

I am a retired teacher, a mother of two wonderful daughters and Nana to two beautiful girls. They are my life. And I would give my life to protect them. What good parent or grandparent wouldn't do the same? If there is one thing I've learned the hard way from 2020 on, it is to question everyone and everything claiming to have our children's welfare at heart. Our greatest responsibility is to guard those who have no voice and no choice.

This week was the Million March for Children. Is it really for children? Is it a grassroots movement? Who are the leaders, new faces and old? Why has this catapulted into the public arena right now, just after schools have gone back into session? How is it that this supposedly organic movement already has merchandise, T-shirts, hoodies, professional websites, familiar freedom group flyers and is soliciting donations to their "noble" scheme? Their word, not mine. Why do we see the same freedom faces leading the charge as we did with the convoy back in 2021? What happened to the millions donated to that cause by the way? Is anyone concerned that now we have two sides with irreconcilable differences pitted against each other, both claiming to be protecting children but by the very nature of their arguments and actions they are actively putting children in harm's way? Why the outrage NOW when the SOGI policy was launched in Albertan schools 6 years ago, in BC 7 years ago and when the Vancouver School Board first implemented a stand-alone Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity policy back in 2004? Do you have the answers to all these questions? Parents, if you aren't putting both sides in this powder keg masquerading as protecting all children under the microscope, then you are doing the greatest disservice to those you have a duty to protect. We tell our children they must do their homework. Have we done ours? Because following along with either side means you're being played like a pawn on a political chessboard. As adults, we all have right to make choices for ourselves that come with consequences, good or bad. But when our children are casualties of those choices because we are not fully informed, the buck stops with us for putting our children in harm's way.

Since 2020, children have been sacrificed in the name of safety. Just like the convoy, the Million March for Children is a perfectly timed distraction as governments ramp up the vaccine rollout to 6 months and up. As excess deaths rise, the Alberta government was finally facing hard questions. Even MSM was asking for the COVID data now over two months late with no definitive time for its release. Now, suddenly, with this new distraction, no one is holding government to account. Instead of fighting the government, we're fighting each other. Can you see a pattern here? Meanwhile, politicians, left and right, are burying COVID crimes that cost our children everything while most stood by or complied. They sold us a false bill of goods in the name of safety. There is no question that our children are at risk from any number of ideologies being pushed into mainstream education – they have been for YEARS for those who have been paying attention - but just like COVID, this Million March movement is being weaponized by the same freedom leader grifters, opportunists and extremists on BOTH sides of this debate for a far darker purpose. Parents! You are being distracted and divided at the cost of your child. Now we have two warring factions, fuelled by anger as the government on both sides rub their hands with glee. If people

don't understand that this is by design, that they are being manipulated and all children will be the victims of this, THEY are their child's worst enemy. Look at the last few years! Children needed a voice when they were locked out of school for three months in 2020, forced into isolation at home and into learning online. Children needed a voice when they were forced to mask continuously to return to school. Children needed a voice when they were forced to be tested, masked and vaccinated for their extra-curricular activities. All this put children actively in harm's way but how many actually spoke up in their defence? But all this is conveniently forgotten in a Million March for Children event that was pre-planned worldwide to distract and divide. It is a sham and a scam. And politicians? Notley picked a side and claims she stands for all children's human rights. And yet only mentioned the small number who were politically correct for her. What was Danielle Smith's response? She played politics too telling both sides to play nice. How is that action from either leader when children were the focus of this event? The Million March organizers broadcast ahead of time for parents to remove their children from school and bring them to a protest with content that was extremely sensitive and not something children should be exposed to. Did they ALL miss the irony? Here's another red flag... Mainstream media were clamouring to give coverage to this. Ask yourself why? And why NOW? This is CONvoy for Kids – 2023 orchestrated by the same actors who along with the government, took advantage of the COVID crisis, now adding fuel to the fire. What is most terrifying is that they ALL now have your children in the crosshairs. They always did. And both sides of the political aisle, pulling the strings of these movements, are using your children for political gain at best and we all know what at worst. One more sobering thought – while the convoy to Ottawa was planned and executed, every single province rolled out the COVID vaccine to 5-11 year olds. There are no coincidences. Timing is everything. Now, with parents distracted again, they push forward the new, untested COVID vaccine to 6 months and up. When you are talking about the protection of children, their life should come before anything. Where was the discussion of this at the Million March for Children?

If we are truly invested in protecting our children, we have to start with demanding answers from this government for the last almost four years and counting, for manipulated and deleted COVID data that parents need for INFORMED CONSENT. We have to start demanding answers for damaging policies still in effect for so much as a cough or sneeze from our children. Start asking Adriana LaGrange who has been both Education and now Health Minister exactly what is expected with testing, masks and vaccinations for children this fall. And don't listen to anyone who says you have a choice on these atrocities. NO information is NO choice. For the love of your children, DO SOME SERIOUS RESEARCH on everyone governing and guiding the decisions you make on their behalf. Put down your phone and get involved in every aspect of their life. Raising children is not a spectator sport.

There is one thing you can count on though in the uncertainty that is the future – it won't be the government that our children turn to asking questions. It will be us, their parents, their grandparents. Why? Because we are their primary protectors. Their first and last line of defence. Will you be ready with the answers when they do?