



## JUSTICE FOR NICK!



# HOLD CNN, NBC, *THE WASHINGTON POST*, AND THE DISHONEST MEDIA ACCOUNTABLE!

Dear Fellow American,

*“I know where you live . . .”* and *“We’re going to put you in the ground!”*

Those are just two of the thousands of the **hate-filled tweets, emails, and text messages** that have been sent to my son, my wife, and my family, thanks to the dishonest media, most especially **CNN, NBC, and *The Washington Post***.

**My wife Julie and I are suing those three media giants** for manufacturing a fake story that smeared our son, just to take a cheap political shot at President Trump, pro-life Americans, and conservatives – **and we need your help**.

Please:

- 1) **Check “YES”** on the enclosed *Justice For Nick Support Pledge*;
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- 3) **Rush back** your *Opinion Poll* to us today along with *a special, tax-deductible gift of \$10, \$15, \$25, \$50, or more to The Fidelis “Justice For Nick” Defense Fund*.

My name is Ted Sandmann. My son’s name is Nicholas Sandmann and what CNN, NBC, and *The Washington Post* did to him earlier this year was despicable.

Let me tell you about my son and what the media did to him and our family.

On January 18, 2019, Nick and other students from Covington Catholic High

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School (KY) were in Washington D.C. to take part in the March for Life. After attending the March, the students were instructed to meet up at the Lincoln Memorial at 5:00PM for the bus ride home.

**It was there that Nick and other Covington students were suddenly confronted by a horrible radical group called the Black Hebrew Israelites.**

They screamed all sorts of insults at them “*racists*,” “*faggots*,” “*white crackers*,” “*incest kids*” . . . and soon the students began to fear they may be in real trouble.

Why? Just because Nick and some other students were wearing “***Make America Great Again (MAGA)***” hats they bought at the March for Life rally.

It would have been scary for anyone, let alone a bunch of high school kids.

Instead of pushing back on the radicals, they tried to drown out their insults by reciting their school spirit cheers.

There were no “*Build the Wall*” chants or any racial slurs as falsely “*reported*” by CNN, NBC, *The Washington Post*, and other dishonest news outlets.

Just the school spirit cheers.

**But, those cheers drew the attention of another protest group at the Lincoln Memorial that day: A Native American group that was in town to attend the “*Indigenous People March*.”**

Led by an elderly man named Nathan Phillips banging on a drum, they went right past the African American hate group towards the students.

Phillips went right up to Nick’s face, banging the drum over and over again, in an apparent attempt to provoke him and the students into taking action.

**Nick was shocked, he was frightened, and he was just a boy on a class trip who was in no way prepared for something like this.**

So he did the only thing he could think of: He just stood there and smiled in

an attempt to show Mr. Phillips he meant him no harm.

Nick should have been praised for his restraint . . . but instead he was vilified and deliberately made to look like a bigoted monster by the media, most especially *The Washington Post*, NBC, and CNN.

Nowhere on CNN, or other TV or social media sites, was any video of the Black Hebrew Israelites verbally attacking Nick and the students . . . and nowhere was any video of Phillips deliberately getting in Nick's face shown or aired.

Those events were cut because they did not fit the narrative being invented by CNN and other media outlets: That Nick and his fellow students were *disrespectful, Trump-loving, racist punks*, wearing MAGA hats.

**THAT** was the story CNN, NBC, *The Washington Post*, and other media outlets wanted out . . . **NOT** what really happened . . . and **NOT** the truth!

Nick's smile became a "*smirk*." He was smeared as "*the guy with the hat*" and the "*leader*" of a "*throng of young, mostly white teenage boys*" who "*surrounded*" and "*assaulted*" Phillips just because he was a native American.

A Twitter account with **41,000 followers** using the name "*Talia*" allegedly started the storm by sending out the trimmed video along with a hate-filled message saying, "*This MAGA loser gleefully bothering a Native American protestor at the Indigenous Peoples March.*"

The clip soon had more than **10 million views** and **28,000 retweets** . . . many of them unprintable in their vulgar hostility.

One so-called "*Religion scholar*" named Reza Aslan wrote on Twitter: "***Have you ever seen a more punchable face than this kid's?***"

Millions more threats started to pop up all over the web from millions of self-righteous, people whose hatred was only surpassed by their ignorance.

Case in point? The vile comedian, Kathy Griffin, who spewed this out to her 2 million followers: "***Name these kids . . . I want NAMES.***"

Another hate-filled film producer tweeted based on a scene from the movie

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Fargo: “#MAGAkids go screaming, hats first, into the woodchipper.”

**EVEN the Catholic Diocese of Covington** jumped on the “*guilty before proven innocent*” bandwagon and condemned Nick and his fellow students.

Covington Catholic High School actually forbade Nick from going to school for reasons of “*security!*”

**That was just another lie in this sad story** and, if it were not for the families, teachers, and students demanding he be allowed back, Nick might still be barred from Covington Catholic (a school that he loves) to this day!

Even after they knew the truth, reporters like NBC’s Samantha Guthrie were **STILL** demanding Nick “*apologize*” for something he never did!

Meanwhile, Nathan Phillips, who was quickly proven to have lied about being in the Vietnam war and about the incident with Nick, was **STILL** being treated as some sort a “*victim!*”

But, worst of all, is **what has happened since.**

Nick’s name and the names of 40 others there that day have been “doxed,” the evil practice of putting names and addresses online so they can be targeted.

My wife Julie and I have also received horrible threats. So have the companies we work for who have been barraged with demands they fire us . . . or else.

Heartsick that my 16 year old boy, his fellow classmates, and his two younger brothers, had to learn an ugly hard truth about the world we live in today . . . **a world where grown adults are willing to smear and destroy a child to score some cheap political points!**

It isn’t right! It’s isn’t fair! And it must not and cannot stand!

**I hope and pray you agree . . . and that you will fill out each of the requests I listed at the start of this letter to you today.**

By **checking “YES”** on the enclosed “*Justice For Nick Support Pledge*” you

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will be joining a growing army of Americans lining up to bring justice to Nick and accountability to CNN, NBC, *The Washington Post*, and the out-of-control media.

CNN, NBC, and *The Washington Post* (not to mention their allies throughout the media) will soon be coming at us with everything they've got.

They will attack our motives, our character, our political beliefs, and even our Catholic Faith, in an attempt to smear us of being selfish, greedy, and looking for a quick payout.

**Your signed Support Pledge (along with countless more we hope to collect in the coming weeks) will prove we are not alone . . .** that we have the support of millions of Americans who are fed up with the media smear merchants.

Your completed "***National Faith and Trust in Media Opinion Poll?***" will help us further drive this point home to the media both here and around the world.

It asks questions such as "***Do you no longer trust the mainstream American media to be fair and balanced?***"

And "***Do you think the time has come for Americans to rise and hold the media accountable when they report false and/or misleading stories that lead to civil unrest, riots, and political divisiveness?***"

I am pretty confident I know how you will answer these questions.

I am just as confident the results on our Survey (assuming we get as many Americans as possible to take it) will shake CNN, NBC Universal Media, *The Washington Post*, and the dishonest media to their core.

**But, as angry as I am about all this, I am also very, very, heartsick.**

Our lawsuits are demanding *The Washington Post* pay \$250 million, NBC \$275 million, and CNN \$275 million, for damages that resulted from their slanderous and manufactured smear of our son.

Those sums are large enough to sting billion dollar corporations like *The Washington Post*, NBC, and CNN . . . **and we hope to sting them as bad as we**

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**can as we seek to restore Nick's reputation and good name.**

But make no mistake: **This is more than just getting justice for Nick.**

It is also about sending a loud-and-clear message to media bullies like CNN, NBC, and *The Washington Post* that the First Amendment does not give them license to lie, smear, and destroy people to advance a political agenda, or for any other reason.

Remember, this all started because CNN ran the tape without checking the story, to make it look like my son and his friends were racist followers of Donald Trump who decided to attack a defenseless and aged American Indian war hero.

In doing so, CNN, as our lawsuit charges, ***"brought down the full force of its corporate power, influence, and wealth on Nicholas by falsely attacking, vilifying, and bullying him despite the fact that he is a minor child."***

It got worse when *The Washington Post* echoed the lies of the videos and then piled on more lies and smears about Nick and his friends on top

**As President Trump declared, "Covington student suing WAPO. Go get them Nick. Fake News!"**

We are grateful for the President's support.

**We are also grateful for the support and guidance we are receiving from the wonderful people at The Fidelis Center for Law and Policy, a Catholic non-profit group that is helping us raise money related to our lawsuits.**

And last, but certainly not least, **we are grateful for our Attorneys who have offered their services in a fight against billion-dollar media giants.**

But, there are **STILL** a great deal of costs that my family and I are going to have to endure in the days and weeks ahead. They include:

- 1) The cost of expert witnesses;**
- 2) Data / document discovery;**

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3) **Court reporting/transcripts; and**

4) **Electronic research against CNN, *The Washington Post* and NBC.**

We also hope to at least **partially reimburse Fidelis** for the tremendous amount of work, time, and costs, they have incurred in helping us get this far and for promising to stick with us to the end.

It is for these financial needs that **we have no choice but to reach out to caring fair minded Americans like you** for financial support and assistance.

My friend, we are simply a typical, hard-working, conservative, Catholic family. We wish only the best for all people. We love our country, our community, and our Church.

**Yet, thanks to CNN, NBC, and *The Washington Post*, and thousands of crazed trolls on social media, we have been placed under constant attack.**

We must, for the foreseeable future, constantly look over our shoulders.

If we can bring justice to Nick, if we can build a national movement to bring Americans together to say “**NO MORE**” to the lies and smears of the all-powerful news media, then maybe something very good can come from something very bad.

So again my friend, please:

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My wife and I can’t take away the damage that has happened to our son since that fateful day. **I wish we could.** But, we are going to do all we can to restore Nick’s reputation and to ensure no other 16-year-old has to go through this.

If we can take a stand for what’s right, if we can turn this terrible wrong into

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something good for the entire country, then maybe this is all part of God's plan.

I pray that it is . . . and that we can count on you to join our Justice for Nick team.

Thank you . . . and God bless you.

Sincerely,



Ted Sandmann

Justice For Nick!

P.S. My son Nick was in Washington for the noblest of reasons: To **march in defense of the unborn**. They should have come home full of love, joy, and hope. Instead, thanks to CNN, NBC, and *The Washington Post*, they came home under a barrage of **hate, venom, and ridicule**.

If the media can repeatedly get away with politically motivated smears like this, what kind of message does that send to Nick and his entire generation? What does it say about America today if we allow this kind of hatred to come and go without some sort of punishment! **We have to say no more!**

**So please, sign our Support Pledge, complete our Survey, and rush Justice for Nick a special, tax-deductible, and most generous, donation of \$10, \$15, \$25, \$50, or more.**

P.P.S. Our lead Attorney, L. Lin Wood summed up best what our case is really all about when he said, "*Despite raw video debunking the false narrative (about Nick), the Post and CNN doubled down on their reckless lies. Lies that will forever harm and endanger the life of an innocent young man. How long will we allow these media giants to tear at the fabric of our lives to further their own financial and political agenda? Will they ever be held accountable?*"

The answer is YES . . . if we can count on caring Americans like you to say enough is enough to the dishonest media!



Hello, my name is Nicholas Sandmann and I appreciate you taking the time to read my dad's letter.

I have never understood why either of the two groups of protestors confronted us that day in Washington back in January. We were simply there to meet a bus after taking part in the annual March for Life rally. This is the first time in my life I've ever encountered any sort of public protest, let alone this kind of hatred.

As my dad pointed out, I was not intentionally making faces at the protestor. I did smile at one point because I wanted him to know that I was not going to become angry, intimidated, or be provoked into a larger confrontation. I am a faithful Christian and practicing Catholic, and I always try to live up to the ideals my faith teaches me – to remain respectful of others, and to take no action that would lead to conflict or violence. Nor was I wearing a MAGA hat to make any political statement. I simply came to the belief that day that President Trump is one of the most pro-life Presidents ever and that the hat would make a perfect souvenir of the trip.

Since that day, I have been called every name in the book, including a racist, and I will not stand for this mob-like character assassination of my family's name. My parents were not on the trip and I strive to represent my family in a respectful way in all public settings.

I have received physical and death threats via social media, as well as hateful insults. One person threatened to harm me at school and one person claims to live in my neighborhood. My parents

are receiving death and professional threats because of the social media mob that has formed over this issue.

I love my school, my teachers, and my classmates. I work hard to achieve good grades and to participate in several extracurricular activities. I am mortified that so many people have come to believe something that did not happen – that students from my school were chanting or acting in a racist fashion toward African Americans or Native Americans. I did not do that, do not have hateful feelings in my heart, and did not witness any of my classmates doing that.

I cannot speak for everyone, only for myself. But I can tell you my experience at Covington Catholic High School is that students are respectful of all races and cultures. We also support everyone's right to free speech.

What we cannot and will not support is being abused and smeared by media giants so they can achieve political and financial gain. That's just wrong and cannot be allowed to happen again.

I hope you agree . . . and that you will agree to help.

Thank you.

Nicholas Sandmann

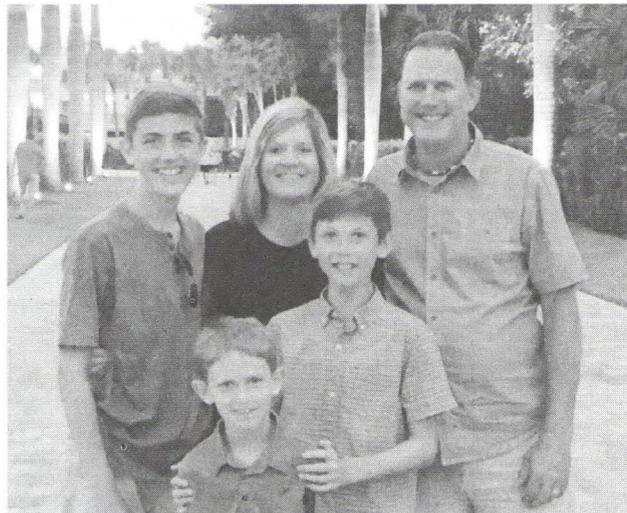
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**Please Complete the Survey Inside**



# NATIONAL FAITH AND TRUST IN MED

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- 1) Please check the range your age falls in.  
 18-30    31-45    46-60  
 61-75    76 and older
- 2) What is your marital status?  
 Married    Single    Widower  
 Widow    Divorced
- 3) Are you a parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent?  
 Yes    No
- 4) Have you suffered the loss of a child, grandchild, or great grandchild?  
 Yes    No
- 5) Have you ever had a child, grandchild, or great grandchild abused or mistreated by a major institution or corporation?  
 Yes    No    Not Sure
- 6) Before reading the enclosed letter from Ted Sandmann, were you aware of the smear that was unleashed on his son Nick by CNN, NBC, *The Washington Post*, other media outlets, and on social media?  
 Yes    No    Not Sure
- 7) Do you no longer trust the mainstream American media to be fair and balanced?  
 Yes    No    Not Sure
- 8) Do you believe the mainstream media manufactures and slants their reporting to advance a pro-liberal, anti-conservative, political agenda?  
 Yes    No    Not Sure
- 9) The national media routinely lies, slants, smears, and/or fabricates stories to advance their own political and financial agenda and has since 2016. The following is a short list of some of the most recent examples. Please check those that have angered you the most. (Check all that apply).  
 The Nick Sandmann Story  
 The Brett Kavanaugh Hearings  
 The Trump/Russian collusion hoax  
 The made-up "Hands Up Don't Shoot" story that led to riots in Ferguson, MO.  
 The Jussie Smollett hoax  
 All Listed  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Do you think the bias and dishonesty of the media today is a direct threat to the stability of our Republic?  
 Yes    No    Not Sure

# A OPINION POLL

## nd Policy

11) Do you believe there needs to be more control of the content being posted on social media?

Yes  No  Not Sure

12) Do you think the time has come for Americans to rise and hold the media accountable when they report false and/or misleading stories that lead to civil unrest, riots, and political divisiveness?

Yes  No  Not Sure

13) Would you support boycotts of media outlets that deliberately report false news to destroy individuals and/or to advance their own financial/political agenda?

Yes  No  Not Sure

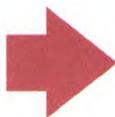
14) Do you think citizens like Nick Sandmann and his family, who have been deliberately smeared and slandered by the national news media, should be able to sue for damages?

Yes  No  Not Sure

15) Are you willing to join Justice for Nick!, a national campaign to confront the media and hold them accountable for their content?

Yes  No  Not Sure

If you answered "YES" please go directly to the Reply Page



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Dear Mr., Sandmann,

**Yes, you and your son Nick can count on my support!**

I feel terrible for the heartache and torment you have been forced to endure thanks to the slanderous and dishonest actions of **CNN, NBC, and *The Washington Post!***

The time has come to finally hold mainstream media giants like them accountable for deliberately “reporting” undocumented and/or manufactured lies and smears about innocent Americans . . . and I want to be part of this national movement to demand a return to honest journalism in America.

I know that winning your lawsuits will **NOT** be easy and that CNN, NBC, and *The Washington Post* are promising to fight you tooth and nail.

**With that in mind, I am glad to hear you are being helped by Fidelis and that your Attorneys are will not back down in the face of billion-dollar liberal media giants.**

But, I also understand that any related hard costs for legal research, court and filing fees, travel, personal security, public relations, expert witnesses, counseling, and the cost of reaching out to Americans like me for support **MUST** come directly out of your pockets.

**Therefore, to help you pay these hard costs, I am sending you today my most-generous tax-deductible donation of:** Therefore, I am also, without delay, rushing back my emergency “Justice for Nick!” tax-deductible donation of:

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