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It has been shown time and time again how damaging conversion therapy is on any individual at any age. Let individuals find out what their view on gender is to themselves. Directly trying to influence and indoctrinate individuals and groups is what the LGBTQ+ community has been accused of doing since it has been recently politicized. Why would we permit and approve of it on one side and not the other. Imagine the outrage if a LGBTQ+ leader took individuals, especially children, against their will and tried to convince them that being straight/cis is wrong and that there is no way that it could be how they are despite how they feel. Kids and adults don't feel gay or trans simply because it was mentioned around them, there is something inherent in knowing it as an individual. Mentally berating someone into thinking they are cis or straight doesn't change who they really are. This just makes them more palatable to society. If society's goal is to weed out those who might be different and diverse, then it is not a society I wish to associate with.