

Extremist Christians For Dishonesty, Hate, and Misinformation

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"I challenge 'Mike/Christine' to do a column describing, in detail, 'sex-reassignment surgery' - whereby a penis is turned into a makeshift 'vagina' -- assuming he is one day going to go that route. ('Transitioning' people are required to live one year as the opposite sex before undergoing the horrifying operation.) Then we'll see just how 'natural' all of this is."

Is breast augmentation or a vasectomy natural? How about putting people on ventilators when they are ill, is that natural? As far as the operation being horrifying, who would it horrify (certainly not me! Give me \$16,000 and I'll have it done tomorrow)? If it isn't horrifying to the person having it, then who does it horrify?

If you want to get technical, the first SRS surgery was done by God.

"So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man." - Genesis 2:21-22

He continues:

"Transsexualism is perhaps one of the most extreme manifestations of the modern philosophy of 'I feel, therefore I am.' Just because men (and women) caught up in gender confusion FEEL that society should 'respect' their gender-twisting choices, doesn't mean that it is healthy for society to do so."

Going against the majority of therapists in this country, Mr. LaBarbera inserts his OPINION. The success rate of sex reassignment surgery is somewhere between 68%-86%. The same cannot be said

for the “reparative therapy” his side claims is the answer. While there are no official studies of transgender reparative therapy, the success rate for reparative therapy for sexual orientation is less than .5%.

“Nor should taxpayers and corporations be forced to subsidize the radical ‘sex-change’ operations -- another goal of many in the ‘trans’ movement.”

The Harry Benjamin Standards of Care is accepted by the majority of mainstream therapists and surgeons. The HBSOC states:

“Sex Reassignment is Effective and Medically Indicated in Severe GID. In persons diagnosed with transsexualism or profound GID, sex reassignment surgery, along with hormone therapy and real life experience, is a treatment that has proven to be effective. Such a therapeutic regimen, when prescribed or recommended by qualified practitioners, is medically indicated and medically necessary. Sex reassignment is not “experimental,” “investigational,” “elective,” “cosmetic,” or optional in any meaningful sense. It constitutes very effective and appropriate treatment for transsexualism or profound GID.”

Withholding treatment for something that modern medicine treats as a “mental disorder” is cruel. There is much debate on both sides about IF it should be included in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV). But the fact that it is a currently accept diagnosis should compel insurance carriers to cover it.

“Granting newfangled “civil rights” based on “transgender” identities has it completely backwards: a healthy society would discourage gender confusion as much as possible, rather than celebrate it. And we haven’t even started talking about supposed “transgender” children, the “T” in the “GLBTQ” (“Q” is for “Questioning”) acronym tossed around by pro-homosexual activists and educationists who work with youth”

Notice the use of the word “gender confusion”? In evangelical circles this is a kind of “politically correct” language is used to mock transgender people. The confusion for most transgender people is why their gender identity and birth sex don’t match. The process of transition removes the “confusion.”

If you look at Christian blogs posts (including AFT’s posts) concerning the the recent hate crimes bill, you’ll notice that most of the time they will refer to it as the “Thought Crime” bill. I guess “politically correct” language is only offensive when it’s coming from the mouth of a liberal atheist.

This kind of dishonesty shouldn’t surprise me. This is an organization that uses and supports the work of Ted Pike. Ted thinks that the Jews rule Hollywood, support pedophilia, created Bolshevism, and are the originators of the “Thought Crimes” bill.

Of course AFT’s just worried about free speech, right? That’s why AFT use the WordPress blogging platform, but have removed the comment feature.

Postscript: I’ve been shocked by the amount of lies and deceit by these so called Christian organizations. Some good posts on just how much these folks out and out lied here, here, here, here,

here, and here.

Christ was right:

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

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