

Congressman Calls For 'Civil Disobedience'

U.S. Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) says U.S. citizens are under no obligation to obey President Obama's "unconstitutional" transgender mandate.

During an interview with Simon Conway on WHO-AM in Des Moines, the conservative congressman encouraged Americans to engage in civil disobedience. There's no reason, he added, for Americans obey an "unconstitutional edict" from a president "who is on his way out the door."

King has demanded congressional hearings on President Obama's mandate, called a "joint guidance" from the Department of Education and the Department of Justice. At issue is the Obama administration's interpretation that "gender identity" is included in the gender equality provisions of Title IX of the Education Act of 1972.

The congressman said he plans to hold a hearing next Tuesday on the issue at which one of the two "level-headed" members of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission will testify. He said the issue has become one of added personnel who sought to "find more things to do."

"That is the root of this school policy or where Obama got it from," he said. "I need to be more astute at how movements begin—the genesis of these kinds of policies—so that we can go find them before they proliferate and become contagious across the countryside."