

Silence and the Truth



The last time I wrote, I forgot about a big detail from Friday. I have been subbing for a few years now and I must either have been in elementary schools on this particular day, or in districts that don't support it. The day I'm referring to is the day of silence. This is a day where non-heterosexual students, and those who support them, make vows of silence (which many don't keep outside of the classroom by the way) as a response to the bullying many receive. Being what and who I am, I cannot support their lifestyle of course, but neither do I support people bullying them. As such I do support their right to make this particular point. However, in doing so it does bring to the forefront their lifestyle for everyone to see and discuss during schooltime, so naturally I support the counterpoint that follows on the next school day—the Day of Truth. The truth being that this lifestyle is dangerous, particularly for males, and it is counter to God's Word. As such, some Christians started this day in response, though I understand many schools that support the DoS do not support the DoT even though it is completely run by students and so doesn't fall under separation of church and state. This year there were some who promoted a Christian walkout on Friday, but I think this person has a better Christian response:

I propose instead of walking out, that evangelical kids pledge to do better, to do things differently.

Last year, on the Day of Silence, Campus Crusade for Christ Regional Director, Michael Frey and I promoted the idea that students in high school and college take the [Golden Rule Pledge \(LINK\)](#). In response to silent peers advocating for safety and respect, we hope evangelical kids will agree and pledge to treat others the way they want to be treated in

return. Over 30 schools took part last year, and we hope this year we can build more bridges instead of walls.

[Click this link](#) to go to Dr. Warren Throckmorton's blog to read the whole thing. Anyway, the school I was at supported the DoS in a big way, even giving students packs of notes they could hand to teachers in each class they were in. I really didn't do much about it, though as I said I (silently) supported their right to do this, and at the same time I treated it as a small blessing- fewer students talking in class ☐ . Unfortunately Monday I was in an elementary school in supersized district so I have no idea if the Day of Truth meant anything at Friday's school.