

BRIEF TO PARLIAMENT

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Re: Bill C6

Summary statement: This brief to parliament is a plea to amend Bill C6 on [Conversion Therapy](#) by removing the term “gender identity” from the bill.

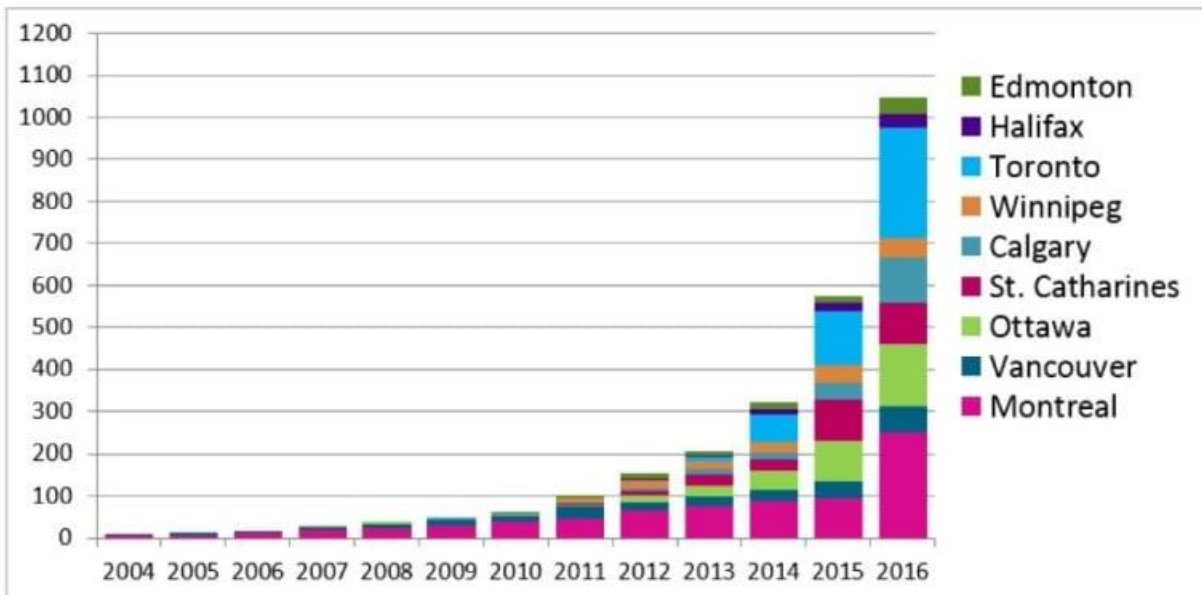
Reason: Gender Identity is fluid in underage children. Research shows, unequivocally, that 60-90% of children who claim to be “trans” change their minds. Passage of this bill by the Government of Canada will intimidate adults out of helping children with their underlying psycho-social issues and, instead, those in authority will be forced to “affirm” children claiming to be “trans.” This sets up a pathway to full medicalization of the child: puberty blockade, treatment with cross-sex hormones and, possibly, surgery. All such treatments have irreversible consequences to varying degrees, with life-long sterilization being a significant possibility. The legislation virtually assures Canadians that many children and youth will undergo this unnecessary medical intervention, when – in fact – most of them would have grown out of their psycho-social unhappiness and desist from being “trans.”

Desistance estimates:

- *"There is a wealth of replicated research that tells us that 80–95% of children who experience a cross-sex identification in childhood will eventually desist and come to identify with their natal sex as adults." [Marchiano 2017](#)ⁱ*
- *"Only very few trans- kids still want to transition by the time they are adults. Instead, they generally turn out to be regular gay or lesbian folks. The exact number varies by study, but roughly 60–90% of trans- kids turn out no longer to be trans by adulthood." [Cantor 2016](#)ⁱⁱ*

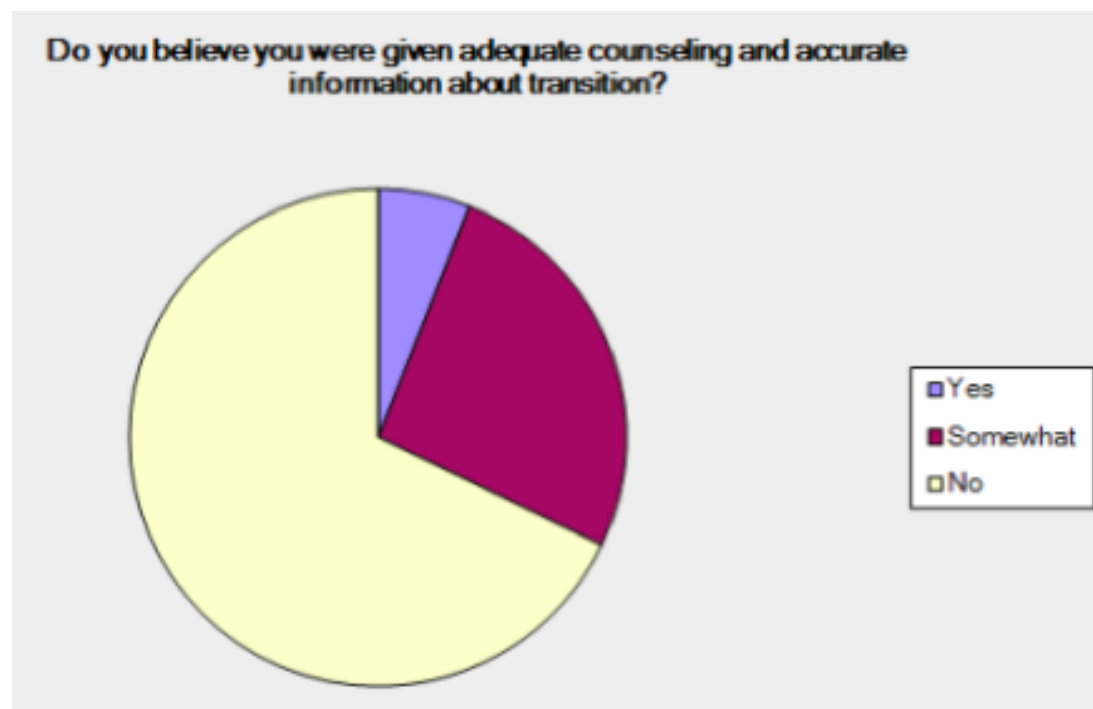
Ignoring the Experts: Many of the world's experts in the areas of sexual orientation and gender identity are Canadian and, yet, proponents of this Bill C6 have not once asked for input from these sexologists. Why? Is it because these scientists would tell them that Bill C6 is a disaster in the making?

Statistical Alarm Bell: The chartⁱⁱⁱ below shows the vast increase in incidence of Canadian children being referred to clinics for medical treatment pertaining to their gender identity. This phenomenon speaks to a cultural fad more than some sort of physical pandemic in a large majority of children and youth (especially in girls), as discussed thoroughly in the recent book “Irreversible Damage” by Abigail Shrier.



* Some referral numbers estimated. Some referrals are for prepubertal youth, though blockers are not prescribed prior to puberty.

Detransitioning: The wave of regret is now on its way. Many young adults are now expressing regret that their gender identity was so readily “affirmed” without more effort on the part of those in authority to help counsel them out of it. In the chart^{iv} below an overwhelming majority of these detransitioners believe that they were not given adequate counseling. Passage of Bill C6 will ensure that no such helpful counseling will happen whatsoever!



Final Appeal: If parliament is not willing to amend Bill C6 to remove “gender identity” from the penalties associated with Conversion Therapy, we will be hearing horrific stories, such as the one below^v, for decades into the future. And Canadians will be paying a huge price in grief and compensation. I beg of you to amend the bill. PLEASE!

I'm an FTM, I think I regret transitioning [REDACTED]

submitted 12 hours ago by [REDACTED]

As a child I was always a tomboy. My family all suspected I'd be a lesbian, and they were mostly okay with that. I was sexually abused from infancy until the age of 14 by my father. At 16, I was raped by a male I was seeking validation from. My mother was distant, disapproving of my sexuality, hoping I'd grow out of it and come back to Jesus, but my attraction to females was just something that had always been a part of me, as much as the color of my eyes.

I became obsessed with transmen around the time puberty hit and obsessively watched "progress" videos. I convinced myself I'd be happy if I could transition. I had always hated my body (I cut it, starved it, poisoned it) and I related to everything FTMs said about how they related to the world.

As soon as I turned 18 I got on hormones, removed my breasts, and legally changed my name and gender. I have been on testosterone for several years now. I have utterly destroyed the precious female body I was born with to create some twisted facsimile of a male body. I feel like a eunuch. All my new friends and acquaintances know me as a male and I miss female spaces. I miss feeling like I belonged to a universal sisterhood. I miss dating lesbians. I even miss the way my body used to smell. My body is covered in hair and my skin has grown coarse. I went from being a reasonably attractive female to looking like a very ugly short male. I can no longer sing-- my voice seems to be trapped in a single pitch. I have gained abdominal fat and my hair has thinned. In spite of all this, I don't seem to be read male only 80% of the time. People stare in public. I feel that I am deceiving my friends because I can't introduce them to my parents who might accidentally misgender me and give away the whole charade. In short, I look and feel like a monster.

edit: spelling I am completely isolated. All that remain of my friends are those in the transgender community. I feel like a freak. I only leave my house to go to school (though I've managed to take mostly online classes) and doctor's appointments.

What would you, older and wiser people, do in my position? I feel so alone and so disgusting.

SIGNED



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ⁱ <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00332925.2017.1350804?scroll=top&needAccess=true>

ⁱⁱ http://www.sexologytoday.org/2016/01/do-trans-kids-stay-trans-when-they-grow_99.html

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/trans-teens-ottawa-cheo-demand-1.5026034>

^{iv} <https://www.genderhq.org/trans-youth-regret-rates-long-term-mental-health>

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