

Governor Murphy and Attorney General Platkin Are Coming For Our Children

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On Friday June 23, strangely dressed and [semi-undressed](#), gay activists marched in Tompkins Square Park, chanting, "We're here, we're queer, we're coming for your children." That's a bit alarming, but not nearly as alarming as Governor Murphy and Attorney General Platkin coming after our children. Twenty four hours after 3 New Jersey school districts approved informing parents if their children were transitioning, Attorney General Matt Platkin filed emergency [lawsuits](#) against all three schools. According to his lawsuits the decision to inform parents about their children's actions violates the New Jersey law against discrimination and will result in "significant and irreversible harm." He wrote "Outing transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary students against their will poses serious mental health risks; threatens physical harm to students, including increased risk of suicide; and shirks the District's duty to create a safe and supportive learning environment for all."

Does transitioning reduce the risk of suicide or does it increase the risk of suicide? A study showed that more people [killed](#) themselves after transitioning than before. Will informing parents result in irreversible harm or prevent irreversible harm? Preventing schools from informing parents that their child identifies as a different sex doesn't prevent parents from finding out, it just prevents them from finding out in time to get their children counseling if their children need it.

There is an increasing population of young people who [regret](#) having transitioned. They try and detransition but once they take hormonal treatments they can't undo the effects. If a young woman's voice becomes that of a male she can't get back her female voice. If a young woman has a double mastectomy she can't grow her breasts back. Is this not irreversible harm? Isn't irreversible harm to children more likely to lead to suicide?

The [testimony](#) of many young people who regret transitioning indicates that many needed help from mental health professionals for problems having nothing to do with gender identity, help that they never received. Many of these young people saw online reports on social media of people claiming to have transitioned and achieved happiness. They thought that transitioning would make them happy. Often young children who decided to transition do so because of what they are taught in school. Schools that promote becoming your "true" gender as a beautiful and brave thing to do convince children that transitioning is a cool thing to do. Trying to be cool is not a good reason for drastic surgery and hormones but medical professionals are instructed by our lawmakers not to question but to affirm and prescribe.

Testimony of both children who have transitioned and their [parents](#) reveals that in many cases the children become hostile to their parents and this hostility destroys what was once a loving family relationship. Is that good for the mental health of the child? What about the mental health of the parent?

There is one safety net left that children have against LGBTQ+ propaganda and that is their parents. Forcing schools to hide the decisions of children from their parents destroys that safety net.

The central claim of the attorney general's lawsuit, is that informing parents is discrimination because it "targets (trans) students for disparate treatment". This is a desperate effort to find some legal basis to oppose informing parents. Parents want to be informed by schools of self-destructive behavior of their children whether it be taking sex change hormones, or recreational drugs, or even not doing homework. Informing parents has nothing to do with discrimination and everything to do with protecting the welfare of children. Parents are the only group the attorney general is directing schools to lie to. That is discrimination and illegal.