

Dear Friends,

No parent wants to be lied to about their child's education, but that is exactly what is happening ...

Just recently, news broke out that a Colorado school district has been requiring teachers and staff to hide students' gender preferences from their parents. When parents discovered their kids' teachers were secretly conducting gender surveys and destroying the evidence, they were up in arms.1

But these headlines are only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the **massive** parental rights battle that is raging in Colorado. We are seeing the heat of this battle play out in the Colorado Capitol, where CHEC's Director of Government Relations, Carolyn Martin, is defending homeschooling against the Marxism that is taking over our state.

Recently, a self-proclaimed Marxist teacher in Aurora won a seat in the Colorado House of Representatives, after advocating in schools for a "forceful cultural revolution" to "dismantle White systems." Radical legislators are filling the ranks of the Colorado Capitol, who will influence laws that encroach on our basic freedom to raise and educate our own children.

But it is not just the outspoken Marxists at the Colorado Capitol that are responsible for the direction of our state:

Americans have another problem...

Our culture no longer thinks with a biblical worldview. Recently, a Barna study discovered that **98% of Millennial parents** (roughly 27–42-year-olds),

The Albright's Story

"We started our homeschooling path by attending a free homeschool seminar through CHEC, and immediately realized that God wasn't something to put away until the holidays or an occasional Sunday, but He should be glorified in all that we do including our homeschooling. Through our incredible homeschooling journey, my husband and I became true believers! We were no longer just a Christian by name only, but we were living our daily life with Jesus in our hearts and our home. Our girls are also believers who have an exceptional Christian worldview because of all the incredible curriculum we have incorporated into our schooling."



https://www.cbsnews.com/colorado/news/colorado-controversy-erupts-iefferson-county-teachers-union-educators-destroyevidence-student-surveys-gender-identity/

https://www.dailywire.com/news/dems-pick-marxist-teacher-to-fill-open-seat-in-colorado-state-house?utm_campaign=dw_ newsletter&utm_medium=spotim_recirculation&utm_source=spotim&utm_content=member&spot_im_redirect_source=pitc

The Manning's Story

"I grew up in Jamaica, and the public schools were still centered around Christ. Every morning the school got together to do devotions! When I moved to the U.S., I found that everything is compartmentalized. Church is where you learn about God, school is where you learn about everything else. But I wanted to have a more holistic, cohesive environment for my children to grow up in.

CHEC's events have helped me tremendously. This year's Apologetics **Bootcamp at the Rocky Mountain Homeschool Conference** encouraged me to start teaching apologetics to my children, even at a young age. I want my children to be so confident in who God is and what the Gospel is that they will be confident to articulate that!"



do not hold to a biblical worldview, despite the fact that 67% claim to be Christians.³ Barna's tenets of a Christian worldview are extraordinarily basic: the Bible is trustworthy and from God, we are sinners in need of Jesus, and that absolute moral truth exists, to name a few.

Sadly, even for those 1–2% of parents who do hold to a biblical worldview, very few realize the profound calling they have in discipling their children so that they will develop a Christian worldview. So many well-intentioned parents leave their involvement to merely speaking out in school meetings, but continue to leave their children to be discipled by the clearly Leftist public education system.⁴

It's heartbreaking. Their children are embracing the prevailing worldview of secularism, Marxism, and **perversion.** The consequences of this shift are far from trivial. That movements within America would wholeheartedly support the evil unleashed to Israel in recent weeks only demonstrates what happens to a society devoid of any kind of biblical morality.

But there is hope! For example, one study shows that 87% of homeschool graduates maintain strong Christian beliefs,⁵ and 82% of those plan in turn to homeschool their own children. **CHEC's ministry is dedicated to solving this** worldview crisis by equipping parents to disciple their children at home. Praise God! It's working!

Parents are desperate for help!

Melissa Schrader is a single parent who showed up to one of our CHEC events, desperate for some help. She had discovered her daughter was not only failing to get the help she needed at school, she was being punished for her reading struggles. "I found she was put in some restrictive and psychological remediation at school," Melissa told us. "But it wasn't her behavior that needed assistance — it was the fact she needed assistance with reading. She just needed help." Because of the generosity of donors like you, Melissa found the resources she needed to begin homeschooling, and her daughter is thriving!



³ https://georgebarna.com/research/60_release-#1:-the-worldview-dilemma-of-american-parents

⁴ A recent study found that 87% of teachers are democrats. https://verdantlabs.com/politics_of_professions/

⁵ https://chec.org/chec-blog/gen2-survey/

Thousands of Colorado parents are still searching for help.

Melissa is only one of thousands of such parents, who are in need of a vision for their child's education.

Increasingly, whether it be from their own negative experiences or fear from increasing incidents of violence,⁶ drugs,⁷ sexual abuse,⁸ and more, parents across Colorado are fleeing the schools ... but are unsure of where to go. However, the crisis is not merely an educational crisis, it is a worldview one. Coming from schools steeped in Marxism, the next generation is in desperate need of core discipleship in a biblical worldview.

The task ahead of us looms large. With your financial gift this year-end, we will be able to continue to reach out to these parents and help them move beyond merely fleeing from government schools to embracing the vision of home discipleship.

35 Years of Homeschool Freedom in Colorado

The Homeschool Freedom Team works tirelessly to keep bills that would redefine home education from being enacted, as well as amending education bills to keep homeschoolers safe from data collection and protect parental rights. Please continue to pray for Carolyn Martin who serves as a watchdog at the Colorado Capitol and lobbies against bills that would threaten our parental rights, homeschool freedoms, and religious liberty.

2000

Homeschoolers rally together to defeat an intrusive piece of legislation aimed directly at homeschooling; instead, Senate Bill 186 is passed and **expands homeschool freedom** and recognition throughout Colorado.

2016

The Colorado Homeschool Freedom Team launches when CHEC hires a legislative liaison!

2020

CHEC and HSLDA work with legislators to get homeschooled **students excluded from the new vaccination** exemption requirements (SB20-163).

2023

CHEC worked hard to successfully get HB23-1003 bill amended to preserve parental rights.

The future...

Your involvement today is essential to preserving homeschool freedom tomorrow!

1973

Colorado is considered to be one of the top 10 most dangerous states in which to homeschool.

1987

Two Colorado homeschool moms introduce a bill that would establish homeschool freedom. Their first attempt fails due to stiff opposition from both sides of the aisle.

1988

Colorado's first Homeschool Law passes both houses and becomes law on May 10!

1994

HR6 defeated (nationwide legislation that would forbid parent led homeschooling)!
Senate Bill 94-4 is passed,

updating and improving the original Colorado homeschool law.

"Despite intense opposition, we have seen God work mightily this year to grant protection over homeschooling once again, and I am reminded of the promise:

Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's (2 Chronicles 20:15, ESV)."

Carolyn Martin

CHEC'S DIRECTOR OF

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

⁶ https://www.9news.com/article/news/crime/denver-school-student-stabbed-student-arrested/73-f1bf02b7-56ea-4f1c-8e1d-671284e92f9b

⁷ https://www.denverpost.com/2023/10/06/naloxone-overdose-colorado-schools/

⁸ https://www.denverpost.com/2023/10/02/poudre-school-district-lawsuit-child-abuse-tyler-zanella/

As the curtains close on 2023, I am asking you to invest in a cause that has reverberting effects on our state's wellbeing: the education and discipleship of the next generation. By making a generous year-end gift or pledging your monthly donation for 2024, you will be directly enabling CHEC to reach more families in our state with the vision of discipleship through homeschooling so they can raise their children with a biblical worldview.



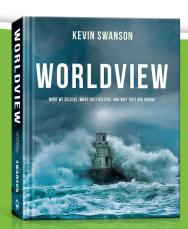
Sincerely,



Steve Craig

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS OF COLORADO

P.S. The future of America is at stake. **Parents are fleeing the public education system but are unsure of the next step.**We need your help to reach these parents with the tools and vision to disciple the next generation with a biblical worldview so they can in turn make an impact on our society for Christ. **Enable more parents to homeschool with your financial investment in CHEC today.**



For your gift of \$250 or more, we'd like to send a complimentary copy of *Worldview*: an accessible book for every believer on the basic doctrines of the Christian faith. This is the perfect book for every family looking to pass on a biblical worldview to their children. It is theology 101 for every believer!



CHEC is a 501c3 non-profit organization; all donations are tax-deductible. Your gift plays an important role in making a difference in the lives of Christian homeschoolers in Colorado and beyond!

Your Donation...

- Defends homeschool freedom in Colorado
- Supports the growing homeschooling community with training programs and free resources
- Reaches new families to equip them to start homeschooling
- Passes on a vision for biblical discipleship and building the kingdom of God

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Thank you!

The ministry of CHEC wouldn't happen without your gift. Here are some of our ways of saying "thank you!"*

- \$120 (Stakeholder): \$15 off HSLDA membership and 10% off CHEC's annual conference.
- \$250 (Founding Family):
 Above benefits, but increased to 25% off CHEC's annual conference.
- \$500 (Pillar): Above benefits, but free full pass to CHEC's annual conference and free membership in the CHEC Independent School.
- \$750 (Wall Builder): Above benefits, plus free pass for a friend to CHEC's annual conference.
- \$1000 (Cornerstone): Above benefits, plus an invitation to an exclusive conference kick-off dinner with the CHEC team and keynote conference speakers.
- *\$ amounts are based on total annual contributions.