



Bugging the Proselytizers

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If cops are expected to wear body cameras, teachers' lessons should be recorded.

In Texas, a 9th grade English teacher adorns her virtual classroom with posters professing support for Black Lives Matter and the LGBT lifestyle. In southern California, a teacher regularly tells her students how stupid President Trump is, and that conservatives are destroying the world. A high school English teacher in Philadelphia is frustrated because online learning has hindered his ability to accomplish his "equality/inclusion work." He is concerned about the "damage" that "helicopter parents" might cause if they overhear lessons on topics such as gender and sexuality.

These are just a few of the cases reported by the media. As I have written about for years, the indoctrination in American schools is widespread, but thanks to so many schools being in full online mode due to COVID-19, some of the proselytizers are being outed. The coronavirus has a shelf life, however, and we will just have to accept that the closed-door brainwashing that has been going on for years will return when the virus dissipates or a vaccine is found.

Or will we?

Capturing real-time police activity has become very popular in recent times. In fact, a July 2020 poll from the University of Maryland shows that nearly 90 percent of respondents support body cameras, including 85 percent of Republicans, 86 percent of independents and 94 percent of Democrats. This is consistent with a 2016 Cato Institute poll which showed that 89 percent of Americans support "requiring police officers to wear body cameras to record their on-duty interactions."

The benefits of cop-cams are many – for all concerned. They provide transparency for interactions with the public, faster resolution of citizen complaints, corroborating evidence in arrests, and training opportunities for rookies. It is even popular with cop unions. Sean Smoot, a police union attorney, writes, "Though unions have concerns regarding BWCs (body worn cameras), most unions also recognize that BWCs provide added layers of protection and accountability for officers. They protect officers from false claims when the alleged behavior is captured (or, more frequently, its absence is captured) by BWC video."

There is a downside to the cameras, however. Some people may respond negatively or violently to being filmed by police, especially those who may be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Additionally, informants or witnesses may fear reprisal from criminals.

Which brings us to teachers. Like cops, public school teachers are entrusted by the government to perform a service. So how about edu-cams which would disclose the content and quality of their lessons, as well as help keep their students in line?