**What Would You Do?: Gay Couple Harassed: 5/20/11**

21:39:32 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) Back in Norma's Café in Farmers Branch, Texas, a popular breakfast

spot where home cooking and small talk are served up in a friendly

family-style.

21:39:42 BRANDY, ACTRESS

Hey, do you guys wanna go to the park?

21:39:43 CHILD ACTOR, MALE

Yeah, yeah.

21:39:45 BRANDY

You do?

21:39:46 CHILD ACTOR

Only if I get ice cream.

21:39:47 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) But this family is far from conventional.

21:39:50 TRACI HOVEL

Cute. Are they yours?

21:39:52 BRANDY

They're ours, yeah.

21:39:53 TRACI HOVEL

Oh, they're yours. Are you sisters? Or what do you mean?

21:39:56 BRANDY

No, no, we are their parents.

21:39:58 TRACI HOVEL

You're gay and you have kids?

21:40:00 ACTRESS

Yes.

21:40:01 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) This waitress can't seem to digest what she's hearing and seeing.

21:40:02 TRACI HOVEL

It's bad enough that you're lesbians, but that they don't have a father,

I think that's kind of bad. You don't you feel uncomfortable people

watching you?

21:40:11 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) Other patrons take notice, but they don't say a word.

21:40:15 TRACI HOVEL

I mean, isn't it bad for the kids?

21:40:19 BRANDY

No. I think that we're excellent parents.

21:40:23 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) What these diners don't know is that the gay parents, their

children and the waitress are all actors. We've coached them in commonly

used discriminatory remarks.

21:40:32 TRACI HOVEL

My heart is going boom, boom, boom.

21:40:34 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) Will people in this conservative part of Texas step up to defend

this nontraditional family?

21:40:40 TRACI HOVEL

I just think it's terrible. I think they need a dad. Don't you want a

daddy?

21:40:43 NICK, CHILD ACTOR

We're fine.

21:40:43 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) But this man at the next table is not fine.

21:40:46 DINER

I'm sorry, but you're being rude.

21:40:50 TRACI HOVEL

What do you mean I'm being rude?

21:40:51 DINER

It's not appropriate.

21:40:53 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) He escorts the waitress away for a time-out and a lesson in

Southern manners.

21:40:58 DINER

It's completely inappropriate that when somebody comes into a restaurant

to have breakfast with their family that you question their life choices.

21:41:05 TRACI HOVEL

I just feel like I'm entitled to my opinion. And I just am

uncomfortable.

21:41:08 DINER

And you are entitled to your own opinion, but this is not the place where

you need to voice your opinion.

21:41:13 TRACI HOVEL

Okay, let me put the order in, I apologize.

21:41:15 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) Still, it doesn't appear that the waitress has learned her lesson.

Watch as she tries to get others to join her cause.

21:41:22 TRACI HOVEL

Is it just me that's upset?

21:41:23 DINER

That doesn't bother me at all.

21:41:25 TRACI HOVEL

It doesn't bother you either?

21:41:26 DINER

No.

21:41:27 DINER

Actually your behavior bothered me.

21:41:29 TRACI HOVEL

You don't think it's bad for the kids to not have a dad?

21:41:31 DINER

No, no.

21:41:32 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) So our actress decides to take matters into her own hands. Texas

is 1 of 29 states where gays can be refused service.

21:41:42 TRACI HOVEL

I think you guys should just leave because you've disturbed them. You're

disturbing everybody else.

21:41:45 DINER

No, you need to get out.

21:41:46 TRACI HOVEL

No, I'm not leaving. I have to work here. No, I have...

21:41:50 DINER

No, you are, by far, the worst waitress I have ever seen in this

restaurant ever. You are a horrible person and you're a horrible

waitress. Like, you need to leave. You need to physically leave this

restaurant right now.

21:42:00 DINER

And if you're uncomfortable, go ask someone else to take care of them.

21:42:03 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) Homosexuality and gay parenting are hot button issues particularly

in red states like Texas. So we wondered is this heroic intervention a

fluke?

 GRAPHICS: JUST SIX STATES BAN DISCRIMINATION AGAINST GAYS IN

ADOPTION/FOSTER CARE

21:42:14 WWYD STAFF

Okay, everybody, we are rolling.

21:42:16 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) Back in the dining room.

21:42:18 TRACI HOVEL

Are you guys a couple?

21:42:19 ACTRESS

Yeah.

21:42:20 TRACI HOVEL

And you're raising kids like that?

21:42:22 BRANDY

Yeah, these are our two beautiful children.

21:42:24 TRACI HOVEL

Well, they need dads.

21:42:25 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) This time, the waitress is even more unpleasant.

21:42:29 TRACI HOVEL

I'm not the one in public kissing all over another woman in front of my

kids. That's not, I actually have morals and standards.

21:42:37 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) Prompting this man to take a surprising approach.

21:42:44 DONOVAN, DINER

Do you believe in Jesus?

21:42:45 TRACI HOVEL

Do I? What are you trying to tell me?

21:42:47 DONOVAN

Don't judge. That's it. I'll never judge you and I try not to judge

other people.

21:42:55 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) But the waitress doesn't follow his spiritual guidance.

21:42:58 TRACI HOVEL

I mean, you're parents to these little kids. She's gonna turn out gay

just like you, because you have no dad in this family.

21:43:04 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) Distraught, he appears to be looking for a manager, but instead he

storms out the door. What is he up to? A few minutes later, Donovan

returns and delivers this note.

21:43:17 BRANDY

It says, "Hello friends. I know it doesn't mean much but I love you all.

You have a beautiful family and I pray that one person's judgmental

intolerance does not in any way put a damper on your hearts or minds. In

the words of MLK Junior, 'In the end, we remember not the words of our

enemies, but the silence of our friends,' Donovan."

21:43:46 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) This actress, who in real life happens to be gay, is clearly

touched beyond her role.

21:43:49 BRANDY

Can I thank you? That means so much. Thank you so much.

21:43:55 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) But when our waitress doesn't back off, our gentle man takes a

stronger stand.

21:44:01 DONOVAN

Who are you?

21:44:03 TRACI HOVEL

I'm a human being that has the same feelings and everything. They're

just, they're...

21:44:06 DONOVAN

You're a human being. That's all, that's it. You are not king, you are

not God. You have no choices. You have no place to put anybody in their

place.

21:44:17 JOHN QUIÑONES

(OC) Hello, sir, this is all part of the TV show "What Would You Do?"

21:44:22 DONOVAN

Oh, man.

21:44:22 JOHN QUIÑONES

(OC) They're actors. We wanted to see if anyone would stand up for

them.

21:44:27 DONOVAN

I think silence is one of the failures in people today. That when they

see an injustice, an injustice or an intolerance that they stay silent.

And that's the worst thing.

21:44:37 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) Which is why our gay actress...

21:44:39 BRANDY

I just wanted to thank you guys so much.

21:44:43 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) ...is so personally touched by the support she's seeing. Brandy

(PH), you were acting. This wasn't real and you're in tears.

21:44:49 BRANDY

It's real for me. This is my everyday life. So when they are saying

those things, they are really talking about me. So, yeah, I'm desperately

touched by this and happily so.

21:45:03 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) But we wonder what will bystanders do if our gay parents are male.

Watch what happens when our waitress refuses to serve them.

21:45:11 TRACI HOVEL

Leave. Just, I'm just saying, I'm saying what everybody here is

thinking. I'm saying what everybody here is thinking. Just leave. It's

disgusting.

21:45:18 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) This time, no one stops her. And it appears one patron actually

agrees.

21:45:26 DINER

Good girl.

21:45:26 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) What was he thinking?

21:45:28 DINER

I don't wanna be on TV, John.

21:45:30 JOHN QUIÑONES

You high fived her.

21:45:30 DINER

That was for the food.

21:45:32 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) But overall, bystanders do speak up against our waitress when the

gay parents are male.

21:45:38 DINER

This is not the place for a political debate. This is a place for you to

do your job and serve your tables.

21:45:44 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) And those who do are extremely angry.

21:45:46 TRACI HOVEL

What's wrong? They are the ones...

21:45:46 DINER

You are disgusting. You're the bitch disturbing everybody.

21:45:50 TRACI HOVEL

I'm not the only one that thinks that.

21:45:51 DINER

You're, you're the hate monger.

21:45:53 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) A surprising show of support.

21:45:55 DINER

What's offensive to the kids is what you're doing. You're disturbing

their family.

21:45:59 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) When you consider that we did the same setup in the more liberal

state of New York last year and there, out of 100 bystanders, less than a

dozen spoke up.

21:46:12 DINER

I, at first, thought it was none of my business.

21:46:14 DINER

We're here to eat and that's it.

21:46:16 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) In Texas, out of 53 bystanders, 24 voiced their support, about

half.

21:46:23 DINER

You've got a beautiful family. Enjoy it. And I wanna buy you breakfast.

21:46:26 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) So at the end of the day, Texans have shown us another side.

 GRAPHICS: ONE IN FIVE GAY COUPLES ARE RAISING CHILDREN

21:46:30 DINER

It's about the quality of the parent and the love that is there in the

homes more than it is having a mom and a dad.

21:46:39 JOHN QUIÑONES

(VO) Confirming that everything is big in Texas, especially people's

hearts.

21:46:45 DINER

It doesn't matter where you are. I mean you're supposed to love people.

It doesn't matter what color, what race, what sex, whatever.

21:46:50 JOHN QUIÑONES

(OC) Or what state you're in.

21:46:51 DINER

Or what state you're in. That's it.