

OPPOSE Oregon HB2458 to extend the ban on 'conversion therapy'.

'Conversion therapy' has a shameful past of harming gay and lesbian children and adults.

And those practices - of not embracing people for who they are - should be condemned and banned.

My concern is that it is the very ban on 'conversion therapy' – that is now harming gays, lesbians, autistic, adhd or depressed - children, youth and adults.

Why is this?

- Because a ban on 'conversion therapy' prohibits mental health professionals from exploring with their patients other reasons that they are showing signs of gender dysphoria.
- So instead, 'gender affirming care' is used – where puberty blockers, cross sex hormones and sex change surgeries are given to children, adolescents and young adults - who are not transgender, but are instead gay, lesbian, autistic, adhd or depressed.

In the U.K.'s premier gender identity clinic for children and youth – the now discredited Tavistock ignored that 97.5% of children seeking sex changes had autism, depression or other problems for their unhappiness. [Please see <https://news.yahoo.com/tavistock-clinic-ignored-between-autism-000100526.html>]

And in the U.S. – a whistleblower stated that a gender clinic is transitioning children and youth that are being misdiagnosed. [Please see <https://www.thefp.com/p/i-thought-i-was-saving-trans-kids>]

*Suicide risk increased with 'gender affirming care' – when children and adolescents are given puberty blockers, cross sex hormones and surgeries

*Recent studies have shown that 4 out 5 children suffering from gender dysphoria would grow out of their discomfort (without need of sex change drugs and surgeries)

*Mental health support is needed instead of sex change drugs and surgeries

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The biggest reason given to ban 'conversion therapy' is that those suffering from gender dysphoria will commit suicide. But the suicide risk increased for those given 'gender affirming care' (puberty blockers, cross sex hormones and surgeries).

➡ Those showing signs of gender dysphoria are greatly being misdiagnosed. ⬅

- They are coming to understand that they are gay or lesbian.
- Or they are autistic and not comfortable with their maturing body.
- Or they have other factors in their life that makes them depressed and unhappy.

Sweden, Finland, the UK, (and some U.S. states) are turning away from sex change drugs and operations for children, adolescents, and young adults. [Please see <https://www.city-journal.org/wpath-finally-acknowledges-europes-restrictions-on-gender-affirming-care>]

My concern is that with the skyrocketing increase in those displaying gender dysphoric symptoms and the ever growing number of those regretting transitioning - that too many children, adolescents and young adults - are being misdiagnosed – and prescribed irreversible drugs and surgeries. [Please see <https://genspect.org/analysis-of-reddit-dettrans-survey/>]

Help those suffering from gender dysphoria. OPPOSE Oregon HB2458 to extend the ban on 'conversion therapy'.