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Cutting-Edge ‘Gender Reassignment’

Puberty-suppressing drugs and more, now available for minors

Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. --Romans 1:28

Make no mistake, the Obama White House is heavily vested in the *transgendered* movement, and appears quite taken with the publicity-seeking 65-year-old Bruce Jenner who now calls himself “Caitlyn.” Possibly emboldened by Hollywood’s overall embrace of Jenner, Mr. Obama is moving quickly and decisively to “penetrate” America’s military establishment with those who psychologists have dubbed “gender dysphoric.” According to *USA Today* (7/29), “Defense Secretary Ash Carter sent a memo to top military brass and civilians formally outlining his plan that would protect transgender troops from being discharged and directs officials to develop a plan within six months to incorporate those troops into the ranks.”

But several states aren’t waiting to see how this experiment will play out. Oregon, for one, has implemented a far more aggressive method for dealing with “gender dysphorics.” Applicants can be treated to “gender mutilation surgery” (as Michael Medved once called it), at taxpayer expense.

A former psychiatrist in chief at Johns Hopkins Hospital, recently commented in the Wall Street Journal that “policy makers and the media are doing no favors either to the public or the transgendered by treating their confusions as a right in need of defending rather than as a mental disorder that deserves understanding, treatment and prevention.” Dr. Paul McHugh says:

“We at Johns Hopkins University--which in the 1960s was the first American medical center to venture into "sex-reassignment surgery"--launched a study in the 1970s comparing the outcomes of transgendered people who had the surgery with the outcomes of those who did not. Most of the surgically treated patients described themselves as "satisfied" by the results, but their subsequent psycho-social adjustments were no better than those who didn't have the surgery. And so at Hopkins we stopped doing sex-reassignment surgery, since producing a "satisfied" but still troubled patient seemed an inadequate reason for surgically amputating normal organs.”¹

Politicians, however, aren’t listening. Under a first-in-the-nation policy quietly devised and implemented by a governor-appointed board, 15-year-olds in Oregon, are now eligible for “gender reassignment surgery.” State residents are stunned to learn that medical expenses are covered through its Medicaid program—the Oregon Health Plan—and parental consent is not required!

For parents who have ears to hear, that should be a nuclear threat. Why in the world would this procedure be offered to fifteen-year-olds without parental consent? Asked specifically, Jen Burleton, who heads *TransActive Gender Center* in Portland, inferred that parental involvement is a high priority. However, she added, "It would be a separate but equal implementation of it to say for all other physician-recommended or evidence-based medical care, youth in Oregon can access that at age 15 but for this one they have to wait longer." ^{ibid} Uh, huh...

On a recent Facebook post, Franklin Graham responded, "...You've got to be kidding me! As a parent and grandparent I'm outraged, and I don't even live in Oregon! And to top it off, the state will even pay for it through its Medicaid program. What kind of ludicrousness is this? It's wrong from every angle. The state should not be superseding God-given parental authority. This is another example of why Christians should get involved in politics and policy at all levels to bring about change for the better in our society."

Since our web search failed to turn up other notable clerics, elected officials, or presidential candidates currently speaking to this matter, we turned to another demographic for gut-reactions to gender reassignment surgery for minors. We close with a sample of reader comments posted at gopusa.com:

gunnylarrym411—"The socio-political atmosphere in that state that is governed by addle-brained politicians that are elected to office by an equally addle-brained, completely 'out of step with reality' electorate—has become a 'cesspool'... Although I live in WA State, I maintain family and emotional ties with Southern, CA and travel there occasionally. When motoring south it is necessary to pass through Oregon on my trek, which has become absolutely odious to me, for all of the aforementioned reasons... Semper Fi."

Comment by Son of Thunder—"I'm starting to think mass sterilization is looking good...The gene pool is truly contaminated—breeding more idiots is not the way to go."

Comment by pwpmpm—"What is it going to take before people realize our nation is swirling down the toilet? We aren't becoming ancient Rome, we are ancient Rome. The decadence, the debauchery the total lack of morality and common decency is horrifying to behold. Almighty God, please save our kids from those who rule us."

Comment by wyored1—"I don't know who originated the term "left coast", but he or she was Target Center. It almost seems as if there is a Loony Tunes competition amongst those three states... a "race to the bottom", as it were...."

Comment by shafawn15—"I can't help but believe the LBGT lobby threw millions of dollars at the Republicans and suddenly they became mute while all this immorality that rots the souls of our youth is heaped upon us. After all don't we have the majority in both house and senate? Where is their outrage? Where is their dismay? They are silent as the grave."

Comment by ltuser—"With this, and the other recent case where a school system wants to give IUDs and other birth control to YOUR kids without your say so, it is looking more and more like kids are No longer YOUR kids."

Comment by jimwg—"We didn't have boys wondering or questioning their sex...like this a mere generation or so ago. This is largely a popular culture created phenomenon where technology is magic and the world is plastic and biology and desires have no anchors or limits or standards to heed."

Comment by spida—"Only Islamists who genitally mutilate all their female children, and the Nazis, who engaged in euthanasia, lobotomies of mental defectives, sterilization of all "abnormals," and forced coupling of Aryan children to better breed, seem to have implemented a more outrageous policy than encouraging and paying for CHILDREN's self-mutilation."

Comment by common1sensei—"Last night on Nightline they did a story about the "transgendered" BOY now named "Jazz" who is getting HIS own TLC reality show... While he was shopping for new female clothing HE was complaining that a dress didn't fit HIM as well as HIS female friends and ACTUALLY said... "I don't have the right BODY for this!" I nearly screamed at my TV...YOU THINK?!? How many more perversions and sexual-gender fallacies are we going to be FORCED to believe is 'normal'? Wouldn't a simple CHROMOSOME test to show whether someone had two XX's (female) or an XY (male) CONFIRM one's "gender identity"? Instead we have liberal quack psychologists who simply tell people what they want to hear as long as they are being paid. It is IMMORAL and many Americans are falling for it like sheep and lemmings."

Rick Forcier

¹ www.gopusa.com/theloft/2015/07/11/sex-change-surgery-for-your-kids-compliments-of-the-taxpayer/