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## “Trans” Lobby Fumes About Name Change on Levine Portrait at HHS

Once again, the Trump administration has triggered the “trans” lobby, and once again, the man-ladies — and lady-men — have turned purple with fury. “Quietly,” as the pro-trans media say, the Health and Human Services Department changed the nameplate on former assistant secretary “Rachel” Levine’s portrait. The nameplate now identifies Levine, a “trans woman,” by his birth name, Richard.

Levine was the first “transgender” confirmed to such a position, but not the only one who found a home in the administration.



AP Images  
Richard "Rachel" Levine

HHS changed Richard Levine’s name back to Richard after the Biden admin referred to him as “Rachel.”

This is a dude!

If the truth hurts, seek help. <https://t.co/vT8E4voJl4> [pic.twitter.com/AZVpfKaQlc](https://pic.twitter.com/AZVpfKaQlc)

— Libs of TikTok (@libsoftiktok) [December 7, 2025](#)

### Bigots Afoot

As [Fox News reported](#), until hate-Trump Democrats shut down the government for 43 days, the portrait featured Levine’s trans name, “Rachel.”

An HHS spokesman said the time had come to restore sanity and science of HHS.

“Our priority is ensuring that the information presented internally and externally by HHS reflects gold standard science,” said HHS’s Andrew Nixon:

We remain committed to reversing harmful policies enacted by Levine and ensuring that biological reality guides our approach to public health.

Levine’s spokesman fussed to National Public Radio.

Why Levine still needs a spokesman is unclear, but that pressing question aside, the spokesman [told science-denying NPR](#), which refers to Levine as “her,” that bigots were in charge of HHS:

“During the federal shutdown, the current leadership of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health changed Admiral Levine’s photo to remove her current legal name and use a



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prior name,” says Adrian Shanker, former deputy assistant secretary for health policy in the Biden administration who worked with Levine and is now her spokesperson. He called the move an act “of bigotry against her.”

NPR also found a hate-Trump anonymous source burrowed inside HHS to bash the administration. Using Levine’s birth name is “disrespectful,” “exemplifies ‘the erasure of transgender individuals by this administration.’”

## **Social Media Reaction**

On social media, the pro-trans crowd hurled lipstick and curlers. The *Daily Mail* assembled two comments.

“Petty lowlife pieces of s\*\*\*,” a user wrote:

Does anyone know how lucky this Nation is to have the service of someone who went through the trauma of transitioning, while also making the rank of Admiral?

“Forgive me, but I can’t think of a kinder way to put this: what a group of malevolent s\*\*\*bags,” another user wrote.

On BlueSky, the failing X simulacrum, scatological language and warnings of vengeance were in order.

“Honestly how isnt the response to this in the news that republicans are disgusting, petty little troglodytes?” a [user wrote](#):

First person to tell a powerful republican to neck to their face has my vote. F\*\*k the high road, these malignant tumors need to be thrown out and expunged.

“The cruelty and just plain stupidity never stops with these unqualified idiots!” [another fumed](#):

I am looking forward to taking back our country, rounding up ALL the corrupt, incompetent, evils of this chaotic government regime, to bring the horrors of hell into their lives. They WILL be held accountable

Far-left big-wig Bill Kristol, who feigned being a conservative for years, called the move “Idiocy. Bigotry. Cruelty.”

Another user lauded him for being a “trans ally,” and another his “moral clarity.”

## **Levine’s Tenure**

As bad as President Joe Biden’s [appointing Levine](#) was, the “trans woman’s” tenure was worse.

[Levine advocated](#) chemically castrating boys and sterilizing girls with puberty blockers, and falsely claimed “trans” kids must be stopped before going through the “wrong puberty.”

“The first phase at the young adolescent age is to give what is called a pubertal blocker, to give a medicine to block the progression of puberty, so you don’t go through the wrong puberty,” he said in 2017.

Between 14 and 16 years of age, kids would get “cross-gender hormones.”



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Even worse, though, if Levine gets his mitts on your kids, they never “go through the wrong puberty,” he continued:

That way, for a transgender woman, male to female, their voice doesn’t drop, they don’t have hair, they don’t have to have electrolysis. For a transgender man, they don’t have breast development that will need surgery, they don’t have periods, etc.

So you block puberty ... and then at the appropriate time send them through the puberty consistent with their gender identity.

Levine wanted to “empower” such kids to get “gender reassignment surgery,” trans code for irreversible genital mutilation.

Biden Assistant Secretary for Health Rachel Levine: We need to “empower” kids to go on puberty blockers and get sex reassignment surgery. [pic.twitter.com/CRPRaFYtzK](https://pic.twitter.com/CRPRaFYtzK)

— RNC Research (@RNCResearch) [July 18, 2022](#)

Frighteningly, [Levine also advocated](#) dropping age restrictions for “trans kids” to undergo the mutilations.

Biden made Levine an “admiral,” although the Navy did not have a vessel named after him. On the other hand, it did have a ship [named after](#) deceased boy rapist Harvey Milk, which War Secretary Pete Hegseth ordered renamed to the [USNS Oscar S. Peterson](#) after the [Medal of Honor recipient](#). The [renaming infuriated](#) a writer at *National Review*.

Levine wasn’t the only sexual deviant whom Biden appointed. Another was Sam Brinton, a bald “non-binary” sadist [who defended](#) underage homosexual prostitution. He helped handle the nation’s nuclear waste. The administration [cashiered him](#) after he was caught stealing luggage at airports. [He was](#) involved in a sexual perversion called “pup play.”

## Trump Orders

The name change on Levine’s portrait is not surprising given Trump’s two executive orders dealing with “transgenders.”

He signed an executive order on January 20 [that said](#) the United States recognizes two sexes. “Sex’ shall refer to an individual’s immutable biological classification as either male or female,” the order said:

“Sex” is not a synonym for and does not include the concept of “gender identity.”

As well, the order said the words men and women will refer only to men and women, not to people who pretend they are the opposite sex.

On February 5, [he signed](#) another order aimed at blocking the invasion of women’s sports by men.



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