

Movement to Curtail Transgender Transitioning in Montana

(Written by Dick Pence)

Why The Issue Deserves Our Attention:

Transgenderism has become the LEFT's battering ram – intent on destroying any moral-ethical limits that stand in its way. In reality, they care nothing about the LGBTQ community, they are using TRANSING to **destroy** any vestige of the Genesis 1 model of **male and female**. Gender Dysphoria (formerly called **gender disorder**) actually affects about 1/3 of one percent of youth and about 90% of these grow out of it if well directed. However, TRANSING is part of controlling the masses and has now **become such a movement** that Focus on the Family says **upwards to 30% are now identifying** as TRANS. The majority of our medical community – boards and councils included – now support wholesale transitioning of our youth. While they claim the science is settled, the opposite is true – there are literally *no scientific methods* being followed in this movement. This is devastating our kids and has become a crisis worthy of our full attention. **We must challenge any voice that calls for “moderation” in this battle.**

Our Credibility – Dependent Upon Being Informed:

Alarmingly, unlike the Progressives, the current climate amongst Conservatives leans towards **being satisfied to hear or listen to a briefing or summary of issues** rather than making the effort to **know the subject**. I actually hear engaged people say things like *“they don't want to hear about cultural issues like same-sex marriage, transgenderism, or abortion in church”* or *“they think people actually **do understand gender ideology**”* or even *“why not just bake the cake.”* The defense of ignorance is stunning. And we wonder why we are losing?

Credibility depends upon us being the leaders in understanding Gender Ideology.

Resources Useful In this Task:

Allow me to **recommend four background pieces** that are very helpful in understanding this issue. I encourage you to consider the Key Points that I outline or take the time to read or listen to these sources.

Part 1. Leor Sapir with the Manhattan Institute exposes **America as the... [Exporter of the Gender Revolution](#)** in this excellent article. **Here is a summary of his points:**

1. Driven by the **Biden administration**, America has become the exporter of the **Gender revolution**. They are demonstrating **no respect for science** We have become the wild, wild west for so-called gender affirming care.
2. There is **big money** to be made in “gender-affirming care. Much of our medical community is leap-frogging over the **former norm** of psychological evaluations to deal with **gender disorders** (a real psychological reality) to deal with so-called **gender dysphoria** (a diagnoses based upon the patience **feelings**.)
3. Our kids are **quickly being moved** to gender therapy without psychological evaluation.
4. **Over the past two years** medical authorities in **Australia, Finland, France, the U.K., and Sweden** have recommended severe limitations on affirming therapy, insisting that the **evidence for this approach is tenuous** at best.
5. Meanwhile, the Biden administration - **led more by activists than scientists** - is launching a headlong promotion of this destruction of youth. Their so-called science is being rejected by any with **basic understanding of scientific methods**.
6. The Biden administration may soon brand **Sweden, Finland, and the U.K. as human rights abusers**. While these countries were amongst the leaders in adopting so-called called “*gender affirming care*”, they **are now** looking at the devastating results and backing away from it. Australia will soon be on this list.
7. The Biden administration is strengthening its commitment to gender-affirming-therapy **at precisely the moment when the world’s most progressive welfare states are becoming more restrained** about the practice.
8. The **“Blinken Directive”** is now foreign **policy**. **Stop and THINK about that**. We’re not talking domestic policy but foreign policy! American consulates are now effectively being turned into “**gender affirming “spies** – they are required to **report any practices** that do not conform to gender-affirming care.
9. **Will economic and cultural cooperation** between the U.S. and other Western nations be **made contingent** on these countries demonstrating that a **sufficient number** of teenagers every year are medically transitioned?

10. Sapir says...*The problem, for countries like Sweden, Finland, and the U.K., is that medical authorities in these places have concluded... that the **evidence for pediatric “gender affirming care” is extremely weak and that, as a result, hormonal and surgical interventions are (as Finland’s COHERE put it) “experimental.”***
11. Sweden and Finland are now instructing clinicians who deal with minors to utilize an **approach that emphasizes talk therapy as the first** line of defense and “affirming” drugs only in extreme situations, if ever.
12. **Sweden has banned gender surgeries for minors** - surgeries that are practiced in the United States - notwithstanding the **repeated gaslighting** of gender clinics and left-of-center media outlets.
13. The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (an organization that, like the American Academy of Pediatric) has fallen victim to capture by a small but vocal and well-organized group of ideologues, and have not followed the science but have allowed **activists to dictate** policy.
14. Among these are Secretary of State Antony Blinken. His recent directive effectively turns American consulates and embassies into **global “gender affirming” spies**.

Part 2. Understanding the Gender Ideology [*Part 4 How We Defeat Gender Ideology – The Florida Model*](#) Dr. Jay Richards, Heritage Foundation at Big Sky Worldview Forum. **Summary of Richards key points:**

1. If we do a few smart things, we can win. The Eugenics program started in America and fell into disrepute when Hitler got ahold of it.
2. It **fell out of favor** because it was so **unstable** – it is so **contrary** not only to special revelation but also **to nature** and the created order.
3. **Gender Ideology** does not have staying power in America. **If we act wisely** – before the old principle **“Policy becomes Practice”** – wins the day. We may have 5 years.
4. **It will end 15 or 20 years** from now when we have 100,000 twenty-somethings that are **sterile or infertile** who’s bodies have been mutilated, now they have regrets, they can’t have normal sex. **But we want to intercede before that.**

Short Term Goals – Protect children from the *school-to sterilization pipeline* – next 3 years.

1. Before the pipeline – between 68 and 90% of kids would come out of this disorder if they receive good psychiatric care. (The high end is for boys.)
2. With the present climate, the **vast majority** of kids that start on hormones, puberty blockers etc., continue to **transition surgery**.
3. Once they start down that track, the **treatment locks them** into this process.
4. **The Cure?** Blocking the “Pipeline” AND make sure the kids are **able to get the therapy**.
5. When Pastors don’t talk about this, they allow social media to catechized your flock.
6. **Controlling the language** - we need to **stop using** the word gender and use the word **sex**.
7. Promote the science – biology – there are only two gametes – the sperm and egg – no more! There is NOT a third.

Long Term - how do we deal with this at the **State Level**? The Biden administration is not to be underestimated. While we are “busy calling out his frailties” the administration is very effective. We need to oppose them at every turn.

1. **We still own common sense** - if you ask, should kids be **allowed** to have cross-sex surgery, **72%** of the population says **NO!**
2. So...think! No **politician** wants to be associated with something that **poles that badly**.
3. We are going to **have a fight between some states** who try and stop this evil and a **WOKE Federal Government** that is going to try and stop them.
4. So, what do we want the **fight to be over**?
5. We need **legislation** that focus on the **Mouth of the pipeline** – the schools. **The Parents’ Rights in Education** bill in Florida stopped this on younger kids.
6. In some states, parents were given the **“private right of action”**- parents can sue the schools if they socially transition their kids. This allows you as a

citizen to have the right to sue in civil court for this type of wrong without making it “illegal.”

7. **You need this** because the **Statute of Limitations on malpractice**, in most states, is only about two years. On average, it takes **8 to 10 years** to begin to have “regrets” for transitions. If you’re a 13-year-old girl who gets a double mastectomy, you might not **realize what a disaster** this was until you’re 30.
8. Florida’s Senate did not criminalize this.
9. **Arkansas** gave everyone a *private right of action*; we are going to **prohibited but not criminalize** it so we are not going to spend Medicaid dollars on it.
10. And, we are going to **increase the Statute of Limitations to 20 years** after everyone’s **18th birthday**.
11. Suddenly, the insurance companies and the clinics **lost interest** in doing this because they were going to get sued.
12. Criminalizing this right now is complicated because the **Medical Associations** say gender-affirming-care is “the **proper state of the care.**” Judges are not experts on these issues and they will tend toward siding with “proper state of care.” The Judge is going to go with those claiming to be “*speaking for science*” – the Medical Organizations.
13. Florida has turned this around, because of some of the Governor’s appointments to the boards.
14. **Their Board of Health** issues a huge report showing how harmful these procedures are. Now, the relevant medical authorities have changed the conversation.
15. Florida’s Boards hearings are **now available for use** in other states.
16. **If several states** take similar action, this will force the Federal Government to have a **discussion about the “science”** that other countries are already questioning.
17. First there has to be a right to sue set up by the Legislatures.
18. **The transitioning is creating a huge population of damaged and sexually incapable people that culture will be looking at. We must get better at using their stories** of regret to help our cause.

19. **This will not stop it** nationally, but if we get six to twelve states to do this, we will set up a fight between states and the FEDS and meanwhile other countries are already stopping it.

20. **Family Policy Alliance** has also done work on this – [Help Not Harm](#).

Part 3: The Gender Industry - Understanding the Landscape: Dr. [Miriam Grossman: How One Doctor's Lies Built the Gender Industry](#) Author of [Your Teaching My Child What?](#) (If you don't subscribe to Epoch Times, you may have to pay a dollar) **Her are her key Points:**

Background: Almost all of these people have **underlying psychological issues** (depression, anxieties, suicidal issues, autism, etc.) that are generally, not being treated. We are doing gender-affirming-care and bypassing basic psychological care for underlying conditions.

1. It all started with the Alfred Kinsey's work at the University of Indiana. But **Dr. John Money pushed this forward**, teaching that a person's **body, their chromosomes (their sex) is completely separate** from their **gender** - their **feelings** of being male or female.
2. **He completely separated biology** from **gender identity** – or what sex you are.
3. *The science says that* **every cell** in the body that has a nucleus, **carries male or female genetic base.**
4. **John Money** occupied a prominent position **at John Hopkins** in the 50s and 60s. He can only be described as a troubled individual – his father was a monster who beat he and his mother.
5. His teachings became an **“entire industry”** - projecting **biology as separate from sex.**
6. This has become the **“orthodoxy” that you dare-not challenge.**
7. **They – have won the day:**
 - a. In the 65 and older age group, **18%** believe **gender is separate** from sex.
 - b. GenZ - **18 to 29** year old's, **61 %** believe that **sex is separate from gender.**
 - c. If we asked **10 to 18** year old's, it **would be 90%.**

8. **It's all about indoctrination: John Money's** theory that biology was separate from sex **has overwhelmingly prevailed with NO scientific bases.**
9. **"Gender Affirming Care"** is now the only care recognized. Blockers, surgery, and other intrusions – anything to support who people *feel like* they are.
10. **Virtually all** of the professional medical groups have been captured by this ideology.
11. **Note** that puberty blockers **are not licensed** in any country but are used in hundreds of clinics.
12. Children are taught that if their **parents don't get on board**, they are dangerous to them.
13. **Previously, we saw 6 to 1, male to female** transgender issue. Now, it's mostly girls.
14. How soon do TRANSED people **begin to feel regrets? It takes 8 to 10** years to develop "regret" or to come out and express regret. And, when they do they get unbelievable pressure from the TRANS community.

Part 4: The Gender Industry [*The Sexualization of Children: Why Are There No Lower Age Limits for Puberty Blockers, Hormones, and Gender-Transition Surgeries?*](#)—Dr. Miriam Grossman. What are other countries doing and why is America the wild, wild west? Grossman's conclusion: **It's about changing the world** – it's a worldview. The Christian worldview is harmful and we need to change this. **Here are her Key Points:**

1. Why are the guidelines for **treating Gender disorder** in the United States radically **different from** other countries like the **U.K., Sweden, and Finland?**
2. Throughout the US and Canada, there is **NO lower age limit** for these medical treatments.
3. Florida's **Parental Rights in Education Bill** – kids up to 3rd grade would not be taught on gender ideology. (Also branded by Disney as the "don't say Gay bill.)
4. In their **mission statement** of SIECUS (Sexuality Information Educational Consultation United States) – funded by our tax dollars says **"parents need to accept** and honor the children's erotic potential."

5. SIECUS promoted the idea, “**Your teacher** ought to be the one to inform you about sex.”
6. **SAR** – (Sexual Attitude Reassessment) is a process-oriented, structured group experience, **which promotes therapist awareness** and comfort related to the sexuality. This was a seminar that was developed in the late 60’s for **any individual that is getting certification related to human sexuality**.
7. Explicit material is examined and the **point** of the seminar **is to desensitize these individuals**. Opinions and reactions are not allowed and attendance is required.
8. Children are now unnecessarily **exposed to explicit information about “their parts.”** This helps break down inhibitions.
9. The bible of psychiatry is the **DSM** (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders). We are now at DSM 5 – DSM 4 had a diagnosis of Gender **Disorder** – a deep sense of discomfort with their sexuality. DSM scraped the disorder idea.
10. The committees that work on these definitions are small – 10 to 12 people. These decisions are **not necessarily representative** of the professions they represent.
11. **Disorder** is a definitive term. It means feeling **alienated** from your body. **Dis-phoria** is completely different – it suggests an **unhappiness - it is completely feelings oriented**.
12. **Activists** sought to eliminate the “stigma” of the diagnoses.
13. **A look at suicides:** The world’s largest gender dysphoria clinic in London, reported that **out of 15,000 kids** that were seen between 2010 and 2020, the suicide rate was **under 1%**. That is extremely low compared to Gay people or other anxiety issues.
14. We have **no data** suggesting that if youth undergo “**gender-affirming care**” that they are any better after the procedures.
15. **Parents are being threatened** that if they don’t go along with this ideology, the kids are not in a safe home.
16. **WPATH (or U.S.PATH) – World Professional Association for Transgender Health** – the hospitals and clinics where all this is going on, will point to the WPAH guidelines messaging that these are “**widely accepted treatments.**”
17. WPATH is an advocacy organization – many are TRANS themselves.

18. Another **Red Flag** is “*sex-assigned-at-birth*”- when you hear this, you need to pause and think *ideology not biology* because they don’t respect this definition as reality.
19. **WPATH** suggests they **don’t need to worry** about a path forward. They take no responsibility for the long-term future of participants.
20. A little **girl’s eggs** will not mature if she is given puberty blockers.
21. **The goal of this movement** is to erase the differences between male and female – to erase these fundamental truths. Mother nature will prevail, the question is **how many will we destroy** in the meantime.

A Closer Look at the Florida Model – A Sea-Change:

Florida has decided to regulate medical care for gender-dysphoric minors. The states **Board** of Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine ruled that, with rare exceptions, the standard of care of these youth under 18 will **no longer be puberty blockers** and cross-sex hormones, but psychotherapy.

However, rather than imposing legislative actions that **put politicians between the doctor and the patient**, Florida decided to invoke the existing mechanism for the regulation of health practices - **putting the decision in front of state medical boards**.

Governor Ron DeSantis’s administration decision was largely to **phase out “gender-affirming care,”** in favor of science-based, common sense. Apparently, he has been able to appoint people to these boards who will actually practice medicine rather than follow the woke crowd

You can look further at the report [Reason and Compassion On Gender Medicine](#) but what you will find is embarrassing look at so-called medical groups who bury themselves deeper **demonstrating no respect for science** and ultimate rule of transgender ideology.

Can Montana Put TRANS “Gender-affirming Care” In The Dust Bin of History?

Logically, the institution to fight this battle would be the conservative church, but I see no signs of that group having serious intention of engaging this or any other cultural issue. A respected legislator said it well - engaging in cultural issues is **outside of their financial interests**. This leaves it to the Legislature and other interested players to resist this evil.

Formulating a Creative, Wise Strategy:

Dr. Jay believes that we in Montana have the right situation to do something similar and he is committed to helping us. He has said “I will absolutely come to Montana to help see this through.” Jay’s elaborations of [How to Fight Gender Ideology in the States](#) is an argument from experience but it **requires humility and cooperation**

This is going to require some long- term commitment by a few leaders. That assumes that we engage. Allow me to attempt to outline, as accurately as I can, some of Richard’s suggestions.

Montana Work in Progress that I know of:

Senator Keith Regier is carrying LC828 aimed at prohibiting transitional surgery. It apparently allows a child to sue for up to 20 years after the surgery and drugs. Terry, Moore would probably carry it in the House. **ADF is assisting.**

Resources Dr. Richards suggests will be helpful:

The Cultural Side:

- ✚ [Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution](#). (Carl Truman from Grove City College)
Understanding the roots of moving from information truth the emotion-based truth. (Available on Audible)
- ✚ [The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self: Cultural Amnesia, Expressive Individualism, and the Road to Sexual Revolution](#) - by Carl R. Truman. This book is the longer addition of Strange New World and exposes the “modern self thinking of the LEFT. (On Audible)
- ✚ **When Harry Became Sally – Dr. Ryan T. Anderson. An in depth look at transgenderism**
- ✚ [Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing our Daughters](#) – Abigail Shrier is a progressive who exposes this industry and its harm. (On Audible)
- ✚ [The Abolition of Sex – How the Transgender Agenda Harms Women and Girls](#). Kara Dansky. (On Audible)
- ✚ [Material Girls – Why Reality Matters for Feminism](#). Kathline Stock) (On Audible)

✚ [The End of Gender- Debunking the Myths About Sex and Gender in Our Society](#) Debra Soh (On Audible)

✚ *The Abolition of Sex, Material Girls, TRANSED, and The End of Gender.*

Theological Side books:

✚ [Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution.](#) (Carl Truman from Grove City College) Understanding the roots of moving from information truth the emotion-based truth. (Available on Audible)

✚ [The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self: Cultural Amnesia, Expressive Individualism, and the Road to Sexual Revolution](#) - by Carl R. Truman. This book is the longer addition of Strange New World and exposes the “modern self thinking of the LEFT. (On Audible)

✚ [The Genesis of Gender – A Christian Theory](#) , Abigale Favale (On Audible)

✚ [Unraveling Gender – The Battle Over Sexual Difference.](#) John Grabowski.

✚ [Love the Body: Answering Hard Questions about Life and Sexuality.](#) Nancy Pearcey (On Audible)

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Pence – Interested Citizen and Coordinator, Big Sky Worldview Forum

rapence45@gmail.com Cell – 406-672-9207