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Boy Scouts' Moral Collapse: Will Allow "Trans" Girls in Ranks

It's the Boy Scouts — or something like that, anyway.

There was a time when the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) spent money fighting a [lawsuit](#) brought by a [girl](#) who wanted to be a "boy" scout. The organization won that battle. Now it has lost its mind, deciding to let a girl join its ranks simply because she claims to be a boy.

The BSA will now judge applicants based on their "gender identity" and not, as had been the policy, based on the sex indicated on their birth certificate. Because birth certificates are, as Barack Obama proved, so yesterday.

As CNN [reported](#), the birth-certificate "'approach is no longer sufficient as communities and state laws are interpreting gender identity differently, and these laws vary widely from state to state,' BSA spokeswoman Effie Delimarkos said in a statement Monday."

The Girl Scouts had already capitulated some years ago, allowing a boy [masquerading](#) as a girl to join their organization.

CNN further explains that the BSA's collapse "comes a few months after an 8-year-old Cub Scout in New Jersey accused the organization of expelling him for being transgender. The Boy Scouts did not specifically cite the New Jersey case in its statement. But Chief Scout Executive Michael Surbaugh acknowledged the group recently had been 'challenged by a very complex topic ... the issue of gender identity.'"

This brings to mind the apocryphal saying, "Moral issues are always terribly complex for someone without principles." Of course, the psychology causing an individual to believe he's a member of the opposite sex, a different species ("[species dysphoria](#)"), or Napoleon may be complex. The psychology causing CNN to, as is de rigueur among mainstream media now, refer to children such as the expelled N.J. Cub Scout as "him" may also be complex. But the simple fact of the matter is that the child is a girl. There's nothing complex about that.

Meanwhile, girls who actually claim they're girls [again](#) want to be Boy Scouts. One of them, 15-year-old Sydney Ireland, [posted](#) a petition at Change.org stating, in part, "I cannot change my gender to fit the Boy Scouts' standards." No? I guess poor Sydney didn't get the memo.

I don't know if such rejection of the Made-up Sexual Status (MUSS — "transgender") agenda qualifies Ireland as a hater; she's right in a way, however, since by "gender" she means "sex." As former "transsexual" Alan Finch [said](#) in 2004, "You fundamentally can't change sex.... Transsexualism was invented by psychiatrists."





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Note that while most people identify the word “gender” with “sex,” psychologists define it as a person’s “perception” of what he is and say that this can be different from his “sex,” which is a biological classification.

And what do people perceive? The list of “genders” grows like the national debt, with the literally [scores of them](#) including designations such as Agender, Bigender, Cis, Gender Fluid, Genderqueer, Pangender, and Neutrois.

Maybe this is why it sounds so “complex” to Chief Scout Executive Michael Surbaugh, but let’s cut through the noise. The thesis behind the MUSS (“transgender”) agenda states that, put simply, a person could be a woman trapped in a man’s body, or vice versa.

The idea is that at issue is not a psychological problem, but a biological one. But is there any proof of this? As I [wrote](#) last year:

What physiological markers will the physician look for to verify that I truly am, legitimately, “transgender,” suffering with a supposed brain/body incongruence? Don’t feel bad not knowing.

There isn’t a so-called expert alive who could answer the question.

There is no brain scan for gender dysphoria. There is no genetic test. There is no hormonal test. There are *no physiological markers of any kind*. Yet on the basis of “strong and persistent feelings of cross-gender identification” — and on that basis alone — psychiatrists can and do refer patients for the mutilation known as “gender-reassignment surgery” (GRS). And on that basis alone, doctors may recommend that a young child be allowed to live as a member of the opposite sex. It’s no different from telling a cardiologist you feel certain you have heart disease and, without performing tests to confirm the diagnosis, his saying, “Oh, have the feelings been strong, persistent and extant for longer than six months? Okay, well, then I’ll cut open your chest and do a bypass.”

But it’s a brave new world, where identity is reality. Thus, why draw lines based on biology at all? Why can’t a man such as 54-year-old “Stefonknee” Wolscht, who claims to be a six-year-old girl (video below), join the Girl Scouts? Inclusiveness, right?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MbiAHnjHlHg>

Really, the BSA should just get ahead of the curve and rename itself the Gender Fluid Scouts. After all, the notion of a “boy” is so passé. Why bother following the spirit of the age when you can lead it? Aren’t the scouts about leadership?

The BSA development is instructive. First, it illustrates how political revolutions (which Donald Trump may be ushering in) can do little to restore the culture, whose moral decay continues apace.

Second, a beneficiary of the BSA’s collapse may be [Trail Life USA](#), an alternative, [Christian scouting group](#) launched three years ago after the BSA decided to admit openly homosexual boys. This is, of course, the market at work, but it also underlines how fractured our civilization has become.

There was no need for such alternatives many decades ago because, by and large, people’s sense of virtue was explicitly the same. Today, however, with our emotion-guided decision-making causing millions of people to march to the beat of a million different drummers, there’s less and less we can unite around.

As for the BSA, along with its name, maybe its [oath](#) needs some tweaking as well. Scouts could be told that you should keep yourself “physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight — or whatever



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