BIDEN IS PROMOTING CHILD ABUSE

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on President Biden's latest policy on transgender youth:

For the first time in American history, we have a president who is championing the cause of child abuse. On June 15, the White House released a <u>statement</u> saying President Biden is issuing an executive order seeking to ban "conversion therapy," the practice that allows someone who has "transitioned" to the opposite sex to reverse the process. He is putting the Department of Health and Human Services in charge of his policy.

In classic Orwellian doublespeak, the White House is saying Biden is taking multiple actions to "protect children across America," falsely claiming that children who undergo "conversion therapy" face "higher rates of attempted suicide and trauma." The facts are otherwise.

Six Swedish scientists studied those who had "transitioned" to the opposite sex and the findings were not auspicious. Their paper, "Long-Term Follow-Up of Transsexual Persons Undergoing Sex Reassignment Surgery: Cohort Study in Sweden," found that in the course of 30 years, from 1973 to 2003, those who had "transitioned" had "considerably higher risks for mortality, suicidal behaviour, and psychiatric morbidity than the general population."

A British study done by Birmingham University's Aggressive Research Intelligence Facility, examined more than 100 studies on post-operative transgender persons and found that "none of these studies provides conclusive evidence that gender reassignment is beneficial for patients."

What Biden is doing is worse. He said when he was running for

president that he supports eight-year-olds who want to change their sex. Those are third graders. Yet if they were left alone, most would conclude that they do not want to switch their sex. Studies from Vanderbilt University and London's Portman Clinic found that 70-80 percent of children who had expressed an interest in changing their sex ultimately decided not to do so.

The data on suicide are just as persuasive in undermining what Biden is saying.

The suicide rate among those who undergo surgery to change their sex is 20 times higher than those who do not. Another study found that minors who "transition" to the opposite sex without parental consent are associated with "higher risk of suicide." Furthermore, a study in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine found that 80 percent of gender minority students report having mental health problems, nearly double that of normal children.

There needs to be a national moratorium on the pernicious practice of allowing children to switch their nature-assigned sex.

Biden is spinning out of control in many areas, but his pathological obsession with encouraging little kids, who obviously have mental issues, to switch their sex (which technically cannot be done anyway) is simply off-the-charts.

Adults who counsel children to consider changing their sex, or otherwise facilitate sex-reassignment surgery-complete with hormone blockers and genital mutilation-are a threat to their psychological and physiological well-being. This is child abuse. Astonishingly, President Biden is leading the way.

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