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## **The Real-Life Horror Stories of Gender Ideology and Public Schools with Laura Bryant Hanford**

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### **FRANK:**

Ladies and gentlemen, what would you do if you found out that teachers in your kid's school were introducing your kids to drugs and pornography, and your teachers and the school administrators were deliberately hiding this from you and telling your kids not to tell you? Well, you'd be outraged, of course. Let me ask you another question.

What would you do if you found out that the school viewed you as the enemy and was planning to abduct your child, cut off that kid's communication with you, and send your child to a state run facility to advance the drug use that they introduced to your child? You go, that's outrageous. Who would do that? Well, what would you do? Well, let me tell you, that's actually happening right now. Oh, come on, Frank. You're being an alarmist here.

No, I'm actually going to report some truth to you about this. And before I get into it, I do not want you to get discouraged because this is exactly what the Scriptures say would happen. The more evil we see in our society, the more it convinces me that Christianity is indeed true. In fact, we're the only real major worldview that believes people are inherently evil, that they're bent toward evil, that it's easy to be bad and hard to be good.

I mean, think about. Think about what Paul says in 1 Timothy 2. He says, the spirit clearly says that in latter time, some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. In 2 Timothy 3, he says this. Mark this, there will be terrible times in the last days.

People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than

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lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. This is what the word of God says. And ladies and gentlemen, it's coming true. It becomes more true every day. Now, what are we about to talk about here? Well, a week or so ago, when I was getting ready to speak at Calvary Chapel, Chino Hills on 'Correct, Not Politically Correct,' a book I updated last year regarding the transgender issue, I reached out to my friend Jay Richards because I wanted to be as up to date as possible as to what was going on, on this issue. Because I know Jay and others, Jay's at the Heritage Foundation, had been working to save kids from genital mutilation or mutilation.

I like to make up my own words here, because so many states were allowing this. And about 23 states so far in the past couple of years, according to Jay, have put laws against this. And I said, what other new information can you give me on this? And Jay introduced me to a lady by the name of Laura Bryant Hanford, who is our guest today. And she's a dynamo. She's a mother of five. She's been involved in school and religious freedom issues in Virginia for several years. She served on the Fairfax County Public School and their Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee.

She also helped draft the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 as a congressional staffer. She worked at the U.S. Embassy in Romania, and she is a graduate of Princeton University. And when she sent me some material on this, I was very impressed. And I said to her, Laura, we've got to do a program on this because you are so well-informed. And, ladies and gentlemen, here she is, the great Laura Bryant Hanford. Laura, let me start here. You have five kids of your own. How did you get into this area where you're investigating gender ideology in public school systems?

**LAURA:**

Yeah. Thank you. And thank you for that wonderful introduction. My kids, we have five kids, and my oldest was just moving into the public schools in 2015. So, about nine years ago, we started them all off at a wonderful, small Christian school. And then they've moved on to the public schools. So, we have sort of a range of experiences there. But that was the year that gender ideology hit Fairfax County Public Schools, and it was out of the blue. They didn't give any notice to parents.

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They suddenly were changing the rules on what would count for discrimination without any sort of an implication. They wanted to add gender identity and sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination policy. And then that was followed by all kinds of other changes to the sex-ed curriculum, which is that Family Life Education Committee you mentioned. It's a pretty complete misnomer. It's a lot of indoctrination and 80 hours of sexual information, some of it very graphic. So, that was my first involvement, and we protested.

We got parents together. We looked over what they were doing. We realized they were lying to the community about why they were changing. They were saying they had to change and add all this information and policy on gender identity because they had to conform to state law. That was a lie. And so--

**FRANK:**

Who's they when you say they? Who is they?

**LAURA:**

The school district. So, the school district and the school board. I didn't even know what a school board was at the time. I mean, I didn't know what a transgender kid was. I mean, this was so new to me, and I've realized since that it was coming down the pike for decades. But for most parents, they just didn't have a clue that all this was already kind of pushing down the pike. So, the school board and the school district wanted to be progressive and welcoming and inclusive of transgenderism.

They wanted to start teaching that you could be, that being transgender was innate. That's what defined you as your identity. Your biology really didn't matter very much. And so, this was not only in the policies, which we ended up a few years ago, saying that if you misgender someone, they basically punish misgendering at the same level as arson or assault in Fairfax County. And those are in the policies, but also in what they're teaching kids in family life education lessons. And so, I got involved.

We had only a couple school board members that were, I would say, family friendly, two out of twelve at the time. Now we have none. But it's a county that's going more and more progressive in terms of who it attracts and who the school board members are. And so, for

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three and a half years, I was on that school board committee and trying to stand up against some of the things that they were doing, more and more graphic information at earlier and earlier ages. But what I really wanted to get at was this transgender teaching, where they were teaching kids that this was the solution, essentially, if you're unhappy, I'm paraphrasing, but essentially, it's being portrayed as this is who you are.

So, if you're unhappy, it's because someone else is not accepting you for who you are. And if you only accept that you're actually a girl in a boy's body or boy in a girl's body, then you'll be happy. And this just seemed to me there was no question it was going to lead to further damage and just destruction, which it does. We have ten years of evidence now of that from our school systems.

But I made a motion on our school board committee to use only the term in our lessons, to use only the term biological sex instead of the term sex assigned at birth, because it's not assigned. The gender fairy doesn't come and sprinkle the wrong color fairy dust. And it doesn't happen at birth. It happens at conception.

**FRANK:**

No doctor looks at the nurse and says after the baby's born, hey, what do you think? It's not assigned. It's discovered. And it's more often discovered now in the womb. With certain testing, you can know what you're having. In fact, we're having our third grandchild. My daughter-in-law is. We know it's a boy already. He's coming in November.

**LAURA:**

Yeah, exactly. You would have thought that from... I was tossed off the committee by the next meeting and all hell broke loose. I mean, it was like it turned into a big media thing. I had parents that would pray for me before every one of my monthly meetings. And word got out really quick. They had to change the venue because parents came and were upset that they were doing this.

And basically, they replaced me with a party activist who swaggered in and said, biological sex is meaningless, and no one uses it anymore, which is, you know, absurd on its face. But that is

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pretty much the trend that left. That was 2018, and it's only gotten worse since then. And so, I've stayed involved in various ways at the state and national level, too.

**FRANK:**

And we're going to see what's going on and what you can do about it. We're talking to Laura Bryant Hanford. She actually has some great articles we'll put in the show notes at The Federalist. Don't go anywhere. You're listening to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist. Back in two minutes.

If you're low on the FM dial looking for National Public Radio, go no further. We're actually going to tell you the truth here. That's our intent anyway. You're never going to hear this on NPR. Yes, biological sex really does matter, and there is really no such thing as gender unless it means sex. And we're talking to Laura Bryant Hanford about this. She has been engaged in these issues for almost ten years now and is very well-educated on it, writes some great material on it.

I was introduced to her by my friend Jay Richards, who leads the efforts to bring sanity back to the States on this issue at the Heritage Foundation. And when Laura sent me some of her material, I said, well, we really need to talk about this. Now, Laura, there's probably no better case to illustrate what is going on than the case of a young girl by the name of Sage. Can you just lay out what happened to this young girl?

**LAURA:**

Sure. Her story in some ways almost seems unreal because it pulls in so many of the issues with this gender ideology and why it's not just some distant fringe theory that impacts only a few people. Her story really shows the impact in real life of this ideology. So, Sage was a young girl in Appomattox, Virginia, so a very red county. In fact, her biological grandmother and adoptive mother had moved to an area that was more conservative so that she would be away from some of the influences up in a blue state where she used to live.

But Sage's father had died when she was a baby, and she had been through six foster homes as a baby by the time her grandmother was able to finally jump through all the hoops to adopt her. So, there was childhood trauma already in her life. And by the time she came home with

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Michelle, she wasn't very responsive. She wouldn't cry because she had learned that adults didn't respond. And so, it took a while, but she became a happy little girl, quiet, a little quirky, which is typical with some of these kids that get pulled into gender ideology.

And by the time puberty hit and Covid was at the same time, her mental health started to really go down. And so, she was 14 when her story really took such an awful turn. She had just finished middle school, was starting high school, had been even inpatient that summer for the distress and the depression, and was on medication, all of which her mother told her school. She started high school in Appomattox in Virginia and didn't tell.

Her mother knew she was dressing emo. She told the school that she was a boy because in her mind, she thought, everybody's kind of doing this. This is the way I'm going to be accepted. To make a long story short, she got badly bullied. The school kept it secret from her, kept her identification secret from her mom, told her she could use the boy's bathroom. And in the boy's bathroom, she's tiny. She's like 100 pounds. She was assaulted. Something happened in that boy's bathroom.

And so, for about a period of two days, the school didn't even tell her parents, kept it hidden. Interviewed Sage with a police officer without notifying her mother, and finally called her mother when they said, she's so distraught, you need to come pick her up. And it wasn't until that evening when Sage was sitting on the floor with her mom at their house and that it came out that she was identifying as a boy at school. And she had been told this by the counselor.

She said, mom, I never would have gone in that bathroom if they hadn't told me to use it. So, her mother said, we'll take care of it. We're not going to go back to school. You know, for now, we'll figure out what to do about the bullying. But something kind of flipped a switch, and Sage ran away that night. And the worst happened. She disappeared for nine days. She was picked up by predators. She was trafficked across two state lines into Maryland. And about eight or nine days later, the FBI finally found her at the home of a trafficker, a registered sex offender in Maryland.

But the Maryland court would not give her back to her parents. Her parents drove through the night. They showed up to bring her home with all her favorite stuffed animals and snacks and

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things. And this girl had been through horrors. She was an innocent 14 year old. I don't think she even had a boyfriend. And here she is, a victim of trafficking by multiple men, drugs, abuse. The judge, basically, here's the word gender. And to make a long story short, over a period of two months, the prosecutor in Maryland alleged that her parents were abusing her on the grounds of misgendering.

And the judge, instead of returning her to Virginia, held her in Maryland and assigned her to a foster, like an orphanage state home. And guess where he put her? He put her in male quarters, where she was assaulted again. And she eventually ran away from there with the help of a teacher in that Maryland system where she was going. And the worst happened again. She was trafficked again.

She met someone online at a transgender website that she thought was a 16 year old kid and turned out to be a predator. She ended up in Texas and disappeared for months. And it wasn't until a couple months later when her mom just kept scouring everything she could, her social media for clues, that she was found and eventually returned to her mother in Virginia. And even then, the judge had... I'd refer listeners to my article, because it goes into a lot of the details.

But one of the reasons it took so long in Maryland was one, they were clearing her parents. Her parents had to be cleared of false abuse charges. And Michelle had actually been a state worker, a child, a special child advocate worker. So, there was no question that she had already been background checked. She wasn't an abuser. But while they were going through all these legal hoops, the judge would refuse to put Sage in a home in Virginia to where she could be healed from her trauma. That's what her parents said. They said, just bring her back to a place where she can heal.

There's a Christian place, for instance, called Youth for Tomorrow in Virginia, where she could have gone to heal from all the trauma of the sex-trafficking. The judge would not allow that because they wouldn't treat her as a boy. And so, she had to go to this place in Virginia that also kept pressuring her once she got back from Texas to transition. And by then, she was telling her mom, who was able to visit every week for a short period of time. She asked her to secretly buy her some girls clothes because she didn't want to be a boy anymore.

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But she was scared of the doctors, and the doctors kept pressuring her mother and her to go on the hormones and, you know, start the transition process. It took legal help to get her out of that. So, that is sort of her story in a nutshell, but it shows how many failures of the child protection systems that are designed to protect kids and help them and help for their best interest.

Every one of these actors, the school, the courts, the counselors who told her to go in the boy's bathroom, the foster care system and the medical system, they all failed her. Why? Because they had this lens of gender. That's all they saw, and that's what they went for. They ignored her past and trauma. They ignored the trafficking. When she was in Maryland for that two month period, the judge wouldn't refer her to any care or trauma care for having been trafficked. She was just placed in this home where she was treated as a boy.

So, that's it in a nutshell. Those are four different areas where they came together in this young girl's life. And you would never think in a place like Appomattox, which is this sleepy little conservative town, that this could happen. But the fact of the matter is, schools all over the country are further down this path than people realize. And they've adopted these secrecy policies.

**FRANK:**

This is why I started the program with those hypothetical questions, ladies and gentlemen. That if your kid's teacher was going to introduce your kids to drugs and pornography, not tell you about it, and then maybe even have other people within the public school system or the court system abduct your child and take your child away from you and put you in a state facility, what would you do? Nothing. No, you'd be outraged. And yet this is happening.

Now, Sage was away from her mother for 344 days because people in our government have a gender ideology outlook that thinks that a young 14 year old gets to decide what her gender is. And if you don't agree, somehow, you're an abuser, when in fact, you saw where the abuse came from. You can lay it at the feet of those gender ideologues. Now, before we go further in this, and we're talking to Laura Bryant Hanford.

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By the way, we're going to put so many links in the show notes, including Sage's story that Laura wrote about and several other, because we can't cover all the details here. If you want to go further, you can. But I can almost hear parents and other people right now listening to this, Laura going, wait a minute. I mean, this is an extreme story. It doesn't happen very often. It's not going to happen to my kid. How do you respond to that?

**LAURA:**

Well, I think that's what all of these parents think, and that's the hard part. And I will say I've worked with parents from and seen the stories or told the stories of parents from all over the country. And it's not just the blue states like Sage's example. The schools are ground zero for starting this. And there's a huge activist push to get to the schools and to implement secrecy because secrecy is the key here. It's the start to all of it.

If you think to Sage's story, if her school hadn't kept all the information from her mother about what she was doing and hadn't bothered to read her, you know, they seemingly didn't even bother to read her file, that she was so fragile and so vulnerable already. But the school secrecy is a huge piece of it. And if you go, there's a, I'll give you that link to it. Parents Defending Education is an organization that has tracked parent exclusion policies or school secrecy policies like this all over the country.

Literally millions of kids live in districts. I think they're up to close to 20,000 districts that have these policies. Parents may not even know that these policies are in place. And they're all based on a model policy by the ACLU, Human Rights Campaign, Trevor Project, and Gleason Gender Spectrum. These are all groups that are pushing for secrecy in schools. And they came up with a model policy in 2015 that not only says you keep it secret because parents are potential abusers, it tells in that model policy, if you look it up, it's called Schools in Transition.

I linked to it in several of my articles. But it tells the teachers to prepare to testify before a judge, and it tells them that they have special insight into the child that the parents may not have. And it also tells kids, it prepares them in advance that, well, it sort of touches on the fact that some of these treatments and hormone treatments may, they sort of dance around the fact that they can have a long-term sterilization impact. It actually says in there, there are other

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ways to form families. So, they're prepping kids in advance for being sterilized at age 10, 11, 12, 14.

**FRANK:**

Laura, why does the school need to get a parent's permission to give the kid an Aspirin but no permission to give the kid puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones or God forbid, even surgery?

**LAURA:**

Well, and the schools don't necessarily have the ability. Some places do now. In Washington, in Oregon, California, some of these other, some of the blue states, kids can actually access hormones through the schools. But from the age of 12--

**FRANK:**

That's what I mean. But they couldn't get an Aspirin.

**LAURA:**

That's right. That's right. And the parents have to pay for the care, but they're not allowed to know what the care is. And actually, they don't even get to know where their child is if their child runs away to one of these sanctuary places.

**FRANK:**

Ladies and gentlemen, we're talking to Laura Bryant Hanford. We're going to get to much more. I know this is troubling, but you need to know the truth if you're going to do something about it. You're listening to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist, with me, Frank Turek on the American Family Radio network. See you in two minutes.

If you're not troubled so far, I don't know if you've been listening closely enough. We're talking to Laura Bryant Hanford, who is an expert on gender ideology and what's going on in the public school system and elsewhere. And we're right in the middle of talking about, what is going on? Why is it going on? Why do you need to get permission to give a kid an Aspirin in school but not cross-sex hormones? Why all the secrecy?

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In my experience, when people are trying to keep secrets from parents, there's something nefarious going on. Why all the secrecy? If this is a good thing, why not just tell everybody about it? Oh, maybe because parents are not going to agree, that's why. Maybe because a twelve or 14 year old doesn't have the capacity to make a lifelong decision about sterilization. Maybe because 80% of kids grow out of gender dysphoria by the time they're 18 and 96% of the kids grow out of it by the time they're 26.

Maybe because transitioning is, that's exactly what puberty is. It's one long transition from being a kid to being an adult. So, things are going to feel odd. And yet the activists out there want to somehow capture your kids and, and basically destroy their lives, unfortunately. And they think they're doing good, by the way. They think they're doing good, and they're not. Now, Laura, what is the latest with gender medicine bans on some states?

I know you and Jay Richards have been working hard on this. You do some work for the Heritage Foundation. Last time I talked to Jay, he said there were 23 states that have said you're not doing this to kids, although we just saw that in Texas, there's a hospital down there that's ignoring what the state has said about it. Again, why all the secrecy if you're doing good? What's the current situation right now, Laura, and where can people go to find out what's going on in their state?

**LAURA:**

Well, it's a very interesting place to be. And actually, we're up to 25 now. Not all those are allowed to. Some of those have injunctions. There's court cases in almost every one of those because the other side that wants to transition kids medically files these as soon as one of these bills go through. The really interesting thing is that as of yesterday, I believe, well, there's some new information that's come out that will help in this fight, which is that in one of these cases, they require the attorneys very shrewdly for the good side.

I'm just going to go with the good and the evil side here. For the good side, basically ended up subpoenaing the records on process from the World Professional Association for Transgender Healthcare. So, that's a mouthful called WPATH. And they are this crazy activist association of medical professionals, I use that term loosely, who have put into place standards that supposedly are the gold standard that the American Academy of Pediatrics, Association of

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Pediatrics, uses and everyone points to as this is the gold standard. Well, we now know as of yesterday, because those records have been unsealed from WPATH. We know that Admiral Levine, so Biden's health secretary, who's a trans.

**FRANK:**

Richard Levine tries to go by the name of Rachel Levine, whom the Babylon Bee called man of the year, by the way. That's what got them kicked off Twitter. But go ahead, Laura.

**LAURA:**

So, a man who decided to present as a woman in later life and is behind pushing this stuff. He actually pressured WPATH to remove any age restrictions from saying that they're from their standards for healthcare. So, they originally had some restrictions, some age restrictions, but he actually pressured them to remove those. And I believe the American Academy of Pediatrics did as well. And this shows.

So, it wasn't that this was the best standard of care. There's all kinds of political activism going on behind the scenes. And you were mentioning secrecy. This is why it's so important to bring all this to light, because it shows that it's built, it's a house of cards. You mentioned some of those things. But the evidence is so weak, especially for pediatric gender transition, that it's being rejected by a lot of the European countries. The US is now an outlier.

The US and Canada are the worst in the world on this, on pushing kids down this path. So, it will be very interesting to see what happens. But the Supreme Court, just as of yesterday, took up, is going to take up one of these cases, the Tennessee case. So, it'll be really interesting to look this coming year to see how that's going to be determined, because a lot of these questions about how much biological sex matters, what the evidence base is, those are all going to get hashed out at a national level.

And quite honestly, when it's a question of evidence, I mean, the side that has no evidence loses. And the evidence that those pushing this have put together relies on faulty studies, taking out controls, changing the goals midway through, selecting who's part of the study to make sure that they've predetermined the outcome. I mean, it's some of the shoddiest science. It's unthinkable that this is what we're pushing on kids, but it is.

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**FRANK:**

Well, tragically, Laura, as you well know, most of these medical associations and even the CDC itself has discredited themselves over the past, ever since COVID certainly. The APA and others have discredited themselves 50 years ago by bowing to political pressure with regard to homosexuality, with regard to gender ideology. It's a political organization. It's not about medicine. It's not about good and bad medicine, or even moral right and wrong. It's about whoever can exert the most political pressure to get their way.

That's why you should take whatever you hear from these organizations now with a grain of salt. And that's a shame, because it used to be you could rely on these people to give you reliable medical information, reliable health information. Now, all we're getting is politics. And that's not the way, obviously, to talk about medicine and what's good or bad for people long-term, especially with kids. I'm with Jordan Peterson on this. Anybody that does this to a child ought to be imprisoned.

And tragically, people think they're doing good by trying to get a child who's already confused anyway, to go down a road that is an impossible road. You cannot change your gender. It is impossible. And yet people try it. I did a whole presentation on this. I don't want to give the whole presentation here. I want to hear from Laura.

If you want to see the presentation, you can go to the Calvary Chapel Chino Hills website. Look for 'Correct, Not Politically Correct.' It's up there on YouTube. Or go to their YouTube channel and see it there. So, what is the Biden Administration doing on this issue with regard to gender ideology? Are they trying to impose it on different states?

**LAURA:**

Right. Well, so this was where I think Admiral Levine being involved in imposing this in the international organization that supposedly all the countries look to, was so telling. Because it wasn't just affecting the US. And in fact, the Biden Administration is pushing hard. There's document after document that they're very proud of, where they're embedding conditions for promoting gender ideology and the LGBTQ agenda all over the world.

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So, it's international. It's billions of dollars conditioned on the promotion of this and on brand-new markets because there's a lot of money in this, too. If you think of the developing world, they're actively involved in pushing this. But in the states, it's the same thing. The same groups that are pushing all of this, there's sort of a group of activist groups that are incredibly well funded.

I mean, millions, billions of dollars that are pushing the school secrecy, that profit from the medicine. They provide the medicine. They have medical centers that they're funding for pediatric gender transition. They are funding whole schools of medicine. They are pushing this stuff in medical schools. They're pushing it in counseling. They're pushing it in education. So, it's very impressive, I guess is the word, in a very dark way. It's everywhere.

**FRANK:**

The Spirit clearly says that in latter times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits, and things taught by demons. Ladies and gentlemen, if this is not demonic, I don't know what is. To try and alter the life of a child in such a negative way and hold that attempt in secrecy from their parents. I'm sorry, I just can't say it any other way. Paul said this 2000 years ago. I'm sorry to interrupt that.

**LAURA:**

No, that's fine. I wanted to go back to your question because this also goes to, I mean, the Biden Administration is pushing this all over the place. California is probably the most obvious place where this is just being imposed from on high. They just passed a bill that prevents school boards from passing parental notification policies. So, we're not even just saying, you know, they're not pushing against them. They're actually preventing it.

There's a group. I have friends out there that were trying to get a ballot initiative out which the polling supports, that three quarters or more of Californians, Democratic and Republican, support notifying parents. They're against medicalizing children and chopping off healthy body parts, and they're against girls having to compete against boys in sports. The Newsom government won't let any of that come to light.

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And the attorney general actually sued one of the school districts that passed a parental notification policy, sued the school district at taxpayer expense to prevent parents from being able to have information about their own children. I mean, it doesn't get any more twisted than that. But these policies... I wanted to just go back to the question you asked. Parents are thinking, well, that wouldn't happen to my child. The Trevor Project, these schools that are pushing these secrecy policies, the way it works, like in Fairfax, for instance. They have a secrecy policy.

And so, a child could secretly be living a double life at school for years, potentially. The schools actually put together gender transition support teams of experts, counselors and others who can help them with their gender journey. So, even if they can't get access to medicalizations, then as soon as they turn 18, Planned Parenthood is waiting to give them their hormones and so they can be on that road.

Parents whose kids are pulled into this are terrified of that 18 and a few years older, because those of us who have kids in that age bracket, we know their brains aren't fully developed yet. They're great. They're legally adults, but they are not in a position still to decide that instantly, to know what they're going to want ten years down the road or five years down the road. Their brains don't fully develop until they're 25.

**FRANK:**

I think that's why Tennessee passed a law that said you can't do this prior to 26, if I'm not mistaken. Is that the law that has gone to the Supreme Court but won't be decided on for about a year, I would imagine. Is that right, Laura?

**LAURA:**

I'd have to go back and check. I'm not sure about that one. But that 18-25 bracket is what, for instance, The Hillary Cast report in England and others. There's a lot of focus now on that bracket because those are the really vulnerable kids, too. Not just the younger kids, but the kids that have instant access and they're groomed into this. And that's not a word I use lightly, but they're ready to go right into it. And then the state provides it for free in some cases. And there's--

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**FRANK:**

Yeah, but follow the money. As you pointed out, Laura, these kids then become lifelong patients that require drugs from Big Pharma. Follow the money as well, ladies and gentlemen. This is demonic. I'm sorry, you shouldn't be doing this to children. A lot more with Laura Bryant Hanford right after the break. You're listening to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist. Back in two minutes.

Ladies and gentlemen, as you know, there's still a lot happening in Israel. We cannot go back to Israel. We will on the next broadcast, however, have Dr. Jeff Myers on. He just wrote a brand-new book, 'Should Christians Support Israel?: Seeking a Biblical Worldview in an Impossible Situation.' We're going to get into all the questions on that on the next podcast.

However, in December, we are going to Egypt and Saudi Arabia because that's where the Exodus took place. And we think the Real Mount Sinai is in Saudi Arabia. It's going to be an amazing trip. If you want to be a part of it, go to [CrossExamined.org](http://CrossExamined.org). Click on events. You'll see the Egypt Saudi Arabia trip. Of course, we're going to see all the fantastic places in Egypt. It's a perfect time to go to Egypt, by the way. The weather's perfect.

We're going to be able to see all the pyramids, all the places you go to see where the kings were buried. We're going to see where the Exodus, we think the Exodus took place, and then we're going to go actually to what we think is the Real Mount Sinai. So, you're going to want to be a part of that. Just go to [CrossExamined.org](http://CrossExamined.org). Click on events. We're only taking one bus, so it's not going to be a big trip, but it's going to be a tight trip, and it's going to be a lot of fun. And we're staying at the best hotels as well. So, check all that out [CrossExamined.org](http://CrossExamined.org).

Let me go back to my guest, Laura Bryant Hanford, who is doing some great work keeping track of what is going on on gender ideology, particularly in schools. You've got to look at the show notes for this program, ladies and gentlemen, because there's so much in the show notes we can't cover. But Laura, I do want to ask you about what is going on in schools regarding these trans chat rooms that the activists in schools are hiding from parents? What's that about?

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**LAURA:**

Right. Well, it parallels what's going on in doctor's offices, too. But through the schools, and there's a whole move to provide all this mental health and wellness, the whole school movement and others where the mental health professionals are where this is coming in. And they might give kids access or recommendations for accessing groups like The Trevor Project, which presents itself as an anti-suicide group. But they have chat rooms in there that go from 13-24, 25 year olds.

It's the perfect situation for adults who are already in this lifestyle to pull in these young kids that are usually on the fringes, usually vulnerable, and suddenly they're getting acceptance and love bombing. So, they're actually chat rooms. And you can do this. Anyone can go check the Trevor Project. There's an escape button. It says, hit escape. I forget what it is, three times. Or hit escape to hide the screen. And it's designed to hide from parents. Now, Roblox--

**FRANK:**

So, if your parents walk in the room, you just hit that button and it goes away.

**LAURA:**

That's right. So, they can't see what you're on. Roblox has a similar chat room. And my kids play Roblox. I mean, this is one of the most popular gaming platforms in the world. And they had a chat room where you could go in and, you know, by interest and be in a transgender chatroom. And there was a hidden escape button there, too.

So, people need to realize this is coming at them from all different areas. Once kids put female to male, especially on their website, parents have told me when they've seen their kid's social media, they're bombarded with pornography, really awful pornography, from people accessing, from sugar daddies looking, trolling for prey.

And so, I think parents need to be aware that this isn't just something that's happening a few places somewhere out there. Because of social media, because of the online access, it's everywhere. And the parents that have had kids pulled into this, a couple of them, one of them was like volunteer of the year. These are not uninvolved parents. Another one was a school counselor. These are not uninvolved parents.

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They're parents who are at the school, they're volunteering. They know. And still the schools didn't share with them. I'm talking Florida, Colorado, California, Virginia. I mean, this is happening, and parents need to be aware of it. And the other place they need to be aware of it is in the doctor's office.

In the doctor's office or if your kid gets checked in because they're having a mental health issue, as soon as the child is isolated from the parents, the medical personnel are going to ask them what their pronouns are, if they've struggled with gender identity. And if the child says yes or is encouraged to say yes, there will be a social worker that shows up, too. And CPS is like hotel California. You can check yourself in, and you can almost never check yourself out.

And these are the issues that they're going after, because, again, parents are potential abusers if they don't affirm. And that's why all these pieces are tied together, because if gender affirmation is built on nothing, then, no, it's not abuse to affirm, you know, to not affirm a child. But these pieces are all tied together, and the activists are going after every single piece of it.

**FRANK:**

Ladies and gentlemen, if your daughter came to you and said she was a mermaid, would you take her off the coast and drop her in the ocean? Of course you wouldn't. You'd say, honey, your mind's playing tricks on you. Or if your daughter became anorexic, would you say, honey, you're right. You're overweight. Let me get you liposuction. Of course you wouldn't. You would say, honey, your mind's playing tricks on you. Let me get you counseling.

Well, in the transgender fairyland ideology world, they actually try and say, no. Your body's the problem, not your mind. And that's why you get immediately. They don't even diagnose you properly. They just start giving you puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and if you're on the right track, according to them, you'll get surgery. Just ask Chloe Cole, who I talk about in that presentation I gave at Calvary Chapel, Chino Hills a week or two ago. You can see it on their YouTube channel. Chloe Cole at, what was she, 15 Laura?

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**LAURA:**

She was twelve when she started, and I think she was at least she was 13 when she was on puberty blockers. And then I forget it was, if it was even 15 when she had the mastectomy. I think it might have been earlier.

**FRANK:**

And after they gave her the mastectomy, they diagnosed her with those other issues: depression, autism. She had other issues that led to her feeling the way she did. And now, she is the biggest advocate against this, the biggest advocate for sanity. She's testifying before Congress going, you people need to stop what's going on in our schools and in our states because young kids are being mutilated and they're being sterilized in the name of an ideology. And crickets, what's going on?

Well, nothing's going to happen as long as Biden is in office. I can tell you that. It's just going to continue to get worse. It does matter who you vote for, ladies and gentlemen. You've got to just look at the platforms. And by the way, if you don't like either candidate and many people out there don't. Don't vote the candidate, vote the platform.

Look at the platforms and see where they're heading and then make your decision. What could people do about this, Laura? Practically, if you're a parent right now? What should you do? You've got kids in public school. What should you do?

**LAURA:**

Well, for one, be very informed and be sure you know what the curriculum is and be sure you know what your school policies are. Go to Parents Defending Education. I would say right away, if you're not already getting alerts from your local family, like in Virginia, it's the Family Foundation. They helped. I put together a law with them called Sage's law that we tried to pass, and we rounded up support from people like your listeners.

We're still working on passing it. But it would do two things. It would allow, it would require notification in schools, and it would say it's not abuse to raise a child according to their biology. Those are basic laws. Now, the Democrats have fought against every one of those so far, but that's a winning issue.

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**FRANK:**

Wait a minute. Wait, wait. You're saying every single Democrat voted against that?

**LAURA:**

Yes.

**FRANK:**

Say that again. What was the basic statement of Sage's law?

**LAURA:**

It required parental notification if the school participates in gender transition and at the request of a child. And it said it's not abuse to raise a girl as a girl or a boy as a boy, basically, according to the biology.

**FRANK:**

Every single Democrat voted against that. Okay? That's going to tell you something about the platforms, ladies and gentlemen. Please continue.

**LAURA:**

So, those kinds of laws, there are laws that are passing, like the gender medicine laws. There are a lot of parental notification bills. We're going to have more and more of these bills defining abuse. There's a lot of those, these are all things that people need to be aware of. They need to be electing good people, but they also need to show up because those representatives are often in the minority.

And I have a friend out in California who's not even, she's not a believer, but she's 100% opposed to this and she has friends who are, the people showing up to testify are often not even the Christians or the church members. People need to go, and they need to support these initiatives and show that there's support behind them wherever they are. And to get that information, you need to go to places like Heritage Action, and the Family Policy Alliance, and others that have alerts that can tell you, oh, this bill's coming up.

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You need to write in to your senator, congressman. It actually makes a difference. People don't think it does, but it does. And I know we're all busy, but they often put it in a pre-formatted things that you can just send into your congressman or senator. That's sort of the minimum. Voting is the minimum. Being informed about the candidates. But run for school board if you're in a position to do it.

Go speak in front of your school board. Go show up to testify for Sage's Law so we don't have 55 transgender advocates who don't have a job and whose name is Iridescent Riffle coming up and testifying, and there's three people testifying for Sage's Law. You know, there's all these sorts of, there's things that we need to show up. We need to be engaged. And one thing that I would say. Churches also, there's sort of the policy part.

There's also the pastoral part, because these kids that get pulled into this are the kids that are on the fringe. They're kids that aren't always easy to love, that don't necessarily fit in. What they're finding in these gay straight alliance groups or in all these groups is celebration and acceptance. And for all the evil that comes with that, if we were providing that kind of warmth and outreach to children like this in our churches, there would be a draw in our direction, too.

And I, you know, it's not easy to have a youth group that's welcoming to everyone. But I think there are things pastorally where we need to realize there's so much brokenness and we need to be, as churches, reaching out to kids, providing support to families that are pulled into this.

**FRANK:**

So many of these kids have experienced trauma, too, at some point in their lives. And that has brought on some of these feelings. Other kids, as you mentioned, it's just rapid onset gender dysphoria. It's completely social media driven, as Abigail Schreier has pointed out. There's so many links that are going to be in the show notes. We'll try and delineate what they are, friends so you can at least take some action here.

And if you can't take some action on this issue, I don't know what issue you're waiting for. But when kids are being sterilized and mutilated and you're standing by doing nothing, that doesn't sound to me like you're being very Christian, like you're following what Jesus wants you to do. Laura, this has been enlightening. Thank you so much.

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**LAURA:**

Thank you for having me. Thank you to your listeners for listening. It's a pleasure.

**FRANK:**

That's Laura Bryant Hanford, ladies and gentlemen. We're going to put so many links in the show notes where you can find her. She's at The Federalist. She writes there, TheFederalist.com, a great place to get great information. So many other links so you can actually make a difference.

But don't get discouraged, ladies and gentlemen. The Bible says it would be this way. We're supposed to stand for what's right and leave the results to God. But we've got to stand. Let's do it. All right, friends, Lord willing, I will see you here next week. God bless.

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