Common Sense

Louder in Loudoun

November 4, 2021

"The drama that played out in upscale Loudoun County, Virginia over the last year or so," Matt Taibbi writes at Substack, "cost Democratic candidate Terry McAuliffe the governorship...."

McAuliffe, the former chairman of the Democratic National Committee and previously governor (2014-2017) under Virginia's one-term consecutive limit, lost to Republican Glenn

Youngkin by 2 percentage points in Tuesday's off-year election. That's big news because Virginia is a blue state where just a year ago Democrat Joe Biden beat President Donald Trump by a 10-point margin.*

"[T]he Loudoun County story," notes Taibbi, "involves furious disputes between local parents and the school board over a variety of issues, including a pair of sexual assaults."

Decided is this question:
"How much say should parents have in what their child's school teaches?"

Those two attacks involve a "skirt-wearing teen who raped a female classmate in [the] girls' bathroom." Convicted in juvenile court on two counts of sexual assault for the first incident, the lad has been accused of attacking *another* young female student — also in a school bathroom, but in a different school (having been transferred).

Yet, during a school board meeting discussion on transgender bathroom policies, one month after the

Decided is this question:

"How much say should parents have in what their child's school teaches?"

In a Washington Post exit poll, a majority of Virginians answered, "A lot." Of those, 77 percent voted for Youngkin.

Pictured on the right:
Winsome Earle Sears, Republican Lieutenant Governor-elect of Virginia

assault occurred, school officials claimed there had been no incidents.

The lie was exposed only after the girl's father, in attendance, became angry.

And was arrested.

"It was the woke cover-up that electrified the Virginia governor's race," declares the UK's *Daily Mail* headline on their Election Day exclusive interview with the rapist's mother.

That school officials would attempt to hide such incidents speaks to the crying need for accountability.

And for the right of parents to control their kids' education.

This is Common Sense, I'm Paul Jacob.

NOTE: Decided is this question: "How much say should parents have in what their child's school teaches?" In a *Washington Post* exit poll, a majority of Virginians answered, "A lot." Of those, 77 percent voted for Youngkin.

^{*} Republicans triumphed across the board, sweeping all three statewide offices — which breaks a Democratic Party streak dating back to 2012 — as well as winning back the Virginia House of Delegates. The GOP Lieutenant Governor-elect Winsome Sears will be the first black woman in that position and the Attorney General-elect Jason Miyares will become the state's first Latino AG.