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Telling Lies to Children

FAKE STUDIES BOLSTER BIOLOGY DENIERS

by Susan Berry, PhD is national education editor at The Star News Network.

A taxpayer-funded National Institutes of Health study that drew the conclusion that teens who receive puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones have greater life satisfaction has come under fire.

The study, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, states researchers from the Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago sought to investigate the psychosocial functioning of 315 transgender and nonbinary young people, aged 12-20 years, over a period of two years after "gender-affirming hormones", i.e., testosterone or estradiol, had been administered for gender dysphoria.

According to the researchers, over the two-year period after beginning puberty blockers or cross-sex hormones, teens experienced an increase in expressions of happiness and life satisfaction, while depression and anxiety symptoms decreased.

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ever, the researchers reported as well: The most common adverse event was suicidal ideation (in 11 participants [3.5%]); death by suicide occurred in 2 participants.

"In this 2-year study involving transgender and nonbinary youth, GAH improved appearance congruence and psychosocial functioning," the researchers concluded.

California-based endocrinologist Dr. Michael Laidlaw told *The Star News Network* "the government was warned about this study in our letter from 2019."

Laidlaw and Will Malone, M.D., medical director at St. Luke's Endocrinology and Diabetes Clinic in Twin Falls, Idaho, sent a letter on behalf of the Kelsey Coalition, a national group of parents whose children suddenly began identifying as transgender, to Jerry Menikoff, M.D., J.D., who is the director of the Office for Human Research Protections.

The letter, obtained by *The Star News Network*, stated:

In 2015, the National Institutes of Health awarded a five-year, \$5.7 million grant to a consortium of four pediatric gender clinics for an observational study that purportedly will "evaluate longitudinal outcomes of medical treatment for transgender

youth and will provide essential evidence-based data on the physiological and psychosocial effects and safety of treatments. Given the numerous deleterious side effects of these medications that we will describe, and the lack of FDA approval for cross-sex hormones even in adult populations, the likelihood of serious harms accruing in these young patients is very great.

"The medical protocol for this study involves treating transgender-identifying children who are otherwise perfectly healthy with powerful drugs that radically modify their endocrine systems, and indeed, their entire young bodies," the letter continued, explaining that puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones "negatively impact fertility, sexual function, cardiovascular health, bone health, and brain development."

"This study has no control group and is not randomized," Laidlaw and Malone added. "It is simply an observational experiment on otherwise unremarkable, healthy children with confusion about their sexed bodies."

"Because this study poses irreversible medical harms (including infertility) to children, we request an immediate moratorium and investigation," the two endocrinologists wrote.

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“But they blew us off,” Laidlaw said. “Now two kids have died by suicide and the rest have been harmed in other ways by high dose opposite sex hormones, likely permanently. When will this be investigated by authorities?”

Diana Bianchi, M.D., director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, responded to Laidlaw that, prior to funding the study, “the application went through a rigorous peer review process, receiving a highly meritorious score in the study section, indicating that the scientific community considered that the proposed work would have a high impact on the medical community.”

Bianchi further justified funding the study: “The application was also reviewed by NICHD’s Advisory Council. My predecessor at NICHD, Dr. Alan Guttmacher, made the final funding decision. To ensure that appropriate progress is being made and appropriate patient protections are in place, NICHD scientific staff have rigorously reviewed the grant each year.”

The study’s conclusion was touted on Twitter by controversial child psychiatrist and LGBTQ activist Dr. Jack Turban.

In August, Turban published what was revealed to be a “deeply flawed” study in *Pediatrics*, the flagship journal of the leftwing American Academy of Pediatrics, that argued the surge in young people claiming to identify as transgender is not due to “social contagion” or the influence of the culture, spread quickly via social media.

However, as pediatrician Dr. Julia Mason and Manhattan Institute fellow Leor Sapir warned in a *Wall Street Journal* op-ed, Turban’s “deeply flawed” study “likely couldn’t have survived a reasonable peer-review process.”

Even those who support “gender-affirming care” noted Turban’s research was “shoddy” and “undermined their cause,” the authors wrote, adding, nevertheless “the media have promoted his work.”

One flaw noted by Mason and Sapir was that Turban used a “flawed sex statistic” in his study, citing “three sources suggesting that respondents interpret ‘sex’ as ‘sex assigned at birth’ — even though none of those studies says anything of the sort.”


According to the *Daily Mail*, “detransitioner” Cat Cattinson, 30, a

singer and musician from California, who began identifying as male when she was 13, but then returned to her female identity, said she has been harassed online by LGBTQ activists for her detransition story.

“I’ve seen the level of hate really escalate to the point that any time a new de-transitioner shares their story online, they get dogpiled by thousands of trans activists, bullied, ridiculed, and of course death threats,” she said.

“For every de-transitioner with a public platform, the new trend has been to call us liars and grifters and just try to invalidate everything we say,” Cattinson added.

Patrick Brown, a fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, also told the *Daily Mail* the two-year time frame in the newly-published *NEJM* study was not enough time to observe how the hormone drugs affect young people in the long term.

“Two years is far too short a time to have any true evaluation of these kinds of interventions that have long-term consequences. It’s too soon to tell which participants might experience regret over something life-altering without fully understanding its costs.” 

FOLLOW THE MONEY ON TRANS CLINICS

by Anne Schlafly Cori, Chairman, Eagle Forum

Suddenly, a whole lot of children are confused about their biological sex. Suddenly, a whole lot of clinics have opened to treat children with cross-sex hormones and mutilating surgeries that destroy fertility. There is money to be made in these elective procedures.

For example, the St. Louis Planned Parenthood facility, which is no longer legally allowed to perform abortions, offers “gender expansive care,” including cross-sex hormones to 16-year-olds. Their website advertises, “You don’t need to participate

in therapy or provide information from a mental health provider to receive hormone therapy.”

Why would anyone want to cause permanent damage to young people? Limiting population has been a long term goal of leftists because fewer people are easier to control. Some of these children are losing their fertility even before their first sexual experience.

But, everyone has a gag point, even far-left progressives. For Jamie Reed, who worked for four years at the Pediatric Transgender Center at

Washington University School of Medicine at St. Louis Children’s Hospital, her gag point was the sterilization of children. “The safety of children should not be a matter for our culture wars,” she said. Her first-hand account has revealed what is really happening at these “trans” clinics.

Jamie Reed is courageous because she has blown the whistle on “gender” ideology. Unlike the medical professionals who are pushing children to mutilate their bodies, Jamie Reed wants to “do no harm” and stop the trans wreck.

Jamie Reed has children, so she

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understands that no one — not even the attending physician — cares more than the parent about the health and well-being of the child. So she was alarmed that her employer, the Pediatric Transgender Clinic, did not recognize parental rights. “Doctors saw themselves as more informed decision-makers over the fate of these children,” she wrote. In her attempt to help one patient, Reed wrote to the staff therapist, “I do not ethically agree with linking a minor patient to a therapist who would be gender affirming with gender as a focus of their work without that being discussed with the parents and the parent agreeing to that kind of care.”

Reed points out that many of the patients came from unstable families and that these children had many other unaddressed problems besides gender dysphoria. These children were crying for help and instead of helping the children, the doctors experimented on them. Her boss said, “We are building the plane while we are flying it” and Reed responds: “No one should be a passenger on that kind of aircraft.”

These children, who are too young to give legal consent, were subjected to experiments that permanently altered their voice, body shape, genitalia, and fertility. Many children were sterilized before they had ever had any

sexual contact. No child can possibly understand the loss of fertility. According to Reed, more than a thousand children have been treated by the St. Louis clinic. How many more thousands of children have been mutilated by physicians across the country?

Missouri and other states are currently debating bills on prohibiting cross-sex hormones, puberty blockers, and surgeries to “transition” children. Let us all support this good legislation.

More information and sample legislation are available in our book: *Sex, Lies, and Children*, which documents the vivid testimony of survivors of this social contagion. 

A MINISTRY OF TRUTH?

by Thomas Buckley, the former mayor of Lake Elsinore, Cal. and the operator of a communications consultancy <https://thomas699.substack.com/>

John McWhorter, the distinguished linguist, has an ecclesiastical term for the members of the current woke/progressive/CRT movement: The Elect. He has chosen that term to emphasize the fact that the movement is not just like a religion, but actually *is* a religion (or at least a cult) in his new book, *Woke Racism*.

All religions are alike in certain ways, especially in the need for a common terminology, a series of definitions and words that make it possible to function within said religion. Sometimes these terms are spun out of whole cloth, appearing sui generis either at the beginning or as time goes by. Sometimes these terms are taken from “the outside world” and may, or may not, retain a close relation to their original meaning.

With The Elect (capitalization intentional), much of the terminology is actually taken directly from the self-help and therapy movements. This usurpation gives the terms a feeling to the public of general familiarity,

lending a certain comfort when encountering them. By taking what, in many cases, was non-confrontational “feel good” terminology and warping it for their own purposes, The Elect can, and so far sadly successfully, “Trojan Horse” their belief system into society as a whole.

Take for example the term “trigger.” Essentially this word originally arose from self-help groups as a kind of shorthand to remind people to avoid situations that could lead to a relapse into whatever problematic behavior they wish to stop. Triggers were past activities one closely associated with that behavior — don’t hang out at the local bar every day because that makes drinking easier, don’t argue politics with your idiot brother-in-law because that makes going to jail again for no matter how justifiable assault more possible, or don’t go down the ice cream aisle at the supermarket because that puts weight gain back on the table.

Those triggers varied wildly from

behavior to behavior, from individual to individual. What did not vary, though, was the sense that it was incumbent upon the individual to take responsibility for avoiding those triggers, and to stay out of harm’s way.

But, as currently defined, “trigger warnings,” while bearing a facile resemblance to the original meaning, have mutated from an individual responsibility to a societal one. What was once a personal self-improvement tool has become a way for individuals to demand that society refrains from exposing them to anything that could cause even mild discomfort, real or even self-induced, under any circumstances.

If the term still had its original meaning, just as walking into a bar can “trigger” an alcoholic’s relapse, apparently discussing slavery in a college classroom could somehow trigger a relapse into the practice of slavery on campus.



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Here are other examples:

- **Safe Space** — Once a term for an environment that allowed its members to express themselves honestly and openly (think group therapy) without fear of judgement is now held to be an environment in which only thoughts and actions that are pre-approved by the group are allowed. Again, seemingly similar but in fact radically different — essentially shifting feeling safe “to” speak to feeling safe “from” speech.
- **Doing the Work** — In self-help groups, it means a constant personal process of self-evaluation, of being careful of addictive or other problematic behaviors. Now, in the current context, it means permanently and eternally attempting to atone for the Original Sin of whiteness, or maleness, or straightness, or any perceived trait that is defined by The Elect as inappropriately advantageous and/or putatively powerful.
- **Speaking Your Truth** — In many therapeutic settings, speaking from a very personal perspective about how one perceives the world is a useful first step in better understanding oneself and, therefore, be better able to move forward. It is, however, specifically not immutable and not to be taken, in the long run, as final and actual truth. In The Elect version, personal truth is just as valid and is to be given the same cloak of universality as actual, real-world truth and therefore cannot be questioned. This has the effect of moving society’s goalposts from “speaking truth to power” to “speaking your own truth to gain power.”
- **Crosstalk** — Depending on a


particular group’s norms, cross-talk can range from asking someone to clarify a statement, to asking if that person knows the reason for his actions, to directly challenging another person’s version of events. This last is usually at least frowned upon if not banned from the environment. The Elect has lifted this premise and foisted it onto society because it is convenient to use it to silence dissent, disagreement, or mere questions. Doing any one of these things is deemed counter-productive and, according to The Elect, reflects the dissenters’ tacit admission of continuing fault, or at least their purposeful denial of the problem (as they define it).

- **Inclusivity** — Self-help and therapy groups are inclusive of anyone wishing to get help with whatever problem they may be facing. However, such inclusivity can lead to insularness and an unwillingness to look at those with similar issues who have chosen not to join the group as others, people to be wary of. The Elect take this occasional negative offshoot of selective inclusivity and extend it to its absurd but in a way logical conclusion — anyone who they think should join the group and has refused is, therefore, by definition less of a person.
- **Ridding of Toxic Elements** — Harkening back somewhat to the discussion of triggers, in a therapeutic setting this means to not just avoid potential recovery pitfalls but to also actively seek out and eliminate certain things from your life. The Elect define toxic elements as anyone or anything or any idea that you either do not agree with or could possibly change your way of

thinking. They advised on how to handle discussing any even vaguely political issue with their old, out-of-touch, angry, less than progressive parents at a holiday meal — and whether or not they should even attend.

- **Lived-In Experience** — Like “your truth,” the idea is that everyone’s statement of their own lived-in experience cannot be questioned. Not only is it “your truth,” it actually has the merit of being supported by “your experience,” or at least how you perceived them. The Elect have morphed the “walk a mile in someone else’s shoes” aphorism into a way to silence any criticism while simultaneously denying the very existence of the human empathy that makes the coming together of discrete individuals to form a society possible.

By using the cudgel of familiarity, the slippery slope of “that rings a bell, so it can’t be that weird,” The Elect have bastardized these terms to advance their political and social agenda. This dishonest slither of co-option needs to be seen for what it is — a very narcissistic wolf in a very trusting sheep’s clothing.

Author’s Note: None of the above is meant to denigrate using self-help groups and therapy when appropriate or their possible efficacy. And I’m sorry this trigger warning is at the end of the article. 

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