

Bill C-6 has a major error in it that conflates gender identity with sexual orientation. Whereas sexual orientation is fixed at a young age, gender identity is not. Gender Identity is more flexible and fluid in children and can change with age and development.

The vast majority of kids with gender dysphoria are more likely to grow up to be homosexuals in adulthood. These kids will not be gender dysphoric or transgender when they get older, so it doesn't make sense for them to transition socially, medically or surgically while they are still developing. Ironically, allowing and /or encouraging a young person to transition before adulthood through therapy is actually a type of conversion therapy itself since most of these kids would naturally grow up to be homosexuals. More simply put - by encouraging transition, therapists would be eradicating homosexuals. This sounds like homophobia to me.

Therapists that aim to explore gender identity are already frowned upon in our society today. They cannot do their jobs properly because they are afraid of their professional and personal reputation getting tarnished and being fired. If this Bill C-6 gets passed with the current wording including gender identity, therapists will also have to also worry about being criminalized for doing their job thoroughly.

Therapies described in parts a) and b) of this bill are ambiguous and can be construed by activists in our current environment as conversion therapy.

As a parent of a daughter who identified as transgender as a teen, I fear for the young people today who will not have therapy available to them that can objectively examine why they have arrived at this label for themselves. True therapy, not the affirmative kind, can uncover trauma, anxiety, or any other influence in their lives that would lead them to arrive at this coping mechanism to get through adolescence. If a child like this is encouraged to take puberty blockers (which 99% of the time leads to taking cross-sex hormones), they will be rendered sterilized as adults. Gender dysphoria is not fixed at a young age.

Let the therapists do a thorough job when it comes to gender dysphoria and not criminalize them. This is not the same as sexual orientation.