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Gender Ideology: What Catholics Need to Know

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Series

- The Big Question: “Who am I?”
- “Transgender Tipping Point: 10 Years Later”
- **The LGBTQ Generation: Influences on Youth**
- What About “Transgender” Body Modifications?
- Gender, Mental Health + Suicide: The Facts
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**“Accompany...
never abandon them”
-Pope Francis**

**Pope Francis: Gender ideology is ‘one
of the most dangerous ideological
colonizations’ today**



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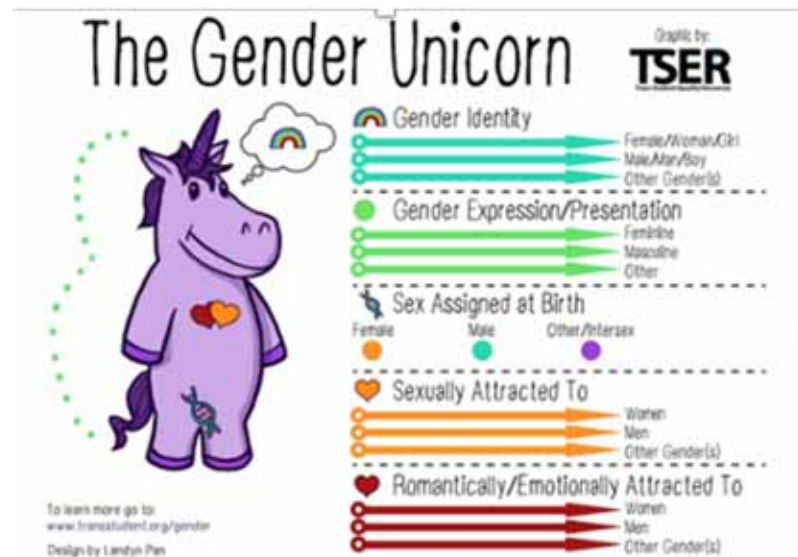
By [Courtney Mares](#)
Rome Newsroom, Mar 11, 2023



**“It is one thing
to be understanding
of human weakness
...and another
to accept ideologies
that attempt to sunder...
inseparable aspects of reality.”
– *Amoris Laetitia*, 56**

Gender ideology

A false anthropology



Atheistic, self-creating

Self-determined identity (“gender”) - feeling

Sex is “assigned,” a meaningless label

Body is a tool or canvas, no inherent meaning

No human nature (no truth, no objective “good”)

Contingent dignity (recognition by law or others)

Purpose: pleasure, self-actualize

Sexual union – pleasure only

Marriage and family – Chosen - for adult benefit

Children – option, a “right” of adults

Oppressors v oppressed – destroy oppressive structures

Why does the Church speak out on gender ideology?

Because the truth about “who we are” matters.

False anthropology

Gender ideology is incompatible w Christian anthropology

Real-life harm

Gender ideology undermines human flourishing.





Governments

Philanthropists

**Global corporations
Tech**

**Big Pharma, Big Medicine
\$1.9 B business (2030)**

Ideologues/Activists

NGOs

**Int. Organizations
UN, WHO, etc.**

**Powerful Global Coalitions Advance Gender Ideology
“Ideological Colonization”**

HARM

HARM: “Captured” Institutions as Culture-Change Agents

Corporations, Child welfare, Media,
Healthcare, Government, Judiciary,
Education, Religion



AIM: Delegitimize “oppressive” language,
morality, norms, family structure

“LGBTQ” = “Experts” on “inclusion”

BENCHMARKS – Inclusivity – Equality
“best” or “bigot”

Trainings (“LGBTQ+”), New norms

Language premised on gender ideology
(LGBTQ glossaries – “pronouns”)

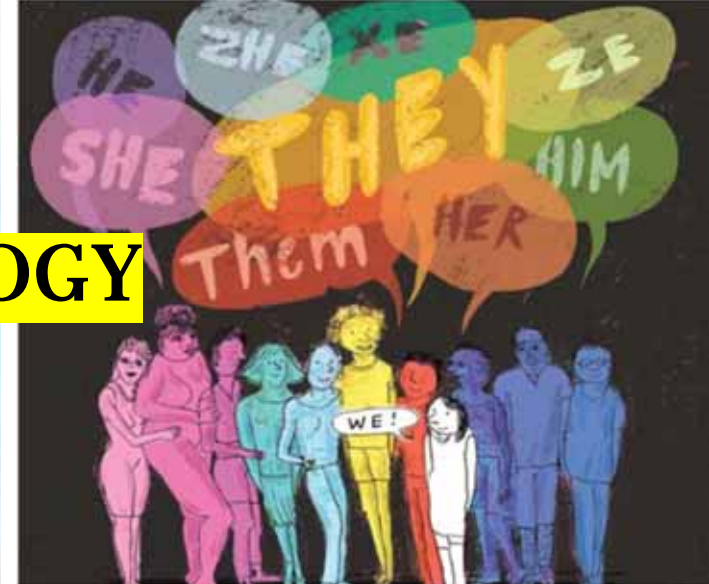
Normalize and Celebrate “LGBTQ+”
Coerced compliance



"I AM WHO I WANT BE,
I CAN DO WHAT I WANT



**HARM: GENDER IDEOLOGY
IS MARKETED
TO OUR CHILDREN**





• LGBTQ 2024 (PRRI)

Gen Z 28%
Millennials 16%
Gen X 7%
Boomers 4%

• LGBTQ CDC 2023
1 in 4 teens "LGBT"

• TRANS Pediatrics 2021
9.2% H.S. "trans"
(Past: .002 "trans")

"Everyone must be an Ally"

A confused generation

Vulnerabilities: Feelings, desires determine “reality/truth”

Gender ideology: distrust your senses, deny reality of sex (M/F)



Adolescents often unsure how to understand powerful (scary) feelings

Ruminate on Feelings
Discount Reason



Subjective Morality:
1 in 6 single adults
want to try polyamory.
(Moors 2021)



NCAA insists a male is a “woman”

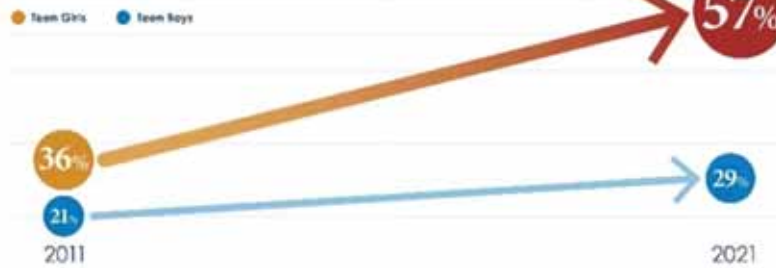
“Human Rights - “Inclusivity” - “Intersectionality” - “Allyship”



71% Gen Z “care about LGBTQ+ rights” (“justice”) - *Springtide* 2022



TEEN GIRLS WHO PERSISTENTLY FELT SAD OR HOPELESS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY FROM 2011 TO 2021



Teens Turn to TikTok in Search of a Mental Health Diagnosis

While social media can help people feel less alone, using it to evaluate symptoms has several downsides.

Share full article Oct. 22, 2022

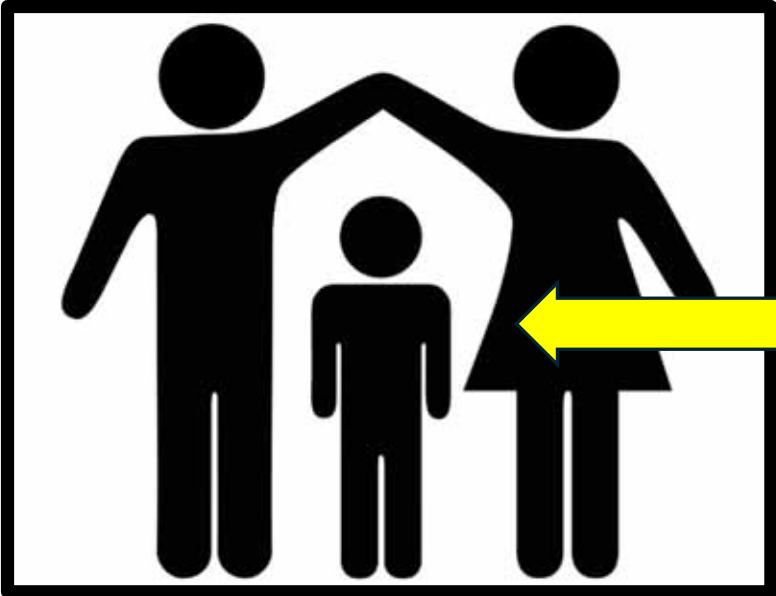
The New York Times



**Gen Z:
Sad, Anxious, Lonely
Fractured Families.
Vulnerable.**



Prime Marketing Channels: Consumer Media/Social Media, Education, Healthcare



Family



Direct Influence



Social media/Porn
Education
Healthcare



CONSUMER MEDIA/ SOCIAL MEDIA

Children's entertainment/toys normalize "trans" identities



them

Beloved Australian Cartoon *Bluey* Introduces a Queer Family for the First Time



The Blue's Clues Pride Parade 🏳️‍🌈 Sing-Along Ft. Nina West!

Youth culture message: "It's cool, normal."

≡ *seventeen*



The Best Pride Gear From LGBTQ-Friendly Companies



The Ultimate Pride Playlist From LGBTQ+ Artists



Am I Gay?



VANTYFAIR

The 28 Best LGBTQ+ TV Shows to Stream Right Now

From tears to laughter, this rainbow of shows has something for everyone.
by Brad Stephenson Updated on June 01, 2021



13 Non-Binary Celebs Breaking the Gender Mold



Netflix, Disney leading the kids TV pack in LGBTQ representation

SHOWS AIMED AT CHILDREN SEE 222% INCREASE IN LGBTQ CHARACTERS AND STORIES IN JUST TWO YEARS



**Merchandising to kids:
“trans kids are sexy”**




**Teen Ads
normalize
double
mastectomies
for teens**

**Celebrity influences: normalizing hormones + surgery.
social media fundraising for “trans” surgeries**



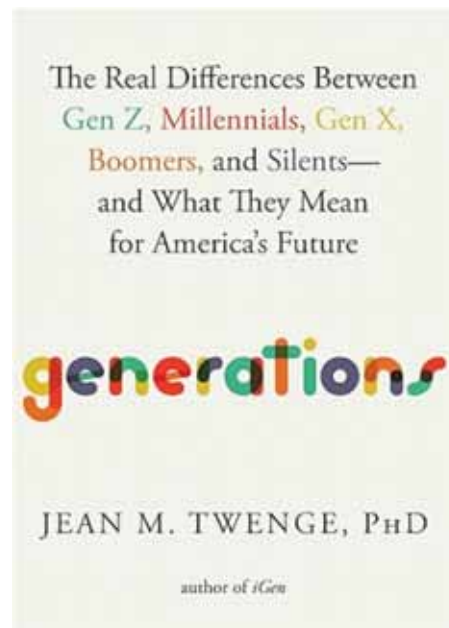
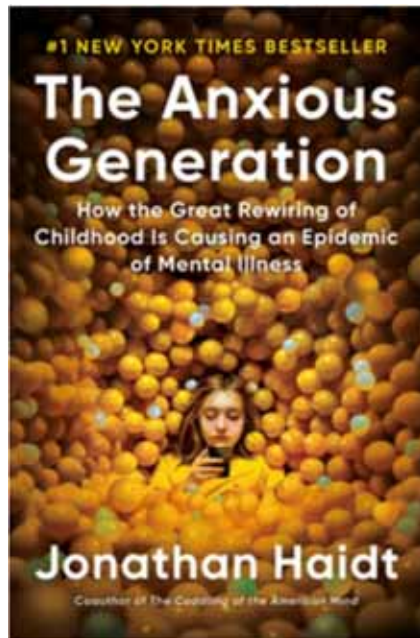
Ellen Page – now “Elliot” - identifies as “trans”

gofundme

lal's top surgery fund 

£4,335 raised of £12,000 goal • 111 donations

Social media: harmful content, algorithms, excess use.



Potential Risks of Content, Features, and Functions

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SCIENCE BEHIND HOW SOCIAL MEDIA AFFECTS YOUTH

APRIL 2024

APA April 2024 report

Social media: Driving mental health crisis

Heavy social media use: 95% age 13-17

1/3+ on social media “almost constantly”

Curate false image. Self-worth contingent on peer reactions. “hypersensitivity” to peers rx

Obsessive checking 200+ notifications/day

More time online, more likely depressed



Surgeon General Issues New Advisory About Effects Social Media Use Has on Youth Mental Health



“How do you know you’re not trans? Try it”

Interactive games, social media: Instagram, Anime, Sims 4,
Roblox (42% users =12 and under)



Social Media: Pornified, Hyper-Sexualized World

Promotes violent sex, degraded views of men, women, sex, and love.



CDC 2023: GIRLS:

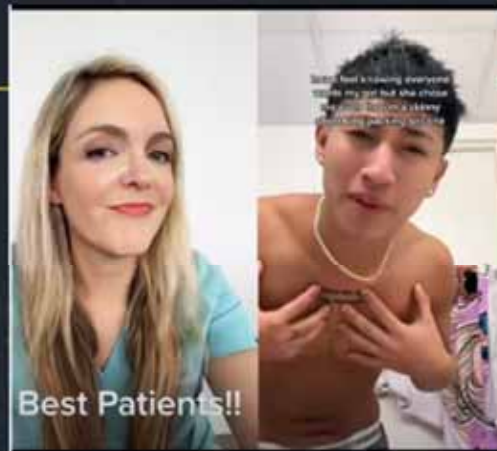
- 1 in 5 - sexual violence
- 14% forced sex - up 27% (2019)
- 30% suicidal - up 60%/10 yrs

“Young girls are entering adolescence in a landscape utterly transformed by violent digital pornography...[they] are looking around and deciding that they don't want to play.” – Jonathan Van Maren, *European Conservative 2024*

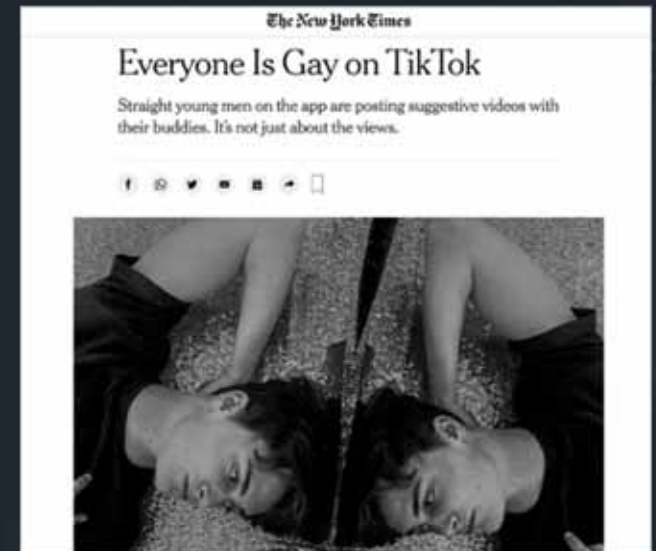
How TikTok became a haven for queer and questioning kids

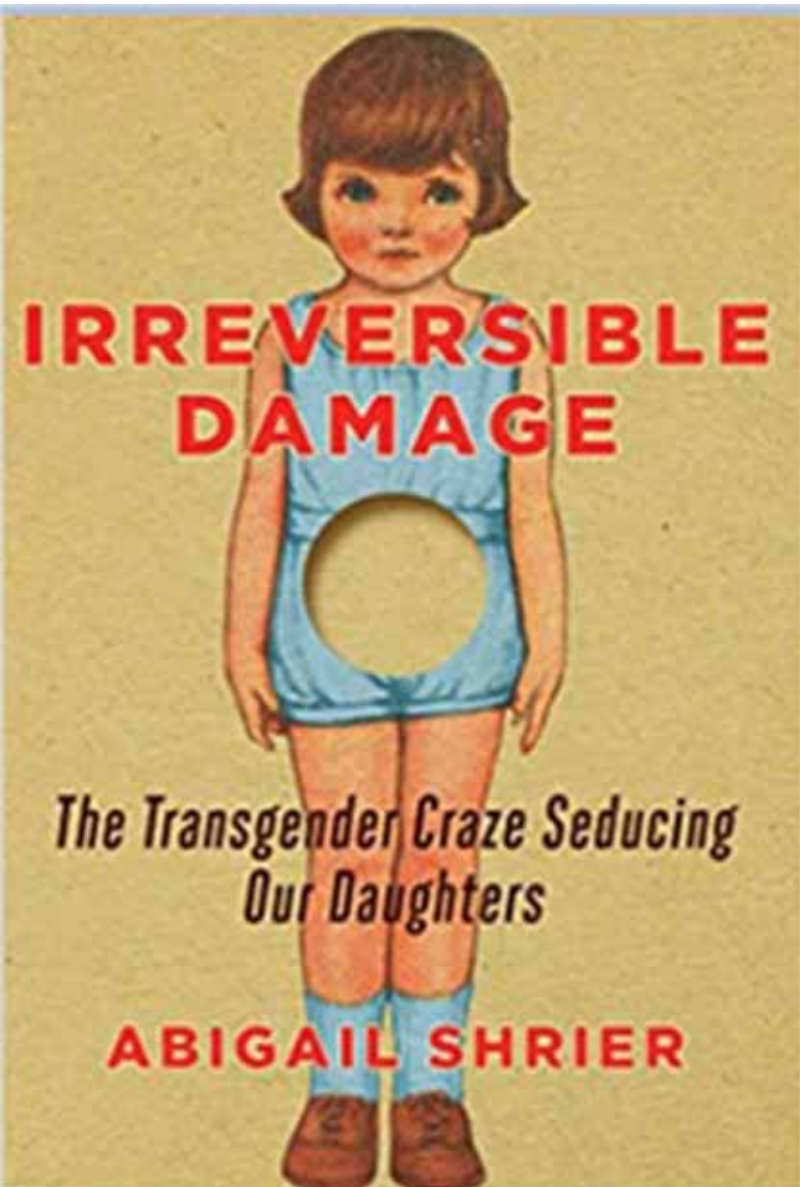
Queer signaling in the age of TikTok.

By Rebecca Jennings | @rebexxxa | Aug 3, 2021, 9:05am EDT



Gender surgeon ad on Tik Tok





“Gender dysphoria” – Why? *“Rapid-onset gender dysphoria”*

- **Precipitators and vulnerabilities**
- Mental health issues
- Body issues
- Autism (2 – 4 x)
- Same-sex attraction (2/3)
- **Excessive time online, social media**
- **Social contagion (peer groups)**

Source: Lisa Littman studies 2018, 2019, 2021
<https://littmanresearch.com/publications/>

Tik Tok Influencers alienate kids from parents



Source: Daily Caller 12.26.23



“Sometimes we’re a boy, sometimes we’re a girl... human beings are ... wild and exciting.”

- *Jeffrey Marsh,*



SCHOOLS

Student Reports of Bullying: Results From the 2022 School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey

A Publication of the National Center for Education Statistics at IES

Reasons students were bullied 2021-22 (National Center for Educ Statistics)

- Appearance 32%
- Race 13%
- Disability 9.7%
- Gender 9.2%
- Sexual orientation 8.9%
- Religion 5.8%

Anti-bullying programs = gateway to LGBTQ+ normalization (dismantle “cis-heteronormativity”) trainings, language, and celebrations



Confusing Kids 101 (Welcoming Schools)

How do we talk about
sexual orientation
in elementary schools?

K-3

Who you love

Who you would want to
marry when you are older

Anyone can love anyone

4-5

Who you are romantically
or physically attracted to

There are lots of different
sexual orientations:

Gay - Lesbian - Bisexual
Pansexual - Asexual

“Who you love”...
“Anyone can marry anyone”

How do we talk about
gender identity
in elementary schools?

Who you know
yourself to be in
your head and in
your heart

Challenging
gender stereotypes



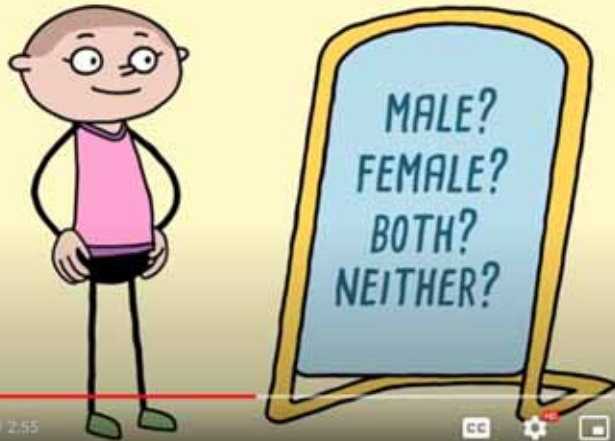
“Who you know yourself
to be in your head and heart”

“Today children-children!-are taught in school that everyone can choose his or her sex.

**Why are they teaching this?
Let us not play with truths...
behind all this we find gender ideology.”**

- Pope Francis, *Aletheia*, 9.1.2017

GENDER IDENTITY: INNER EXPERIENCE OF GENDER



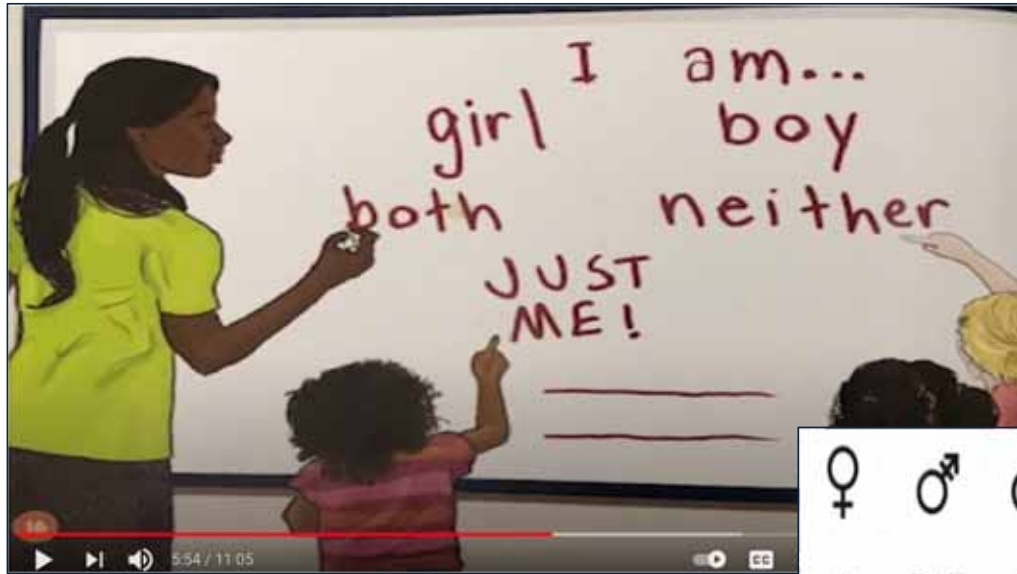
amaze

“Gender is defined as an individual’s stated gender identity”

“Gender identity refers to a person’s gender-related identity, appearance or behavior as determined from a person’s internal sense of their gender, regardless if different from...a person’s physiology or assigned sex at birth”

– San Francisco United School District gender-inclusive language guide





Asking students their pronouns – every child is potentially trans

Screenshots, Diverse Voices for Choice YouTube



Indoctrination = Confusion

Sex assigned at birth:
destabilizing children's understanding of themselves

Public schools push sex ed/gender ideology: *top down and bottom up.*

- *Fed gov: Title IX - “gender identity”
- ***inclusive school culture** (normalize)
- *books, curriculum, comp sex ed (CSE)
- *facility access
- *names, **pronouns**, secrets (no parents)
- ***activist teachers, staff**
- *lawsuits
- *peers, clubs (GSA)
- *“confidentiality” – parents kept in the dark

Nearly 6,000 US public schools hide child's gender status from parents

By Josh Christenson

Published March 8, 2023 | Updated March 8, 2023, 6:25 p.m. ET

NEW YORK POST



Teacher trainings. - Human Rights Campaign
Welcoming Schools **125,000** educators. **43 States.**
10.5 Million kids

Schools - "Confidentiality"

Public School District Policies

Teach "gender identity" to all celebrate "coming out," socially "transition" children.

Hide "transition" from parents. Parents want to know!

77%

Majority Support Parental Notification for Gender Identity

Monmouth Univ. Poll August 2023



-Confidential-
Gender Support Plan

NAMES, PRONOUNS AND STUDENT RECORDS

Name/gender marker entered into the Student Information System	
Name to be used when referring to the student	
Preferred pronouns	

PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT

Are guardian(s) of this student aware and supportive of their child's gender transition?

Yes No If not, what considerations must be accounted for by implementing this plan?



If the student's guardians are not aware and supportive of the child's gender status, how will school-home communications be handled?

CAUTION: Secular mental health counselors, anti-suicide groups promote “LGBTQ” + “transition” (secrecy from parents)



- “School counselors recognize the responsibility for determining a student’s gender identity rests with the student....
- Use chosen **name/pronouns**
- **Access** restrooms, activities by gender identity
- **Privacy and confidentiality:** Transgender and nonbinary students have a **right to privacy, which prohibits disclosing students’ gender identity to students’ parents/guardians...**”
- National Association of School Psychologists imposes similar duties

TREVORspace

Start meeting **LGBTQ** friends today!

TrevorSpace is an offering international community for LGBTQ young people ages 13-24. Sign-up and start a conversation now.

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LGBTQ “Anti-suicide” Youth Spaces

LGBTQ Adult mentors

Chat SPACE

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Online Community for LGBTQ+ Teens

We're glad you're here

Find and give support, have fun, connect around shared interests, and get good information. Chat with like-minded peers in live chats designed for you & by you, facilitated by folks who care. [Learn more.](#)



Parental confidence undermined

“Leave it to the experts”

“Let your child lead” “Believe your child.”

Leave it to the experts or
“you are leaving **parents**
and caregivers...to do jobs
that **they aren't qualified** to
do...The No. 1 job of
parents is to see their child
clearly and **believe their child**
when their child tells them
who they are” – GLSEN
(LGBTQ activist group)

LIVING + LGBTQ

TIME

How to Talk to Your Kids About Gender

Activist groups write policies. Activist litigators bring lawsuits.
Claim: School can keep parents in the dark about child's "transition"



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POLICY AND ADVOCACY

Model Local Education Agency Policy on Transgender and Nonbinary Students

US NEWS
Judge blocks California school district policy to notify parents if their child changes pronouns

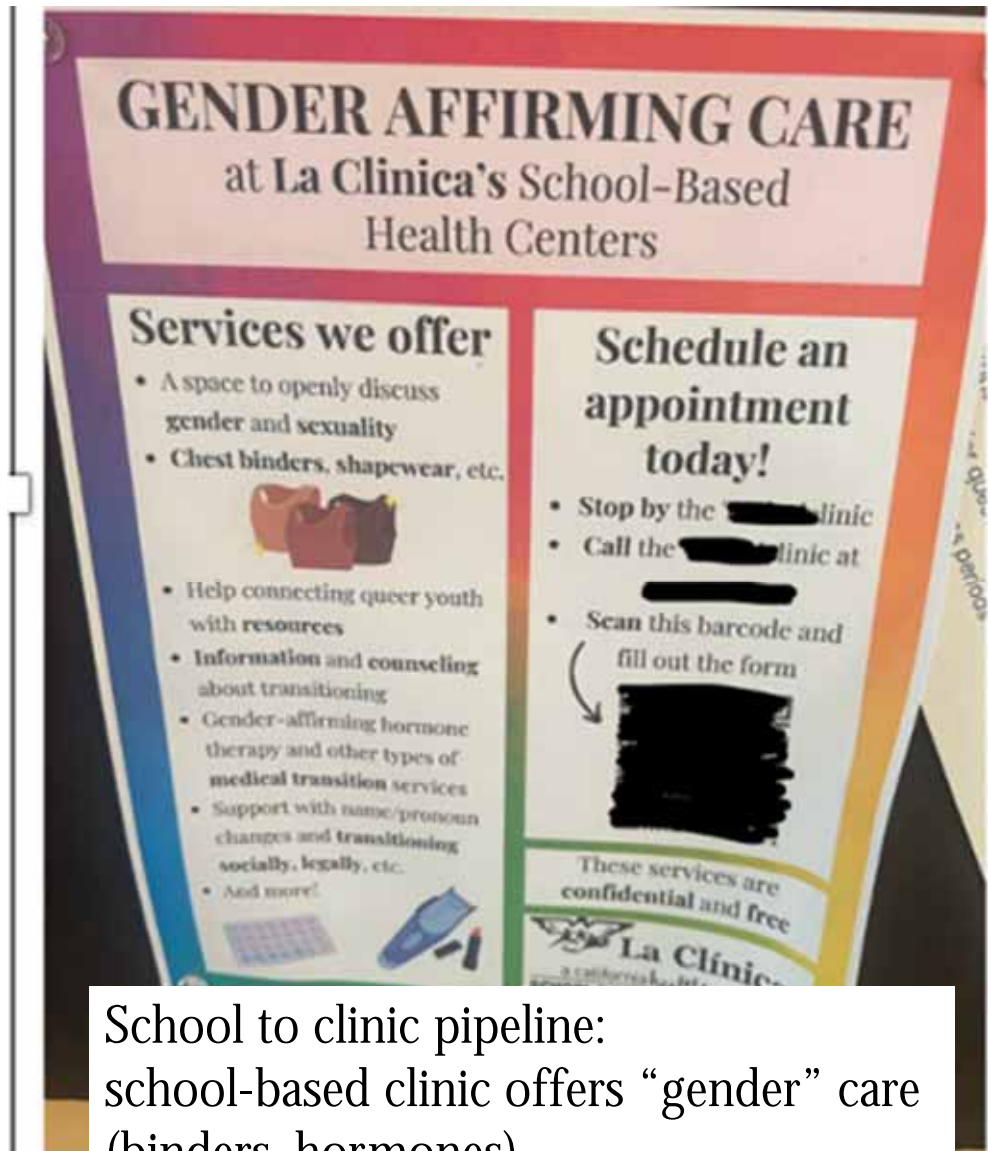
“Parents do not have a constitutional right to excuse their children from portions of the school curriculum that they find objectionable” including Content on gender, gender identity, Transgender, sexual orientation...”

-Orange Co Dept of Ed Gen Counsel

California law tramples parents' rights

Children 12+ can access outpatient counseling without parental consent

- Since 10.23 – can access inpatient counseling without parental consent.
- State is “trans refuge” for minors seeking medical interventions



School to clinic pipeline:
school-based clinic offers “gender” care
(binders, hormones)

CA Government shows bias in re-naming CA parents' ballot initiative



CA judge agrees with Bonta that ballot measure attacks rights of transgender youth

NEWS | April 23, 2024

Ballot initiative qualified as:
Protect Kids of California Act

Attorney General changed the title to:
Restricts Rights of Transgender Youth

Title IX New Regs (2024)

- “Sex” redefined as “gender identity,” “sexual orientation,” “sex characteristics”
- Equal access to education = equal access on basis of “gender identity” including to sex-specific activities and spaces (bathrooms and locker rooms)
- Student “right” to self-determine “gender identity,” decide disclosure, pronouns, etc.
- Sports – postponed till after election but will reiterate “gender identity” rule (de minimis rule)
- Sexual harassment (include speech) – 51% rule, same investigator and judge.

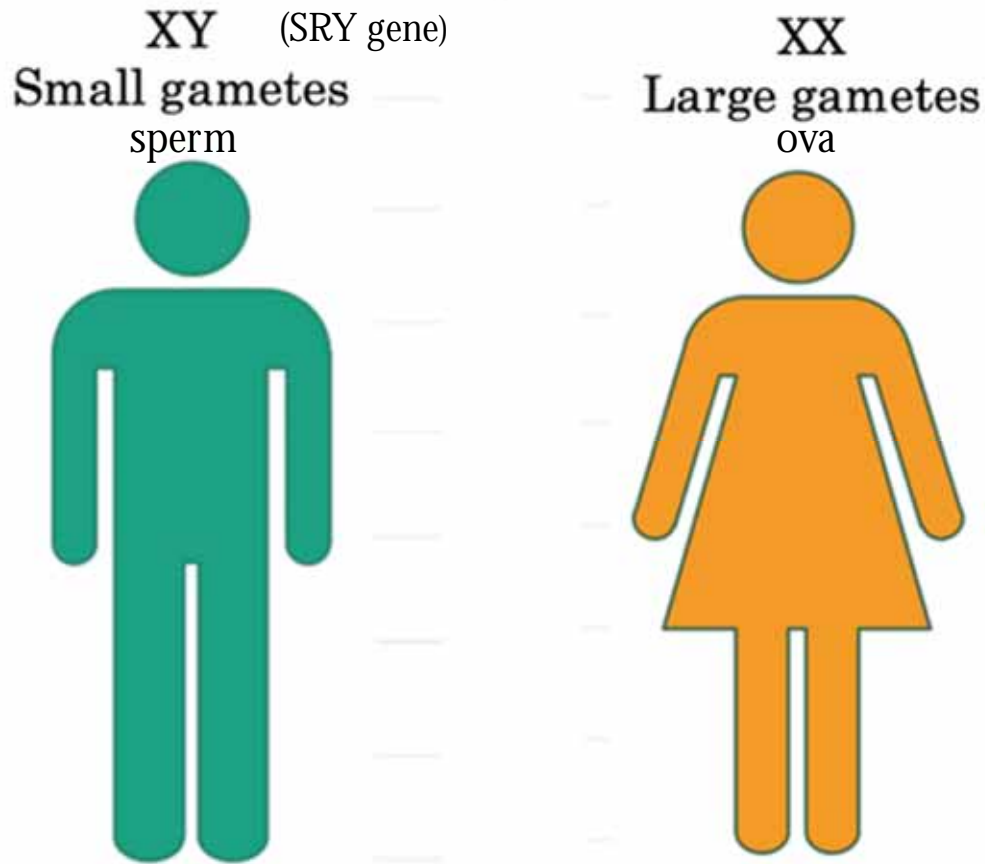
Title-IX

Biden’s New Title IX Rules Deputize Teachers To Override Parents On Gender Identity

Kaylee McGhee White | New York Post | August 16, 2022



HEALTHCARE



6,500 genes differ. Brain patterns differ in utero.
“Every cell has a sex.” (NIH) 30 trillion cells.

“Who am I?” (Science)

“Sex” = classification based on body’s **design for reproductive role** (produce sperm or egg)

Sex is binary (M/F) because reproduction is binary (M/F).

Sex (male or female) is

- * **Determined at conception**
- * **Observed** in utero/at birth
- * **Immutable.**

Healthcare: Endocrine Society and AAP tout “gender-affirming care” for minors as “lifesaving”

Professional Organizations with Affirming Transgender Policy Statements



American Academy of Pediatrics
DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN®



- **Aug. 2023:** AAP reaffirms 2018 guidelines supporting “gender-affirming” interventions in minors. Commissions evidence review to counter state bans.
- **Screening:** Clinicians encouraged to screen for “sexual orientation/gender identity”

2007: 1 gender clinic for kids. Today: 100s, including Children’s Hospitals

Pediatricians
“time alone”
=
routine
“gender”
screenings

Normalizing gender fluidity



1. Ask

PAUSE

(count to
10-20 sec)

Patient

- Do you feel more like a girl, boy, neither, both?
- How would you like to play, cut your hair, dress?
- What name or pronoun fits you?
- What does it mean to be girl, boy, both, neither?

Parent(s)

- Child play, peer, hair, dress preferences
- Concerns with these
- Concerns with behavior, friends, getting along at school, school failure, bullying, anger, sadness, isolation, other?



ADVANCING EXCELLENCE IN TRANSGENDER HEALTH

Source: Dr Michelle Forcier, Fenway Health 2021
Similar pressure: American Academy of Pediatrics; Kaiser Permanente



Well-Care Questionnaire for teens aged 13 to 17

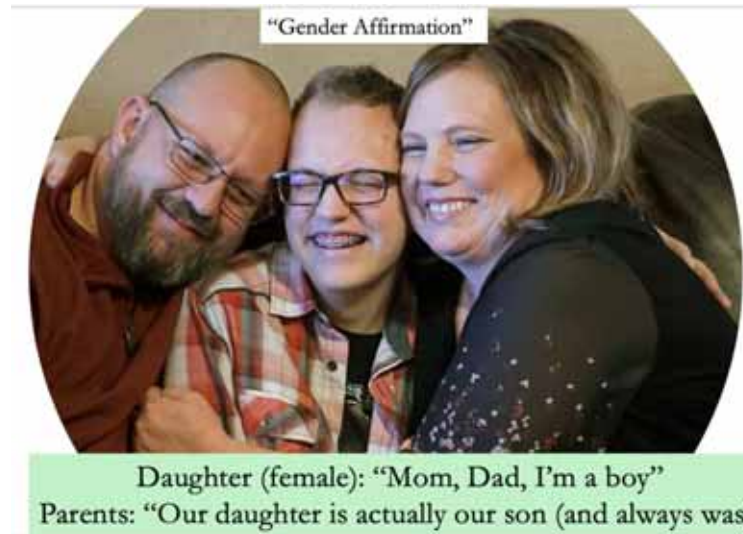
TO BE COMPLETED BY TEEN: This worksheet can give your health care team information to help you take better care of yourself. You don't have to answer any questions you don't want to. Kaiser Permanente values your privacy. **Your answers will be kept confidential.**

Name: _____ Pronouns: _____		
Confidential phone number: _____ Is it okay to leave a message? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
What is your gender? (choose as many as you'd like) <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Transfemale <input type="checkbox"/> Transmale <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Choose not to answer	Sex you were assigned at birth: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Choose not to answer	Staff: In note, use .genderhealth
What are your MAIN REASONS for today's visit? <input type="checkbox"/> Physical exam <input type="checkbox"/> Sports exam <input type="checkbox"/> Camp exam <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		Chief Complaint
Family, School, and Other Activities		
Sexuality		
Are you attracted to (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Men <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Non binary people <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure <input type="checkbox"/> No one <input type="checkbox"/> Other		

“Gender-affirmation” – Child self-determines “trans” identity or experience of “gender dysphoria.” Parents’ role? Follow the child.



Dr Robert Garafalo, Lurie Children’s Gender Clinician

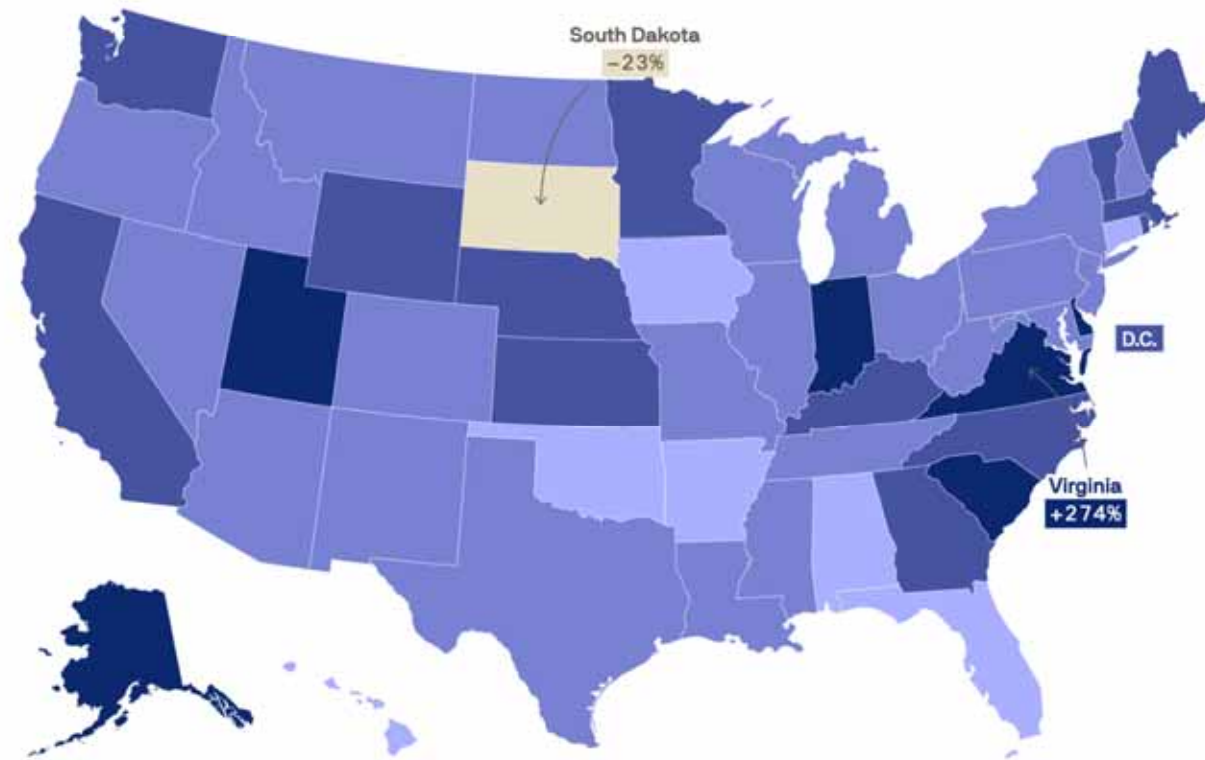
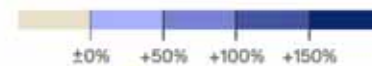


“Trans kids know who they are. Let them lead.”

“Gender dysphoria diagnoses are rising nationwide”
[Alex Fitzpatrick,](#)
[Kavya Beheraj,](#)
 Axios, Jan 11, 2024

Percentage change in diagnoses of gender dysphoria, 2018 to 2022

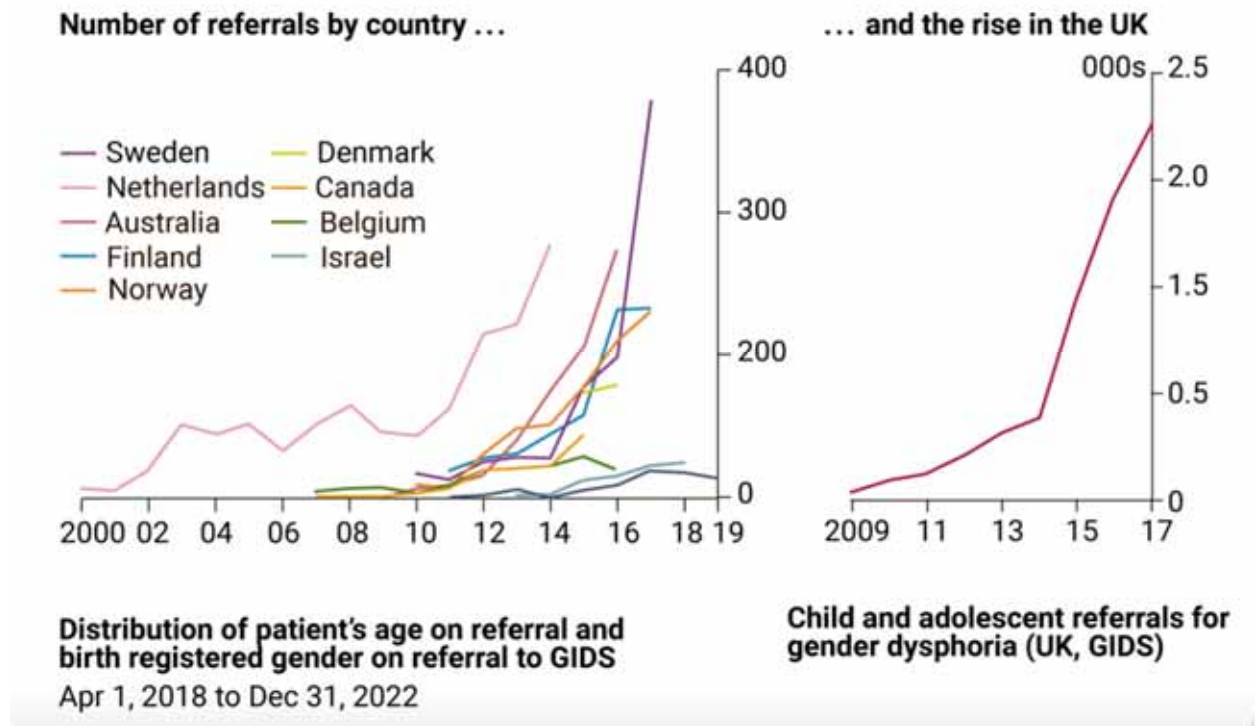
Estimated from medical claims data



Data: [Definitive Healthcare](#); Map: Kavya Beheraj / Axios

Social contagion is real. We've seen it before.

- Anorexia
- Bulimia
- Suicide clusters
- Cutting
- “multiple personality disorders”
- TikTok tics (Tourette's, etc.)
- Mental illness, neurodivergent labeling
- “Transgender”



“Peer influence during this stage of life is very powerful.” – Hilary Cass, CASS Review 2024



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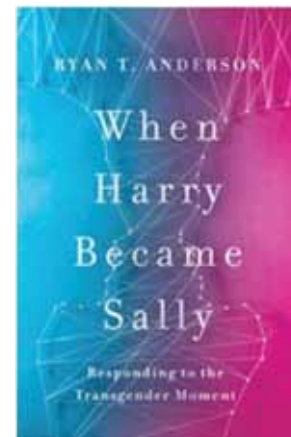
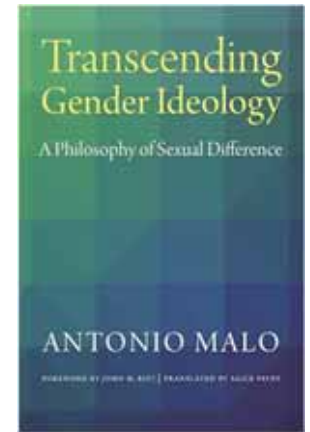
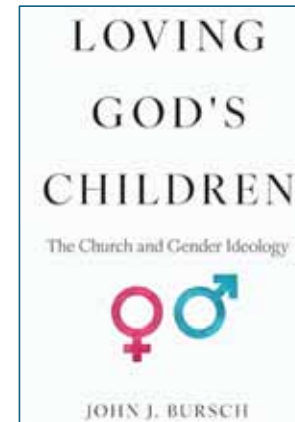
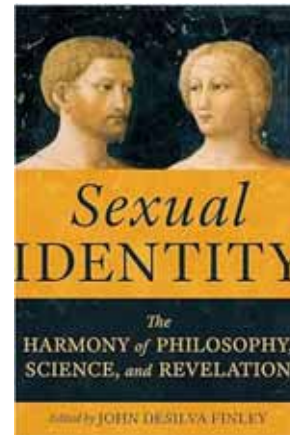
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Resources: Person and Identity [dot] com



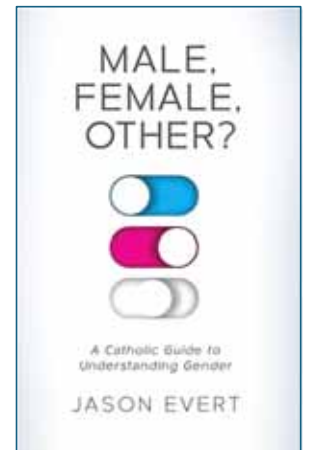
Extensive Resources, FAQs, videos



50 Questions on Gender Ideology

Mary Hasson
Theresa Farnan

Coming soon!
Summer 2024



DESIST, DETRANS, & DETOX

Getting Your Child Out
of the Gender Cult



Maria Keffler

PEC PARTNERS FOR ETHICAL CARE

Cult like behavior from trans advocates online

- 1. Identify potential recruits (school counselors, pediatricians)
- 2. Draw the recruit in (GSA club)
- 3. Love bomb the recruit (GSA club)
- 4. sell, sell, sell (rainbow, unicorns everywhere)
- 5. Apply hard love – Allies MUST use the right pronouns/names, never question, etc.
- 6. Require the renunciation of loved ones –In groups and out groups
- 7. Introduce and coerce acceptance of core beliefs – slogans like love is love, transwomen are women, etc...
- 8. Permit zero tolerance of criticism