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PLEASE reconsider the most recent whistle blowing that is occurring across the US from children that have been harmed by the affirmation care model and the court cases that are in process as a result of the tragic medical harm. The US is turning into an authoritarian country because it is being stopped from questioning ANYTHING related to gender. That is not democratic society. Be the adults in the room to question the narrative you are getting from activists. The research is shoddy and information about the very little research that supports affirming care has holes and inconsistencies in it. Activists from both sides of politics have taken over this country and I am asking for you to remember that when someone has a condition of gender dysphoria-which is listed in the DSM-5-or another type of illness, such as anorexia, the appropriate support includes exploratory, comprehensive therapy. That is grounded in research related to brain development. We are ignoring the science and going by whims of political ideology. This will be the worst medical scam the US and world has ever seen. Finland, England, France and Sweden have changed their approach to gender dysphoria because of the harm. Over 1,000 lawsuits are pending against the Tavistock Clinic-the largest gender clinic in the world. Now closed down!!! Information about this isn't getting to any progressive or liberal news media for fear of retribution. People need to know the truth. We don't allow our kids to smoke, drink and do drugs before a certain age. Why in the world would we say, oh, you feel the need to smoke, drink and do drugs, ok, we believe you and will affirm, regardless of the consequences. We need to be the adults in the room and realize that there is a difference between children and adults-its in brain development. Adolescents are prone to risky, erratic behavior and need our guidance and support, not affirmation. They are getting awful messaging from social media and now the captured NEA and legislators. Please stop this. The truth of the harm is coming out. Blockers and hormones have life long medical harms, and surgery leaves some people not able to urinate properly, not have any kids if they want to, not breast feed if they want in the future, not have organisms or a sex life, not have any types of healthy relationships, are shunned and isolated, can't afford detransitioning, are deeply scarred mentally and physically. And that is not all. READ the stories of these ruined lives...all because of social justice. It's wrong and we need to rethink gender ethics and take care of ALL of our kids. The statistics spewed out by organizations like GLADD and the Trevor Project and WPATH are incorrect. The suicide rate is actually higher after transition. At the same time, the US won't do the research to look at why so many teens are declaring a different identity. It certainly doesn't match the science behind how much of the populations truly has a biological incongruence in their bodies. And by the way, what is the test for that? Let's start asking more questions and not putting any of our own opinions into therapy. Affirmation does just that. It assumes and that is not the

job of any therapist. If you pass this, you will not be able to know the harms of affirmation and social transitioning. The information is out there and if you don't look for it, then you are to be responsible for the thousands of ruined lives. I am telling you right now, the information you have is wrong and or lacking. So do your job to keep our children and young adults safe as their brains develop.