

NARTH Members Say Gender-Identity Disorder of Childhood Diagnosis Should Remain in the Psychiatric Manual

The following letter was submitted to the American Psychological Association's publication, *The Monitor*.
An edited version was just published in the November 2003 issue (p.3) of that magazine.

To the Editor of the *Monitor*:

We were appalled at the recent article in the A.P.A. *Monitor* which suggested that parents simply "accept and affirm their gender-variant children." The writer completely disregards the work of clinicians such as Zucker and Bradley, who have demonstrated that a sizeable number of children and families achieve significant change, and that cross-gender identification is treatable.

To suggest that parents can't or don't influence the gender development and sexual orientation of their children has no basis in science. This is another instance where APA has favored activism over scientific professionalism.

What's even more alarming, such articles actively discourage parents from seeking treatment for their gender-atypical children. Perhaps APA might take some counsel from psychiatrist Richard Green, who says:

"Should parents have the prerogative of choosing therapy for their gender-atypical son? ... The rights of parents to oversee the development of their children is a long established principle. Who is to dictate that parents may not try to raise their children in a manner that maximizes the possibility of a heterosexual outcome? If that prerogative is

denied, should parents also be denied the right to raise their children as atheists? Or as priests?"

Perhaps APA will give equal time to a recent book entitled *A Parents' Guide to Preventing Homosexuality* by Joseph and Linda Nicolosi.

With this latest article, APA appears to be taking yet another step toward eliminating GID from the DSM. But real diversity requires the inclusion of different worldviews in this important debate. When fair and open debate is prevented, government agencies should refuse to provide research grants to organizations such as APA which present their activism disguised as science. And perhaps it's also time that professionals and parents who disagree with APA's narrow politicism raise their voices in protest.

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Transgenderism

A whimsical
view of
the
controversy

Your sister becomes your brother.
Your mother marries your Aunt Pat.
Your penis becomes your vagina,
Who knows where your testicles are at?

Psychological deconstruction
Trumps biological reality.
Nature confuses nurture...
You can be what you want to be!

Whether it's naturalistic evolution
Or God's created design,
Who or *what* made you is unimportant,
Because gender is all in your mind!

Yes, you can become your sister's brother
Or maybe his mother, too...
Because with gender-identity disorder
Surgery makes a designer of *you*.