

MEDICAL HARM

- **Of the top 10 billing institutions in the country for “sex change” treatments for minors, two are located in New York City:** Mount Sinai Medical Center and NYU Langone Medical Center.
- As of 2024, at least 1,151 providers billed insurance for “sex change” medical interventions performed on minors. **Of those, 578 pediatric patients received hormones and puberty blockers, and 616 underwent surgical procedures.** Unlike minors who are administered puberty blockers for precocious puberty, trans-identified children never experience natal puberty as they are given cross-sex hormones following puberty blockers. Not experiencing natal puberty results in sterility, severe sexual dysfunction (including anorgasmia), a lack of romantic attraction, and osteopenia/osteoporosis, to name a few things.
- Sex hormone receptors are all over the body. One example of how this impacts trans-identified people—both young and old—is urinary incontinence. The bladder is surrounded by the detrusor muscle, and the pelvic floor is likewise muscular. When these muscles are deprived of correct-sexed hormones the result is often incontinence; this can occur within mere weeks of cross-sex hormone initiation. GU surgical procedures also may result in incontinence as well as UTI, urosepsis, urinary retention requiring long-term catheterization, and fistulas.
- For those who are fertile, pregnancy can be problematic. Some women require C-sections due to pelvic atrophy. Women who underwent “top surgery” have some mammary tissue (unlike traditional mastectomy) for aesthetic purposes, which fill with milk with no way to exit as the mammary tissue is not attached to the regrafted nipples; this has been described as excruciatingly painful.
- **Several countries have completed systematic reviews that reveal a dearth of methodologically sound studies to support “gender-affirming” care.** Most countries have banned puberty blockers in this context.

Violence Against Women

- **Forcing female prisoners to share cells with male murderers and rapists is a form of violence against women, as are the rapes that result from these conditions.**
- State-sanctioned self-harm in the form of double mastectomies and hormone therapy—a form of female genital mutilation—for young girls is also violence against women.
- In 2023, Kellie-Jay Keen could not attend her own Let Women Speak protest due to violent threats from activists. Other women showed up anyway and needed a police barricade to keep them safe from counter-protestors. There is video footage of topless activists pulling on barriers to get to the women and screaming in their faces.
- **Activists at the CEC D2 meetings have started lunging at Maud Maron, candidate for Manhattan District Attorney, blocking her path, and following her outside.**
- Women routinely receive rape and death threats for their feminist advocacy. Some women who acknowledge the reality of sex have had to move several times after activists published their address online and harassed them at home. **Pro-woman protesters have been punched and had their bones broken.**

Women are on the front lines fighting for their rights, facing threats and violence while our representatives cower.

Who will stand with us?

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More New Yorkers are clued in every day to the state's anti-woman policies. Learn why.

WOMEN'S PRISONS

- **Self-identification prison policies allowed several dangerous men to be housed in the Rose M. Singer Center at Rikers Island, which is designated as a female-only prison.** These men include Harvey Marcellin, a serial killer who dismembered his latest victim and scattered her body parts across Brooklyn; Alex Ray Scott, who is being investigated for two homicides as well as child molestation; Jaia Cruz, who stabbed a postal worker to death in a deli line; and Nichol Suarez, who raped a fourteen-year-old boy in a bodega bathroom. Outside of Rikers, Christopher King **tortured and killed a four-year-old boy**, but was quietly transferred to a women's prison after expressing concern that Correctional Services would "make [him] cut [his] hair."
- One man, Ramel Blount, was **convicted in 2021 of raping a woman in the Rose M. Singer Center** after he changed his name and claimed to be female. A former female inmate at the Rose M. Singer Center is suing the City of New York after a male inmate who said he was **"straight and not trans and there to have sex with women"** repeatedly raped her.
- Xena Grandichelli, born Jeffrey Wilsea, pleaded guilty to 11 counts of sexual abuse involving a three-year-old girl in 1994. **He is now a prominent "trans rights" activist in New York.**

School Boards/Community Education Councils

- Resolution 248, a resolution asking to form a review committee of the 2019 Gender Guidelines that properly considers women and girls as stakeholders, passed the District 2 Community Education Council in March 2024. The NYC Department of Education has stated that it will not review its policy. Despite this, for a full year, activists came by the hundreds to derail meetings, trying to rescind the resolution. Most were not parents. **The activists' antics have made international news, including humming and howling to drown out speakers they disagree with.**
- Outraged parents attended a Penfield school board meeting after a child came home with a "pride" book that included naked adults and bondage gear. **Efforts to keep children from accessing this sort of age-inappropriate content have been erroneously called "book bans."** The school board members walked out and called these parents racist. Despite multiple objections, the school board hired armed guards and refused to remove the inappropriate book from the curriculum.

WOMEN'S SPORTS

- Cameron Woodman, a man who received a complaint for playing in a women's league, started a harassment campaign against the CEO of the Tennis League Network, directing his Instagram followers to email him and the organization with complaints. The Parks Department and Commission on Human Rights are siding with him.
- On May 12, the Greater Lawrence Rowing Club had two boys rowing on their girls' varsity teams. **One of the boys was 6'4"**. Everyone in the league and everyone watching saw how unfair it was. There are male rowers on women's rowing teams at the collegiate level in NY, too, including Tyler Gattone at Ithaca College.
- Evan Fisher, who calls himself Grace, went from placing 1,093rd in the men's category for the Boston Marathon to finishing 63rd overall in the women's category. He has been featured in the New York Times for this "achievement."
- In a New York Times/IPSOS poll conducted from January 2-10, 2025, 79% of those polled, including 67% of Democrats, opposed inclusion of male athletes who "identify as female" in women's sports. **A poll conducted by the Siena College Research Institute found that only 27% of New Yorkers support boys playing in girls' sports.**

LESBIAN RIGHTS

- In 2015, 70% of young women or girls seeking sex reassignment at GIDS reported being lesbian or bisexual. A study of 100 detransitioners showed that female detransitioners were three times more likely to be lesbians than straight. While social contagion likely changed the cohort, at the beginning, masculinizing procedures targeted young lesbians.
- The NYC D*ke March, a protest march named after a slur, claims that "any person who identifies as a d*ke is welcome to march regardless of gender expression or identity, sex assigned at birth, sexual orientation..." etc. **That is, this event pushes lesbians aside in favor of non-lesbians.**
- Famous New York institutions that once created lesbian community, such as Cubbyhole Bar, Ginger's, and Henrietta Hudson, no longer cater to lesbians.

Prop 1: Misogynistic and Homophobic

- Last year's Prop 1 put "gender identity" in the state constitution. **As a result, women are not allowed to have any spaces, services, or advocacy for themselves unless they include men who "identify as women."** This includes prisons, sports, domestic violence shelters, abuse survivor groups, and even the word describing their material reality.
- It is now unacceptable "sex discrimination" for gay men and lesbian women to have their own spaces and services. **All a straight man has to do to access lesbian spaces is declare himself a woman, and the state will side with him.**