



## Protecting Minors from Gender Ideology

Do No Harm: the core of the Hippocratic oath and the role of medical professionals.

Nowhere is this commitment more important than the care of our children and teenagers, which is why we're fighting to curtail the unscientific and individually harmful practice of so-called "gender affirming care."

"Gender-affirming care" is based on the dangerous premise that *any child* who has distress that he or she thinks is related to their sex should automatically be treated with social transition to the sex of their choice followed by hormonal interventions and then possibly surgery to remove healthy body parts. Underlying mental health problems are usually not addressed.

The refusal to approach each child on an individual basis is reason enough to oppose the movement toward "gender-affirming care."

Yet there's another reason it deserves criticism: It ignores the impossibility for informed consent of the children who are subjected to this approach. Put simply, young children and adolescents are inappropriately being allowed to make potentially irreversible life-altering decisions, in many cases without parental consent or engagement.

These procedures can lead to impairment in bone strength and brain maturation, and loss of fertility and the ability to engage in sexual relations.

**It is dangerous and destructive to let children, whose minds are still developing, make such life-altering decisions at such young ages – especially since 90% of children who believe they are a different sex no longer hold that view as adults if left to develop on their own without medical interventions.**

Beyond that is the glaring lack of scientific research – a key component to sound, evidence-based medical treatment.

Pro-"gender affirming care" activists are shutting down debate, spreading misinformation, bullying those who express concern, and seeking to discredit actual scientific evidence detailing the risks of this "gender affirming care".

Do No Harm is committed to ensuring that children who believe they have Gender Identity Disorder are treated with the utmost care, caution, and concern. We will fight to protect children from the dangerous ideology of “gender-affirming care.”

The resources below are the first step. Please review and reach out if you have any questions or would like to join our efforts.

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