



Men and Women For a Representative Democracy In America

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Dear General McConville:

It's come to the attention of Men and Women for a Representative Democracy in America that the Pentagon needs a reminder that its focus is to be on military matters impacting the nation, and it should refrain from bloviating on matters that are clearly not within their purview. Specifically, it would seem to us that Pentagon physicians would be far more effective were they to concentrate on the medical issues of military personnel than delving into "sex-change treatment" for seven-year-olds.


Our position in this matter is clear: Little "Tom-boy" girls who like to climb trees and play with bugs, and little boys who like to play with Raggedy Ann or Raggedy Andy dolls have, for years, matured into happy, healthy, responsible adults. That could be because they were not "coached" into being something they were not.

The biological truth is this: Sex is determined at conception, and there are only two, *unalterable* options—male or female. To suggest otherwise is a fool's deep dive into the world of fantasy with no hope of return.

That's not to imply that pretense is neither fun nor creative. On the contrary. To escape into the magical world of fantasy offers a diversion from the sometimes-harsh reality of day-to-day living. The Disney dynasty made a fortune acknowledging that a brief interlude from daily routine could create "The Happiest Place on Earth." In the real world, however, elephants do not fly, mice and ducks do not talk, and Cinderella does not have a fairy godmother who can turn pumpkins into carriages and mice into horses.

Pragmatic adults understand the difference between the real world and the world of fantasy, and when faced with reality, they are capable of disengaging from their fantasy and returning to a world of reality—harsh or unpleasant though it may be. Reasonable, mentally stable adults do not act on the fantastical, and they most certainly do not project their fantasy onto vulnerable children.

Boys and girls pretend all of the time. One may have mom pull out an old tablecloth, wrap it around his (or her) shoulders, and—Viola! —for the remainder of the day, he or she is Superman! —ready to save the world and "leap tall buildings in a single bound.



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Another may head for outer space to explore new worlds, and still another may choose to spend the day with knights and dragons. But at the close of day, each must leave his fantasy and return. Tomorrow will bring new and different fantasy adventures. However, it's one thing for a child to *pretend* to be something he or she is not, but it is unconscionable for an adult—who is supposed to be reasonable, knowledgeable, and stable—to act on that child's pretense.

Changing one's sex is not as simple as hormone injections, visits to the therapist, and mutilation surgery; there are those pesky, *unalterable* little things that scientists refer to as *chromosomes*. To suggest to a vulnerable adult, much less an impressionable child, that his or her sex can be reversed by such barbaric means is a hideous lie. Perhaps that's the reason we are beginning to hear more and more "regret" stories from those who made the regrettable decision.

Going forward, we urge you and your physicians to confine your focus to today's military matters and refrain from wading into territory that is certain to bring you into direct conflict with America's parents.

Sincerely,

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