

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THESE PEOPLE?

The law recently signed by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, the Parental Rights in Education bill, prohibits teachers from instructing kids as young as 5-years-old about sexual orientation and gender identity; it also ensures parental rights. Though it never mentions the word "gay," it is nonetheless being dubbed the "Don't Say Gay" bill.

There are several issues here.

Why would a teacher want to ask little kids whether they are sexually attracted to those of the opposite sex or the same sex? What's wrong with these people? Why would a teacher want to lie to little kids about their ability to switch their sex, something which is immutable, God-given and nature-ordained? What's wrong with these people?

"It's not like there's no kernel of truth in that maybe kids that young shouldn't be thinking about sex at all." Those are not the words of a prude—those are the words of Bill Maher. Speaking about supporters of the DeSantis bill, he noted that "it's not like you're not allowed to literally not say gay, but they just don't want teachers talking about it. They think it's the province of parents."

It's one thing for the political opponents of the law, including celebrities, to call it the "Don't Say Gay" bill, quite another when the media do the same. To be sure, the media have every right to quote critics of the bill who characterize the bill this way, but they have no right to officially brand it this way.

We did a Nexis search of the number of media outlets that, in its headline, identified the bill as the "Don't Say Gay" bill. From March 1 to April 8, we found over 450 such instances.

What's really wrong with all of these people is not simply that they lie about the bill, but that they really want little kids to be sexually engineered by teachers, preferably behind the back of their parents. They need to be confronted and defeated at every level.