

Under the current concept of obscene, the same group behind this piece of legislation stopped my child from checking out books from their high school library they were in the middle of checking out. My child will be 18 in less than a month. The first two books in the series that were pulled for "obscene content" from the Williston Basin School District had no obscene content in them. The community making this demand hadn't even read the books to see if what they were saying was even true. Additionally, it is not the job of the state legislature, community, or others to dictate what is and is not obscene content for my child. That is my decision, as the parent, and my responsibility, as the parent, to make sure that the content my child is exposed to is appropriate for their maturity level. What's appropriate for my child at this age may not be appropriate for another child at the same age, that's how maturity and human nature works.

I'd appreciate it if the state stayed in its lane and not messed with my rights as a parent as well as my child's first amendment rights. I think it's worth reminding ALL of you that you're still obligated to follow federal guidelines and laws when it comes to these subjects, including asking yourselves if this piece of legislation has the ability to create a hostile environment in a public building towards protected classes. If you're not aware of who is a part of federally protected classes, it includes race, sex, gender, and more. Establishing a law that violates current federal guidelines and laws is nothing more than a giant waste of taxpayers dollars.

We walk out of this looking one of two ways. Like a state that protects people's rights, or a state that bows to the fascist movement that is gaining steam here. To be clear, in Williston we have blatant anti-Semitic materials being dropped off at homes in the middle of the night. We have students displaying Nazi related symbolism in our high school. Local business owners are proudly standing behind their membership in the 3%er organization.

Some of the sponsors of this very bill could be a part of this group. Who are the 3%ers? Well here it is in their own words (source: [Three Percenters | Southern Poverty Law Center \(splcenter.org\)](#)) :

"Get an indictment. Present it to the sheriff. If they don't uphold the law, that's where the militia come in." – Jon Ritzheimer, a Three Percenter and former Oath Keepers member, on his plans to link up with local antigovernment militias and conduct a citizen's arrest of U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.)

"The only good Muslim is a dead Muslim. If you're a Muslim I'm going to enjoy shooting you in the head. When we go on operations there's no leaving anyone behind, even if it's a 1-year-old. ... I guarantee if I go on a mission those little fuckers are going bye-bye." – Patrick Stein, member of the terrorist group The Crusaders, which split from the Kansas Security Force Three Percent

"That's what my group does. We monitor them and their activity, we show up in their neighborhoods armed and let them know they're being watched and if they fuck up my guys will take em [sic] out." – David Wright, leader of a Three Percenter group, Bureau of American Islamic Relations (BAIR)

"If you can use deadly force at Area 51 why cant (sic) the same be done at the border?" – Chris Hill, leader of the III% Security Force, posting on one of his social media accounts

So, keep that in mind that the people behind this kind of thinking and legislation are the same people publicly supporting racist, homophobic, transphobic, and anti-government sentiments. Is that what North Dakota stands for? Because I'm having a hard time seeing that it doesn't, and no professionals are

going to want to live, work, or move here if this continues. You need doctors and engineers far more than they need you.