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School board mom calls out controversial assignment

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A public school district in Illinois responded in a collective gasp when the lone conservative school board member questioned a classroom assignment.

Jeanette Ward, who sits on the school board in School District U-46 in Elgin, took to Facebook to describe her own daughter's sixth-grade homework assignment that made controversial claims about the world's three largest world religions.

Told to read the essay and answer questions, the sixth graders were handed an essay written by a history of religion professor who states that the three major religions "believe in the same God;" claims the God of the Old Testament "can be both good and evil;" and claims that the three world religions and their disagreements have led to "violence and hatred," among other controversial claims. [Let's consider the facts: Yaweh, god of the southern Canaans, became supreme in the Canaan Valley over Baal and El. This is the god of the Old Testament. It is the same god that Christians believe in when they cite Old Testament teaching, the same god that Jews believe in, and the god whom Mohammad used to pattern Allah when he wrote the Koran. The god of the Old Testament aided a few in whom he found favor (Moses, Abraham) and slaughtered hundreds of innocent people when he laid waste to Sodom and Gomorrah and flooded the whole world. I seem to recall that the Christians of old sacked Jerusalem during the Crusades, The Jews and the Palestinians have been fighting each other for years, and one of ISIS' targets is the Christian West.]

The article is "utterly incorrect and false on many levels," Ward wrote in the December social media post.

She went on to write that she had voted against using such curriculum in classrooms and also stated that her daughter would not be required to complete the assignment.

First elected in 2015, Ward has become a right-wing burden to the left-wing school district, where an English teacher proclaimed last year at a school board meeting that students are learning to be part of a "global citizenry."

OneNewsNow reported on that comment and others [in an October 2016 story](#), when parents were complaining about a transgender policy in school locker rooms. The school district's CEO claimed at the time that parents don't need to be informed if their teenage girls share a locker room with an opposite-sex person, the story also reported.

In this latest controversy, Laurie Higgins of the [Illinois Family Institute](#) [A known anti-LGBT hate organization.] says the so-called "faith leaders" who complained about Ward represent

left-wing "apostate denominations" that have abandoned traditional Christian orthodoxy in favor of progressive views. [Ms. Ward obviously knows much more about religion than do trained ministers?]

While it's no surprise that those church leaders objected to Ward's objection, Higgins asks where are the local, traditional pastors who should be defending Ward from the left-wing attacks.

"Why didn't 20 (conservative) religious leaders from the community," asks Higgins "write a letter saying they objected to the misrepresentation of Christianity in this article that sixth graders were studying?" [Because they know the article is factually correct?]

To her credit, Ward pushed back at the December school board meeting when the liberal church leaders complained about her Facebook comments, the Chicago Tribune [reported](#).

"Which part of my Facebook post offended you? The part where I ask if Muslims believe in the same God as Christians or Jews?" she asked. "Or the excerpt I posted from my daughter's assignment [that] was utterly incorrect and false on many levels?" [Both, for starters.]

Ward went on to insist that she didn't write anything "uncivil" in her Facebook post.

On the IFC website, Higgins [personally picked apart](#) the letter signed by 18 church leaders that was read aloud at the school board meeting.

"The central problem with the article was not lack of 'nuance,' 'generosity,' or 'fullness,'" Higgins, referring to the letter's claims, writes. "The central problem was theological errors taught to children as facts."

Higgins tells OneNewsNow that "progressives" control many public schools because Evangelicals are reluctant to take action, leaving the schools and classrooms in control of liberals who are passionate about their beliefs.

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