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We must fight for our children to have their mental health addressed properly. Automatically affirming mental health issues such as gender dysphoria does a life time of damage to people who aren't old enough to vote, drive, or buy alcohol because the government has determined that the brain hasn't fully developed enough to make serious decisions. So why can these same people have a brain that's developed enough to decide to change their gender without proper mental health care that gets to the root of why they think they are transgender?

Why are we hearing the words "explosion" and "sharp rise" and "large increase" being used to describe the rates of teenagers (specifically teenage girls) who identify of trans? Why is the first reaction to affirm these confused teenagers as opposed to address the root issue of why they feel this way? Why are parents being shielded and lied to by schools about their children identifying as trans? Why do doctors put the money that having a trans patient brings them over the overall mental and physical well being of the patient? What happened to the hypocratic oath, first do no harm? How did we even get here, where parents like myself are having to fight the government and medical system to keep our children from making the biggest mistake of their lives? Why? Why? Why?

We wouldn't let a teenager remove a perfectly health lung, hand, kidney, eye, of any other body part because they felt that body part shouldn't be there. But we let them remove their breast, their uterus, their testicles for that very reason. Without any therapy in most cases.

Let's stand up for our children. Let's fight the social contagion making our girls think they need to be men. Let's look at society and why it seems better to be a man than a women in these teenagers minds. Let's stop glorifying kids for being brave and coming out. Let's get them the real help they need. Let's restrict hormone blockers, permanent surgeries, hormones to change "gender" but never actually changes gender because that's something that can't be changed. Let's bring back some common sense to this issue.