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SPECIAL REPORT

A Gender Identity Disorder Goes Mainstream

Cross-dressers, Transvestites, and Transsexuals Become Militants in the Homosexual Revolution.

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In October, 2000, a lesbian judge in Brockton, Massachusetts ruled that a junior high school boy must be allowed to wear girl's clothing, padded bras, and wigs to school. The boy had been repeatedly suspended from school for wearing girl's clothing and using the girl's bathroom.

The boy's therapist had diagnosed him as having a Gender Identity Disorder (GID), but said it was "medically and clinically necessary for [him] to wear clothing consistent with [the] female gender." The therapist claimed that he would suffer psychological trauma if *not* allowed to wear girl's clothing.

In San Francisco, the Board of Supervisors has approved a measure to provide sex change operations as part of its health benefit package to city employees. According to homosexual Supervisor Mark Leno, this is "very much a civil rights issue. This is about equal benefits for equal work."

Children in many California schools and in other school districts around the nation are being taught that "transgenderism" is a gender just like male or female. Homosexual activists in California have produced an elementary school curriculum called "Preventing Prejudice," which is designed to teach children that cross-dressing, transvestism, and transsexualism are normal behaviors.

Homosexual legislators in California are also attempting to pass several laws that will protect Transgenders and normalize this mental disorder. One bill (AB 194) will allow Transgenders to be listed as the opposite sex on their birth certificates. AB 1649 will prohibit "gender" discrimination. This will provide special legal protections



The Lesbian and Gay Parents Association and the Buena Vista (California) Lesbian and Gay Parents Group have created a curriculum for elementary school children called "Preventing Prejudice: Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Lesson Plan Guide for Elementary Schools." In it, children are told the story of "Jesse's Dream Skirt." Kids are taught that Jesse should be able to wear a dress to school.

to those suffering from a Gender Identity Disorder.

The relatively new "Transgender" movement is now a militant part of the larger homosexual movement. The term "Transgender" is an umbrella term that refers to the following individuals: cross-dressers (who are heterosexual males who have gender conflicts); transvestites (homosexual males who dress as women); and transsexuals (men and women who believe they are actually the opposite sex.)

Transgenders Seek To Normalize A Mental Disorder

The American Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV (DSM-IV)* still lists Transgender behaviors as mental disorders or dysfunctions, but Transgender militants and their homosexual allies are working hard to have the APA remove these categories from the *DSM-IV*. Transgenders are claiming that they are no less normal than heterosexual males or females and deserve recognition as a separate gender.

Transgender Movement Pushes A Bizarre Agenda

Most news media outlets, including conservative and Christian outlets, have not been closely watching this movement, but it has gained immense political strength during the past few years.

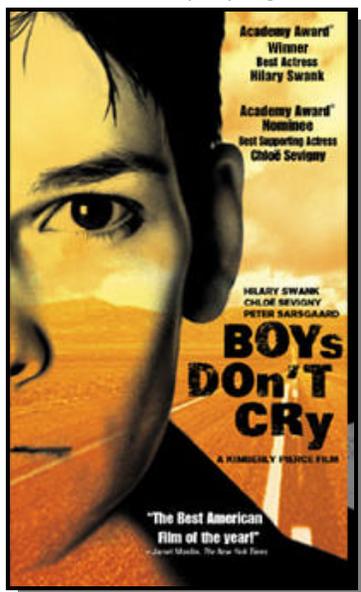
The *Los Angeles Times*, in its Feb. 27, 2001 edition, is helping promote the spread of Transgenderism. In "Era of the Gender Crosser," staff writer Mary McNamara attempts to paint a picture of sexually confused individuals as a misunderstood and persecuted minority. McNamara has bought into the current Transgender propaganda line that a Gender Identity Disorder is a "medical" condition that must be treated just like heart disease or cancer. GID, however, is a *mental* or *psychological* condition that must be treated as a mental disorder or illness.

The Discovery Health Channel recently ran a special, "What Sex Am I?," which questioned the reality of male and female gender. One guest on the program noted that men who believe they are women are actually trying to "escape from the responsibilities of masculinity." Yet, this flight from reality is being promoted as normal by the mainstream media.

In addition, Homosexual groups like Human Rights Campaign and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force have provided Transgender activists with credibility and political power as they pursue their agenda.

The Transgender movement's philosophy is based on the writings of several male-to-female transsexuals. Among those are Nancy Nangeroni, founder of the International Foundation for Gender Education, Martine Rothblatt, and Leslie Feinberg, author of *Transgender Warriors*.

Nancy Nangeroni claims that Western Civilization is "sick" because it pathologizes any person who wants to have a sex change operation. Martine Rothblatt is author of *The Apartheid of Sex: A Manifesto on the Freedom of*



Hollywood helps promote Transgenderism through movies like "Boys Don't Cry," starring Hilary Swank. This film tells the story of "Brandon Teena," whose real name was Teena Brandon. Teena pretended to be a boy and dated girls in a small Nebraska town. She was eventually exposed as a girl and was brutally murdered by two young men. Teena has become the Transgender movement's martyr for the cause.

Gender. He/She says that our society's practice of dividing people into male and female is as evil as racial apartheid. Rothblatt argues that there are actually multiple sexes, not just two. Those who believe that Transgenders are actually suffering from serious mental disorders are labeled as "Transphobic" and intolerant.

The Human Rights Campaign is helping the Transgender movement by publishing a set of workplace guidelines for employers to use in dealing with men and women who are having sex change operations. The HRC is also keeping track of cities and states that are passing laws to protect Transgenders in the work place.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is working with Transgenders to have this Gender Identity Disorder eliminated from future editions of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual* on mental illnesses.

In addition, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) also has a Transgender Special Outreach Network, which includes coordinators in more than 170 chapters. It has also helped distribute 12,000 copies of "Our Trans Children," to schools and to parents of sexually confused children.

The leading Transgender group is GenderPac, headed by Riki Wilchins. She/he is author of *READ MY LIPS: Sexual Subversion & The End of Gender*. Wilchins works closely with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) to force the American Psychiatric Association to eliminate Transgenderism as a Gender Identity Disorder (GID). According to a press release issued by the NGLTF in 1996, this homosexual group was networking with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission to issue a proclamation "opposing the use of GID against children by the APA." Children are clearly the target.

Homosexuals and their Transgender allies believe that "gender" is a cultural invention, not a biologically-based reality. Gender can be whatever a person wants it to be. There are, in fact, Transgenders who deliberately choose to be neither completely male nor female. These "She/Males" are female from the waist up, but male from the waist down. Homosexuals are working to pass gender laws protecting these individuals from workplace discrimination. At this writing, 33 cities provide special protections for Transgenders and the number is growing.

In addition, Transgenders are targeting public school children through the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), which has chapters on more than 700 high school campuses across the United States. GLSEN

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has embraced Transgendered students (children with sexual identity problems) as a new persecuted “minority” to be protected.

Transgendered Need Counseling, Not Approval

The National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH) has published numerous studies on Gender Identity Disorders as well as a recent article on Transgenderism with comments by Dale O’Leary, author of *The Gender Agenda*. In “Destabilizing the Categories of Sex and Gender, NARTH quotes O’Leary: “Patients who suffer from the belief that they are men trapped in the bodies of women (or women trapped in the

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bodies of men) need real help. ...The promotion of ‘sex changes,’ and the normalizing of severe gender-identity disorders by radical feminists, pro-same-sex-attraction disorder activists, and sexual revolutionaries is part of their larger agenda—namely the destabilization of the categories of sex and gender.”

O’Leary notes that radicals and medical professionals who are promoting sex change operations are operating under a delusion that one’s gender is changeable. One cannot change into a different sex. It is genetically and medically impossible. Gender confused individuals need long-term counseling, not approval for what is clearly a mental disturbance.

Dr. Marvin Silverman, a member of NARTH, has written extensively on Gender Identity Disorders. In a NARTH paper, “Gender Identity Disorder in Boys: A Complementary Series?” Silverman writes that a boy who has developed a Gender Identity Disorder such as Homosexuality or Transgenderism typically comes from a home where the mother is smothering in her love and where the father is passive and feels powerless to overcome his wife’s dominance in the family. NARTH’s web site at www.narth.org has additional information on GID.

Transgendered also need spiritual counsel. Jerry Leach is founder of Reality Resources, a counseling ministry devoted entirely to men and women who suffer from Transgenderism. Leach, a former cross-dresser, understands the traumas and sin underlying this Gender Identity Disorder.

Leach, writing in his article, “Homosexuality & Transsex-

uality Compared,” notes that a Transgendered person is not only sexually confused, but he gradually rejects his God-given gender role. “Deep-seated psychological splitting or dissociation from the masculine is the most serious in the life of the transgendered man. He will choose to live as the ‘perfect woman,’ showing that it was a divine mistake or oversight that initially placed his feminine soul into a male body,” said Leach. He issues a warning to those who play with sexual temptations: “An underlying principle that bears repeating is the reality that compulsions do not remain static. They are progressive. A man can begin with experimentation, only to discover much later that his repeated habit finally betrays him by leading him into bondage.”

For more information on Jerry Leach’s ministry, access Reality Resources at: www.realityresources.com.

What Can We Do About This?

If the Transgender movement is not already working in your community, it will be. Wherever there are homosexual activist groups, you will find Transgendered working quietly alongside them to establish influence within public schools, local government, churches, and universities.

Here are some suggestions for opposing the spread of Transgenderism in your community:

- **Monitor city and state legislative proposals that contain the word “gender” in them. Gender is the code word for special rights for cross-dressers, transvestites, and transsexuals. Express your opposition to any laws that provide special rights for Transgendered individuals.**
- **Oppose the establishment of Gay Straight Alliance Clubs on high school campuses. These are founded by GLSEN and they will aggressively promote gender confusion among teenagers.**
- **Locate a Christian counselor in your community who is willing to write or speak out against the normalization of Gender Identity Disorders in your town.**
- **Insist that schools teach medically accurate materials on such topics as Transgenderism, Homosexuality, and abortion. Students should learn medical facts, not be taught delusional philosophies from individuals who suffer from mental illnesses.**
- **Support the work of such groups as Traditional Values Coalition, NARTH, and Reality Resources in their efforts to fight homosexual activism, Transgenderism and/or provide counseling services for those struggling with mental disorders. This is a battle we must win!**

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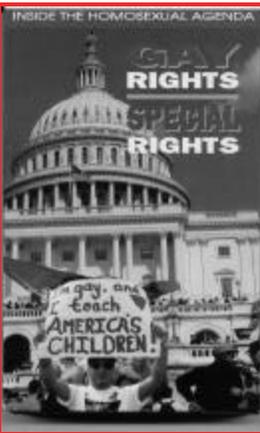


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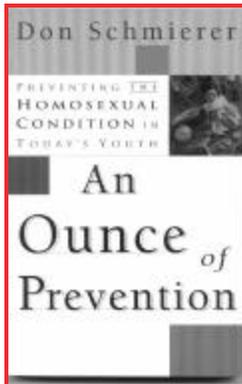
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