

Fix the definition, Amend Bill C-6

Coercive, degrading actions that seek to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity should be banned.

Bill C-6, though, does something different. It applies the label “conversion therapy” to a broad range of practices and even private conversations, going far beyond what most people think of when they hear this term.

The definition in Bill C-6 says that conversion therapy is “a practice, treatment or service designed to change a person’s sexual orientation to heterosexual or gender identity to cisgender, or to repress or reduce non-heterosexual attraction or sexual behaviour.”

The definition does not just apply to efforts to change a person’s sexual orientation – it could also ban many different kinds of advice and counsel from parents, teachers, and guidance counselors encouraging children to reduce their sexual behaviour. (E.g., A counselor encourages a young person to reduce his or her number of sexual partners).

Bill C-6 could open the door for law enforcement to tap into private family communications to investigate discussion that might fit the bill’s broad definition of “conversion therapy”.

Further, while Bill C-6 expressly allows counselling, medical, and surgical efforts to change a child’s gender, it expressly prohibits any support for a child seeking to de-transition to their birth (cis) gender.

If passed, Bill C-6 could restrict the choices of LGBTQ2 Canadians concerning sexuality and gender by prohibiting access to any professional or spiritual support freely chosen to limit sexual behaviour or de-transition.

I call on the government to fix the definition of conversion therapy in Bill C-6, to:

Ban coercive, degrading practices that are designed to change a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity;

Ensure that no laws discriminate against Canadians by **limiting what services they can receive** based on their sexual orientation or gender identity;

Allow parents to speak with their own children about sexuality and gender, and set house rules about sex and relationships;

Allow free and open conversations about sexuality and sexual behaviour; and

Not criminalize professional and religious counseling voluntarily requested and consented to by LGBTQ2 Canadians.

Bill C-6 is against equality; it is unfair with a double standard. It allows the medical professionals to perform conversion on a child from his/her natural gender to a man-made artificial gender, but disallow the healthcare professionals to help children who are struggling from gender confusion and same sex attraction to restore and affirm of their natural gender and to support them on their path of healing.

- (b) causing a child to undergo conversion therapy;**
- (c) doing anything for the purpose of removing a child from Canada with the intention that the child undergo conversion therapy outside Canada;**
- (d) advertising an offer to provide conversion therapy; and**
- (e) receiving a financial or other material benefit from the provision of conversion therapy.”**

Bill C-6 suppresses fundamental freedoms. (b),(c),(d)&(e) all have problems. If it becomes law, these groups of people would not be able to act according to their free will:

People from the ex-trans and ex-gay communities who want to share how they have changed. That would consider advertising because they would want to let people know how they received help and from whom. It would be criminal under Bill C-6.

Healthcare professionals who are there to offer help and want to let people know that help is available for whoever wants it. This would be considered advertising and would be considered criminal.

People from the lgbtq community who want to have access to resource available. Bill C-6 denies people who are from the lgbtq community with unwanted same-sex attraction and/or gender confusion the choice to professional healthcare support and counseling through legal and public means because advertising of these professional services (**publicly telling people that help is available**) would be considered criminal.

BILL C-6 VIOLATES FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND PUTS CHRISTIAN CHURCHES UNDER PERSECUTION

I am a Christian and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms allows me to have freedom in my belief and my faith. My church teaches the Bible and we firmly believe that a person can be transformed by the redemption power of Jesus Christ according to 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. The Bible also teaches us that God made human beings in His likeness; He created them male and female. There is no other gender. A person's gender is assigned by God and cannot be reassigned by man. (Genesis 5:2) Our Christian faith requires us to obey the Word of God and we are committed to so that even if Bill C-6 passes. Therefore, Bill C-6 will make preaching the Word and serving those who are struggling from unwanted same-sex attraction and gender confusion by prayers and with the Word of God a criminal offense. Christian churches in Canada will face persecution. It is a sacred duty for you as a Member of Parliament to protect our religious freedom and to do everything in your power to stop Bill C-6.