

Opponent of S.B. No. 88

Hi,

My name is Jeremy Nicklas. You can think of me as the quintessential, formerly apathetic, middle-class American who grew up in a large, dysfunctional family and bettered my life through hard work, all while raising an amazing son in this incredible country. I definitely could not say the same would have been possible anywhere else on this planet.

However, for the past few years, I've noticed a disease slowly taking root around me as it began rotting the "fiscally conservative" party some time ago. One by one, cowardly politicians bent the knee to a megalomaniac and embraced silly conspiracy theories. It did not directly affect me, so I shrugged my shoulders and moved on.

Lately, it has been getting far worse. I have watched in a matter of days hundreds of thousands of Americans lose their jobs. I am watching as medical freedoms are slowly stripped away and the constitution is being rewritten. I am being told I will now be indirectly funding religious schools and programs for a religion I do not even believe in. I am also saddened to see the greatest superpower in the sciences pull back funding, allowing other countries to surpass us.

In all of these cases (and more) I just told myself that someone else out there will fight these fights and bring back the country I know and love. But this latest bill really takes the cake and this once-apatetic American cannot sit idly by anymore. These are families, struggling parents, children with dreams, and not just some right or freedom that I might lose. They work beside you and me, these kids go to our schools and host birthday parties, these *are* future Americans that will shape and defend this country just like you and me.

It is eye-opening to see that we are now debating whether legal and law-abiding families just trying to improve their lives should be dragged from their homes and deported, or let's not cherry coat it, potentially sent to internment camps. This is racism at best, and fascism at worst. If this bill or anything remotely like it passes then you can guarantee this formerly apathetic American will be the first one out there fighting back. I am simply sick and tired of waking up each morning to another news article about our continued slide towards a dictatorship, losing what made this melting pot of a country great.

So, congratulations. You managed to wake me up and compel me to finally step out and tell you what you are doing right now is wrong and will not end well for anyone. I would not be able to look my son in the eye knowing that I did nothing during this atrocity. I am now taking a stand to defend this democracy so my son can enjoy the same freedoms I have up until now.

- Jeremy Nicklas