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## Government Imposes Secular Values

Conservatives rightly complain about the federal government going beyond its enumerated powers in the U.S. Constitution, but state and local governments across the nation are also implementing the secular progressive agenda through city ordinances, state laws, and court decisions.

That bastion of liberalism, New York City, under left-wing mayor Bill de Blasio, has even decided to issue new “guidelines” intended to force its citizens to accept transgender dogma. Or else.



“Today’s guidance makes it abundantly clear what the city considers to be discrimination,” announced Carmelyn P. Malalis, the city’s commissioner of the Human Rights Commission, as she revealed that failure to follow the “guidance” could result in fines of up to \$250,000.

Higher-quality restaurants often have “dress codes” for their customers, with the clear intention of maintaining an atmosphere of a high-quality establishment as their business plan calls for. Typically, these restaurants require ties for men and skirts for women. But this violates the guidelines announced by Malalis because this discriminates against men who identify as women, and women who identify as men.

Another violation of the guidelines is if an employee’s health benefits fail to include gender-affirming care. Failure to provide accommodation for those transitioning from one gender to another would be a violation, as well.

If an employer even referred to a male employee who considers himself a woman by a male pronoun, this would be a violation. Barring a person from using the opposite sex’s restroom would be another violation. The guidelines also apply to businesses in their dealings with customers, and landlords in their dealings with tenants.

And this is not just happening in New York City.

In California, it is now law that boys are allowed to use the girls’ bathrooms and locker rooms, and vice versa.

What used to be a joke has become reality. In 1970, the Carol Burnett show did a skit with Vikki Lawrence as a new mother. When asked if her newborn was a boy or a girl, she responded with, “This is 1970,” and that the child can make that decision itself at age 21. The audience laughed at the absurdity of it all.

Yet, it is no longer absurd.

In New York City, one better not make a joke by showing a picture of a dog and saying, “This is Bruce Jenner’s cat.”

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