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Discussion #7: Unethical Policy

Share an example (actual or imagined) of a school situation where the legal (where "legal" means obeying a school policy) thing to do might not be the ethical thing to do.

I am not exactly sure why, but California often seems to be at the heart of many a controversy, especially when it comes to education. The beginning of this summer, details about California's latest Sex Ed curriculum began to come to light. It was extremely graphic, and many people felt inappropriate, especially given that many parts of it were mandated to be taught, with no opt-out (Olohan, 2019). While more opt-outs were added after parental outrage, the curriculum is by far one of the most progressive still out there, and teaches students what many parents consider to be subversive and deviant behavior, including an activity where in one school, early to adopt the curriculum, 10-year-old female students ran up, in race-like fashion, "in front of male classmates, to be the first to put a condom on a model of an erect adult male penis" (Bilger, 2019).

I know several families that live in California that are already making plans to move, or homeschool as a result, or already have, in large part because of this one piece of legislation, while many others have protested these changes (Lardieri, 2019). The curriculum also encourages children to engage in oral and anal sex as early as at age 11 (Bilger, 2019), among other things, including teaching kids how to get abortions without parental consent (Olohan, 2019). This is an extreme case, but the fact that this is actually happening is just crazy to me, and clearly unethical.

Resources:

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