From Tolerance to Totalitarianism – the Evolving Homosexual Agenda:

A Case Study in LGBT Activists' Ongoing Actions to Control America

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The Rapidly Changing Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Culture:

Tucker Carlson's 8 pm slot *debut* on Fox News was like a *virtual-reality piece* on the tsunami-like push for control of our society from LGBT activists. He interviewed Caitlyn (Bruce) Jenner in a <u>ten minute</u> segment. What was the justification for such a long segment - perhaps Jenner's supposed conservative loyalties? The interview clearly revealed 'her' true loyalties were to 'her' LGBT community, not principled values. 'Her' appearance also revealed what honest social scientist are saying – a man who goes through transformation procedures is still... a man. The TV screen was not like the internet air-brushed pictures and 'her' deep voice also betrayed her femininity. 'She' spoke with an arrogant tone about how 'she' was "born this way and was not mentally ill" and Trump and others needed to spend less time on physical issues and more on support of the LGBT community.

What was most striking was **Tucker's timidity** about challenging the narrative that the **"confusion" was in the conservative people**, not the transgender community - a narrative we will challenge. *The authority figure* here was an athlete not a social scientists. This was a man who walked away from his family having fathered six children in two marriages. In the interview, he says, "I'm doing fine, my concern is for my *community*." What about his choice to place his comfort above his *family*? Almost without exception we see this self-absorbed attitude from the Trans who, in their demands, care nothing about the safety of young women.

I am painfully aware that few are mindful of how rapidly the homosexual community has — with focused intensity - captured the "low ground" in America. In my title, I suggested that we are facing totalitarian-type action, defined by Webster as - centralized control by an autocratic leader or hierarchy, authoritarian, dictatorial, unaccountable. If you're aware of their daily activities, you know the label is fair. And, our Government has been complicit.

The *sexual orientation and gender identity* <u>propaganda</u> labels have been at the forefront of this agenda. Most of this ideology has no basis in science. Gender as something distinct from sex is a relatively new idea that originates, not from any scientific discovery, but <u>pure ideology</u>. The LGBT activist have used this harmful invention to cause confusion and to re-define

sexuality. These "fluid terms" have been used to justify all kinds of law changes and legal mischief.

In a Washington Times August 2016 article <u>The money behind the transgender movement</u> - Billionaire George Soros opens his wallet to transform America they ask, "Now that the Supreme Court has ruled on marriage, what is next for the LGBT movement? They have won the big fight, many big corporations and the media have befriended them. They clearly have Washington on their side." The Times then adds this sobering quote from a prominent activist:

"I really do believe [the Supreme Court ruling] is the domino that is going to tip over the rest of the dominoes," Wilson Cruz, an LGBT activist, told CNN at the time. "Do not get in the way of this train, because it will run you over"

From Accommodation to Occupation – how we got here:

Only a couple of years ago, the homosexual scheme was to argue for special rights (what they called equal rights) making the case that they were a special class like race or sex and **they just wanted those rights.** However, you have to understand their long term goals – they were not obliviously wondering, they were following a plan. Now, they have been emboldened to **press on to total domination of the culture**. The next step was a full court press to push Transgenderism upon America. Talk about Transgenders has grown exponentially. Why? Listen to what they are saying, it's **the confusion factor** and it fits the plan perfectly. Look at it in their manifesto.

In their 1987 manifesto, <u>The Overhauling of Straight America</u> - A blueprint for transforming the social values of America we see a strategy of progressing from a slow use of gentle rhetoric to a full blown *Rules for Radicals* approach promoting unapologetic bullying, confusion, and public shaming. This must-read twelve page document tells us volumes about how LGBT activists have been taught to operate. Just a couple of segments will serve us well:

Step 1: "When conservative churches condemn Gays, there are only two things we can do to confound the homophobia of true believers. First, we can use talk to <u>muddy the moral waters.</u> This means publicizing support for gays by more moderate churches, raising theological objections of our own about conservative interpretations of biblical teachings, and exposing hatred and inconsistency. Second, we can undermine the moral authority.... Against the mighty pull of institutional Religion one must set the mightier draw of <u>Science & Public Opinion</u> (the shield and sword of that accursed "secular humanism"). Such an unholy alliance has worked well against churches before, on such topics as divorce and abortion. With enough open talk about the prevalence and acceptability of homosexuality, that alliance can work again here."

Note here the *agenda of confusion* and reference to *science* – keep those in mind as we move on. The two authors - Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen - were Harvard educated. Madsen (writing under the pen-name Erastes Pill) was a master at psychological manipulation. They

later wrote the follow-up book, *After the Ball – How America Will Conquer It's Fear and Hatred of Gays in the 90s*. They went from low profile to what we are seeing now – a full scale demonizing of those who disagree with them often labeled as HATERS. When you read this manifesto notice how they increase the pressure as we look at Step 5 (of 6):

Step 5: MAKE THE VICTIMIZERS LOOK BAD. At a later stage of the media campaign for gay rights-long after other gay ads have become commonplace-it will be time to **get tough with remaining opponents. To be blunt, they must be vilified...** we seek to replace the mainstream's self-righteous pride about its homophobia with **shame and guilt.** Second, we intend **to make the anti-gays look so nasty that average Americans will want to dissociate themselves from such types**.

They have done this successfully, facing little opposition. These activists have clearly stated that this is only one step in their path to complete transformation of the moral fiber of our country. Years ago a prominent LGBT activist summarized their agenda when she said this:

"Being queer is more than setting up house, sleeping with a person of the same gender, and seeking state approval for doing so. It is an identity, a culture.... It is a way of dealing with the world... Being queer means pushing the parameters of sex, sexuality, and family, and in the process **transforming the very fabric of society**... We must keep our eyes on the goals of providing true alternatives to marriage and of **radically reordering society's view of family.** (Paula Ettelbrick, former Executive Director of the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Campaign)

This type of statement, common from LGBT activists, should send a cold chill down your spine.

Transgenderism Fits Their Agenda – the Next Step:

The Left is using Transgenders to gain their next foothold and confusion is their tool of choice. It is no accident that Jenner suggests that it is *conservatives who are confused*. The public is woefully uninformed, they don't understand it, and thus this is fruitful territory for the homosexuals to operate in. However, as we will see in the last segment, they are guilty of a wicked exploitation and we must not let them off the hook for this evil. Responsible social scientists tells us that those caught in the Trans movement are being purposely used to further the Gay agenda. By inflating the numbers they make it sound like an issue that impacts a large segment of culture. In reality, Transgenders are 1/6 to 1/3 of one percent of the population.

An interesting observation from one of <u>Australia's top experts on gender</u> has raised concerns that children and teens are over diagnosed as transgender. He says that:

"Adolescents are "trying out being transgender" to stand out or gain attention from their peers, psychiatrist Stephen Stathis told the <u>Courier Mail</u>. "One said to me, 'Dr. Steve ... I want to be transgender, it's the new black," he recalled. Dr. Stathis points out that "there is an incredibly high rate of children who aren't actually suffering from transgenderism who believe they are, many of whom simply outgrow normal sex

confusion. The transgender push, instead of helping marginalized youth, is actually creating victims."

This desire to be Transgender ... the new black... is because Transgenderism has been glorified by the Media. Competent social science tell us that once you have done transformation surgery or even long term hormone therapy, reversing the results is difficult to impossible.

Efforts to resist this Transgender full-court-press by the homosexual community have been difficult. The common sense, Senate Bill 2 in North Carolina known as the Bathroom Bill was headline news – this was all about **Transgenders using the bathroom or locker room consistent with their biological sex.** The Media made it out to be an "LGBT" fairness issue when in actuality, it was only a "T" issue. Think about it, why does a Gay man or a Lesbian have to worry about using the bathroom consistent with their biological sex? If a Gay is trying to look *feminine* or a Lesbian is trying to look *masculine* – to match their "role within their living relationships" – should society be expected to accommodate that? In North Carolina, there were claims that business would lose money because of the unfairness of this bill. The NBA, NCAA, NFL, PayPal and several other Progressive organizations threatened to leave the state. In reality, the states Lt. Governor Dan Forest said "There was almost no financial loss to NC, and I will not trade the safety of our young women for a few sports tickets." (Interview at Summit Ministries Adult conference 2017)

A similar bill in Montana, SB 609 a Locker Room Bill caused a furor. Some Republicans who had indicated that they would support it, voted against it after the LGBT activists put on what the Chair of the House Judiciary called "a drama show." I was in the room and listening to the testimony of the ACLU, Planned Parenthood, Human Rights Campaign and others - you would have thought that they were all Transgender and needed to use the "other locker room" – talk about confusion. They played the emotional card to the hilt. The Lesbian spokesperson for the ACLU broke down in tears telling how stressful it is go into a bathroom as the Media filmed her. This person was not Transgender, and that was the issue the bill had in mind. But, confusion reigned and emotion won the day.

Ten Cases: The LGBT Brave New World, No Room for Traditional Ethics (Ten trains rolling down the track.)

"Do not get in the way of this train, because it will run you over." These bold words from a Gay activists are exactly where we are at this point in time. Let's consider several issues that indicate their desire for total domination of the culture - moving from wanting special rights and pushing for us to celebrate their life styles to a powerful enforcement that if you don't completely conform to their message, you will be driven from the culture.

Case One – the American Bar Associations new Rule 8.4(g) [No Lawyer <u>Disagreement</u> with the LGBT Agenda Allowed]

In a recent <u>Billings Gazette guest opinion</u>, James Nelson (former Montana Supreme Court Justice) spoke out **against** SR15 – a resolution encouraging our Supreme Court **not** to adopt the American Bar Associations Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(g). In common language, this rule would limit the free speech of lawyers. It would make it impossible for them to speak about issues that might be labeled "discrimination." What is this trump-card on lawyer's discriminatory speech really all about? Nelson *let the cat out of the bag* and told us. **This is all about silencing lawyers on anything to do with LGBT issues.**

Case Two – Businesses are being shut down if they don't conform. [No <u>business</u> unsympathetic to the LGBT agenda allowed.]

One prominent example is <u>Chick-fil-A</u>, they have been barred (or resisted) from a number of college campuses because of the owner's stance for traditional marriage.

A gay student group at Duquesne University fears that a proposed Chick-fil-A outpost could jeopardize the school's safe spaces. "Chick-fil-A has a questionable history on civil rights and human rights," Lambda executive board members Niko Martini told <u>The Duke (the university's student newspaper)</u>. Martini asked student government leaders to pass a resolution urging the school to reconsider Chick-fil-A as a dining option for students at the Pennsylvania Catholic School. "I think it's imperative the university chooses to do business with organizations that coincide with the university's mission and expectations they give students regarding diversity and inclusion," Martini went on to tell the newspaper.

The right of a business to do business or the right for free speech are not even considerations to the LGBT activists. If you don't agree with us, you're a HATER, and you're OUT! And what about the university's mission? It baffles me that these so called Human Rights groups never seem interested in anything but LGBT influence.

Case Three - <u>Professors are not hired</u> unless they adhere to the university "diversity statement." [No <u>employment</u> allowed unless you're an LGBT sympathizer.]

In loyalty oaths of the 1940s and '50s, Professors were often required to sign statements that affirmed their loyalty to the United States government, plus swear they were not members of any organizations, including the Communist Party USA. The Supreme Court struck down loyalty oaths as a condition of employment in 1964. Today we're seeing the re-emergence of the mentality that gave us loyalty oaths, in the form of mandating that faculty members write or endorse "diversity statements," especially as part of hiring and promotion procedures. **They are forced to pledge allegiance to the college's diversity agenda.** College diversity agendas are little more than a call for ideological conformity.

John Stonestreet, head of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview and other conservatives are warning that those who stand strong for social values may well **see employment opportunities lost.** It will not just be college professors. Do you remember the ESPN

<u>commentator</u> who was asked his opinion on marriage (on air) and almost lost his job for simply stating that he favored traditional marriage?

Case Four – <u>Honor Student receives failing grade for not supporting LGBT Agenda</u>. [No <u>graduation</u> allowed for those unsympathetic to LGBT agenda (your tax dollars at work)]

At Lakeland Community College in Ohio, an honor student refused to wear a *pink triangle* to symbolize homosexual pride. (Google Pink Triangle, see what you get)

The student... went to the taxpayer-supported educrat in charge of the class on criminal justice. "I asked, 'What if a student were to feel uncomfortable with this - would there be an alternate assignment?' She said no."

He received an "F" and even faced expulsion until the story was covered by a local TV news station. (*The Death of Right and Wrong*, Tammy Bruce, p. 162-163) This is but one example of the power the LGBT activists' exert at universities, the **gateway to high paying jobs**.

Case Five- No Conservative Organization Allowed. [Institutions, <u>organizations, and</u> businesses marked for resistance.]

Media Matters for America, National Center for Transgender Equality, Matthew Shepard Foundation Launch the Eliminate Hate Campaign

In an April 3, 2017 press release the above groups let it be known that they will **actively work to shut down any conversation** from organizations like Alliance Defending Freedom or other organizations that speak HATE about LGBT issues. In reality, HATE is any form of disagreement with their narrative. News media will also be pressured to conform to these new guidelines.

The Eliminate Hate campaign will work to ensure **institutions**, **organizations**, **and businesses** that lend credibility to anti-LGBTQ hate groups are aware of and accountable for their association with a hate groups. We also implore journalists and media outlets to report on hate group's activity identify their designation, contextualize long-standing extremism, and debunk harmful misinformation used to attack LGBTQ rights.

A supporting account is found in a stunning article in the *New American* - <u>NEWS: Alternative</u>, <u>Real, Fake</u>. Consider just two sound bites from this article. Use your imagination to figure out what "HATE speech" means to these Progressives.

During the eight-year reign of President Barack Obama, the advocates of Orwellian controls for the ostensible purpose of combating "hate speech" and "thought crimes" made frightful progress. Federal and state government officials, together with their cronies in the major media and tech giants such as Google, Facebook, Amazon, Twitter, and Microsoft, have ganged up to crush the upstart alternative media that are challenging (and have already surpassed, by some important metrics) the MSM (mainstream media) Fake News monopoly that has protected and projected the globalist agenda for decades. Breitbart News, the Drudge Report, InfoWars, Natural

News, and dozens of other Internet-based news providers have already been targeted and are feeling the impact of the corporate-government jack-booted heel on their jugulars.

"Advertisers are telling right-wing website Breitbart News to ditch the hate speech and are withdrawing their campaigns until it cleans up its content," reported the left-wing International Business Times (IBT) on November 23, 2016. "AppNexus, a company whose software helps deliver ads online, has told the conservative news and opinion site that it breaches its policies around hate speech." AppNexus is not the only advertising company performing this ideological squeeze play. Omnicom and AdRoll are two additional huge advertisement buying networks that have joined the thought police.

Bottom line, you conform or you have no voice and even your advertising will be blocked.

Case 6 – Free Speech on Public Universities Shut Down Across America [Nobody speaking on conservative issues remotely related to LGBT issues gets to talk.]

Conservative commentator and author Heather Mac Donald said Monday it was an "exercise of brute totalitarian force" when protesters at Claremont McKenna College shut down her speaking event last week. "This is <u>not just my loss</u> of free speech. These students are exercising brute force against their fellow students to prevent them from hearing me live," Mac Donald said on "Fox & Friends."

Mac Donald, the author of "The War on Cops: How the New Attack on Law and Order Makes Everyone Less Safe," said she was scheduled to speak at the college on Thursday when protesters surrounded and blocked the entrance to the Athenaeum, where the event was being held. Understand that groups like Black Lives Matter work in concert with LGBT activist groups. They are often the same people. Or, we could talk about Ann Colter or dozens of other conservatives who university leaders and law enforcement refuse to invite and protect.

Case 7 – <u>Airman faces censure over support for Biblical marriage</u> [No Disagreement about LGBT issues allowed in our <u>Military</u>]

In this situation, a high ranking Air Force officer actively pursued an airman who did not line up with the LGBT agenda. A 26-year U.S. Air Force veteran was battling an official admonishment from his commanding officer over allegedly disparaging remarks he made about homosexuality more than four years ago. Mike Berry with First Liberty said, our concern is that when Col. Madrid candidly told the [Warren AFB] **investigato**r that he holds a Biblical view of marriage and sexuality, some witnesses claimed that is derogatory or discriminatory," Berry said "Maj. Gen. McCoy appears to have reached that conclusion, too. In fact, Col. Madrid was verbally warned after the investigation that talking about aspects of his Christian faith could be considered "offensive or derogatory."

Books could be written about how **sympathies for the LGBT agenda increased under Obama's reign** as he did all he could to put homosexuals and Transgenders in positions of power.

One of the latest is the effort to make openly Lesbian Colonel Kristen Goodwin Commander of Cadets at the Air Force Academy. My point is not to demonize an Air Force officer for being a Lesbian – it is not a personal issue. But as a former Air Force Captain, I have concerns. Above all, there is the issue of role models for hundreds of high caliber youth. This suggests to them that the homosexual life style is the New Normal in our culture. At this writing, she needs to be promoted to Brigadier General and the Senate needs to confirm her. While Media reports show only glowing reports of her performance, it is interesting that nothing can be found about her journey to being lesbian or other personal notes. Wikipedia will give you info on Pam Anderson but not many liberals. When questioned about whether she lied about her sexual orientation when entering the Air Force, Goodwin adamantly denied lying about anything. "She relates," in a letter "that she did not become aware of her sexual orientation until well after Don't Ask Don't Tell (DADT) went into effect. However, she graduated from the Academy in 1993 and DADT went into went into effect in February of 1994. That suggests that she was well into her 20's before figuring out that she was a lesbian. There are justifiably questions we have. Will Colonel Goodwin protect religious freedom for non-LGBT cadets? Will she refrain from becoming a political activist for LGBT causes?

Case 8 – Wyoming Judge Censored for Opinion on Marriage. [No descent in the <u>Judiciary</u> about LBGT issues allowed.]

In Wyoming, a judge was censored because she said in a private conversation that she would not perform a same-sex marriage. She was told that if she is going to be a judge, she has to conform to the LGBT agenda of total domination of all of culture. An articulate pastor asked the question in a paper article "If she can be silenced and must conform, what makes us think they can't do that to a Pastor?"

Case 9 – Evaluation of Cities – <u>Scorecard for being LGBT Friendly</u>. [Your city (or state) will lose business if your score is low.]

This scorecard is the Human Rights Campaign's power move to intimidate cities threatening that if they do not have a LGBT friendly community, **businesses won't come**. Outside of their own evaluations, there is no data to back this threat up. But what do they consider friendly? In Section one we see:

Non-Discrimination in Private Employment, Housing, and Public Accommodations (Up to 30 points). This category evaluates whether a city has an **enforceable non-discrimination ordinance** that expressly covers sexual orientation and gender identity and applies to private employment, housing, and public accommodations citywide. .. A 3-point deduction is applied for public accommodations protections that contain carveouts prohibiting individuals from using **facilities consistent with their gender identity**.

Translation, no NDO, no points - and, businesses have to have bathrooms that accommodate transgender people. As you read on, you find that points are deducted if the city does not have health insurance that accommodates transgender transformation and many other issues.

Case 10 – Schools are becoming indoctrination centers for LGB and especially T's [Public Schools lose free speech and free thinking.]

In 2015, parents at a school were told that students from kindergarten to fifth grade would have to be taught that gender identity, sex, and gender expression were all free-floating concepts, through insipid children's books and propaganda framed as anti-bullying activism. These demands were, of course, a Trojan horse for Trans advocacy in the classroom. This is a common tactic. Parents were told that the school would be in direct violation of the law—specifically, Title IX and our state's anti-bullying law—if the school didn't equate sex with gender identity in policy and practice. Parents were told—by the school's lawyer!—that free speech creates a "hostile environment" when it critiques the Transgender issue.

In other cases, students were told that if they were not comfortable with having girls enter a boy's facility, they could stay home or be home-schooled.

<u>So catch the summary -</u> Lawyers, Businesses, Professors, Students, Organizations and Media, Speakers, Military, Judges, Cities and States, and Parents - that don't conform will be marginalized.

Exposing the Real Confusion - The Transgender Narrative vs. Sound Social Science.

Across America, competent social scientists are sounding an alarm about this tidal wave of propaganda from LGBT activists to promote Transgenderism. I will outline some of the arguments against this trend using story lines and LINKS. The bottom line is that there is no science to support the vast majority of what you are hearing. You can also find numerous articles on these issues at http://www.bigskyworldview.org/ under Resources, Library.

Transgenderism - Reputable Science or Rhetoric and Confusion:

A recent article from the Witherspoon Institute by a *Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Boston University, <u>Transgenderism Has No Basis in Science or Law</u> asks a fair question:*

In a domain in which the proposed "therapies" are so drastic, [and irreversible] it is too much to ask for a solid, evidence-based statement of who is being treated, for what, and why, before writing a prescription or passing a law?

In fact, there is no consensus among social scientists about the causes of this issue. **Evidence-based conclusions are utterly lacking**, regardless of the claims of activists. Without clear distinctions not only among categories of the potentially mentally disordered, but also between the mentally disordered and the normal population, how are diagnosis and treatment decisions to be made? **Laws** that have been passed are based **not on medical or scientific** research but upon emotion, power, and what will justify insurance payments for treatment. The literature is filled with <u>stories of regret</u> from people who experienced confusion, feeling they were the opposite sex and did transformation. Years after transformation efforts, they are not happier

and in countless cases have deep regrets with no options for reversing their decisions. The suicide rate in **post-surgical patients** has been reported to be <u>twenty times higher</u> than in controls matched for birth year and birth sex. **Loud voices** [emotion based thinking] in the media and among advocates—even at <u>Boston Children's Hospital</u>—have called for and have even implemented hormone therapy to **delay the onset of children's puberty** in order to facilitate gonadectomy [surgery] later in their teens or young adulthood. **Research** [the scientific approach] on the sexual development of children who at some point are seen to be nonconformist shows that <u>80 percent of such children outgrow their "transgenderism" by the end of their teens</u>. Interference with the normal sexual development of children on the basis of political ideology is **not just unethical—it is child abuse.** This author also speaks of the **extreme pressure** researchers get from activists when questioning transformation efforts. Decades ago, John Hopkins who had led in transformation efforts, abandoned such work because of the outcomes observed. Due to LGBT pressure they have reinitiated their work.

We expect our legislators to have rational bases for the laws they enact and judges to have rational bases for the decisions they reach. There is simply no rational basis for the laws being proposed and imposed in the realm of Transgenderism. There is very little knowledge at all—no common definitions of terms, no accepted methodology, and no outcome analyses, no testing and rejecting of hypotheses, no agreed-upon standards, and no science. There currently exists no reliable foundation for making these laws that will shape the actions of the larger community as they relate to sexually nonconforming individuals. In a recent interview on Fox News, transgender lawyer Jillian Weiss, executive director of the Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund, was asked repeatedly by host Tucker Carlson, "What are the legal standards to be transgender?" Finally, the legal specialist admitted, "There are no legal standards."

The <u>accepted LGBTQ standard</u> for being a "real" trans woman or trans man is simply that a person desires to **self-identify as the opposite** of his or her biological sex and to be socially accepted as such. If a person feels distressed about his or her birth gender, then the politically correct action is for everyone to affirm the new and "authentic" gender identity—the one that exists only in the trans person's feelings.

Studies show that the majority of transgender people have **other co-occurring**, or comorbid, psychological **disorders**. <u>Outlawing psychotherapy</u> for transgender people may be politically correct, but it shows a reckless disregard for human lives. A <u>2014 study</u> found 62.7% of patients diagnosed with gender dysphoria (feeling their gender does not match their biology) had **at least one co-occurring disorder**, and 33% were found to have major depressive disorders, which are linked to suicide. Another <u>2014 study of four European countries</u> found that almost 70% of participants showed one or more Axis I disorders, mainly affective (mood) disorders and anxiety.

Dr. Mike Adams, a criminology professor at UNC Wilmington says the following as he <u>challenges</u> <u>the idea</u> that Transgenderism is not a treatable disorder:

Until recently, it was understood that a man who thought he was a woman (or a woman who thought he was a man) suffered from Gender Identity Disorder, or GID. As Matt Walsh explains in his brilliant new book, The Unholy Trinity, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) was only recently pressured into removing GID from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM). This was done solely for political reasons. Now that GID is gone and has been replaced with "gender dysphoria," which is not considered a mental illness, we are no longer treating it. Instead of trying to change a man's feelings when he becomes convinced he is a she, we now try to change his body to match his feelings. This is done either by hormonal injection, surgical alteration, or both. When we removed GID from the DSM we did so under the banner of tolerance. But tolerance presupposes a moral judgment. In other words, we were declaring that although we judged something was wrong with people suffering from GID we would no longer express our judgment - so others would heap praise upon us for being "open-minded." If you think that sounds harsh, you are right. When people refuse to help other people who are sick and thus allow them to hurt themselves it is called cruelty."

Adams was told that the idea that this was a mental illness was "unworthy of a scholar." This mindset can be referred to as intellectual *coercion*. To the extent that it demands conformity without debate, it can also be dubbed as intellectual *cowardice* Adams replied.

Glenn Stanton, (a respected Social Scientist) Director of Family Formation Studies at Focus on the Family chips away at this social construct by comparing it to body mutilation surgery in other situations. While many Trans advocates resist the categorization, transformation surgery falls practically under the category of what psychologists term Body Integrity Identity Disorder (BIID). It's a general condition where a person's physical body does not align with or is disintegrated with what his or her mind understands itself to be. He points to a scientist who has this condition and believes she is a paraplegic. She wants doctors to cut her legs off so her body will align with her emotional beliefs. But this surgery is against the law. It is her body, after all. She says it's not that strange, but "the same as a transsexual man having his penis cut off. It's never coming back, but they know it's what they want." Why him and not her? Published studies reveal the great majority of such individuals—63 to 83 percent—report it as an issue of self-identity and have felt this way since early childhood. Elliot reports these common phrases of explanation from his many interviews: "I always felt I should be an amputee." "I have felt this is who I was." "It is a desire to...be myself, as I 'know' or 'feel' myself to be." Stanton concludes with this note: The eminent Paul R. McHugh directed the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Johns Hopkins University and was psychiatrist-in-chief at Johns Hopkins Hospital for more than 25 years. He addressed the wisdom of cutting the body to cure the mind in a celebrated essay entitled "Psychiatric Misadventures" in the American Scholar. He decries the Manichean "illusion of technique" which assumes "the body is like a suit of clothes to be hemmed and stitched to style" to match the mind, all established on "the ghastliness of the mutilated anatomy."

We must understand that both of these are severe psychological conditions and must be treated compassionately, but truthfully. The fact that high-profile professional psychiatric associations <u>say</u> one of these is no longer a psychological disorder must be taken with a substantial grain of salt. Their conclusion is not the result of any new scientific development. It's the <u>admitted</u> result of <u>significant pressure by pro-transgender lobbyists</u>.

The Science of "Born that Way"

Volumes have been written to refute the supposed science that homosexuals <u>are born with</u> this issue. While we do not dispute that a small percentage of people have this attraction, the reason is still unclear and the best science indicates it to be a combination of nature or nurture.

Glenn Stanton throws a monkey wrench in this machinery with the question Why Are So Many Lesbians Getting Pregnant? It's contrary to all reason, but it's true. Lesbians have significantly higher pregnancy rates than their heterosexual peers. It's also true for teen gay males. They are substantially more likely to impregnate their sexual partners than are heterosexual males. Multiple studies with samples drawn from various nations find that sexual-minority youth aged fourteen to nineteen have pregnancy rates two to seven times greater than their heterosexual peers. Their pregnancy rates continue to rise, even though the overall teen pregnancy rate is declining in the United States. These pregnancies cannot all be assigned to bisexuals. Still, it is curious that those who go both ways still have higher pregnancy rates than heterosexuals. The numbers among those who identify as gay and lesbian remain unbelievably high. Could it be possible that being lesbian or gay is not quite as absolute or fixed as gender theorists want us to believe? One's sexual orientation is supposed to be locked in and unchangeable, like sex, race, or ethnicity. But this pregnancy phenomenon confounds that narrative.

To the LGBT activists trying to make their case, it turns out that facts and science are a nasty nuisance. For those who are serious about this conversation, I recommend such literature as Robert Gagnon's 500 page book, *The Bible and Homosexual Practice*. Consider the scientifically conducted studies looking for a "Gay Gene" or look at the "Identical Twin Studies" – the "born that way" mantra only holds up in the newspapers. Even their claims that same-sex parenting is just as good for kids as traditional parenting – just does not stand scientific scrutiny. The University of Texas study summarized by Focus on the Family indicates tragic differences.

In conclusion we return to the threat outlined earlier from *The Overhauling of Straight America*. "Against the mighty pull of institutional Religion one must set the mightier draw of Science & Public Opinion." The reality is, they are on shaky grounds where science is concerned. Consequently they are shaping public opinion by bullying. The threat from the Gay activists "Do not get in the way of this train, because it will run you over" is what is propelling them. Watch them in the court room or at the legislature – they are unapologetic bullies! Unless people who favor traditional morality are willing to get informed, and get engaged, they will continue to run down that track unopposed.