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### **Transgender Ideologues: Crossing the Finish Line**

"Anything boys can do, girls can do better!" Plainly woke, right? Try this one on for size: "Anything girls can do, transgender girls can do better!" As absurd as this sounds, this is precisely the new hypothesis being fleshed out in athletics. Permitting biological men to compete against biological women in sports — and the government's enforcement thereof — is unmitigated relativism, and, ultimately, Marxism.

On February 27, a district court in Minnesota ruled in favor of JayCee Cooper against USA Powerlifting (USAPL) after a discrimination case by Cooper was brought against the athletic organization for prohibiting him from competing. Cooper — a transgender female, or, factually speaking, a male — filed suit against USAPL stating that his inability to contend against biological women was sex and sexual-orientation discrimination on the accounts of public accommodation, business, and aiding and abetting violations of the Minnesota Human Rights Act.



twitter.com/jayceeisalive Girl power? JayCee Cooper, a biological male who identifies as a woman, will now be able to compete in powerlifting competitions against women. Many see this as unfair to biological females.

The Minnesota legislation, which was the basis for Cooper's case, "prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, public services, education, credit, and business based on protected class, such as: race, religion, disability, national origin, sex, marital status, familial status, age, sexual orientation, and gender identity."

Minnesota 2nd District Judge Patrick Diamond ruled that USA Powerlifting must "cease and desist from all unfair discriminatory practices." This spurred pushback from many, including Elon Musk, who tweeted, "This is extremely unfair to anyone with XX chromosomes!" ESPN's Sage Steel responded to Musk's post, saying, "Yes. Unfair to women. And the irony of this decision being made during Women's History Month...The hypocrisy continues..."

The judiciary in America has become a spurious, unconstitutional legislative arm of government, forcing relativism on all aspects of life. This is a mammoth-sized deviation from our Founders' vision. America should not allow big government to force private organizations to have men compete in women's sports. It is vile, anti-woman, and dangerous for female athletes.

Furthermore, it undermines basic Western Judeo-Christian values such as individuality, family, traditional marriage, and males and females made in the image of their Creator — deriving their rights from God rather than government. Allowing men to compete in women's sports is, to put it bluntly,

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Marxist. And it plays into a larger strategy to overthrow Western culture.

In America today, activist judges want to legislate from the bench and enforce wokeism on everything the sun touches. Judge Diamond wrote in the ruling, "As it relates to public accommodation ... it is unlawful discrimination to deny a person the 'full and equal enjoyment' of the public accommodation (the public accommodation being full participation in USAPL sanctioned or hosted activities). For both the public accommodation and the business claim, segregation and separation are the hallmarks of discrimination."

In giving men the "full and equal enjoyment" of dominating women's sports, authoritarians are stripping women of their full and equal enjoyment within a private association. They are discriminating against them in a way that is brutal and harmful. Ideas have consequences. Bad ideas have victims.

An excellent example of how anti-woman the enforcement of gender dysphoria in sports can be is a 2014 MMA fight in which Fallon Fox — a male masquerading as a female — broke the skull of bona fide female fighter Tamikka Brents, giving her a concussion and breaking seven orbital bones. Brents candidly declared in an interview, "I've fought a lot of women and have never felt the strength that I felt in a fight as I did that night.... I've never felt so overpowered ever in my life and I am an abnormally strong female in my own right."

Another memorable illustration is the case of Lia Thomas, who in 2022 was the first transgender athlete to win the NCAA 500-yard freestyle female swim. Thomas, yet another biological male pretending to be a female, dominated the race, even setting a season record within the NCAA for that year.



**"Just cruising":** Lia Thomas, a male who identifies as a female, bragged about how easy it was to beat female swimmers he competed against, handily setting the NCAA women's 500-yard freestyle record in 2022. (AP Images)

A self-evident observation in biology is that men have higher bone density, greater muscle mass, broader shoulders, and generally greater strength than women. This is not a new scientific revelation. To fail to recognize this — especially when it comes to combat sports or weightlifting — is an injustice to athleticism and basic human values. This, however, fits perfectly into the anti-truth, anti-West, Marxist playbook. Those familiar with the 1963 congressionally reviewed "45 Declared Goals for the Communist Takeover of America" — originally published in W. Cleon Skousen's book *The Naked Communist* — would recognize this agenda. Goal 26 declares, "Present homosexuality, degeneracy and

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promiscuity as 'normal, natural, healthy.'" Sound familiar?

Apart from the blatant and self-evident absurdity of allowing a man to lift weights or fight against a woman — and it is difficult to ideate other activities that illustrate the physical differences between men and women better than these — the root question is: Why should the government tell a private association what rules they can and cannot enforce? Courts have accumulated so much power in our nation that they have essentially become an unauthorized, unchecked, unbalanced, and unrestrained third pseudo-chamber of Congress, legislating through setting precedent to enforce their new legislation of liberalism and insanity on everyone else. This gross abuse of power can come from a lack of constitutional literacy. But on issues such as the government forcing transgenderism upon private organizations and coercing society to change and ignore the definitions of gender, it is nothing less than social Marxism.

Back to the case of JayCee Cooper and USAPL. According to the 46-page ruling, "USAPL had a policy, dating from at least as early as 2015, that trans women, that is, women who were identified as male at birth, but who identified as female, were not allowed to compete as female."

The powerlifting association, in an effort to privately accommodate transgender athletes, created a program, enacted on January 1, 2021, called the MX Category, which "provides dedicated competition space for athletes 14 years of age or older of all gender identities." In other words, an area in which transgender, nonbinary, and all other athletes can compete.

"Our position has been aimed at balancing the needs of cis- and transgender women whose capacities differ significantly in purely strength sports," said USA Powerlifting President Larry Maile in a statement. But this effort was not enough. JayCee (and other men who have gender dysphoria) want to compete solely against females as though they, too, have XX chromosomes.

To further the madness, the Minnesota ruling says, "USAPL's evidence of competitive advantage does not take into account any competitive disadvantage a transgender athlete might face from, for example, increased risk of depression and suicide, lack of access to coaching and practice facilities, or other performance suppression common to transgender persons." Furthermore, "Banning transgender people from participating in sports is harmful for their mental health and, in effect, can also cause harm to their physical health." Are legal standards now going to consider the potential risk of hurt feelings and suicidality if plaintiffs do not get their way? Remember the 45 goals of Communism? Goal 39 states, "Dominate the psychiatric profession and use mental health laws as a means of gaining coercive control over those who oppose Communist goals."

Within the entirety of our culture war, the problem lies much deeper than just the surface-level issue at hand. It is an ever-growing attack on the worldview that built Western society. That worldview declares, "God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." If the demagogues can seize this most rudimentary idea, they can seize the whole of American liberty, which is rooted in the foundational principle of individuality.

And if you speak out against the transgender ideologues, you better watch out lest you be deemed in favor of a pogrom. That is precisely what happened to conservative political commentator Michael Knowles as a result of his CPAC speech on March 4, 2023. "For the good of society," said Knowles, "transgenderism must be eradicated from public life entirely — the whole preposterous ideology, at every level." *Rolling Stone*, in a libelous headline, reported, "Michael Knowles Says Transgender

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Community Must Be 'Eradicated' at CPAC."

The absurdity of this knee-jerk reaction is that no one can actually call for the genocide of the transgender community. Being "transgender" is not a legitimate classification. There is no such thing as a "transgender" person, any more than there are minotaurs or the Loch Ness monster. There are people with so-called gender dysphoria, no doubt. But said individuals will always and forever either be biologically male or biologically female. They cannot transition into a different sex.

One of the most alarming outcomes of the transgender, anti-truth movement is how quickly the medical community has come out in support of sex-change surgeries, hormone treatments, and the sterilization of children in the name of supporting "their truth."

In February 2023, Jamie Reed, a St. Louis resident and former case manager at the Washington University Transgender Center at St. Louis Children's Hospital, released a grisly whistleblower report. Reed exposed how hospitals are capriciously diagnosing, treating, and recommending young children with gender dysphoria to alter their bodies permanently and irreversibly.

"The center's working assumption was that the earlier you treat kids with gender dysphoria, the more anguish you can prevent later on," Reed said. "This premise was shared by the center's doctors and therapists.... I left the clinic ... because I could no longer participate in what was happening there. By the time I departed, I was certain that the way the American medical system is treating these patients is the opposite of the promise we make to 'do no harm.' Instead, we are permanently harming the vulnerable patients in our care."

The evil behind the push for men in women's sports is just the beginning of a broader Marxist movement to abolish the principle of absolute truth and corrupt the hearts, minds, and bodies of all people — including children. It is evil, it requires our attention and response, and it must be stopped.

One cannot help but feel that the present psychosis of the times is likened to some warped version of a 19th-century Emily Dickinson stanza:

Much Madness is divinest Sense To a discerning Eye – Much Sense – the starkest Madness 'Tis the Majority In this, as all, prevail – Assent – and you are sane – Demur – you're straightway dangerous – And handled with a Chain

Join the mob in its madness and be enlightened. Join the horde in declaring a man can be a woman and a woman can be a man. Assent and be sensible. But to dissent, to claim that men are men and women are women, you are nothing but destructive and an ally to iniquity. This is a reflection of the foolishness of our times.

If freedom-loving, truth-believing, fair, and honest people cannot win the battle in keeping women's



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sports strictly for women, how can we expect to win the culture war in government, academia, media, business, and Big Tech? This is a hill worth dying on, because if the Marxists can overthrow sports and redefine what a woman is, they can seize, control, and plunder our most sacred liberties. Let's play to win.



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