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Response to the UN SOGI Experts call for input thematic report: Gender critical groups regressing progress on LGBTQ1 +UN Agenda

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My concern is that you are investigating Gender Critical groups, which are upholding Human Rights as defined in UN documents. Why on earth aren't you investigating groups that are part of the Gender Identity cult which is loosening people from their support networks and absorbing them into a cult of a make-believe unevidenced road to permanent medicalisation?

The Gender Identity cult has damaged so many vulnerable people, especially children, by the same, but now more powerful, mechanisms of social contagion which have sucked our children into eating disorders, substance abuse and even suicide.

How dare you proclaim yourself an 'independent' expert? You are in the thrall of evil organisations, not creating anything of value but preying on the most vulnerable to medicalise their healthy bodies with surgery and hormones. This is cruel and sick, particularly as insinuating the gender identity cult into the culture has been slipped in without our knowledge or consent. For your information Biology is real and Gender is a SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION as defined in many UN documents. You do not seem to have any medical or scientific training, but you are just signed up to a theory, which is going to be discredited. Does it not occur to you that there must be pharmaceutical and surgical practitioner money behind this unbelievable rubbish?

Aren't you ashamed of the damage you are doing to vulnerable people? Ask any ordinary person in the street what they think of the idea of men proclaiming themselves to be women (and women men) because of a 'feeling' with absolutely NO scientific evidence and they think it is a joke! This happens when gender critical feminists invite ordinary people to find out about Transgenderism.

Low gender typicality (i.e., perceived lack of fit within one's binary gender) has a significant impact on social acceptance within one's peer group (Sentse, Scholte, Salmivalli, & Voeten, 2007). It is strongly associated with adjustment difficulties, behavioural problems, lower self-esteem, and increased internalizing disorders (e.g., anxiety, depression) (Smith & Juvonen, 2017). As children progress to adolescence, peer as opposed to parental acceptance becomes paramount. Peers therefore take over the role of gender socializing agents from parents (Blakemore & Mills, 2014). Adolescent peers tend to be critical of behaviours, dress, mannerisms and attitudes that are not gender typical as a way of policing and reinforcing gender norms and respond with criticism, ridicule, exclusion and even intimidation of non-conformers (Zosuls, Andrews, Martin, England, & Field, 2016). The problems accruing to low gender typicality are mediated by peer victimization. **Reducing peer victimization** may ameliorate these difficulties (Smith & Juvonen, 2017). Conversely, **peer acceptance** mediated the self-worth of gender non-conforming 12- to 17- year-olds (Roberts, Rosario, Slopen, Calzo, & Austin, 2013).

Teachers in UK schools are waking up to the fact that they DO NOT HAVE to

Encourage children to use the facilities in which they feel most comfortable. Anyone asked the other girls or boys?

Encourage children to go to the sport teams in which they feel most comfortable. (Save womens sports is on to that one)

Support children through their 'transition'.

I used to applaud the work of Stonewall, but they have lost their way. Worse, children who are same sex or both sex attracted don't have the support they used to have and many get sucked into this cult. Stonewall's claim to be against gender stereotyping is not born out by their promotion of medicalisation for gender non-conforming behaviour.

Children should be guided to acceptance of their sexed bodies, encouraged to explore their sexuality at an appropriate stage of their development, encouraged to explore their presentational preferences and supported in their journey through puberty without gender stereotyping, homophobia or discomfort with disability.

I support Gender Critical groups and learn from their campaigns particularly transgendertrend and safeschoolsalliance.

The tide is turning and you will be one of the people who will have the unnecessary mutilation and medicalisation of adults and children on your conscience. I hope it doesn't take too long.

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