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## A Well-known Fable and Today's Surreal World

*The Emperor's New Clothes* by Hans Christian Andersen has been a popular children's folktale for generations. Recalling this amusing tale may shed light on the serious subject of our cover story.

In the fable, a vain emperor who spends lavishly on new clothes is deceived by two swindlers posing as weavers. The swindlers claim that they can weave clothes so magnificent that anyone who is a fool or unfit for the emperor's office would be unable to see them. The weavers go through the motions of working diligently at their empty looms, and when finished present the nonexistent new "garments" to the emperor, and have him undress and put them on. Of course, no one can see the splendid new clothes, but no one — including the emperor — will admit he cannot see them, since that would mean acknowledging that he is stupid or unworthy of the position.

So enthralled is the emperor with his fine new clothes that he sets off on a procession through the town so all his subjects can admire them. Everyone expresses how fine his clothes are — until a little child exclaims, "But he hasn't got anything on!" Everyone then wakes up to the fact that their eyes are not deceiving them, and the emperor really is naked.

Ah, but *The Emperor's New Clothes* is a folktale for children. How about reality? Could people be deceived or silenced to that extent?

In the not-too-distant past, well within the memories of most of us, just about everyone understood that there were only two sexes: male and female. Science informed us that our chromosomes determine our sex: Males possess one X and one Y chromosome, while females possess two X chromosomes. One did not have to be a biologist to determine someone's sex or (to employ a term that is now commonly used) gender. In fact, a five-year-old could tell the difference between a boy and a girl.

Today we are more enlightened — or so the establishment opinion cartel tells us. Only two sexes? Why, only an ignoramus would make such a preposterous claim! Moreover, we cannot tell a person's gender from his/her/their outward appearance. Nor can a physician who examines that person — or even a cytogeneticist who observes that person's chromosomes in the nuclei of cell samples under a microscope. After all, gender is not determined by genitalia or chromosomes, but by feeling. That is, a person's gender is whatever gender that person identifies as.

But how about when a person's body does not match his/her/their gender identity? Well, that person can undergo hormone therapy or have body parts lopped off or reconstructed to bring his/her/their body into conformity with his/her/their gender identity. That includes children, who might not be old enough to get a driver's license, but are old enough to opt for irreversible "gender-reassignment" surgery. And woe to anyone who ignorantly calls "gender-reassignment" surgery for children, let alone transgender education in the classroom, child abuse!

What a tale the opinion cartel has spun for us! That tale has become so pervasive that many children — who are the principal targets of the trans propaganda, and who are more apt than adults to accept as true whatever they are told — have come to believe that they are trapped in the body of the opposite sex, with devastating consequences, including depression, mutilation, and suicide.

We encourage you to read "Defending Children Against the Trans Agenda," by senior editor Rebecca Terrell, about this war on children. The alarm sounded by this article is complemented by [Terrell's interview](#) of Landon Starbuck, who stars alongside her husband Robby in their documentary *The War*

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*on Children*. In the interview, Landon discusses solutions, as does FreedomProject Academy's Dr. Duke Pesta [in his article](#) about the importance of classical education.

After reading this cover-story package, we encourage everyone to speak out without fear of being dismissed as fools or accused of hatred. By raising our voices, as did the little child in the fable, many others will muster the courage to also speak out.



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