

It was a refreshing view, and quite a welcome one to the senior Senator representing the State of Sierra in the Capitol. Bustling with busy crowds, some specially outfitted, some not, most carrying backpacks of a sort, the Los Angeles Convention Center was filled to the brim for this particular out-of-season anime convention, a fluke in the normally synced schedule events planned for many fans across the nation.

While his advisers implored him not to, he decided to show up anyways. Unfortunately, not to participate, but to preach, in the political sense of the word. After having acquired a permit from the City of Los Angeles to do so, he set up shop down the block from where the convention was being held, in between the various hotels surrounding the building, so as to attract the attention of passers-by.

He made a point of buying a large banner to put in front of his portable table, a la Steven Crowder's 'Change My Mind' series, but instead of the namesake being used, the words on said banner read in bold lettering across a Republican red background: "Sierra G.O.P. needs your vote to save anime".

Some walked by, uncaring, others looked disgusted. One guy made sure to make the point of muttering, loudly, "fucking weebies" under his breath. Little by little, though, people grew interested. Granted, they weren't about to skip out on an important day at the convention, so Senator Brill had made sure to put up the speaking area just before opening and closing that day.

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*'It's showtime, baby'* thought Senator Brilliam, watching the end of the sidewalk fill up with anime watchers, manga readers, cosplayers and vendors alike. Greeting some of them, and getting cold looks from others, he warmed up an audience by speaking about the latest in convention events, and

"My fellow Sierrans, I never thought I'd live to see the day that anime became a political issue, yet here we are. We live in a state where a Democratic Governor with the support of the Democratic Party has issued an Executive Order to virtually ban the consumption of anime and manga that you enjoy as private citizens. Since when was it the state government's role to tell you what you could and could not have an interest in, especially an interest so innocuously unharmed it's hard to see how this could be justified?

"Simply put, it is the Democratic Party of Sierra that wishes to see its nanny-state policies hamstringing you into their mold, making you not an individual among many, but a collective in monotone shade, so to speak. Allow me to go down the list of the Executive Order titled 'Banime': silencing school clubs dedicated to sharing of common interests in anime and manga, giving employers reasons to harm the well-being of employees who also enjoy anime and manga, and defunding public art projects that produce anime and manga.

"I don't think I need to spell out just how destructive these policies are to the freedom of speech in Sierra, an assault brought about by the big guns of the donkeys in the Governor's Mansion. Now, you can argue that the Executive Order is being litigated right now, so there's no need to worry, but what if there is? What if the lawsuit fails in court? The current Democratic ticket seeking yet another leftist loon in office has none other than the very Governor who implemented this policy as the right-hand man, and as far as I know, there has been no promise by Assemblyman Zairn to rescind the Executive Order, meaning what you enjoy, what we enjoy, is under attack right now.

"Why is this important? Because it's a direct assault on the very freedoms that our ancestors fought for, not just those patriots at Valley Forge, but the freedoms established with the State of Sierra, built on optimism and a frontier of freedom, a dream shared by Hispanic landowners, white pioneers, black freedmen, Asian immigrants, and Native Americans alike.

"Furthermore, it only serves to discriminate against those who consume this form of entertainment, a shocking admission of racial prejudice by the Democratic Governor, in a state with the largest proportional Asian-American population in the United States. Do we really want the guys who discriminate against anime and manga in schools but promote porn there just the same back in office?

"Think that's hyperbole? The Executive Order issued that declared support for pornography and made it a state holiday to do so includes the entire teaching body of the State of Sierra. Imagine having to explain to middle schoolers that they cannot enjoy *Boku no Hero Academia* but they get the day off of school because of *Pornhub*.

"A ridiculous way to govern a state. It's time for greater respect for the freedoms that bind us together as Sierrans. Whether you consider yourself liberal or conservative, keep in mind which party standing for election has proven itself an enemy of your individual rights when you cast your ballot, that's all I ask."



