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## Rocker Dee Snider Booted From SF “Pride” Event for Questioning Child Sex Changes

Hard rock legend Dee Snider, formerly of the band Twisted Sister, was removed from this year’s San Francisco Pride event in June after he supported another rocker’s statement referring to “gender reassignment” surgery for minors as a “sad and dangerous fad.” The SF Pride group in charge of the event had been set to announce the Twisted Sister song “We’re not gonna take it” as the “unofficial rallying cry of this year’s SF Pride Parade & Celebration.”

Unfortunately for Snider, on May 1 he reacted to a tweet by fellow rocker Paul Stanley of the decades old band KISS, which questioned the wisdom of child sex changes.

On April 30, Stanley published a brief statement on Twitter in which he shared his thoughts on the subject.

“There is a BIG difference between teaching acceptance and normalizing and even encouraging participation in a lifestyle that confuses young children into questioning their sexual identification as though some sort of game and then parents in some cases allow it,” Stanley wrote.

[pic.twitter.com/5Gvz6v5HUj](https://pic.twitter.com/5Gvz6v5HUj)

— Paul Stanley (@PaulStanleyLive) [April 30, 2023](#)

Stanley acknowledged that it’s fine for adults to make such decision for themselves, but the rocker was peeved that many saw the dangerous medical procedures as some sort of game.

“There ARE individuals who as adults may decide reassignment is their needed choice but turning this into a game or parents normalizing it as some sort of natural alternative or believing that because a little boy likes to play dress up in his sister’s clothes or a girl in her brother’s, we should lead them steps further down a path that’s far from the innocence of what they are doing.”

Stanley concluded by saying, “some adults mistakenly confuse teaching acceptance with normalizing and encouraging a situation that has been a struggle for those truly affected and have turned it into a sad and dangerous fad.”

Snider’s agreement with Stanley was far from an anti-trans tirade. He simply tweeted, “You know what? There was a time where I ‘felt pretty’ too. Glad my parents didn’t jump to any rash conclusions! Well said, @PaulStanleyLive.”

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Dee Snider performing with Twisted Sister in 1985



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any rash conclusions! Well said, [@PaulStanleyLive](#) <https://t.co/G80uNyzD7M>

— Dee Snider (@deesnider) [May 1, 2023](#)

But even that small tilt away from the transgender agenda was too much for SF Pride, which [announced](#) on May 2 that it had removed Snider from its June concert.

“San Francisco Pride was on the cusp of announcing Twisted Sister’s ‘We’re not gonna take it’ as the unofficial rallying cry of this year’s SF Pride Parade & Celebration, with the band’s frontman Dee Snider performing the song on our center stage. Dee has always been a vocal supporter of LGBTQ+ rights,” the group announced in a press release.

“However, when we were notified about the tweet in which Dee expressed support for Kiss’s Paul Stanley’s transphobic statement, we were heartbroken and angry. The message perpetuated by that tweet casts doubt on young trans people’s ability to self-identify their gender,” SF Pride said.

The SF Pride event was not the only one who was offended by Stanley’s words or, presumably Snider’s agreement with them. Former MSNBC personality Keith Olbermann was especially irritated by the rock and roll legend.

“It’s not a ‘game,’ you a\*\*hole. What you do is a GAME. What they face — internally and now externally due to stupid panicky fascists like you, externally — is an excruciating ordeal,” Olbermann [tweeted](#).

However, some in the LGBT community applauded Stanley for his words.

THANK YOU for speaking out against the child abuse and mutilation taking place in the name of love and inclusion. You're a hero for this.

— Gays Against Groomers (@againstgrmrs) [May 1, 2023](#)

After enduring a great deal of hate-filled rhetoric from Twitter over the past several days, Stanley [hinted](#) on Thursday that he may be having some second thoughts about his earlier stated position.

“While my thoughts were clear, my words clearly were not,” Stanley tweeted. Most importantly and above all else, I support those struggling with their sexual identity while enduring constant hostility and those whose path leads them to reassignment surgery.”

The entire situation is an object lesson about what happens to people — even people who largely agree with the LGBT agenda — if they stray even slightly from the approved program. Question their radical, anti-child, anti-human and pro-Satanic agenda, even a little, and they’ll do their absolute best to destroy you.



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