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As an educator, I believe this executive order was, in fact, put into effect to help children. The diversity of the human race is limitless, and as such we as the educating authority must embrace a multitude of backgrounds, including those with diverse sexual orientations.

That being said, childhood is a developing state. We must be careful not to define children, and even young adults, as anything more than what their biology encompasses. Doing such can and will alter the course of lives at a time when understanding of self is limited, and at times, even faulty. Bringing in questions of orientation is, at best, a confusion of what should be simple. At worst, it is asking a question that no one should answer, except the child themselves, when they are an adult and fully able to rationally decide for themselves to whom they belong, and who they chose to be. This can and should only be decided when they have the freedom to express themselves during the years of personal development that is childhood.

This legislation, designed to help treat everyone fairly, ends up harming children by placing definitions on them that they are not ready to wear. Let's let kids be kids, and let them define themselves when they are ready.

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