

Jerry Boykin Fired for His Opposition to President Obama's Transgender Mandate

U.S. Army Lt. Gen. William "Jerry" Boykin (ret.) is best known for his work with the Family Research Council, but until Tuesday, his day job had been as the Wheat Visiting Professor in Leadership in the Department of Government & Foreign Affairs at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia.

It used to be his day job, because the college—affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA)—fired him after fiery comments he made in opposition to the Obama administration's transgender mandate to public schools. He acknowledged the firing Tuesday evening with a posting on his Facebook page:

Because some of you already know and are contacting me about it, let me make it official and let you all know that I have been terminated from teaching at Hampden-Sydney College after nine years there. Hampden Sydney is the 10th oldest college in America and is one of the two Men's colleges left in #America. Let me begin by saying that it is a fine school with some very good young men who give me hope for the future. There are also a few very good faculty members who I consider to be good friends and true patriots. They stood with me through this whole situation as the school made the decision to terminate me and I appreciate everything that these friends at the school did to try and help.

The bottom line is that I oppose these so called "#Bathroom" bills that let men go into women's locker rooms, showers, and toilets and I have been very public about it. When I said in Orlando that "...the first man who goes in the restroom with my daughter will not have to worry

about surgery," the LGBT community once again came after me, claiming that I was calling for violence against [transgender] people.

Well, that is simply not the case and I have never called for violence against anyone. I was referring to perverts who will use these policies to get into locker rooms with girls and women, and I object to that. My statement was meant to be humor and not a call for violence, which everyone in my audience understood as humor.

Nonetheless, I gave the LGBT community just what they needed to pressure the college leadership to terminate me and they did.

My personal view is that PC speech is smothering [freespeech], a [constitutional] right in America. Too many years in the [Army] talking to soldiers still impedes my ability and willingness to say things that are not permissible under the PC rules and it has cost me a job. But I have not and will not change my position on men in women's showers and locker rooms.

I hope that moms and dads across America will stand up to this assault on women and girls. These bills are the epitome of disrespect and disregard for women and girls. There are already cases of men doing exactly what I feared would happen, from videoing a 10-year old girl in a gas station to choking a 13-year old girl and trying to abduct her. There are several other attacks in women's facilities that have recently been reported.

Folks, this is immoral and dangerous to allow predators to enter any place where a woman has the right to expect privacy and security. I hope that all who read this will take a stand to protect our wives, mothers, and daughters/granddaughters. This is not about what happened to me at the college. I am done there and the school will not

miss me. It is a good school but it is changing like all colleges. Focus rather on the real issue of stopping the insanity that endangers the women and girls that we care about in our lives.

Boykin's duties for the FRC have not been affected by the move—although he may now have a little more time to devote to it—but the organization has yet to officially respond to the matter. He added a link to a petition to “push back at President Obama —and his executive overreach,” which is hosted at the FRC website.

“Push back against these bathroom laws, and stand up if not for a moral reason, but for the safety of the women and young girls who would be put at risk,” he said.