

Flocabulary—In a School Near You?

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Young people love music. Music has power, the power to arouse emotions, entertain and even educate...but educate at what cost?

What is Flocabulary? Very simply, Flocabulary is a “learning” tool delivered through hip hop music videos. It was founded in 2004 by recently graduated college students Alex Rapaport and Blake Harrison. It is in schools in all fifty states. The founder’s specific goals are to change the face of education, be culturally relevant, and culturally responsive. Co-founder Alex Rappaport admits to bias. That bias has earned Flocabulary praise from rapper Snoop Dogg and left-wing academic, Howard Zinn.

To be fair, Flocabulary does have some very good and worthwhile videos. Unfortunately, in other videos, the company can’t seem to resist indoctrinating students with their liberal bias.

It’s difficult to imagine any school showing a rap video of the Founding Fathers of our great nation described as “Old Dead White Men” and “hypocrites”. These men devoted much of their lives so that future generations could enjoy the liberties we have today. With this type of propaganda, is it any surprise some of our young people have little respect for their country? Because Oklahoma schools protested, the video was pulled, but how many students across the nation were exposed to it beforehand?

Social Studies students in 6-12th grade were presented these lyrics from Flocabulary’s lesson on Malcom X:

“Got introduced to the Nation of Islam, stressed black pride, and then some...”

“Malcolm X is how he took control.”

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Pornography—A Public Health Crisis

Pornography is a gate-way to all types of sexual perversion and crime including sexual abuse, trafficking and prostitution. With the internet it has become so prevalent that it has become a public health issue.

Alabama Eagle Forum is working as a member of a coalition of more than 350 organizations, both Christian and secular, to combat this menace to our society. We are preparing a resolution to that effect to be introduced in the next Alabama legislative session. Many parents have no idea that their children are accessing pornography on their computers and have no idea of its vulgar and violent nature.

Internet pornography is hard core, illegal, prolific, increasingly vile, unrestrained through instant access, and obtainable by individuals of all ages including children and teens. In fact, the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) says that in 2017, 44 percent of cases of sexually abused children treated at Children’s Mercy Hospital were child on child cases. The 11 to 15 year olds constituted the highest concentration of perpetrators.

Just some of the points being addressed by our resolution include the following:

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“So when he spoke out, it was all substance. Fight back and never need nothing. That’s self-defense and self-reliance.”

“White folks in power, they saw the threat, spoke his name with disrespect.”

“Black Pride, black pride, black pride, black pride...”

Flocabulary introduced students in grades 9 – 12 to the explicit lyric artist Dizee Rascal. His commercial CD’s include parental warning labels. Many children would not have known about this rapper - or other explicit lyric rappers - if not for Flocabulary. Parents and teachers would be appalled at Rascal’s filthy and vulgar body of work! Rascal performed the following vocabulary lesson for students called “I Do”.

“But I had never seen this euphoric and happy gay bride. Someone had set me up, played a trick and a ruse.”

“Had gotten the two of us together but didn’t introduce.”

“Then we were jumping up and down, cavorting around.”

“Carousing all night long partying, and getting down. Someone called the coppers, but they couldn’t stop us. They buffeted us with their clubs, hit us like thugs.”

Flocabulary also weighed in on the 2016 Presidential election (Clinton vs Trump) turning complex issues into one liners:

“He wants to ban many Muslims from entering the US on a path to be citizens. Clinton calls that policy un-American”.

“He believes the government should be small, she believes it should help solve problems for all.”

“Trump vows to defend Amendment II, and end gun free zones on bases and schools, while Clinton wants to limit the sale of certain arms.”

“Clinton thinks we should raise taxes on the rich to help pay for healthcare and colleges.”

“Trump wants to decrease taxes for the rich.”

“Which candidate do you feel has earned your vote?”

Another Social Studies video, Time Poverty, for grades 5 to 12 begins with a downtrodden housewife standing in her kitchen. The lyrics are hostile to the role of the traditional homemaker:

“But it’s not right, we cook and clean, the men get the green.”

“Men’s time is valued more so they can take flight”

“Your work is unpaid, and so, in turn, it hurts. The tables that are meant to be set, they should have been turned.”

“We need to redefine what a woman is worth.”

“There’s a gender chore gap, we can’t ignore the facts.”

At last count, Flocabulary had produced more than 700 videos. According to the non-profit Education Action Group Foundation (EAG), episodes of Flocabulary include: white privilege guilt, Israel portrayed as the enemy, cross-dressing cartoon characters, and anti-Second Amendment rights, to name a few.

Another critic, Tucker Carlson of Fox News, had this to say about a Flocabulary episode

on the Civil Rights movement: “As long as you don’t care about context or accuracy – as long as your goal is to encourage students to keep the dream alive, rather than to teach them legitimate history – rapping is as good as teaching”.

Unbelievably, co-founder Alex Rappaport, explained in the Boston Globe, “We encourage students to trust their own use of words and understanding of vocabulary, rather than focusing on what some old dictionary says.” Ignore the dictionary? This is the mindset of people bringing their ideas into our public school classrooms. The community doesn’t decide what’s on Flocabulary; people like Alex Rappaport decide. Rappaport’s premise is, of course, absurd.

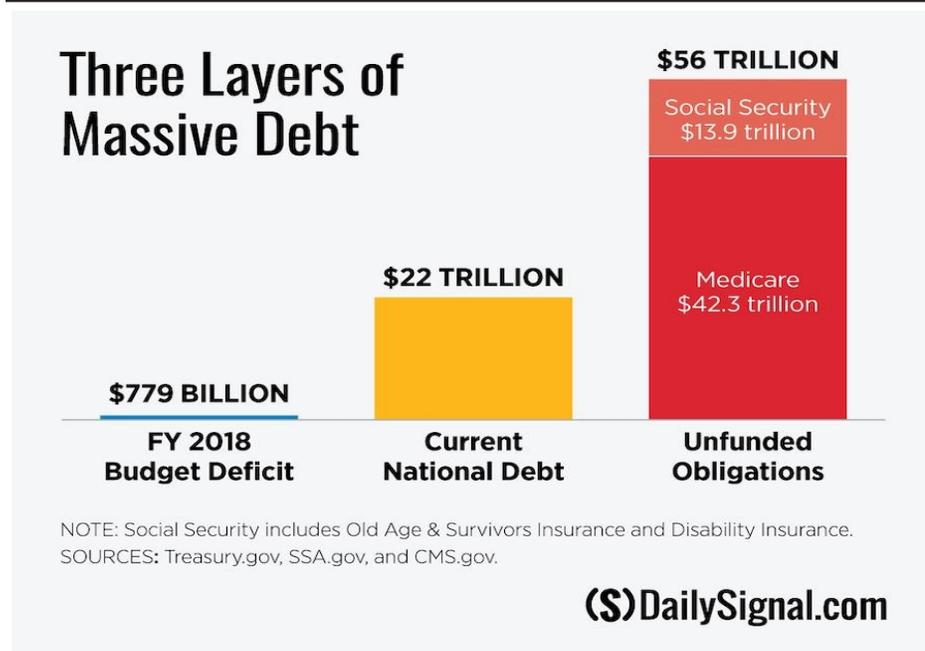
A Florida organization, Parents Against Deranged Curriculum, has posted two videos on YouTube that would be well worth your time to watch. The first one is “Fighting for our Children’s Minds –What is Flocabulary” (link: https://youtu.be/8vT7pjc_jk) and the second is “Fighting for our Children’s Mind’s – The Flocab Path” (link- <https://youtu.be/5pjo9YDCZMg>.)

You can also monitor what children in public schools are watching on Flocabulary by subscribing to an individual membership for a monthly fee.

Hopefully, the information in this article will encourage parents and taxpayers to do their own research on Flocabulary’s questionable approach to education. Begin by finding out if it is in your neighborhood school.

- Pornography is a profitable multibillion dollar industry and those who finance, create, distribute, and make pornography available via the internet or by any other means must be held accountable for the destructive impact that pornography addiction is having on Alabama citizens and for empowering easy access to pornography by children of all ages.
- Universally available mainstream hardcore pornography on the internet desensitizes community consciences, prevents the ability to distinguish between legal and illegal materials, and interferes with the enforcement of obscenity laws.
- It is estimated that 93% of boys and 62% of girls are exposed to hard-core pornography in adolescence and that the average age of exposure is between 11 or 12 years of age.
- Because pornography equates normal sex with violence and aggression towards women and children, viewing pornography normalizes exploitation and rape of women and children by pornography viewers; and it increases the demand for sex trafficking, prostitution, and use of child sexual images and child pornography by the viewers.
- Regular use of pornography impacts brain development and functioning; and it contributes to emotional, mental, and medical illnesses including loss of memory, loss of IQ, depression and erectile dysfunction.

The resolution, if passed, will declare pornography a public health hazard and the need for measures to address this issue.



Maine has become the ninth state to legalize assisted suicide. New Jersey passed a similar law in April. They join California, Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, Vermont and Washington DC in passing such laws. Proponents claim that such laws provide “death with dignity.” But, pro-life leaders say that assisted suicide devalues certain groups of human beings, and pushes medically vulnerable people into an early death.

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President Trump is dumping the Obama transgender shelter rule known as the 2016 Equal Access Rule. This change will eliminate a rule made in 2016 requiring shelters for the homeless and for abused women to be based on gender identity rather than biological sex. The new rule would protect vulnerable women and children by letting federally funded shelters consider a range of factors—such as biological sex—in deciding whether to provide lodging to people. The revised rule is set to take effect in August. This change restores the right of shelter operators to be able to once again provide safe and secure accommodations for those needing their services.

According to the Liberty Counsel, a non-profit legal organization that defends religious liberty, the rule change will also protect churches, organization and individuals of faith wanting to provide shelters for the homeless and battered without fear of the government shutting them down for providing a biblically based facility with safe environment. They said that the current rule discourages them from seeking HUD funding because of their religious beliefs.

Source:onenewsnow.com 7/1/2019

In June, Pennsylvania passed legislation making Female Genital Mutilation a felony. Currently, 32 states have laws against Female Genital Mutilation but women and girls are unprotected in other states. The AHA foundation, established by human rights activist Ayaan Hirsi Ali in 2007 to promote freedom from FGM, honor violence and forced marriage, all prevalent in the growing Muslim population in the U.S. They endorsed the Pennsylvania bill. According to this group, more than 500,000 women in the U. S. are at risk of this procedure. Such a bill was introduced in the Alabama legislature this past year as well as prior years, but did not pass. Eagle Forum of Alabama will be working for passage of this legislation in the 2020 session.

Based upon information from CNS article dated June, 2019

The U. S. Supreme Court effectively ended the war of veterans memorial with their ruling on June 20, 2019 in the case regarding the nearly 100 year old Bladensburg WWI Veterans Memorial, along with other memorials like it bearing religious symbols. According to the First Liberty Institute law firm and Jones Day law firm who jointly defended the case, the Justices affirmed that the First Amendment allows people to use religious symbols and images in public. In their press release, they said, “This decision simply affirms the historical understanding of the First Amendment that allows government to acknowledge the value and importance of religion.” *Source: First Liberty Institute*

“If the decision of the judiciary be raised above the authority of the [states]... dangerous powers, not delegated, may not only be usurped and executed by the other departments, but that the judicial department, also, may exercise or sanction dangerous powers **beyond the grant of the Constitution...**

James Madison, Virginia Assembly Report of 1800

“No legislative act, therefore, contrary to the Constitution, can be valid. To deny this, would be to affirm, that the deputy is greater than his principal; that the servant is above his master; that the representatives of the people are superior to the people themselves; that men acting by virtue of powers, **may do not only what their powers do not authorize, but what they forbid.**”

Alexander Hamilton Federalist Paper #78

“„if the policy of the Government upon vital questions affecting the whole people is to be irrevocably fixed by decision of the Supreme Court, the instant they are made in ordinary litigation between parties in personal actions the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically resigned their Government into the hands of that eminent tribunal.” *Abraham Lincoln's first inaugural address*

“Telling people they can pick their genders is as fundamentally stupid as telling children they can choose their species. If we did, we would have classrooms filled with mermaids, aquamen, wizards, gnomes, fairies, and aliens.” *Candace Owens of Turning Point USA*

House Passes Bill by Voice Vote That Undermines Our Values

Unbeknownst to most Americans, the House left Washington the last week of July after passing a piece of legislation that greatly impacts not only our tax code, but also our culture. *The Promoting Respect for Individuals' Dignity and Equality Act* or PRIDE Act (H.R. 3299) changes the federal tax code by replacing gender-specific terms with the terms spouses and married couple. This allows same-sex couples to receive tax benefits that were previously awarded only to traditionally married couples or a husband and wife.

The PRIDE Act also nullifies the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which prohibited same-sex couples from filing taxes jointly. The bill does this by modifying the tax code to allow these couples to receive retroactive tax refunds from years prior to the 2013 Supreme Court decision striking down DOMA in U.S. v. Windsor.

Democrats praised the legislation's unanimous passage, which passed by voice vote; a tool the House uses to pass bills that are traditionally not controversial, like the re-naming of Post Offices. Representative Andy Levin (D-MI) was correct when he said the bill's passage "sent a message to LGBTQ married couples across America that their unions are recognized, valued and dignified by the U.S. government."

In a recent article, our President Eunie Smith rightly points out the danger this legislation poses to our country. She said:

"By allowing couples who do not conform to traditional marriage roles, as between one man and one woman, to receive tax refunds from previous years during which same-sex marriage was illegal, the PRIDE Act reinforces the Left's continuous need to promote victimhood and reparations for select people groups.

"This inevitably leads to the infringement of personal freedoms for those who disagree and do not affirm the 'protected' lifestyle or action. The fact that the House slyly passed this bill by voice vote also indicates that Republicans do not consider this movement dangerous. We must continue to fight this attack on our Constitution and the endowed rights it protects."

Eagle Forum will continue to stand up for American families and oppose governmental efforts to provide reparations for those arbitrarily selected. We will be working to stop passage of this legislation in the Senate.

Planned Parenthood and Other Abortion Clinics Lose Funding

President Trump issued an administrative rule for Title X grants that prohibit abortion providers from receiving Title X grants unless they separate their abortion businesses from their taxpayer-funded services. The change cut more than \$60 million from Planned Parenthood budgets. But independent abortion clinics also lost funding if they did not comply. One such clinic in Colorado lost \$500,000 in grants. Many said they would prefer to give up the funding rather than stop killing babies in the womb. *The Middletown Press* reported that 4,000 facilities across America receive Title X funds every year. It is unknown how many of them abort unborn babies. Every Planned Parenthood has refused to comply. They filed suit against the federal government, but a federal court ruled in favor of the Trump administration in June. Under the regulation, abortion clinics have 120 days to financially separate their family planning services and their abortion operations and one year to physically separate them. Title X grants fund family planning services for low-income individuals. But, non-abortion services have decreased at abortion clinics in recent years. We commend President Trump for making this rule change to stop funding abortion with our taxpayer dollars.

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The gift that keeps on giving — \$4 million

By John W. Giles

I often find myself taking a life inventory at different way-points, assessing if I am adequately contributing to leave a positive mark in the world, on my watch. We can never give enough back. I was raised and I taught my children, whatever station assigned in life, or if we borrow something from our neighbor, always return it in better shape, than you received it. This mindset can be found in the “Parable of the Talents” where Jesus spoke in Matthew 25: 14 – 30. One hallmark icon in my life, where I played a small role, was the approval and implementation of the “Choose Life” automobile tag in Alabama. These tags are a “Gift” that keep on giving; let me explain.

As a little background on these tags, it all began in Florida. I was making a speech to the Christian Coalition of Florida about the Republican sweep in the 2000 Alabama Appellant Court races and what affect our Alabama Christian Coalition Judicial Voter Guides made. A nice gentleman named Russ Amerling with “Choose Life Florida,” who started the Pro-Life car tags in the country, nabbed me and encouraged us to do the same in Alabama. I told him I was on board with the concept, but needed a quarterback to research this and marshal it through. One week later, I received a call from Robert Burton, an attorney from Prattville, who volunteered to take on the assignment. Bob Foust, Eric Johnston, Bob Burton and I went before the Alabama Oversight Committee on License Plates to present our tag idea. As a side note, we got this passed through the AOCLP by one vote. After passing this through the oversight committee, we all had to work within a specific time frame to presale 1000 tags before going into production. Thank God we made it, now to the good news. There has been an elevated interest and awareness of the abortion issue in America over the past couple of years. When President Trump appointed Neil M. Gorsuch and Brett M. Kavanaugh as Associate Justices to the U.S. Supreme Court, Planned Parenthood disgustingly showed out and spent millions attempting to block their confirmation as strict constructionist to the bench. Then, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam (Democrat) publicly detailed with his glowing approval of infanticide performed on babies after being born alive. If that was not enough, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo (Democrat) in a triumphant news conference celebrated signing into law the further expansion of Roe v. Wade in their state. Abby Johnson, a former employee of Planned Parenthood, was showcased in the film “Unplanned.” This film brought a heightened awareness to the horrifying truths about what happens in an abortion clinic, the way they mistreat vulnerable women and her personal quest to rescue others trapped in that industry of taking lives of unborn children. Currently, there are 24 Democrat candidates running for President in 2020, who are daily trying to out punt each other with outer-space, bazaar Planned Parenthood approved abortion measures. Alabama also banned all abortions with the Alabama Human Life Protection Act, which is now being tested in Federal court. People are now more than ever looking for ways to be supportive of a pro-life position. One of many ways to show support for the babies and expecting mothers, who find themselves in an unplanned crisis pregnancy, is to buy an Alabama Choose Life auto tag. These tags cost an extra \$50.00, but a net \$41.25 goes to approximately 67 pro-life agencies across the state. Personalized tags are an option as well. Going down the road, these tags serve as a testament of one being prolife.

The roll out of the first tags were in 2003. Over the past 16 years, including 2019, we will have distributed right at \$4 million. All of these funds are designated to bring assistance to women facing a crisis pregnancy, who choose to have their baby. In most cases, these prolife agencies help with pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, initial prenatal care, adoption, parenting education and so much more including basic nursery needs like a starter supply of diapers. Prolife volunteers truly care and are fully invested to help these mothers who chose to spare their baby from abortion.

I am so fortunate to serve as a volunteer on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Prolife Coalition Education Fund (501(c)(3) (Non-Profit organization), which serves as the custodian for the Choose Life tag funds. All of our board members and one administrative assist are volunteers, so the \$4 million at \$41.25 a tag has an immeasurable impact to help these hurting women.

At this way-point, my heart is full of gratitude for all of the fine, good-hearted Alabamians, who have purchased approximately 100,000 Choose Life Tags, funding \$4 million in needs of women in crisis pregnancies.

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The National Education Association's Determination to Indoctrinate Your Children

On July 3, 2019, National Eagle Forum published on its website a report on this year's National Education Association Assembly written by Dr. Pat Daugherty who worked as an administrator on college campuses for over 40 years. She said: "A quick perusal of the NEA website shows that Human & Civil Rights initiatives have been the primary focus of the organization over the past year." Their item 11 states:

Gender Inclusive Schools: *NEA shall, using existing digital media, have all state and local affiliates encourage K-12 teachers to view a series of films called Creating Gender Inclusive Schools and use the accompanying study guides of the [Youth and Gender Media Project](#) to create inclusive communities for all youth, regardless of where they fall on the spectrum of gender identity and expression.*

According to their website, this will not only create the Youth and Gender Media Project but also what they call Gender Spectrum, which seeks to "create gender sensitive and inclusive environments for all children and teens." Their plans include extensive training for teachers to help them create that gender sensitive environment. On July 19-21, Gender Spectrum hosted its 13th annual [Conference and Professionals Symposium](#) at St. Mary's College of California. Topics included such things as Gender Inclusive Puberty Education, creating global online communities for teens, parents, and professionals through the Gender Spectrum Lounge, and a Documents Clinic to "explore the process for aligning your child's gender identity with various identity documents (identity cards, driver's licenses, passports, and birth certificates." Programming and activities covered material for K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, and 9th-12th-grade students. This material is also available to teachers online.

Daugherty states: "Parents must realize that this is not a passing fad. It is happening right now in schools across the country, and most parents are, by design, completely unaware. That is why you must ask questions. Call a local school board member and share these websites. Talk to the superintendents and/or principals of your children's schools and provide this information. Tell them that you just want to give them a heads-up so that these disturbing efforts will be cut off at the pass in your school districts." <https://eagleforum.org/publications/insights/are-you-a-boy-a-girl-neither-both-or-somewhere-in-between.html>





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