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I support a ban on Pray the Gay away. I personally know several LGBTQ individuals who tried their very best to go that route, and all it did was further break them down. It took years of honest therapy and courage to move past the damage it inflicted.

Nowhere in conversion therapy is there room for a diversity of sexual orientation. It works through shame and offers false hope for a change that is not necessary or healthy for that individual.

Conversion therapy is a form of manipulation that should not be legally practiced.

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