

Why a Virginia Middle School Is Removing Urinals from the Boys' Bathrooms

Author's Update: On Wednesday, Aug. 25, I spoke with Wade Byard, a spokesperson for the Loudoun County, Virginia, schools. He denied categorically that there is any plan to remove urinals from any school bathrooms or that male and female signs are being removed. I then reached out to David Kubal, president and CEO of Intercessors for America, a resident of the county and my original source for the story. He assured me that as of Aug. 21, when his article was posted, there were active plans to remove the urinals as well as the male and female bathroom signs, claiming firsthand confirmation from two inside sources.

It's bad enough that a middle school in Loudoun County, Virginia, has decided to remove "male" and "female" signs from its bathrooms. But in an even more extreme nod to social insanity, this same school is removing the urinals from the boys' bathrooms.

Why? It's because a number of biological females who identify as males are offended by the presence of urinals.

So, rather than point out to these females that they are not really males (otherwise, they'd have no problems with urinals), the school turns the world upside down to accommodate them.

This is the direct result of school policy 8040, which states, "LCPS staff shall allow gender-expansive or transgender students to use their chosen name and gender pronouns that reflect their gender identity without any substantiating evidence, regardless of the name and gender recorded in the student's permanent educational record."

So, no substantiating evidence is needed, and, the policy states, all teachers must comply with the students' wishes.

In other words, impressionable students, including young children who haven't the foggiest idea about sexual and gender realities, can simply declare their new identity, and the school must change its records accordingly. And woe be to the teacher or administrator who dares question this cultural madness.

Appropriately enough, the policy is titled, "Rights of Transgender and Gender-Expansive Students." Gender-expansive? What does that even mean? Welcome to the new reality.

Of course, the problem with this new reality is that it has nothing to do with reality at all.

A biological boy who calls himself a girl is still a boy, and vice versa, no matter how much compassion we want to show them in the midst of their gender confusion.

That's why that girl cannot use a urinal: because she is not a boy. And saying this is neither hateful nor bigoted. It's simply telling the truth.

But alas, we live in an age when truth has been displaced by perception, resulting in men's bathrooms on college campuses having "feminine products" on hand, because "men can menstruate."

And when "breastfeeding" is replaced by "chestfeeding," lest "men" breastfeeding their children feel offended.

And this is something we are supposed to celebrate. In reality, for all involved, it is heartbreaking. Surely God has a better way.

Unfortunately, these decisions do not only affect the individuals making choices for themselves. Instead, they affect others living or working or going to school with them.

As David Kubal pointed out in his article about the urinals being removed from a school in his district, the perceived needs of roughly 0.3% of the population, now turn the world upside down for the other 99.7%.

Accordingly, he writes, because of this tiny percentage of people in Loudoun County:

- Forty-six thousand junior high and high school students were given permission by the school system to believe they may not be a male or female as their chromosomes have determined by God's design.
- Twenty-three thousand young women will be required to share a bathroom and locker room with young men.
- Thousands of young women's positions on teams are now in jeopardy by men who are now allowed to participate in female sports on female teams.
- These school bathrooms may now become the scene of sexual assault and sexual immorality in ways that will mark the lives of these young men and women forever.
- Teachers will have to remember a person's desired pronouns or other "gender-expansive" terminology (I must confess, I have never heard this term, nor do I know what it means).

That's why, in 2011 in the context of the trajectory of LGBTQ activism, I asked, "How far have we already deviated from the path? Where will this current trajectory take us?... what is coming next? How about the 'trans child'? How about 'queer in the crib?'"

How about the bathrooms in your children's schools removing male or female identification and all urinals removed lest they offend biological females who identify as males?

The reality is that, based on where things have been going for several decades now, none of this should surprise us. The big

question should be: If we don't stand together and help turn the tide, what's coming next?

I'm all for helping kids who are deeply confused about their gender identity and suffering real internal pain. I'm also sure that the current LGBTQ trajectories will do far more harm than good. Can we not all see this where this is going now?
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