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Conversion therapy is barbaric. Just to begin with, it doesn't work. That has been shown again and again. And it shouldn't work--it exists as an attempt to take the gay out of people, which assumes that gay is something wrong, bad, pathological, a cancer to cut out of a person, rather than a difference to be loved. And, again, cutting it out can't be done anyway. Conversion therapy damages young people, sometimes destroys their lives. It is torture. I am outraged that it is ever legal to torture people in this way, and hope that we have the basic human decency to outlaw it forever from Oregon.