

# “I Couldn’t Be a Christian And a Teacher:” School Teacher Fired for Resisting Trans Agenda

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A California high school gym teacher has been fired from the Jurupa Unified School district because of her religious beliefs on gender identity.

Although Jessica Tapias had never had a transgender student in her classes, the school district demanded that she be willing to refer to transgender students by pronouns not matching their biological sex, according to the **Pacific Justice Institute (PJI)**, which Tapias has hired to help her get reinstated.

“The school district further required her to agree to lie to parents who are unaware of their student’s gender identity confusion,” PJI said in a **news release**. “She was also ordered to permit transgender students to use locker rooms at the same time that students of the opposite sex might be changing and possibly be completely naked.”

Tapias ultimately decided her Christian beliefs would not allow her to go along with hiding students’ gender transitions from parents and lying to them. She requested a religious accommodation to the demands, and the school district subsequently fired her. PJI has submitted a discrimination complaint with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

Tapias has spoken out about her firing to Fox News, Newsmax and other outlets. “I knew immediately, like in my gut, in my heart, in my soul, that there was a decision I had to make because, you know, these two things were totally butting heads,” she told **Fox News**. “I essentially had to pick one. Am I going to obey the district in the directive that [does not line up] with ... my own beliefs, convictions and faith? Or am I going to stay true ... choose my faith, choose to be obedient to ... the way the Lord has called me to live? And so it was crazy to be in the position where I realized that **I couldn’t be a Christian and a teacher.**”

According to the PJI release, Tapias posted her personal views on Instagram, during her own time, about the use of pronouns and teaching gay pride to 3-year-old children, and although she didn’t identify her employer or state where she was a teacher, the post prompted an investigation and multiple hypothetical demands by the school district. During an interview with Newsmax’s **American Agenda**, Tapias said ...

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