

Biden's transsexual assistant secretary of health suggests America will soon embrace 'gender-affirming' mutilation of children: 'Wheels will turn on this'

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Assistant Secretary for Health Rachel Levine told a crowd of pediatric health care providers last month that he is "optimistic" that genital mutilation and chemical transmogrification of children — euphemistically referred to as "gender-affirming care" — will soon be fully embraced.

The Biden nominee spoke at a "Pediatric Grand Rounds" session hosted in February by Connecticut Children's, an expansive health system catering to kids. Levine, the highest-ranking transsexual official in U.S. history, discussed "gender-affirming care," the long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and mental health problems suffered by American youths.

"By proactively engaging with the social and environmental world that defines our patients' lives, we can help them in terms of preventative care, acute care, chronic care, and other very impactful issues that affect our children and their families," said Levine. Levine intimated that the failure by "the social and environmental world" to fully embrace the transsexual agenda has resulted in mentally ill youths attempting suicide.

A Pew Research Center national survey published in June found that 46% of U.S. adults polled favored making it illegal for health care professionals to "help" someone under the age of 18 with medical care for gender transition. 72% of Republican or Republicanleaning respondents supported the statement. 58% of all respondents agreed that transsexual athletes should have to compete on sports teams that match their biological sex.

"Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex Americans, especially our youth, are very challenged at this time and are attempting suicide at an alarming rate," <u>claimed</u> the health secretary.

"Gender-affirming care is medical care. Genderaffirming care is mental health care. And literally, gender-affirming care is suicide prevention care," said the health secretary.

Dr. Stanley Goldfarb of the anti-woke medical group Do No Harm told Fox News Digital that contrary to Levine's claims, there is "no good evidence that children treated

with gender-altering hormones or puberty blockers improved mental health assessments."

"Levine's appearance at Connecticut Children's Hospital praising 'gender-affirming care' for minors and claiming it will be fully embraced is wrong and must be countered," added Goldfarb. "A recent study from the University of Washington showed that there was absolutely no change in the psychological well-being of children with gender dysphoria treated with these medications. ...There can be irrevocable harm being done to children by those pushing for these radical, ideologically driven treatments."

TheBlaze previously reported on a study published September 19 in the Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy that explained how the puberty blockers foisted on children as part of the "gender-affirming care" regimen are also known as luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone agonists or GnRHa drugs. These drugs, used also to "chemically castrate men," are not just creating sexless adults, but depleting victims' bone density, hampering their cognitive development, and producing a myriad of harmful emotional effects. The American College of Pediatricians reportedly indicated that GnRHa drugs "arrest bone growth, decrease bone accretion, prevent the sex-steroid dependent organization and maturation of the adolescent brain, and inhibit fertility by preventing the

development of gonadal tissue and mature gametes for the duration of treatment."

Per Goldfarb's suggestion that irrevocable damage is being done to minors, a host of so-called detransitioners such as <u>Chloe Cole</u> and <u>Michelle</u> <u>Zacchigna</u> have recently begun speaking out about how "gender-affirming care" inevitably amounts to irreversible damage.

Levine told Connecticut Children's that the Biden administration will "try everything we can legally" to circumnavigate the democratic will of Americans in states that have <u>enacted prohibitions on the mutilation of children</u>.

After all, said Levine, transsexual medical procedures on minors have the Biden administration's "highest support."

In an interview Monday with "The Daily Show,"
President Joe Biden singled out Florida's laws barring chemical and surgical transsexual "treatment" for kids, suggesting they are "cruel."

Biden's comments, further evidence of the "highest support" Levine mentioned in Connecticut, took on a quasi-religious dimension: "What's going on in Florida, as my mother would say, is close to sinful. It's just terrible what they're doing," said Biden.

Levine suggested that the Biden's administration's support will soon become the norm.

"I think that it's not going to be politically advantageous. It wasn't particularly in 2022. And so I think that as we look to all the different elections in 2024, I think the next two years are going to be challenging," <u>said</u> the health secretary. "But I'm a positive and optimistic person, and I choose to be positive, optimistic. And I think that the wheels will turn on this."

Levine claimed that criticism of the "gender-affirming care" he intends to help normalize tends to be "ideologically and politically motivated" and is "unconscionable," reported the New York Post. In April 2022, Levine told NPR that for some critics, "these issues of gender identity are beyond their experience. They don't understand it, and so they fear it, and that fear can lead to negative feelings and emotions."

Levine had also claimed that "there is no argument among medical professionals – pediatricians, pediatric endocrinologists, adolescent medicine physicians, adolescent psychiatrists, psychologists, etc. – about the value and the importance of gender-affirming care." Rep. Andy Harris, a member of the House Doctors Caucus and co-chair of the Pro-Life Caucus, told Fox News Digital that it was "reprehensible for a government official — let alone the Assistant U.S. Secretary of HHS — to promote the genital mutilation of minors as becoming a standard practice."

"Many pediatricians, particularly pediatric endocrinologists, have expressed serious concerns about the use of puberty blockers, hormone blockers, and sex transition surgeries in minors," said Harris. "These doctors know that these medications and procedures can impact children's bone growth, fertility, and risk of breast and prostate cancer. Meanwhile, HHS has pressured providers to provide this care or else face discrimination lawsuits. We must protect our children."