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On the subject of sexual orientation and gender identity in K-12:

- I believe that children should play on sports teams **in line with their biological sex/gender**. I do think that more co-ed ("all-ed"?) teams could be created, but at a competitive level, biology matters.
- I do not think staff or teachers should be forced to teach or act in a way that violates their religious beliefs (like the teacher in Loudoun). I do think that they should be considerate of others.
- I do not have strong feelings about what bathroom is used as bathrooms are used. I do believe in dress-codes for what is appropriate, but also think they should apply across genders.
- I do not think children should be influenced to be a gender they are not, but I don't think they should be judged for acting in a non-gender conforming way. I do think that the parents rights need to be recognized and that no child should undergo any gender transition treatments, therapies or surgeries without much counseling and parental consent. Schools need to make sure they do not cross the line between educating and parenting/persuading.

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