

Good afternoon,

Since 2019 hospitals across the country report:

Close to 14,000 child sex change patient

Over 5700 child sex change surgery patients

Over 8500 child hormone and puberty blocker patients

Over 62,500 prescriptions written for child cross sex hormones, and puberty blockers

There are a combined 65,000 members of 2 detransitioner subreddits on Reddit.

The most thorough follow-up of sex-reassigned people—extending over 30 years and conducted in Sweden, where the culture is strongly supportive of the transgendered—documents their lifelong mental unrest. Ten to 15 years after surgical reassignment, **the suicide rate of those who had undergone sex-reassignment surgery rose to 20 times that of comparable peers.**

This is a headline in the NY Times today: “U.S. study on puberty blockers goes unpublished because of politics”. The leader of the long-running study said that the drugs **did not improve mental health in children with gender distress** and the study was not published for fear that the finding might be weaponized by opponents of the care. Proving that leaders would rather harm children than protect them.

In 2021 The Society for Evidence based Gender Medicine looked at the first large-sample, peer-reviewed study of detransitioners and reported that **70% realized their gender dysphoria was related to other issues.**

Teaching gender ideology and affirming a child's dysphoria especially girls with comorbidities is morally wrong and is criminal. We will continue to speak out until you cease and desist. I urge you to check your conscience and be bold enough to stand up for what you know is right.

I oppose HB0161.

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