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Honestly, I've never gone through proper "conversion therapy" myself but I grew up in Klamath Falls and in a very religious family where such treatment were common. As such, there is part of me that thinks that consenting adults should be able to do whatever they want to themselves without the government getting in the way.

However, I'll come at this from a more unique perspective:

Currently Oregon law bans this practice on minors and reasonably so given that the consensus is that it does not help and can lead to permanent psychological damage. I am assuming that we have these laws because minors are generally incapable of understanding the risks associated with under-the-table treatments like this and, even if they were, the state would have no way to know if they were entering treatment of their own free will or if their guardians were making them do it. I don't think this changes for non-minors. Given the circles that these treatments are popular in, there is a distinct lack of information regarding the risks and an environment that pressures individuals into engaging in them. In the current environment, I think of conversion therapy in a similar way to how cigarettes were marketed in the 70's and 80's: a distinct lack of knowledge around the actual risks and huge societal pressure to partake. Unfortunately, once you started smoking, it led to medical outcomes that could often not be reversed.

At the very least, I don't think the state should be passively endorsing these treatments by allowing professionals to give them under license from the government.