and her family bore **personal security and reputational management costs**—ranging from identity protection and document services to emergency childcare and counseling—estimated at **[\$redacted] to [\$redacted]**.

Total Estimated Financial Damages: [\$redacted] – [\$redacted]

But even beyond the monetary impact, the emotional toll was profound. Parent B—a mother, volunteer, and advocate—was treated like a criminal for asking questions. Her trust in the institutions she once served was shattered. Friends distanced themselves. Future political opportunities were chilled by an arrest that never led to conviction.

Parent C (UT)

Legal issues, gag order, social persecution

On May 4, 2021, Parent C attended a [redacted] School District board meeting in Utah. Despite trying for months to get on the public comment list, she was denied. She arrived prepared to



speak but was again told no. During the meeting, only union-affiliated or politically connected individuals were allowed to speak.

As public frustration grew, the meeting was abruptly adjourned. Parent C moved to the front and shouted to end the mask mandate. A month later, she was criminally **charged with disrupting a meeting**—even though her statement came after adjournment. Her charges were eventually dropped, but she and others spent **two years under legal pressure. Legal fees exceeded \$[redacted]**, and a **gag order** restricted their ability to speak publicly.

“The school district went after us like sharks in bloodied water.”

Parent D (UT)

Legal issues, persecution by law enforcement, social persecution, job loss

In January 2024, Parent D and [redacted] rushed their one-year-old daughter [redacted] to the hospital during a seizure. Though it was a febrile seizure—a common condition—the hospital referred them for further assessment. Unbeknownst to the couple, a **report was filed with the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)**.

When the family returned from a scheduled trip to [redacted] three weeks later, they were met with a summons and the threat of losing custody of Parent D. Over the next 11 months, the state aggressively pursued the case, even **threatening to remove their second daughter** born in April. The Parent D attorney noted the unusual hostility from DCFS and linked it to [redacted]’s political activism, including attendance at the January 6, 2021 rally (without entering the Capitol) and her election as [redacted].

The family endured **forced visits, invasive surveillance, and over \$[redacted] in legal fees**. In October, the judge dismissed the case, stating the prosecution had wasted time and resources pursuing a family that clearly required no intervention. The [redacted] are now seeking damages but have struggled to find an attorney willing to challenge DCFS.

Parent E (KS)

Job loss, loss of business, social persecution, media defamation (coordinated harassment and blacklisting)

In 2021, Parent E—a Kansas mother of three and active community advocate—ran for her local school board after raising concerns about sexually explicit content in school libraries. She spoke



out clearly and unapologetically, demanding accountability and age-appropriate material in public schools. But it wasn't just the curriculum that sparked her resistance.

During the COVID lockdown era, Parent E's children were repeatedly subjected to **extreme quarantine mandates**. Refusing to stay silent, she legally challenged the county and state health departments—and won. Her victories made her the first Kansan to successfully defeat both county and state-level COVID restrictions in court, setting precedent and inspiring other families to push back against bureaucratic overreach.

But the cost of standing for what was right soon became devastatingly clear.

Parent E and her family became targets. She endured **coordinated harassment campaigns**—at her workplace, at her children's schools, and online. She was **suspended from her job without pay for a full month**, resulting in immediate financial strain. Over the next year, Parent E lost an estimated **[\$redacted] –[\$redacted]** in wages, opportunities, and cancelled contracts as she was quietly **blacklisted** from local nonprofits and organizations she once helped lead.

The **emotional toll** was just as steep. Her children were ostracized by peers and treated differently by some school staff. Friends and former colleagues distanced themselves. Parent E faced severe anxiety and sleepless nights as she fought to maintain stability for her family in the midst of professional sabotage and social isolation. “It was like living under siege,” she recalls. “Every time I spoke up, I wondered what would be taken from us next.”

Despite pursuing multiple legal avenues, she has found little recourse. Institutions closed ranks, and no official has been held accountable for the retaliation. Yet Parent E remains undeterred.

“I did what any parent should do—stand up for their kids,” she says. “If that makes me a target, so be it. I'm not going away.”

Jon Tigges (VA)

Arrest, legal issues, loss of business, social persecution, media defamation

On June 22, 2021, Jon Tigges—an Air Force veteran, father, and small business owner—attended a packed Loudoun County School Board meeting to speak out against the district's radical embrace of Critical Race Theory and controversial transgender bathroom policies. Alongside hundreds of fellow parents, Tigges came in peace, armed with conviction and a commitment to the First Amendment. But what unfolded that night became a symbol of the growing war on parental dissent.



After a wave of powerful public comments, the school board abruptly declared a recess and shut down the microphone, cutting parents off mid-sentence. Superintendent Scott Ziegler then escalated the situation further by unilaterally declaring the room an “unlawful assembly.” Dozens of parents were forced out, but Jon Tigges refused to leave. He stood his ground—not in anger, but in principle—believing the meeting was still a public forum and that his right to petition his government had not expired. **He was arrested, handcuffed, and charged with trespassing.**

In 2021, a judge convicted him. But Jon fought back. Eighteen months later, on January 4, 2023, Loudoun County Circuit Court Judge Douglas Fleming Jr. overturned the conviction. The ruling affirmed that Tigges had acted in good faith, believing he was exercising his First Amendment rights, and concluded that Superintendent Ziegler lacked the legal authority to order citizens out of the room. But the toll had already been taken.

The **arrest was widely publicized and used to paint concerned parents as threats.** Jon, a respected local business owner, saw **contracts cancelled and clients distance themselves** due to the public backlash. He estimates \$[redacted] to \$[redacted] in lost business and legal fees over the course of the ordeal.

The emotional weight was heavier still. Jon endured **public shaming, media attacks**, and months of uncertainty about the future of his freedom, livelihood, and reputation. “There was no violence going on,” he later reflected. “This is about crushing dissent.” The experience shook his faith in local governance—but strengthened his resolve to fight for parental rights and constitutional liberties.

Today, Tigges continues to advocate for free speech and local control. His case remains a landmark example of how far some public officials are willing to go to silence parents—and how critical it is for ordinary Americans to stand their ground.

Scott Smith (VA)

Arrest, jail (brief detention following arrest), fines (court-related), legal issues, loss of business, social persecution, media defamation

In the same June 22, 2021, meeting, Scott Smith—whose teenage daughter had been raped in a school bathroom by a gender-fluid male student—was **arrested and convicted of disorderly conduct and obstruction of justice** following a confrontation sparked by his outrage and concern for other students' safety. His case gained national attention as emblematic of parental rights issues in education. On September 10, 2023, Governor Glenn Youngkin pardoned Smith,



saying he had been “**publicly and falsely accused of ‘domestic terrorism’ and ‘hate crimes’**” and declaring the arrest a clear “injustice.” Youngkin also announced Smith’s intent to sue the school district for its handling of the assault and subsequent prosecution.

The financial toll on Scott Smith and his family has been substantial, though exact figures are difficult to calculate due to the wide-ranging impact. Based on public reports and the nature of his ordeal, the estimated toll includes:

Legal fees: Estimated \$[redacted] –\$[redacted] + for defense counsel, court costs, and appeal-related expenses, especially given the high-profile nature of the case and the length of proceedings before his pardon.

Lost wages and work opportunities: Smith is a plumbing contractor and small business owner. Following his arrest and media vilification, he experienced **significant disruption to his work. Clients canceled jobs**, and his **business reputation suffered**. Estimated loss: \$[redacted] –\$[redacted] , depending on duration and regional work volume.

In the aftermath of the assault and its public fallout, the family reportedly sought professional help to cope with **trauma, anxiety, and public shaming**. Estimated out-of-pocket costs: \$[redacted]–\$[redacted] (or more over time, especially if long-term care is needed). While hard to quantify, this likely affected both personal relationships and professional standing, possibly leading to long-term financial impacts beyond the immediate crisis.

Estimated Total Financial Toll: \$[redacted]–\$[redacted]+

This estimate doesn’t include non-economic damages—the profound emotional toll, stress on family relationships, and future earnings losses due to reputational damage, which could easily push the broader impact much higher.

Parent F (MD)

Job loss, legal issues, social persecution, media defamation

Parent F had been a 12-year veteran bilingual special-education teacher—fluent in Spanish and holding an M.Ed. in Bilingual Curriculum & Instruction—when the 2021-22 school year began at [redacted] High School in [redacted]. A rape survivor, she carried medical documentation showing that prolonged face-covering triggered trauma-related breathing episodes and a signed clergy statement attesting to her religious objection to masking and to the newly announced COVID-19 inoculation rule.



August 5 2021: [redacted] submitted a seven-page written testimony to the [redacted] County Council urging officials to “follow the science” and lift school mask mandates, arguing that compulsory masking violated both pediatric health guidance and constitutional liberties.

August 23 2021—Teacher workday: When administrators told her no mask meant no entry, she refused, citing the exemptions on file from the previous spring. **Security escorted her out.** [redacted] livestreamed the encounter, stating, “Today was the first day of school for teachers—and quite possibly the last day of school for this teacher.”

August 25: The principal’s letter **placed her on paid administrative leave** for “inappropriate, unprofessional behavior.” In a Washington Post interview that day she said face coverings were incompatible with her doctor’s orders and her religious faith, adding, “Everyone should have the freedom to choose.”

During the first week of September Parent F received a second letter—this one recommending **termination** for “insubordination and misconduct in office.” She told local television that [redacted] had “had my medical note for almost a year” and was now ignoring both medical and religious protections. At least two dozen other staffers, she said, were considering a class-action suit over similar denials of accommodation.

Complicating matters, the district announced that all employees must be fully vaccinated by October 29 2021; unlike the mask rule, the vaccine directive barred religious exemptions altogether. Parent F publicly declared she would not comply, calling the policy “coercion disguised as choice.”

Career loss: [redacted] proceeded with dismissal in late 2021, ending Parent Fs’ \$[redacted] salary and health benefits.

Legal expenses: Between immigration-law consultations (she also supported multilingual students), employment counsel, and preparation for potential litigation, she estimates \$[redacted] in out-of-pocket costs to date.

Public backlash: After viral videos and press interviews, she endured **online harassment** labeling her “anti-science” and “dangerous.”

Mission shift: Parent F re-launched her small publishing imprint and homeschool-consulting service, helping families design individualized learning plans outside the public system.

Parent F frames her stand as one of bodily autonomy and genuine inclusion for students with disabilities: “I taught social-emotional skills for years. Now the very system that preaches ‘trauma-informed’ practices is willing to retraumatize teachers and kids for the sake of optics.” She travels Maryland and Virginia speaking to parent groups about civil-rights remedies, ADA accommodation letters, and First Amendment petitions, insisting that her fight “isn’t about masks—it’s about constitutional limits on government power and the right of every educator to serve without violating conscience.”



Parent G (CA)

Legal issues, job loss (career disruption and loss of clearance), social persecution, media defamation

Parent G is a decorated [redacted]-year [military servicemember] with eight overseas deployments, he has served his country under the most rigorous and secretive conditions. But when he returned home in 2022 to find out that his elementary-aged children were being exposed to LGBTQ+ ideology at school—without notice or consent—he discovered a new kind of battlefield: the American public school system.

The turning point came when his children began asking questions about gender identity and sexuality—topics Parent G and his wife had not yet introduced at home. After some digging, he uncovered that a school-sponsored LGBTQ+ club had been operating during school hours and had held events and readings without prior parental notification. Flyers and club materials encouraged students to explore alternative identities and pronouns, with no opt-out process and little to no academic oversight.

Refusing to stay silent, Parent G began attending local school board meetings. He rallied other military families and church groups, warning that school systems were usurping parental rights and introducing sexually and ideologically loaded material to young children behind closed doors.

Parent G co-founded a grassroots coalition that pushed for “Parental Notification Resolutions”—formal policies requiring schools to notify parents of any activity, club, or lesson involving gender identity or sexuality. By 2024, his coalition had helped pass such resolutions in nine Southern California school districts, affecting over 175,000 students. The resolutions, modeled on proposed statewide parental rights legislation, gained momentum quickly and caught the attention of state and federal officials.

His growing public profile, however, made Parent G a target. **Antifa-aligned Twitter accounts and local activists published his personal information**, including his home address, photos of his children, and details of his [military] record. Parent G and his wife began receiving **threatening messages**, including veiled warnings that “the [redacted] doesn’t protect hate.”

Shortly thereafter, his commanding officer at [redacted] received an anonymous complaint accusing Parent G of “political extremism” and “conflict of interest.” Parent G was **placed under formal investigation, stripped of his security clearances, and removed from sensitive operational assignments**. Though no criminal or procedural violations were ever



substantiated, his case was forwarded to the [redacted] Separation Board, where he now **awaits a final determination on forced separation from service.**

“I have spent two decades risking my life to defend the Constitution,” Parent G says. “But the moment I tried to exercise my First Amendment rights as a father, they treated me like a criminal.”

Career Disruption: Parent G’s [military] career was effectively frozen in 2023. If separated, he stands to lose a pension **exceeding \$[redacted] in lifetime value.**

Doxxing Fallout: Online activists posted his family’s location, forcing the Parent G’s family to temporarily relocate and pull their children from public school.

Legal Costs: With military lawyers unable to assist on civilian matters, **Parent G has spent over \$[redacted] defending his name, reputation, and right to remain in service.**

Despite the retaliation, Parent G remains defiant. He has testified at public forums across the country, warning of a growing alliance between radical ideological activists and public institutions determined to silence dissent. He now advises veterans’ groups and parental rights organizations on how to document retaliation, file FOIA requests, and assert constitutional protections while in uniform.

“They thought they could cancel me because I wore the uniform,” he says. “But I didn’t fight overseas just to surrender at home.”

Today, Parent G is not only fighting for his career—but for the rights of millions of parents who refuse to be sidelined. His story is a chilling example of how ideological overreach in schools can spill into the lives of military families, and how even the most decorated patriots are not immune from political punishment.

Chad Williams (PA)

Legal issues, job loss, loss of business, media defamation, social persecution

Chad Williams is a business transactional attorney who formerly served as an equity partner at Saul Ewing, an Am Law 200 firm based in Philadelphia. In 2021, following a school board walkout during his public comments opposing pandemic-related policies, Williams was labeled a “threat.” Shortly thereafter, someone contacted his firm’s managing partner demanding he be silenced or fired. Although the firm declined to act on the demand, the incident irreparably



damaged his standing among partners. In February 2023, Williams resigned from the firm, citing the fallout from his advocacy. Based on his book of business, the move cost him an estimated \$[redacted] or more annually in lost income.

He later joined a smaller firm closer to home, but new pressure emerged in 2024 when a senior state education official contacted the managing partner and warned that, unless Williams dropped his civil rights complaints against the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Unionville-Chadds Ford School District, public agencies would withhold legal work. While the firm stood by him, the retaliation strained internal relationships and impacted his compensation.

The family also incurred steep personal costs. Williams and his wife withdrew two of their four children from district schools during the pandemic and enrolled them in private Christian schools—an expense totaling tens of thousands of after-tax dollars annually. His wife, also an attorney, returned to work after 11 years at home in order to afford tuition.

Though Williams is now represented by Pacific Justice Institute, a pro bono legal group, he continues to devote extensive time to legal research and drafting due to his expertise. With a professional billing rate of \$[redacted]/hour, the thousands of hours spent represent an opportunity cost well into the six figures, possibly exceeding \$[redacted].

He has not filed a lawsuit, choosing instead to pursue justice through state and federal civil rights complaints. The emotional and reputational damage has been immense. His case has been covered by The Federalist, National Review, Daily Wire, Fox News, New York Post, and Blaze contributor Chris Bray. Williams believes he was directly targeted under the chilling environment created by the Garland Memo and continues to seek transparency and accountability from the U.S. Department of Education and Department of Justice.

Rachel Homolak (MS)

Legal issues, social persecution, media defamation

In May 2023, Rachel Homolak took her 4-year-old son to the St. Charles City-County Library in Missouri, only to be confronted by a male employee dressed in exaggerated drag-style makeup and attire. Shocked by what she saw as inappropriate exposure of children to adult gender ideology, she raised concerns with the library's CEO, Jason Kuhl. Despite being told she was the only one to complain, Rachel learned through a whistleblower that other complaints had been deliberately discarded. She organized a peaceful demonstration, which drew 65 supporters—and an ambush of LGBTQ+ activists, police, and media. Kuhl refused to meet her face-to-face, and she was vilified in the press as a bigot for standing up for children.



Rachel took the matter to the St. Charles County Council, testified repeatedly, and gained substantial community support—including a 400-person turnout at a pivotal library board meeting. The county passed a resolution urging neutrality in taxpayer-funded spaces, but the library system resisted reform, citing its autonomy. Her efforts revealed sexually explicit materials, including the pornographic book *Bang Like a Porn Star*, placed in child-accessible areas. This intensified her activism, but also triggered retaliation: in 2024, the library employee sued Rachel and others for defamation in a high-profile case.

Despite harassment, doxing, and even physical assault, Rachel has continued advocating for children's innocence and parental rights—now in Alabama, where she faces similar battles over library content. She's endured national smears, social media campaigns against her and her family, and multiple attempts to silence her at public meetings. Still, she persists, now running for city council in Madison, Alabama. Her testimony underscores the personal cost of challenging institutional overreach—and the need for accountability in taxpayer-funded spaces.

“A year ago I was served papers and now the cross-dressing librarian is trying to sue me on 21 counts of defamation. The judge hasn't ruled yet but we're hoping it's going to be dismissed, but I'm definitely a victim of political lawfare.”

Parent H, MBA (MN)

Persecution by law enforcement, legal issues, social persecution

As a direct result of AG Garland's weaponized rhetoric labeling concerned parents as potential “domestic terrorists,” we were forced to flee Minnesota after AG Keith Ellison urged residents to report neighbors under the state's new red flag law. This law allows gun seizures without due process, placing individuals on state and federal watchlists—including the CPS registry, which bars adoption and threatens federal security clearances. Remaining in Minnesota would have risked job loss, permanent firearm bans, and even no-fly list placement. We lost \$[redacted] in a forced home sale and had to leave behind our 10 children and 4 grandchildren to relocate to [redacted] for safety. As conservative Catholics, we were also targeted culturally and surveilled by unknown vehicles on our rural road, creating an environment of fear no American family should face simply for standing up for their rights and beliefs.

Kathrine Detwiler (PA)

Arrest, fines, legal issues, social persecution



In September 2021, a Pennsylvania parent and two elderly community members attended a local school board meeting to peacefully express opposition to mask mandates for children. Without engaging in any disruption, they—along with a large group—were told to mask or leave. When they declined, the group was redirected to a separate room. Rather than allow the discussion, school officials escalated the situation by calling the police. The group exited peacefully, but three weeks later, the parent and two others were charged with criminal trespass. The district attorney, [redacted], and superintendent [redacted] falsely testified during trial that federal ESSER funds required a mask mandate—when in fact, only a health and safety plan was needed. The judge, [redacted], blocked key evidence, made biased statements from the bench, and likened them to January 6 defendants, declaring they should be “grateful” for not being sentenced to five years in prison.

The parent was ultimately convicted of “defiant criminal trespass” despite merely entering and leaving the property unmasked. As a result, they endured significant emotional, financial, and social hardship. Their children had to be withdrawn from public school and enrolled in private school. They now owe thousands in legal fees and fines, have been placed on probation with travel restrictions, and are still completing 50 hours of community service. They also lost their right to carry a firearm in Pennsylvania. The parent believes this coordinated targeting was driven by individuals higher up in state or federal channels, given the involvement of school board members [redacted] and [redacted] and the systemic suppression of dissent. An in-depth report from The Epoch Times further outlines this case:

<https://www.theepochtimes.com/us/trio-fighting-criminal-charges-for-refusing-to-wear-masks-at-pennsylvania-school-board-meeting-4718752>

Leah Hoopes (PA)

Legal issues, FBI surveillance, social persecution, media defamation

Leah Hoopes, a Pennsylvania poll watcher and parent activist, has endured a sustained campaign of government retaliation since November 2020 due to her advocacy for election integrity and opposition to school mandates.

In September 2021, the National School Boards Association labeled concerned parents as “domestic terrorists”—and Hoopes was publicly identified as “example #12” in the Daily Times for organizing a peaceful protest. This triggered involvement from the Pennsylvania State Police and was followed days later by Attorney General Merrick Garland’s infamous DOJ memo mobilizing federal agencies against parents. Hoopes was then named in U.S. Senate hearings, becoming one of the earliest documented cases of coordinated federal targeting.



A FOIA request filed by Parents Defending Education later revealed that the DOJ had coordinated in advance of the memo’s release—and had explicitly named Leah Hoopes—proving that her targeting was not reactive, but premeditated.

This harassment escalated into what Hoopes calls “retaliatory lawfare,” including a defamation lawsuit filed by Obama-affiliated political figure James Savage. She successfully defended herself pro se and won. However, legal harassment continues, including a Dragonetti Act claim filed by Delaware County, amid ongoing efforts to drain her resources and silence her voice.

Hoopes has faced FBI visits and surveillance, targeting by the Pennsylvania Attorney General, severe financial hardship, public defamation and isolation by local and national media, and more.

Despite legal victories—including two dismissed defamation suits and a favorable appellate ruling granting access to election records—the toll on her family has been profound, emotionally, physically, and financially.

She possesses extensive documentation of this government retaliation and respectfully requests that her case be shared directly with Ed Martin and the Weaponization Working Group. She is willing to travel to Washington, D.C. to present her evidence in person, and asks that her case not be overlooked any longer.

Parent I (OH)

Legal issues, social persecution, media defamation

A former elected member of the [redacted] Board of Education in [redacted] County, Ohio, recounts being targeted and removed from office through a coordinated smear campaign involving fellow board members, school administrators, the teachers’ union, legal counsel, and local media. Despite strong voter support, she was pressured to abandon her campaign pledges and remain silent about critical race theory and sexualized content in the curriculum. When she refused to participate in what she describes as a cover-up and began exposing these issues, she faced relentless harassment, slander, and intimidation—including a false media setup claiming police served her with trespassing charges.

Her most vocal accuser, board member [redacted]—who she alleges has a history of abusive behavior, including physical assault—ultimately filed a restraining order against her after his attempts to force her resignation failed. Despite presenting video evidence of [redacted] assaulting her, local authorities and courts refused to act. Ironically, the same officials later granted [redacted]’s restraining order, based only on claims of emotional stress from political



criticism. The board member believes this constitutes political lawfare and an abuse of legal processes to silence dissent and punish her for fulfilling her duty to parents and constituents.

Parent J (NH)

Arrest, jail, legal issues, persecution by law enforcement, FBI surveillance, social persecution

Parent J, a New Hampshire mother, became a prominent voice against school mask mandates in 2021—but her advocacy came at an extraordinary personal cost. Over a two-year period, she was subjected to *two FBI investigations*, digital surveillance, federal prosecution, biased judicial treatment, and imprisonment—all for exercising her First Amendment rights.

Her ordeal began on **January 13, 2021**, when the FBI opened its first investigation into her—months before she had spoken at any school board meeting. That probe closed in April without charges, but it wouldn't be the last.

On **September 16, 2021**, Parent J addressed the [redacted] School Board in a televised meeting, opposing mask mandates. Her remarks came just weeks before Attorney General Merrick Garland's **October 4 memo**, which infamously mobilized federal agencies against “threats” from parents at school board meetings. Parent J continued to attend meetings throughout the fall and winter, becoming an active and visible figure in the parental rights movement.

On **December 21, 2021**, the FBI initiated a *second investigation*, this time overseen by Agent [redacted]. By early 2022, Parent J began experiencing clear signs of government surveillance. Most notably, she recorded a podcast interview with [redacted], in which she discussed her suspicions about **January 6** and school board targeting. The episode had not yet aired when, on the very *same day* it was set to go live, the **FBI called Parent J to self-surrender**. Alarmed by the timing, she requested the show be pulled. This confirmed her growing belief that her communications were being monitored.

She was formally arraigned on **June 23, 2023**, on **four misdemeanor charges**—all connected to her peaceful activism. Her federal case ([redacted]) proceeded into 2024. At pretrial hearings, Judge [redacted] made alarming comments such as “*I don't want to hear anything about the First Amendment in my courtroom*” and “*We will prove this in court,*” clearly siding with the prosecution. [redacted]'s **August 2024** trial ended with her being sentenced in **November**, with the court referencing a possible “**domestic terrorist**” classification in her Bureau of Prisons designation.

Although her attorney requested she serve her sentence at a [redacted] facility due to health and age, she was instead assigned to **FDC** [redacted], with a report date of **January 28, 2025**.



On **December 26, 2024**, she received official notice of her prison designation. But everything changed after **President Donald J. Trump** signed her **presidential pardon on January 20, 2025**.

After celebrating the pardon at the inauguration, Parent J returned home—believing she was free. The next day, however, she received a call from federal probation officers claiming *no record* of the pardon had been received and that her transfer to prison would proceed as scheduled. Her attorney filed an emergency motion to **vacate the sentence**, but Judge [redacted] hesitated, stating he was unsure if he had authority to act. **Ed Martin**, Director of the Weaponization Working Group, responded forcefully, urging the judge to fulfill his duty and vacate the sentence—which he then did.

Parent J's experience paints a disturbing picture of political retaliation, abuse of power, and denial of due process. Her case illustrates how far federal agencies have gone to criminalize dissent—and the importance of courageous leadership in undoing the damage.

Gary Krum (PA)

Arrest, legal issues, persecution by law enforcement, social persecution

A Pennsylvania parent was **convicted of “Defiant Trespass”** for refusing to wear a face mask at a local school board meeting in September 2021—despite the fact that there were no signs requiring masks and the state's governor had already ended his fifth mask mandate. The arrest stemmed from enforcement tied to American Rescue Plan funding, which local officials claimed gave them the authority to impose CDC recommendations. The parent, along with two others, calmly requested the legal basis for the masking policy before voluntarily leaving the meeting. Six weeks later, they were surprised to learn of the charges—initiating a **years-long legal battle through multiple levels of the Pennsylvania court system**, and ultimately to the U.S. Supreme Court, which declined to hear the case.

The parent's conviction **stripped them of Second Amendment rights** under Pennsylvania law and imposed a one-year probation sentence, which continues until late 2025. They report **significant personal hardship** stemming from the conviction, including **financial strain and reputational damage**. Notably, the sentencing judge invoked inflammatory comparisons, stating the defendants acted “like J6ers,” and warning that he **could have sentenced them to five years in prison**. Despite repeated appeals, no court has overturned the conviction—setting **a dangerous precedent** that public dissent at a school board meeting can result in **criminal penalties, constitutional violations, and loss of fundamental rights**.



Parent & Spouse W (AZ)

Legal issues, whistleblower retaliation, exposure of mandated-reporter identity, public defamation, financial devastation, emotional distress, institutional cover-up, child-safety concerns

Parent W and Spouse W are a Scottsdale, Arizona family whose lives were turned upside down after Parent W—a special education teacher and mandated reporter within Scottsdale Unified School District—reported serious child-safety concerns involving a male teacher and sixth-grade girls.

After substituting in the classroom, Parent W observed large mirrors positioned beneath the whiteboard that reflected the lower half and underside of students' desks, potentially exposing female students without their knowledge. Rather than treating the matter as a mandatory child-safety issue, the family alleges school officials helped remove the mirrors, failed to preserve evidence, minimized the concern, and neglected required reporting procedures.

Parent W initially sought no publicity and trusted Scottsdale Unified to handle the matter properly. Instead, the family says the district repeatedly attempted to narrow or close the investigation while treating Parent W as the problem for refusing to stay silent. Only after the issue reached a public school-board meeting and additional parents came forward did the district reopen and expand the investigation.

The family alleges Scottsdale Unified possessed evidence contradicting its public claims that “no wrongdoing” occurred, including student and parent testimony, internal communications, police records, and subpoenaed documents. Despite this, the district allegedly continued downplaying the matter and withholding key information from parents, law enforcement, and the public.

Retaliation escalated when Parent W's identity as the reporting employee was exposed. The family alleges district officials disclosed—or enabled disclosure of—her identity, leading the accused teacher to file a defamation lawsuit against Parent W and Spouse W. The family views the suit as retaliation designed to punish them financially and discourage scrutiny of Scottsdale Unified.

The lawsuit has cost the family more than \$550,000 in legal fees, draining savings and creating years of emotional and financial strain. They describe enduring public attacks, reputational harm, fear of continued retaliation, and what they believe was a coordinated effort to protect the institution while portraying the whistleblower family as the wrongdoers.



Parent W and Spouse W say their ordeal demonstrates how school systems can punish mandated reporters and parents when institutional self-protection takes priority over student safety. They continue pursuing legal accountability and greater transparency, believing the case raises broader questions about whether educators and parents can safely report misconduct involving children without being exposed, smeared, sued, and financially ruined.

Jeremy Clepper (FL)

Gainesville parent Jeremy Clepper attended an Alachua County School Board meeting to call for the resignation of Board Chair Sarah Rockwell, who had posted on social media celebrating Hulk Hogan's death with the comment, 'Good, one less MAGA in the world.' His remarks were met with a hostile, left-leaning crowd that verbally attacked him, falsely accused him of violence, and led to his removal by police at the board's request—despite their own attorney advising against it. Since then, Clepper has faced online harassment, smear campaigns, and defamation, illustrating the escalating retaliation against parents who challenge extremist political agendas in schools.

Dan Grossenbach (AZ)

Dan Grossenbach, an ethics professor at the University of Arizona, was fired after publicly opposing gender ideology policies in his children's school district. He has filed a federal lawsuit citing First Amendment and Title VII religious discrimination violations, framing his case as an example of how educators are punished for advocating parental rights. Full story: <https://azfreeneews.com/2025/08/university-of-arizona-faces-lawsuit-after-firing-professor-who-advocated-for-parental-rights/>

Paul Newcomb (FL)

Paul Newcomb, a resident of Lee County School Board District 3, opposed what he saw as his board representative's support of LGBTQ and BLM agendas. After confronting her about it publicly, he was escorted out of a board meeting at her direction and believes he may have been flagged to federal authorities as a threat. His experience underscores concerns that dissenting parents are being targeted beyond local forums in a climate of federalized intimidation.

Columbia County, PA

In 2021, three parents attended a Southern Columbia School District board meeting to question the legality of mask mandates enacted under the American Rescue Plan. Though local law



enforcement had been directed not to enforce mask mandates, the superintendent pressed charges against them for Defiant Trespass. They were convicted in 2023, sentenced to probation, 50 hours of community service, and court costs, with one parent losing Second Amendment rights until probation ends. Their appeals to state and federal courts failed, leaving lasting legal and personal consequences and marking them as examples meant to deter others from challenging government overreach.

Dr. Crystal Marull (FL)

Legal issues, job loss, loss of business, social persecution, media defamation

In early 2023, University of Florida linguistics lecturer **Dr. Crystal Marull** discovered *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* in her teenage son's middle-school library. Disturbed by its explicit sexual content, she filed her first formal objection, and the book was quietly removed—a brief victory that gave her hope the statutory process worked.

That hope quickly faded. From September 2023 to spring 2024, Marull filed 11 additional objections, facing **courtroom-style hearings** with evidence binders, witnesses, and cross-examination by a district attorney. Florida Voice News called the process “designed to intimidate parents.” On January 23, 2024, she confronted an assistant principal over *Melissa*, a grade-school book normalizing pornography. When he stated on record that it was “appropriate” for eight-year-olds, the clip went viral nationwide, prompting ACPS to scrub all hearing videos from its YouTube channel.

The retaliation soon became personal. In August 2024, **Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier issued a public letter condemning ACPS after Marull testified that a district teacher labeled her son a “Naziphile” due to his ROTC participation and interest in World War II, nominated him “Most Likely to Become a Dictator,” had classmates vote on the “award,” and attempted to humiliate him by forcing him to receive the certificate.** The Attorney General called the teacher's conduct “a clear violation of Florida law and no less than six ethical principles,” demanding the teacher's immediate termination and permanent revocation of her teaching certificate.

Meanwhile, ACPS **doxxed Marull** by publishing her complaint forms online, exposing her home address and phone number. Harassment followed—both online and in person—including colleagues sharing the link and confronting her in public. Professionally, the University of Florida's College of Liberal Arts & Sciences **canceled her \$28,000 summer teaching assignment** shortly after her viral testimony, which she believes was retaliatory. The ordeal has cost her family **\$44,000–\$56,000 in financial damages** (legal preparation, homeschooling



costs, security measures, and lost income), forced her to homeschool her children, and severely damaged her career.

Despite the toll, Dr. Marull continues to fight. She has escalated her objections to the **Florida Department of Education**, published a **Christian Post op-ed (Sept 23, 2024)** detailing her experience, and now mentors parents across the state. A frequent presence at legislative hearings, she is pressing lawmakers to simplify parental-rights procedures and safeguard complainants' personal data.

"They tried to destroy me professionally and personally for protecting my children," Marull says. "But every intimidation tactic only proves exactly why parents have to stay in this fight."

Catalina Stubbe (FL)

Legal issues (threats of arrest), social persecution

As National Director of Moms for Liberty, Catalina Stubbe has spent years attempting to raise concerns about inappropriate material in Broward County Public Schools. Her efforts to participate in the District Advisory Council were repeatedly blocked through procedural games. At school board meetings, she was often **silenced**, accused of being off-topic, or outright denied the opportunity to speak.

During the 2021–2022 school year, Catalina faced **threats of removal and arrest** for refusing to wear a mask in defiance of state guidance. These efforts to silence her were mirrored against other parent groups like Moms for Liberty and Truth Matters.

"These policies suppress free expression and chill public participation. We're not going away."

Parent L (IA)

Social persecution, media defamation

When Iowa implemented a mask mandate in schools, Parent L witnessed how it harmed her daughter. She began speaking out at every school board meeting, eventually helping lead a movement that culminated in the passage of a state law banning mask mandates in K-12 schools.

Parent M (CA)

Job loss, legal issues (police report involvement), social persecution



In January 2024, Parent M was **fired** from [redacted] Restaurant in San Fernando for helping organize a peaceful protest against a drag queen story hour held without parental notification. A police report filed by the performer and **pressure from local officials** contributed to her termination.

Two months later, her husband died by **suicide**. Parent M has since pleaded with Congress to recognize the immense toll of **political retaliation**.

Tarin Swain (CA)

Legal issues, social persecution, media defamation

For four years, Tarin Swain has fought the Conejo Valley School District in California for socially transitioning her daughter without consent. She's also suing the city of Ventura after the mayor **silenced her for praying in public**. Swain is now being **targeted** by local LGBTQ+ groups who have pressured venues to cancel her speaking events.

Parent N (IA)

Social persecution, media defamation

In 2023, the Southern Poverty Law Center labeled Moms for Liberty—and by extension, its local leaders like [redacted] County Director Parent N—as part of an “anti-government extremist” movement. The charge, based solely on advocacy against CRT and mask mandates, led to her being **labeled a domestic terrorist**.

Adam Vena (CA)

Legal issues (loss of custody), social persecution

Adam Vena, a California father, **lost custody and all contact with his six-year-old son** for refusing to affirm his ex-wife's decision to socially transition the boy. The transition began when the child was two.

Parent O (FL)

Social persecution

When Parent O's daughter [redacted] was physically bullied by a boy in her class, she reported it to school officials. The principal told her she had no say and stated, “From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., **that child doesn't belong to you. She belongs to me.**”



Parent P (FL)

Legal issues, social persecution, media defamation

Parent P spent four years speaking out against sexually explicit content in [redacted] County, Florida. In 2023, her speech went viral and drew national attention—but not without consequence. She was **censored during a meeting**, her protest **sign taken by a police officer**, and her book challenge submission—including home address and phone number—was posted online, leading to **threats against her children**.

Parent Q (AZ)

Legal issues, social persecution, media defamation

In 2021, Parent Q, a Scottsdale mother of two, helped uncover a disturbing “**parent dossier**” stored in a Google Drive account tied to [redacted], the father of Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) board president [redacted]. The folder contained **personal files on dozens of parents and their children**, including **photos, property records, Social Security numbers, financial documents**, and screenshots of social media posts—targeting those who had spoken out against mask mandates, Critical Race Theory, and other controversial school policies.

Parent Q’s own name and information were in the folder. “It felt like we were being profiled by our own school board,” she said. After the discovery, the story gained **national attention**, leading to an **Arizona Attorney General investigation**, mass public outcry, and [redacted] being voted out of his board leadership role.

Parent Q and two other parents filed a **lawsuit against the [redacted] and the district** for invasion of privacy and emotional distress. The fallout was severe:

- She faced **harassment, hacking, and social backlash**
- Her family incurred **tens of thousands in legal costs**
- And her children were **ostracized** in school activities

Despite it all, Wray became a powerful advocate for parental rights in Arizona. She now advises other parents on how to expose similar abuses and insists:

“We were mocked and tracked—but we’re still here. Parents are awake now, and we’re not backing down.”



Parent R (OH)

Social persecution

Parent R’s daughter [redacted] endured a year of **retaliation** after reporting a male student who identified as a vampire and entered the girls’ restroom. The school refused to protect her and dismissed Parent R’s concerns. Katelyn suffered **isolation and trauma**, while the administration insisted, “**From 8 to 2, she belongs to us.**”

Parent S (SC)

Legal issues, social persecution

Parent S of [redacted] County, South Carolina, raised concerns about a biological male teacher hosting her daughter’s afterschool club. When she requested to observe the meetings, school officials denied her access. Soon after, she received a **cease-and-desist order and was served a lawsuit** by an LGBTQ legal fund.

Parent T (CA)

Legal issues, social persecution

In 2022, Parent T, a lifelong Democrat and mother in California, discovered her daughter had been socially transitioned at school without her knowledge. Administrators had **coordinated to hide the transition from her**. Her story helped spark a federal investigation and has become a rallying cry for parental rights nationwide.

Parent U [State Redacted]

Legal issues, social persecution, media defamation

[Testimonial redacted pending litigation]

Kenny Snell (CA)

Legal issues, social persecution

Kenny Snell, a California high school teacher with an exemplary 24-year record, was **targeted and retaliated against after requesting a disability accommodation** to exempt him from mask mandates due to his hearing impairment. Despite the district initially acknowledging his request, they ignored it—then issued a written warning citing false accusations of political speech and mask noncompliance. Public records later revealed that Snell had been **spied on**



by administrators who accepted information from internet trolls, labeling him a “racist and misogynist” and assuring those trolls that he was “being taken care of.” Though he filed a complaint with the EEOC and received a Right to Sue letter, the agency declined to determine whether any laws had been broken, leaving him without recourse as no attorney would take a mask-related case in California.

Snell was further silenced by a directive threatening **disciplinary action** if he shared anything his “Equity”-focused boss deemed “disinformation.” Isolated and under surveillance—even from students—Snell began speaking out at school board meetings and launched a Substack that now hosts over 200 investigative articles. He also authored a book, *The Other Side of the Lunch Table*, documenting the ordeal. Despite a leadership change in 2023, the climate of intimidation persisted. After receiving threatening messages and seeing his once-stellar reviews replaced by negative evaluations, he retired early at age 57. He now runs a watchdog site, dsusdcommunitywatch.org, and reports that many parents remain afraid to speak out for fear of retaliation. **His story underscores how school districts weaponized policies and political narratives to silence dissent—and the ongoing need for transparency and justice.**

Parent V (MI)

Social persecution, persecution by law enforcement, FBI surveillance, job impact

One day after U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland issued his infamous memo suggesting that concerned parents could be treated as “domestic terrorists,” Parent V was reported to the Department of Justice—by her own local school board. Why? Because she refused to be silenced. She continued speaking out at school board meetings and advocating for her children, despite increasing pressure to stop.

Prior to that, Parent V was targeted at her job. A school board member contacted her employer—a local police department—accusing her of being a racist simply because she held a differing opinion. That same board member even asked to be included in her disciplinary process to “educate” her. As a result, Parent V was subjected to an internal investigation—an attempt to “curb” her First Amendment rights. Her so-called offense? Being a devoted mother who dared to speak up when her son, who has a learning disability, wasn’t receiving the support outlined in his IEP. When she asked the school district for help, she was punished instead. The district’s COVID policies were harming her children academically and emotionally, and when she stood up for them, the system retaliated.



Summary and Patterns

These stories, spanning dozens of parents across multiple states, reveal a consistent pattern: parents who speak out—particularly against controversial school policies like mask mandates, gender ideology, and inappropriate curricula—are being systematically silenced, punished, and in some cases criminalized.

Key themes include:

- Denial of public participation and First Amendment rights at school board meetings
- Arrests and criminal charges for peaceful protest or minor infractions
- Retaliatory job loss, suspension, and blacklisting
- Weaponization of Child Protective Services and law enforcement
- Public defamation, doxxing, and online harassment
- Legal costs exceeding tens of thousands of dollars per family

These actions appear not merely as bureaucratic overreach but as a calculated effort to intimidate, isolate, and silence dissenters—especially those with conservative values, religious beliefs, or political affiliations. Many of these individuals have been left emotionally, financially, and socially devastated, yet they continue to fight for truth, transparency, and parental rights.



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To restore the constitutional rights of parents and families by demanding full accountability, legal redress, structural reforms, and full restitution for the unlawful weaponization of Merrick Garland's DOJ—along with its coercive influence over state and local authorities.

VISION

We envision an America where parents can participate in their children's education and communities without fear of surveillance, retaliation, or federally driven intimidation. We seek a nation where justice is restored, victims are made whole, and all levels of government are held accountable to the people they serve.

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