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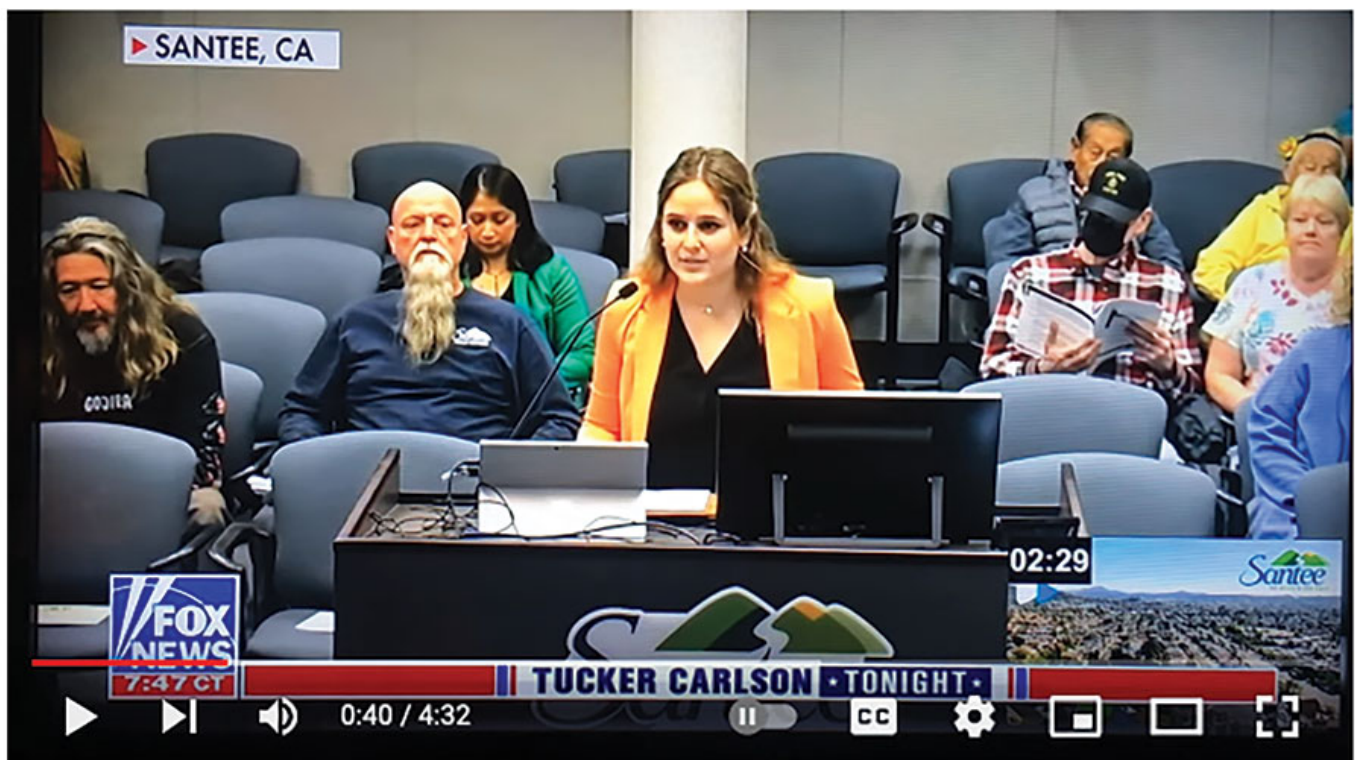
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Young Woman Stands Up Against Men in Women's Locker Rooms

A story out of a San Diego suburb demonstrates that heroic bravery is not the sole province of adults. In late December, 17-year-old Rebecca Phillips was changing clothes after swimming laps at the Santee YMCA when she saw a naked man — who claims he's a woman — in the shower room. Terrified, the young woman did what any young woman would probably do in that situation: She hid behind a flimsy shower curtain in the shower until the man put his clothes on and left the shower room.

The next thing she did was not something just any young woman in that situation would do: She reported the incident to the front-desk staff. It did not go well. The staff — appearing annoyed — told Rebecca that the “woman” had a right to use the women's shower room. The San Diego County YMCA director of membership went so far as to tell Rebecca's father that she “was not in any danger at the time of the incident” — that she was “safe.”

About two weeks later, Rebecca courageously shared her account before the Santee City Council. She told them that while hiding in the shower stall waiting for the naked man to leave and fearing for her safety, she thought of her young sister. She teared up as she said, “I could only think of my five-year-old sister who I bring to this gym during the summer to enjoy their water slides,” adding, “This is the YMCA, where hundreds of children spend their summer afternoons in child care camps. This is the YMCA where my little sister took gymnastics lessons. The locker room was supposed to be her safe haven to gossip with her friends and shower and change.”



Rebecca Phillips recounts her experience at the YMCA before the Santee, California, City Council

As to the YMCA's claim that “she was never in danger,” Phillips said, “I was made to feel as though I



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had done something wrong when I talked to people at the YMCA.” She went on to say that after her father reached out to the YMCA to complain of the incident, “The YMCA wouldn’t let my father speak to the manager of the Santee branch. After waiting several days, he finally received a call from Teri Maas ... the Director of Membership for San Diego County. She informed my dad that I was not in any danger at the time of the incident. That I was safe.”

She went on to say:

But I ask you this: I’m assuming all of you either have a wife, a sister, daughters or granddaughters or are a woman yourself. Could you knowingly send an underage girl into a room with a naked male and say that she was not in danger, that she was safe, or more importantly, that this [was] right?

And that is where Rebecca — who, despite the palpable fear betrayed in her voice, managed to be clear, articulate, and logical in her comments to the council — put her finger on the *real* point in all of this: Any female, but especially an underaged female, who is forced into the presence of a naked man does not feel safe, because she *is not* safe.

Rebecca did not know that her comments to the Santee City Council were being recorded and would be posted online. She knew she was taking a stand for girls and women, but she had no idea that within days, her name would be trending on Twitter. And to put in the for-what-it’s-worth column, it is usually not good news when your name is trending on a social-media platform, especially when it’s because you stood up against the prevailing winds of liberalism.

After the man-who-claims-he’s-a-woman came forward to identify himself, he became a media darling while liberal media painted Rebecca as the villain in this story. Christynne Wood, 66, has variously been described in liberal media as “shocked,” “thunderstruck,” and “amazed” that his nude presence in a place designated for females would cause such a fuss. With a nod toward Shakespeare, methinks the “lady” doth protest too much.

No longer safe: As LGBTQ activists continue to invade female locker rooms, shower rooms, and restrooms, the heroic courage of 17-year-old Rebecca Phillips stands out in sharp contrast to the cowardice of elected officials who invite the invasion. (alacatr/iStock/Getty Images Plus)





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After the video of her comments went viral, Rebecca sat down with KUSI's Hunter Sowards for a segment of *Good Evening San Diego*, and later with Fox News' Tucker Carlson. In a clear, articulate manner, she explained that she does not hate anyone, but does want to protect other girls — especially young children — from having to go through what she experienced. She said that her goal in sharing her story is to “spark change in San Diego County.” She told Sowards that although the YMCA offers many wonderful programs, “they’ve gone too far” by having a policy allowing grown men to shower with minor girls.

As KUSI reported, the Santee YMCA's policy is the direct result of a decision by San Diego County in May of 2022 to redefine what it means to be a woman. In essence, Wood is *legally* a “woman” because he identifies as a woman. And it is against that legal, moral, and cultural weakness on the part of San Diego's elected officials that Rebecca's moral courage shines so brightly. While the Left twists logic and reason to reverse the roles in this story, making Rebecca out to be an “anti-LGBTQ” “homophobic” “liar,” while Mr. Christynne Wood is made out to be a downtrodden maiden in distress, one thing is clear: The hero in this story is a 17-year-old girl who saw something dreadfully wrong and bravely stood against it.

It is easy in an age of “wokeness” to feel despair for the younger generation. Media — both news and entertainment — would have one believe that everyone under 30 is a rainbow-flag-waving revolutionary. But then along comes a Rebecca Phillips to restore our faith in the goodness of many in the younger generations. For moral courage that should shame those elected officials in her county, this writer and this publication thank Rebecca for standing against the tide of moral degeneracy. Well done, young woman. Well done.



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