

FIVE STEPS to protect Religious Freedom

Religious Freedom is under attack. It's worth protecting... but how? What do you do when an ordinance like Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity (SOGI) comes to your town? How do you stop it especially when most are passed secretly?

Here are five ways:

Education



Look alike



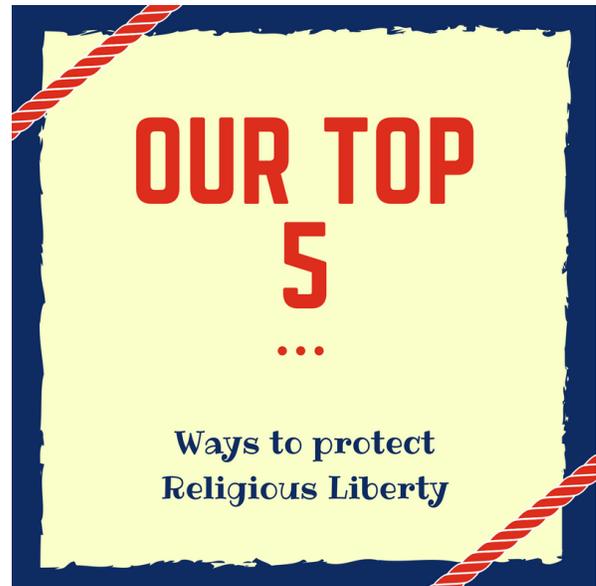
Speak Up



UNITE



Pray



LET'S DIG IN!!

1. Educate yourself: Ask, Learn, and Share

- **Know the issue.** How is religious freedom being attacked in your area? Know the implications of a SOGI if it is passed. Study Study Study! Be on watch at all times! Sometimes the attacks sneak in by "looking good" when it really is a trojan horse! Know the issues! Know its agenda.
- **Know the partners and triggers.** SOGI and other religious freedom issues can be attached to community, state, and federal grants. When a community wants to apply for funding, sometimes it comes with stipulations. **READ THE FINE PRINT.** Some possibilities where a SOGI could be hidden is inside such things as Regional Cities and Stellar Grants it also can be presented not attached to any funding.
- **Know the Council dates and be a watchdog.** If your city is under attack, you MUST be a watchdog for others who may not know what is

going on! Announcements of meetings are usually found on your cities website, you can also call your local city/mayor's office. Show up and be present!

- **Know how to organize.** Find like-minded people and groups to connect with. This can be done through social media, churches, life groups, tea parties, conservative organizations, etc. **CONNECT, ENGAGE, AND UNITE!**

2. **Wear Green and Be seen! SHOW UP!!!** When your city council tries to pass a SOGI law, the temptation (especially if you are new) is to timidly show up, sit in the back, and hope no one sees you. It is NORMAL to be afraid. That's OK! It's a war, and war is scary. There are some who have never done a courageous thing like show up to council to speak, but they understand the need, so they come and sit in the corner. The problem with this is the media doesn't know who the supporters are and who the opposition is, so of course the liberal media says things like HUNDREDS come out to support the SOGI ordinance tonight, when in fact the room was FULL of opposition. What if.... Every time a SOGI was introduced a SEA OF GREEN came out and boldly spread out over the room with confidence. This does two things. It shows the council they are being watched, and it tells the media, "You can't lie about the numbers!" This very thing happened at the rally the Indiana Pastors Alliance sponsored. Within hours of the rally, the media said 200 came out when in fact the GREEN shirts showed there was well over 1300. They could not deny our story, and were forced to retract their story. This also inspires your neighbor to come stand with you, and unites a brand new army each and every council.

3. **Speak up!** As these begin to unfold in your town, there are several ways to speak up.
- **Meet with your pastor.** These are busy men and women. They don't know everything happening around them. Show them what a SOGI is, and how it will impact them. Ask them if you can educate the Sunday School classes. Can you imagine the impact we would have if entire Sunday School classes showed up in GREEN?
 - **Speak out on Social Media.** This is a great platform and it is free! Sign up for our Social Media class to learn how to master this art! It is the most powerful free tool in your tool chest!
 - **Letters to the Editor:** Write Write Write! Arrange writing campaigns. Have leaders write sample letters. Sometimes people have an easier time

writing when they have a starting point! Offer to write letters for people. Make sure you keep a list of your local papers email addresses so you can have these handy when you are ready to send them in. Keep it simple! You have just minutes to get the attention of the reader!

- **Speak at City Council meetings.** Your voice needs to be heard! We can help you with simple talking points.

4. **Unite with Pro-Family Liberty groups** such as the Indiana Liberty Action Coalition and American Family Association of Indiana who are on the front lines fighting for these issues. Help them financially, pray for them, and put your boots on the ground for them! These are your front line warriors who will keep pressing forward no matter the cost!
5. **Pray like you have never prayed before.** There is a reason we fight. In Scripture, it says if we humble ourselves, seek His face and turn from our ways, He will hear us and heal our land. We can't use the excuse of silence. We simply can't. Many take the easy road and say, "Jesus is coming soon," and they do nothing. However, if you study Scripture, you will see when God's people prayed and cried out to Him, even though they were headed for judgement... God relented.