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Dear sir or madam,

Gender ideology is a morally and intellectually bankrupt enterprise. It teaches kids that any kind of discomfort with their bodies, any kind of divergence from the norms of their birth sex, is evidence of transgender identity. It creates cases of gender dysphoria where there wouldn't have been any otherwise

The very liberal and progressive states that have begun to offer kids hormones through their schools and allow kids to transition socially and medically without parental consent have done immeasurable harm. They have broken the previously respected and sacrosanct authority of parents over their children. What's worse is they've done it for a bad reason. Teenagers have no concept of permanence and think only in the short term. They won't care that taking testosterone as a female will eventually cause uterine collapse, or that taking estrogen as a male will eventually destroy the body's ability to make sperm. They see what is effectively a cool new trend and believe they must go through it

Even if schools teach tolerance towards transgender people, as they should, they shouldn't embrace trans ideology so completely, and fixate so much on it that it creates cases of dysphoria that wouldn't otherwise exist

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