

Resolution to Oppose Gender-Affirming Procedures for Minors

WHEREAS, children are our future and, as such, must be protected.

WHEREAS, a child's brain does not fully mature until the mid-to-late 20s. (According to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIH) website.)

WHEREAS, the current gender-affirming approach embraced by public institutions in media, education, and the legal system, and recommended by most national medical organizations, tells parents to treat their children as the gender they desire, and to place them on puberty blockers around age 11 or 12 if they are gender dysphoric. If by age 16, the children still insist that they are trapped in the wrong body, they are placed on cross-sex hormones, and biological girls may obtain a double mastectomy. Genital reassignment surgeries are not recommended before age 18, though some surgeons have recently argued against this restriction. (According to Michelle Cretella, M.D., executive director of the American College of Pediatricians, in The Daily Signal article entitled: "How Transgender Ideology Has Infiltrated My Field and Produced Large-Scale Child Abuse.")

WHEREAS, the transition-affirming protocol is recommended even though there is not a single long-term study to demonstrate the safety or efficacy of these procedures. (According to the American College of Pediatricians, article entitled "Transgender Interventions Harm Children."). The New York Times investigated the deleterious effects that puberty blockers have on bone health, and published an article, "They Paused Puberty, But Is There a Cost?" after reviewing the scientific literature and interviewing over 50 doctors and academic experts around the world. (New York Times, November 14, 2022)

WHEREAS, Puberty blockers may cause depression and other emotional disturbances related to suicide. In fact, the package insert for Lupron, the number one prescribed puberty blocker in America, lists "emotional instability" as a side effect and warns prescribers to "Monitor for development or worsening of psychiatric symptoms during treatment." Temporary use of puberty blocker Lupron has been associated with and may be the cause of many serious permanent side effects including osteoporosis, mood disorders, seizures, cognitive impairment and, when combined with cross-sex hormones, sterility. In addition to the harm from Lupron, cross-sex hormones put youth at an increased risk of heart attacks, stroke, diabetes, blood clots and cancers across their lifespan. (According to the American College of Pediatricians article entitled "Transgender Interventions Harm Children.")

WHEREAS, Gender dysphoric children who are treated using a "watchful waiting" approach largely desist, no longer identify as transgender as adults, and accept their bodies as they are. Those who are subjected to medical intervention do not. (According to article entitled "The Myth of the 'Desistance Myth'", The Journal of the Witherspoon Institute in Public Discourse.) This is affirmed by The Italian Psychoanalytic Society, who noted: "Only a minority of children who state that they do not identify with their gender confirm this position in adolescence, after puberty." They state that a body of research indicates that roughly 60–90% of children who identify as transgender, but do not socially or medically transition, will no longer identify as transgender in adulthood. (According to the website of the Italian Psychoanalytic Society.)

WHEREAS, in 2023, at least 11 states have introduced bills opposing such health care access for transgender and gender-nonconforming people: Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Virginia. (USA Today, "Utah becomes first state in 2023 to ban gender-affirming care for transgender minors," January 29, 2023.) Some European countries have also expressed concern. For example, in January 2023 the President of the Italian Psychoanalytic Society (SPI) wrote the Italian Prime Minister expressing "great concern" over the "ongoing experimentation" of drugs meant to stop

puberty in children and urging “rigorous scientific discussion.” (According to the website of the Italian Psychoanalytic Society.)

Resolved, that the Nevada Federation of Republican Women call on all US elected officials to oppose “gender-affirming” procedures including puberty blockers, hormones, and surgeries, on all minor children below the age of 19.

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