

TERF supports anti-gay activist group

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Abstract

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Figure 1. Fails to mention this story was recanted

Worse, Brennan volunteered to serve as the mouthpiece of the right-wing anti-gay activist organization:



Pacific Justice Institute response to @transadvocate

"We've seen similar claims. It is our position that the intrusion of a biological male into a restroom for teenage girls is inherently intimidating and harassing. We have received additional reports of particular incidents of harassment, and we are working to corroborate those reports. In our letter, we specifically asked the school to notify us immediately if they disputed any of the factual allegations. To date, they have not done so. The core of this story—that the school is elevating the rights of one self-proclaimed transgender student while minimizing the privacy rights of all the biologically female students, has not been seriously controverted. We encourage journalists to continue their important work of investigating the details of this story independently and not simply accepting the statements of either side, and certainly not pulling their stories simply because activists demand this story be silenced."

Figure 2. Trans people are “inherently intimidating and harassing” and no, we’ve not actually supported anything we’ve said with any evidence, but trust us. We wouldn’t lie. This totally isn’t politically motivated!



Figure 3. TERF2

PJI is the same group that filed a lawsuit to preserve gay conversion therapy. TERFs have taken up the new pet cause of the organization that asserted:

If the Supreme Court rules that the Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional and that the definition of marriage as between one man and one woman is unconstitutional, then we’re basically going to have an open heyday for homosexual marriage as well as other kinds of “marriage” being introduced and being protected through this case law precedent, such as polygamy, perhaps adult incest and who knows what else will be attempted to be added on.

Brennan, an attorney the LGBT Bar Association disavowed...

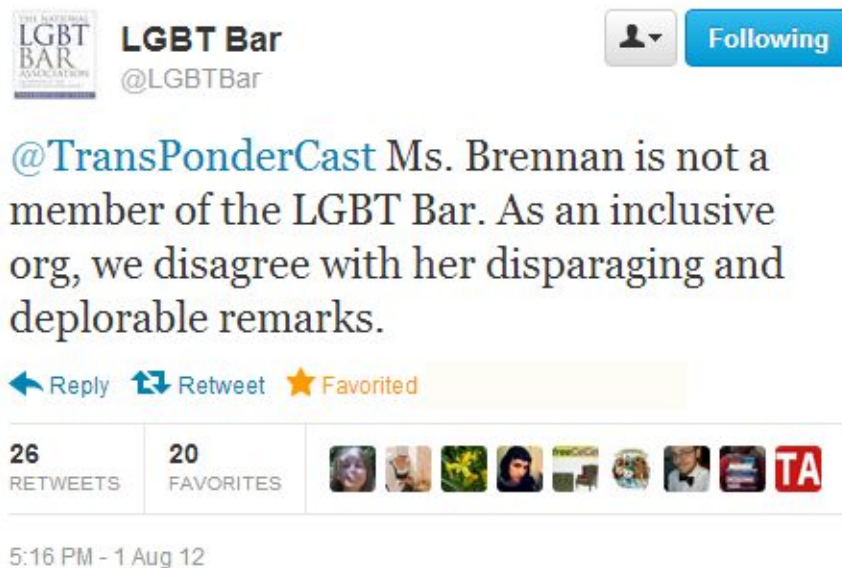


Figure 4. CB-LGBTbarAssoc

... links to the original PJI letter asserting that the trans kid is a predator.* In the letter, the anti-gay group asserts that the transgender youth is sexually harassing cisgender girls and that the school is part of a trans conspiracy to endanger cisgender women. Brennan has uploaded the Pacific Justice Institute's letter to her site and is featuring it without noting that the allegations are false or that media who've investigated the claims have removed the story.

The letter Brennan offers asserts:

- The trans student, "has made sexually harassing comments towards the girls" [NOTE: This claim was proven to be fabricated]
- The school has, "threatened students with penalties ranging from charges of hate crimes to dismissal from school sports" for asking that the sexual harassment stop.

Brennan apparently shares the reality in which this anti-gay group exists. In their apparent reality, public schools are part of a trans conspiracy to weasel into restrooms where they'll be free to carry out their nefarious purpose and if you challenge their reality, then you too are part of the conspiracy.

Brennan became somewhat infamous after she outed a trans teen to his parents and school, and attempted to intervene in the medical care of a transgender person she didn't like. Most recently, Brennan targeted Dana Taylor, contacting and outing her to her employer. Fortunately, Dana was already out to her employer. To this track record, Brennan apparently wishes to stand with the likes Karl Rove and James Dobson in supporting PJI's efforts.

PJI tipped their hand to their true purpose in the last paragraph of their press release:

Earlier this year, PJI led the opposition in California to AB 1266, the most sweeping legislation yet to assert transgender rights in schools. That law, which is set to take effect January 1, 2014, is currently being targeted by a citizen referendum drive. Californians who have not yet signed a petition should visit www.privacyforallstudents.com to get involved. PJI's Notice of Reasonable Expectation of Privacy is available in both California and nationwide versions, and can be accessed at www.pji.org.

Figure 5. *pji*

Apparently the life of this Colorado trans kid is mere fodder in their larger war against Californian protections for school-age trans kids. I guess any harm the Pacific Justice Institute or their acolytes causes to this Colorado trans kid is acceptable when they're fighting for their right to discriminate against California trans kids. For those who stand against trans equality, apparently this is what adult morality looks like.

You can read more about this ex-gay group's effort to ostracize a trans kid at:

- Media Matters
- Think Progress
- The Advocate Magazine
- The Raw Story

You can listen to the phone conversation school Superintendent Rhonda Vendetti and I had about PJI's claims. In the conversation, Vendetti makes it clear that no harassment has taken place.



Figure 6. From a trans kid, responding to the efforts of Brennan and the PJI.

NOTES:

* This TERF is known to record IP addresses and out trans people. Please see this post before going to her site.

2011 study of 6,450 trans people:

“A staggering 41% of respondents reported attempting suicide compared to 1.6% of the general population, with rates rising for those who were harassed/bullied in school (51%)... It is part of social and legal convention in the United States to discriminate against, ridicule, and abuse transgender and gender-nonconforming people within foundational institutions such as the family, schools, the workplace, and health care settings, every day. Instead of recognizing that the moral failure lies in society's unwillingness to embrace different gender identities and expressions, society blames transgender and gender non-conforming people for bringing discrimination and violence on themselves.”

1/2 trans folks raped:

- 50%: Courvant, D., & Cook-Daniels, L., 1998. Transgender and intersex survivors of domestic violence: Defining terms, barriers, and responsibilities

59%: Clements, K. SF Department of Public Health, Department of Public Health. (1999). The transgender community health project: Descriptive results. San Francisco: San Francisco.

54%: Kenagy, G. (2005). The health and social service needs of transgender people in Philadelphia. International Journal of Transgenderism, 8(2/3), 45-56. DOI: 10.1300/J485v08n02_05

46%: Kenagy, G., & Bostwick, W. (2005). The health and social service needs of transgender people in Chicago. International Journal of Transgenderism, 8(2/3), 57-66. DOI: 10.1300/J485v08n02_06

1/4 trans folks beaten:

- 37%: Clements, K. SF Department of Public Health, Department of Public Health. (1999). The transgender community health project: Descriptive results. San Francisco: San Francisco.

43%: Kenagy, G. (2005). The health and social service needs of transgender people in Philadelphia. International Journal of Transgenderism, 8(2/3), 45-56. DOI: 10.1300/J485v08n02_05

37%: Transgender Law and Policy Institute's "Transgender Issues: Fact Sheet"

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