

In Emotional Speech, California Mom Accuses State of ‘Brainwashing’ Children About Gender Ideology

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One California mother is speaking out against her state’s public school system, accusing it of brainwashing children about gender ideology. She wants to shed some light on the devastating effect it can have on their lives.

During a recent panel discussion hosted by the Heritage Foundation, Abigail Martinez shared, for the first time, the tragic story about her 16-year-old daughter whose struggle with gender identity led her to take her own life.

Overcome with emotion, Martinez described her daughter as a “girlie girl” during her early childhood who loved to dress up like a princess.

During seventh and eighth grade, she started to display signs of depression.

Martinez said she reached out to school officials for help and asked them to “keep an eye on her.”

She said her daughter was bullied at school and that kids called her ugly. Once she arrived in high school, the young girl decided she wanted to be a boy.

“When she started high school, the doors opened to what she was talking about, like transgender, going to meetings, going to all the support that they think they have for these children ... which is not,” Martinez recalled.

“The school counselor was involved, DCFS [Department of Children and Family Services] was involved, LGBT was in there too, trying to ‘help’ my daughter on the transition of being transgender,” Martinez noted. “I was accused that I didn’t want to open my eyes since she felt since she was a little girl that she was a boy which was not true. She was not even close to a tomboy ... she was the girlie girl in the house.”

Martinez said she met with the school principal and counselor, but they actually made things worse. After a failed suicide attempt, her daughter was placed in foster care and then started going by the name of Andrew.

“The school psychology and LGBT told DCFS that my daughter would be better off out of the house,” the distraught mother said. “They took away my daughter when she was 16 years old. I tried my best to get her back ... going to court every single month.”

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