# **Policy Paper**

# Transgenderism – When legislated for, creates far more harm than it heals.

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# Preface:

- It is important we consider and contemplate the difficulties that people who struggle with a confused gender-identity experience. However, it is also extremely important that we are fully aware of the harm and damage that will occur, and is already occurring, to other groups of citizens as the newly-formulated, unscientific, transgender-theory is placed into policies and legislation.
- Social leaders need to fully understand the full extent of the negative effects of translaw and policymaking. Once understood, it becomes extremely clear that social leaders have no popular mandate to cause so much substantial damage to so many other groups of citizens – just to somehow allow for those who struggle with the psychological issue of transgenderism to feel a 'little bit more accepted by society'.
- Citizens would never vote to accept for such extensive damage for themselves, for their children, and their nations. This being so, all laws and policies that are currently being instituted are being done so through dictatorial means, in full violation of democratic processes.
- If trans-law and policies are passed, the end result can only be that the nations of the world will be led by authoritarians. The only way that social leaders can maintain their demand that so many groups of citizens suffer so much harm just so as to make some 0.001% of the population 'feel more accepted'- is through oppression and fear.
- The social leaders have no mandate to cause nations around the world to become authoritarian regimes.
- It, therefore, is beholden on all members of the U.N. to make sure that the traditional, biological definition of 'male' and 'female' – according to natural genitalia and chromosomes - is consistently maintained throughout all policies and laws. The U.N. must affirm that a 'man' can never become a 'woman', and vice versa.
- We encourage all nations to invest in developing improved methods of counselling so as to better help those who struggle with gender-confusion. Counselling has helped many individuals up until now. It can help even more in the future.

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Below we list some of the many groups of citizens who will suffer negative outcomes from trans-laws and policies.

# Women:

- Trans-policies and laws will eventually destroy women's, competitive sports. Millions of women will give up on sports. Depression and lower levels of health will occur.
- Women will increasingly be sexually violated in mixed-sex bathrooms and other bodyvulnerable spaces like prisons and women's shelters. One recent UK study showed that women and girls are eight times more likely to be abused in unisex bathrooms.

- The arena of sports will become infected with drugs as unethical coaches seek to encourage their male athletes to take cross-sex hormones so they can win medals, prize money, and sponsorship in all female sports. People will stop watching. Sponsorship will decline.
- In all professions that demand body strength as a criterion, transwomen will usurp the promotion chances of women. Also, a company board of twenty males can claim that, during their meetings, ten of them identify as women. Equality laws are undermined.
- Many women are already deeply concerned about all these policies and more. One cannot create a 'more tolerant world' when so many women are getting hurt.<sup>i</sup>

# **Scientists and Professionals**

- The theory will eventually destroy the biological sciences. When you cannot use the biological body as a reference for sex you will have large, irrelevant conferences where eminent scientists will be forced to debate whether there are 57, 120, or 350 genders. No agreement will be found. In order to comply with the dictates of the transtheory, research is already being published, against all the previous evidence, showing that there is 'no difference between the brains of men and women'.
- Scientists in many other fields are already complaining that the theory that a 'man can get pregnant' is negatively affecting their ability to publish truthful research.<sup>ii</sup>
- Trans-legislation already is causing fear in many different professions and thus causing many different groups of professionals to act unethically. Many doctors are already frightened to offer gender-confused children counselling frightened that they will lose their job for doing the right thing. Doctors will be forced against their conscience, under the law, to carry out operations on mentally-ill children removing their breasts, their wombs, their penises and more. Social workers will be forced to let transwomen, men who are still attracted to women, into women's abuse shelters.<sup>III</sup> Teachers, because they know what they are teaching to children is harmful to the children, are already hiding what they are teaching from parents.<sup>IV</sup> Etc.
- One cannot build a 'better world' when science is turned into non-science. One cannot build a 'more caring world' if the law forces professionals to act in uncaring ways.

# **Religious Communities**

- Germany, Canada, and several US states have already passed laws that state that there are more than two genders. Because of this, Christianity and every religion that is based on the binary system which is all of them will increasingly come under attack as hate speech.
- One cannot build sustainable, flourishing communities if all religious communities that sustain and support so many citizens around the world are under attack. Social leaders have no mandate to impose such a future on citizens.

# Mentally Unstable Children

Many studies show that the vast majority of children who struggle with gender confusion have pre-existing psychological issues.<sup>v</sup> Some 35% of the children who applied for gender-reassignment to the UK Tavistock gender-clinic for children suffer from some form of autism.<sup>vi</sup> Having suffered from previous sexual abuse is common, as is having a traumatized childhood, <sup>vii</sup> and having psychologically, unstable parents.<sup>viii</sup> Increasingly common among groups of teenaged girls is 'Rapid-Onset Gender-

Dysphoria'. A group of friends will, in order to gain popularity and status, will declare themselves to be transgendered.<sup>ix</sup>

- All major studies on gender-confused children show that 75-90% of these children will grow out of their confusion by the time they reach young adulthood.<sup>× xi xii</sup> they need counselling, space, and time. Their lives will be seriously harmed by body-harming and sterilizing, cross-sex hormones and operations but it is happening anyway. Behind the scenes, the rush to transition children is being pushed by major investors who wish to make vast profits from hormones and operations.<sup>xiv</sup> Social leaders have a duty not to bring about harm to this world just so that some corporations make large profits.
- The typical life of a transsexual is a very challenging and difficult life. No one should wish such a life on anyone, let alone a mentally-unstable child. Many transsexuals have on-going health problems because of the hormones and unnatural operations. Most are lonely, unable to build a long-term relationship with anyone. Depression is common. Many find themselves living in poverty, unable to keep a job. Because many transsexuals are cut off from the things that create meaning in our lives family, work, and health their suicide rate is twenty times higher than the norm. For example, a study of 392 male-to-female transgendered in San Francisco,<sup>xv</sup> a place where people are as tolerant as they ever are going to be, found:
  - 35 percent were HIV positive
  - 22 percent had mental health hospitalization
  - 32 percent had made a suicide attempt
  - 62 percent suffered from depression
  - 65 percent had been incarcerated
  - 80 percent had engaged in sex work or survival sex, and
  - 59 percent had been sexually assaulted
  - We cannot wish such a future on our most vulnerable children.
- Some say, "But the gender-confused children will commit suicide if they are not allowed to transition." This may be true. Some might. But, considering the fact that these children suffered far more traumatic childhoods, we don't know if this higher rate of suicide is because of their pre-existing traumas or because of their confusion. Also, we know that if they do transition, they will experience a much higher suicide rate than even those who do not transition. Also, in our current rush to transition teens, if 8 out of 10 children are mistakenly transitioned, their rate of suicide may be even higher. Fundamentally, considering the very negative life-long outcomes, and the very large financial costs for taxpayers, it is worth demanding that each and every gender-confused child should have extensive counselling to see if the deeper roots of their confusion can be found and healed. With practice we can get better.
- The Nuremberg Code was specifically created to stop people from being subject to scientific experimentation without their full consent. It states the following:

"The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, over-reaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion; and should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved, as to enable him to make an understanding and enlightened decision. This latter element requires that, before the acceptance of an affirmative decision by the experimental subject, there should be made known to him the nature, duration, and purpose of the experiment; the method and means by which it is to be conducted; all inconveniences and hazards reasonably to be expected; and the effects upon his health or person, which may possibly come from his participation in the experiment."

The Code raises three key issues in the transgender debate.

- Children and teens are not legally capable of giving full consent. They are too young to fully understand.
- No one knows the long-term effects of transitioning young children. There is no research on this. Because the damage cannot be known prior to treatment, we cannot fully inform the children of the long-term, negative consequences and thus they cannot be agreeing to this unknown future in full knowledge of the consequences. What limited research has been done shows we should be concerned.<sup>xvi</sup>
- Since most teens declare their gender confusion while still at school, and they get a new social status because of this, it is extremely hard for them to back-track and rescind their declaration if they later change their mind. The environment is one of 'duress and coercion'. It is unforgiving. You are seen as a liar or traitor to the cause.

We know that children are too young to give their full consent and that they cannot be giving their consent in full knowledge of the negative outcomes because no one knows the long-term negative outcomes. What is happening is government-run experimentation on innocent children. It needs to be stopped. Because of this, many professional associations see the rush to transition children as a serious and unjustifiable form of child abuse. It is an abuse of their human rights—an abuse of the child's natural right to protection from themselves and from ideologically-driven adults who wish to do them harm out of misguided good intentions. The Nuremberg Code was specifically drawn up to stop such experimentation from happening. Almost all nations have signed up to it.

# The Education System

• The transgender issue is seriously undermining<sup>xvii</sup> the trust between parents and teachers. Comprehensive sex education programs that harm child well-being are now being brought into schools, mostly without parental agreement. Increasing numbers of children, especially the most vulnerable ones, will suffer worse life outcomes because of these programs. More will grow up gender-confused. Gender-fluid theory focuses the minds of children on individual sexuality. But sexuality primarily exists for the creation of children and families, for the continuation of our communities and community life. With sexuality being taught outside of its more holistic context, then fewer children, on reaching adulthood, will marry. Single parenting will rise, social costs will escalate, and social problems will increase. The role of the education system is not to create social decay. Faith schools will be specifically targeted, <sup>xviii</sup> with them having to close their doors or teach child-harming theory.

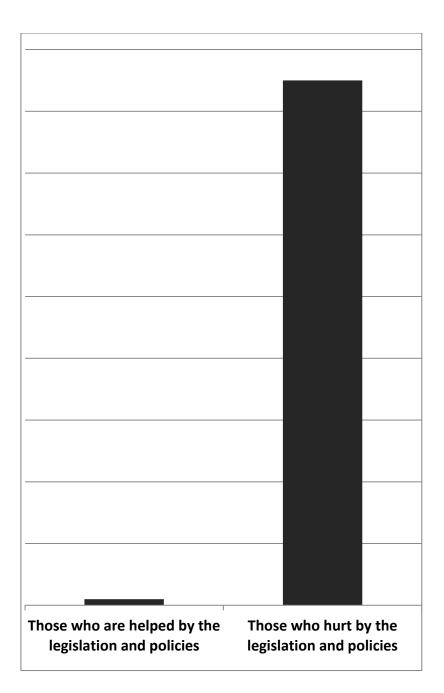
• The false belief that this is a civil rights issue, not a psychological issue, is already allowing political activists to enter schools all across the world and place their radical theories into the minds of children. This is political indoctrination, not education. The basis of gender-fluid theory is that the 'all-wise' State can fix all social problems – the psychological disorder of gender dysphoria included. The ideological belief is that the State, almost by itself, can fix unwanted abortions, climate change, homelessness, toxic males, poverty, and more. Such thinking is akin to the Marxist, 'we can fix poverty' theory that took over the USSR from 1917 onward, and miserably failed. The politicisation of the school system takes children far away from the more natural mindset that has built Western democracies and other fast developing nations. This natural mind-set encourages students to understand that the quality of their community and their own lives is primarily dependent on their personal development and the quality of their core values. If they are striving to be the most noble they can be, and others are striving for the same level of nobility, the world is the best it can be. In essence, the thinking patterns behind encouraging the young to support social-justice Stateinterventionism brings about a mind-set that causes the young to forget that the future of the world depends upon their own personal development. Over the last thirty years, as the young have increasingly been encouraged to forget their own personal responsibility, social problems have risen and national debts have spiralled out of control. In summary, transgender theory forces schools to become socialist indoctrination camps. An end to our democracies is assured.

#### Democracy

Democracy is lost. The only way politicians can hold onto power while hurting so many citizens is through a growing level of authoritarianism. We already see freedom of speech being curtailed. Compelled speech laws are being written – one of the first signs that an authoritarian future is on the horizon. Parents who know their children have mental issues to deal with are being threatened by the State if they don't allow their psychologically-disturbed child to transition. People already live in fear of speaking what they know to be true. The U.N. has no right to demand such a future for the citizens of the world.

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Trans-legislation and policymaking harm everything they touch. Every part of the society where transgenderism touches, it harms far more people than it helps. In essence, the newly-formulated trans-theory is like bringing anti-matter into the world. It destroys everything it comes into contact with. It is like a computer virus within the social fabric. It is not a theory that brings about a 'more tolerant, wholesome world'. It is a dangerously formulated theory that disguises the reality that transgendered adults are typically mentally ill individuals and hides the reality that most dysphoric children are just temporarily confused. The theory needs to be eradicated from every public space, as soon as possible, before it does even more damage. We need to revert back to the more truthful story, one we have always held up until now, that gender-confused teens and adults are best helped by psychologists. This is a mental health issue. It is not a civil rights issue that demands political intervention. Social leaders have absolutely no mandate to create such a harmful future - for their communities and for citizens.



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