

## Peaceful Protest Tips

As we approach the Million Person March on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Our Duty Canada would like to share a few helpful tips to maintain the peaceful nature of the planned protests from coast to coast. Organizers in individual cities have the responsibility to notify their local police of increased foot traffic in their locations, as well as to acquire any permits that may be required.

As many of you know, there has been much talk of counter protests being planned across the country by members of trans/queer activist communities. To remain peaceful and purposeful in our effort to bring awareness to the ideological, legislative and parental issues that deeply affect our children, our parenting and our society, we have a few tips. We give credit to [James Lindsay's recent episode of New Discourses titled "Learning and Countering Leftist Strategy"](#).

**Note: the direction to listen to this podcast is not meant to motivate you to go on the offensive. It is to help prepare you to defend yourself, your family, and your beliefs, and to make you aware of tactics that may be used by some to draw a desired reaction from you.**

(We make the disclaimer here that we are a non- or multi-partisan group of primarily parents whose children have been affected by gender ideation and take no official political positions as a group.)

### General Protocols to Keep in Mind

- Follow standard health and safety protocols that one might follow at any public event of this magnitude.
- Others (counter protestors and media) will attend, some to be deliberately disruptive and to cause upset. You may be goaded into responding. Be prepared to hear ugly, nasty and untrue things about you, what you believe, people you love and your motives for being there, and hold the line.
- There is no need to cover your face. You have no reason to conceal your identity, you are not doing anything wrong or shameful by wanting to protect children and young people from this invasive ideology and the medical harms that can come with it.

We feel it's important to prepare in other ways based on the radical activist "playbook".

### Your Reaction is Their "Real Action"

- Remember this is a peaceful protest. Do NOT engage in any violence of any sort. This is a passionate issue and will be a passionate day for many, but we are the adults back in the room so let's show that.
- Like the sibling who holds a hand to your face says, "but I'm not touching", you may be met with provocation for a desired outcome that

might make you look like the instigator (maybe on camera). This may be by design.

- There will be a lot of emotion involved for many parents and citizens at the march. The person from “the other side” standing in front of you might provoke you to take all of this emotion out on them. This might be by design.
- [Learn more about this strategy being used here.](#)

You may be Deliberately Put in a “Decision Dilemma” (a damned if you do, damned if you don’t situation):

- You might be asked a question that has no good answer, for example, “Do you want these kids to harm themselves (or worse)?” Most of us are aware of the suicide myth and while we could respond with information and reference to the Swedish study, know that questions that create a moral dilemma might be better left unanswered at a high energy event. You may also choose a succinct response and stick to it, for example, “I’m concerned about the health and well-being of children in Canada, which is why I’m here.” This “decision dilemma” questioning may be by design.
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There is “Always a Watching Audience”

- Without the “watching audience,” much of the dramatic, theatrical behaviour displayed by some radical activists would have no place to land. Loud, dramatic, and even outrageous behaviour could provoke a negative reaction from the most even keeled protestor. This may be by design.
- A positive sign, (ie. “Protect All Children”) may have a greater impact than the use of combative language or slogans. The desire to transfer your anger at what is happening to your children might be strong. The desire to fight fire with fire might be strong. (Signs will be photographed and filmed) This may be by design.
- The average person watching or reading the news, quickly skimming a Facebook or Twitter post or otherwise observing from afar, might not know what the real issues are. A short quote, “I am here to protest secret keeping from parents around social transition in schools, the sexualized materials in K-12 schools, and the medical transition of children in Canada” can suffice.
- You might be provoked into reacting to radical activists, or to the camera, in a way that could make you appear as a conspiracy theorist, closed minded, or histrionic. This may be by design.

You May be used as a Catalyst for Activists to “Escalate Strategically”

- Some radical activists plan ahead to use your reactions to “prove and build their case”.

- Radical activists might make it appear that what they are saying is true and that action needs to be taken. If you say nothing, you may appear weak, and if you react strongly, you may appear zealous. This is a common “gotcha” tactic.
- A suggestion to attempt to avoid these moral dilemmas again is to choose a succinct response and stick to it, for example, “I’m concerned about the health and well-being of children in Canada, which is why I’m here.”
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### Be Careful Not to “Do the Media’s Work for Them”

- Be aware it is legal for you and members of the public (on both sides of a protest) to take video or photographs in public spaces. There is no expectation of privacy.
- These videos and images may end up on the internet and social media.
- Radical activists might set the stage for a recorded outcome that works in their favour, not yours. This is a tactic to be aware of and avoid.

### Mindset, Motives and Purpose for and while marching:

- Parents are not attending protests to spread hate, in fact the exact opposite. We will attend because we love and care about our kids, all kids. We strive for careful, kind and loving discussions, actions and plans to help children work through the challenges put upon them by gender ideology- not immediate, permanent, and life-altering drugs and surgical interventions.
- We have no need to cover our faces or hide behind masks. We are not ashamed or embarrassed to openly oppose the current threats to our parental duty.
- The vast majority of parents love their children, know their children best and have the most vested interests in what is best for their child. No government, organization, school or any other agency has any right to undermine or override parental authority. Policies and procedures should not be developed to override parental authority based on a very small percentage of home/parent situations that might pose a risk to a child. This is unacceptable and needs to stop.
- We believe no child is born in the wrong body. To encourage children to believe otherwise is mental, psychological abuse that leads to medical abuse through permanently damaging drugs and surgeries. This is unacceptable and needs to stop.
- A person cannot change their sex. Boys cannot become girls and girls cannot become boys. There are no drugs and no surgeries that will change an individual’s sex. It is a dangerous and destructive lie to tell children & adolescents otherwise. This is unacceptable and needs to stop.

- Puberty is not an illness. Most young people are unhappy with their changing bodies. Chemical drug abuse and amputating surgeries are not the cure for pubescent unrest- the completion of puberty often is- there is much evidence of this. Puberty is a necessary biological function in humans. Experimental medical intervention is not required, nor is it ethical. This is unacceptable and needs to stop.
- Parents have made many attempts to have conversations with professionals and schools regarding gender ideology, the sexualization of children and childhood medical transition. However, parents who do not immediately and automatically 100% affirm a child's chosen "gender identity" have been demonized, villainized, and declared dangerous, unsafe and even abusive. Parents are threatened with removal of the child from the home if they do not comply with the practices and protocols of gender ideology. This is unacceptable and needs to stop.
- Schools are teaching an unproven theory that puts children on a pathway to medical harm as scientific fact, using pornographic and highly sexualized materials supplied by paid third party activist and lobbyist groups in the process. This is unacceptable and needs to stop.
- The mental health and medical communities have refused systematic investigation into experimental "gender affirming care". Any and all underlying and coexisting mental health conditions in children and adolescents with gender ideation (such as anxiety, depression, autism, trauma) are not being addressed due to misleading "conversion therapy" laws in Canada. In contrast to the oath taken by members of these communities, "first do no harm", young people are being placed on a harmful medical pathway that many will grow up to regret as a first response rather than a last resort. This is unacceptable and needs to stop.

We hope to see all of you out in your city on Wednesday as we stand together to say NO to Gender Ideology, the sexualization of children and childhood medical transition. Stand strong Canada, we've got this!