



# Russia Moves to Ban Adoptions to Countries Allowing "Gender Reassignment"

While the left-wing establishment has already decided that transgenderism is a sacred social pillar that civilized nations cannot touch, the reality is that the tide increasingly appears to be turning against it.

In Russia, lawmakers are now advancing landmark legislation that would prohibit the adoption of the country's children by citizens of counties that allow sex changes — a measure its proponents say would protect children and ensure they are raised by normal families.

According to Russia Today, Vasily Piskarev, the head of the Russian State Duma's Committee on Security and Countering Corruption, said this week that the legislation is needed because there is no way of making sure a child does not end up in a gay family if one of the parents decided to transition to another gender after adoption. Thus, this policy would go in line with Russia's ban on adoption by same-sex couples, which has been in place since 2013.



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Piskarev explained that the bill "proposes to prohibit the adoption of a child by foreign citizens in case their state allows gender reassignment, both by producing the appropriate identification papers or by using medical and other kinds of interventions."

He added that the draft law generally aims to ban adoption from NATO member states because "most countries that allow ... same-sex marriage are NATO countries." For Piskarev, it is important that a child "grows up and develops in a normal family where there's a biological father and a mother."

Back in July, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a ban on gender reassignment; under the new law, drugs and surgical procedures associated with gender reassignment may only be used to treat reproductive organ deformities in children, and decisions for such cases are made by clinics with a special license from the Russian Health Ministry.

A proponent of the sex-change ban, State Duma Speaker Vyacheslav Volodin, justified the law as a means of defending Russia from the Western "transgender industry." Citing figures which indicate gender reassignment surgeries have skyrocketed in the United States over the last decade, Volodin argued that "This is the path leading to the degradation of a nation."

The Russian Health Ministry estimated that 2,000 people in the country had "gender reassignment" surgery between 2018 and 2022 while the practice was still legal.



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In a similar <u>recent development</u>, the Russian Justice Ministry said earlier this month that it aims to outlaw "LGBT," filing a lawsuit with the Supreme Court to label the "international LGBT public movement" as extremist and thereby prohibit its operations in Russia.

### As RT reports:

In a statement posted on its website, the ministry argued that "the LGBT movement" has been engaged in various activities that qualify it as an "extremist group." Specifically, it has been sowing "social and religious discord," the ministry stated.

It was not immediately clear exactly which groups the potential ban would affect and whether the 'extremist' designation would have any consequences for LGBT ideology itself, becoming the basis to take action against various public organizations.

The outlet notes that in Russia, the largest LGBT organization of the kind that would be affected by the proposal is the Russia LGBT network, which unites various groups advocating homosexuality. Two years ago, the Russian LGBT network was labeled a foreign agent, as it is part of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (LIGA), a Switzerland-based NGO active since the '70s.

Russia has already taken a stance against LGBT ideology. In 2013, the country banned "LGBT propaganda" directed at minors, a ban strengthened last December with heavy fines for those who promote "non-traditional sexual relations," including pedophilia and transgenderism. The fines apply whether one is promoting these sexualities to minors or to adults.

In August, a survey published by independent sociological research company Russian Field, which for years has been documenting the overall attitude of the Russian people toward the LGBT community, found that the last decade has seen a notable rise in the number of Russians who believe the "rights" of LGBT individuals should be restricted. Specifically, 62 percent of respondents this year expressed support for limiting "gay rights" and 55 percent supported restricting "transgender rights."

By contrast, per previous polling, only 42 percent of Russians in 2021 opposed "gay rights," while that number was still lower — down at only 19 percent — in 2013.

The majority of those who took the poll said they aligned with traditional Russian values such as "patriotism, family, respect for elders, love for your country, Orthodox Christian faith, freedom, and justice." A number of respondents said they were "disgusted" by values such as "democracy, tolerance, LGBTQ, homosexuality, and same-sex marriage."

Hungary under Prime Minister Viktor Orbán has also taken measures to protect minors from LGBT ideology.

It should also be noted that Nigeria's Same Sex Marriage Prohibition Act of 2013, which has been the object of condemnation by LGBT proponents, is highly popular among that country's population of more than 210 million. The law stipulates that same-sex marriage is punishable by up to 14 years in prison; it has resulted in many homosexuals leaving the country.

What all this shows is that LGBT ideology is not inevitable as the Left would like society to believe. Societies can stamp it out and are successfully doing so in nations throughout the world.





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