

Gender Fluidity – A cocktail of Science and Social Activism -

Are the Queer Campaigners the new Pied Pipers in the market ??

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“Biological sex is either male or female. Contrary to what is commonly believed, sex is defined not by chromosomes or our genitals or hormonal profiles, but by gametes, which are mature reproductive cells. There are only two types of gametes: small ones called sperm that are produced by males, and large ones called eggs that are produced by females. There is no intermediate types of gametes between egg and sperm cells. Sex is therefore binary. It is not a spectrum.

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Similar to sex, gender -both with regard to identity and expression- is biological. It is not a social construct, nor is it divorced from anatomy or sexual orientation”

- Dr. Debra Soh²

Until recently, I had no reason to mull over this subject, but now it has become a subject having serious impact on the psychology of young adults and society at large. I attempted to understand the issue from publications in the west which appealed to my sense of reason and commonsense. As I am no expert in psychology nor physiology, I was wondering what and how did this issue become a subject of raging debate even in Indian universities.

All the time humanity existed on the planet there was no confusion on Gender and Sex, until recent past. However, the organised support and well funded

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² The End of Gender, Debunking Myths About Sex and Identity in Our Society

campaigns to promote the narrative of the plight of “LGBTQ++” has captured the imagination of large segment of the urban India as an issue of social conversations.

It is a highly sensitive topic on which it is very difficult to have an objective exchange of views, without getting labelled as being “*phobic*” towards one or the other.

I am not to be understood to undermine the legitimate concerns of Gender Dysphoria or disrespect those who unfortunately are caught in it, which has always been recognised by medical science.

Here I pause and ask aloud the question which came to my mind,

Does anyone recall any similar well funded global campaign to enrol or encourage people to self-diagnose a Medical condition which may require professional medical help?

Further, does anyone recall people who announce a positive diagnosis are socially rewarded and celebrated ?

Gender fluidity/Gender dysphoria has become a serious social phenomenon in the past about decade or so in the Western world and in the recent past few years in India. American author Abigail Shrier equates the current spread of activism as a result of “*radical gender ideology taught in school or found on the internet*”. The following extract from her book presents her perspective as follows,

“Gender dysphoria-formerly known as “gender identity disorder” - is characterized by a severe and persistent discomfort in one’s biological sex. It typically begins in early childhood-ages two to four-though it may grow

more severe in adolescence. But in most cases-nearly 70 percent-childhood gender dysphoria resolves. **Historically, it afflicted a tiny sliver of the population (roughly .01percent) and almost exclusively boys. Before 2012, in fact, there was no scientific literature on girls ages eleven to twenty-one ever having developed gender dysphoria at all.**

In the last decade that has changed, and dramatically. The Western world has seen a sudden surge of adolescents claiming to have gender dysphoria and self-identifying as “transgender”. For the first time in medical history, natal girls are not only present among those so identifying-they constitute the majority.

Why? What happened? How did an age group that had always been the minority of those afflicted (adolescents) come to form the majority? Perhaps more significantly-why did the sex ratio flip: from overwhelmingly boys, to majority adolescent girls?”³ (emphasis supplied)

In this article I seek to draw attention only to the activism surrounding the subject of Gender Dysphoria, which makes it a cocktail of Science and Social activism rooted in gender ideology.

How many of us know what “++” stands for ? Some of us could be vocal supporters, while some could empathise, while some may be indifferent and some may oppose. Irrespective of individual views, majority of us do not know what comprises “++”, even amongst the vocal supporters.

If it’s a closed group then one can examine the homogeneity of the group for the purposes of classification in Law. On the other hand, if it’s an open ended

³ Irreversible Damage - Teenage Girls and the Transgender Craze - Abigail Shrier

group one wonders how is the membership to the group to be determined and how a new category is qualified to enroll into it.

The Government of India in its written submissions before the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court cited a American healthcare information website⁴ according to whom there are 72 types of Genders associated with the LGBTQ++ community. Some of the types illustratively are given hereinbelow:

1. Affectugender: This is based on the person's mood swings or fluctuations.
2. Amicagender: A gender-fluid identity where a person changes their gender depending on the friends they have.
3. Cendgender: The gender identity changes from one gender to its opposite.
4. Mirrorgender: Changing one's gender type based on the people surrounding.
5. Cloudgender: The person's gender cannot be comprehended or understood due to depersonalization and derealization disorder.

A person may be experiencing any of the above or other for reasons to be explained by persons of science. Whether, these state of affairs are transitory or permanent appears to be a matter of debate even amongst people of science.

But to recognise 'mood' or 'how one feels' at a given point of time as a measure of legal recognition is something which is the subject of the 'Q++..' global movement.

⁴ https://www.Medicinenet.com/what_are_the_72_other_genders/article.htm

Every human being invariably would go through mood swings of varying degrees at different stages of their life. But how prudent would it be to confer a legal status to their moods and sexual preferences as the sole yardstick for social and legal recognition beyond the broad category of Transgender recognised as third gender is a subject on which there needs to be informed debate with scientific temper in the society.

Firstly, Legal recognition as claimed is supposed to be dependent on an individual's mood at a point in time which may be transient/exploratory/permanent or 'fluid' as some would prefer to call it.

Secondly, is it an issue which is to be debated in the society extensively or is to be imported on the basis of what other Nations have chosen for themselves.

The experiences of other Cultures or Civilisations are the basis of their social evolution having regard to the ideologies or dogmas which they are guided by. There is no uniformity even in other nations or cultures on these issues. Hence, the logical question - why prefer one over the other?

Unlike technology which broadly has a uniform acceptance across nations, social institutions are unique to the people their culture, history and civilisational heritage.

The mixed bag of experiences of different Nations across the Western world where the polity was persuaded by these arguments it appears to be merely a beginning of an unending trauma for those who bought into these ideas.

The following is a list of the darker side of the Gender dysphoria campaigns documented in published material available for anyone who seeks to know more. The hidden costs society gets to pay as some choose to exercise their freedom of choice:

A. Sustained Campaigns to catch them young

- Introducing young children to Gender Dysphoria through media campaigns in the name of creating awareness, but in the process encouraging self **doubt**.
- Targeted social media campaigns on all plausible platforms children are exposed to encouraging children to doubt their gender **identity**.
- Incentivising kids to come out and declare to be of different gender than the gender they are born in with special mentions and appreciations and social media applause. We all know the dopamine effect of likes and retweets even on grown ups not to mention young **kids**.
- Sowing seeds of victimhood in impressionable minds and correlating it with gender **dysphoria**.

B. Alienating Parents and Guardians in the decision making process

- Children having dysphoria not being reported to the parents by school but endorsing their new identity in class **rooms**.
- Counsellors/Therapists instead of probing the cause for dysphoria are affirming the child's own diagnosis, without objectively questioning and diagnosing. Parents role is minimised if not obliterated.
- Mushrooming of volunteers and social groups which neither have any stake in the long term well being of the child nor

accountability for their actions in affirming the child's dysphoria, which could be transitory or assumed due to the glamour associated with the new identity.

C. Medical Intervention

- Liberal use of puberty blockers, which pause natural growth in teenagers.
- Transitioning to cross sex hormones.
- Invasive surgical procedures.
- Procedures to reverse the earlier medical interventions, once the person realises the initiation of medical procedures was under influence of peer pressure or other extraneous factors.
- Side effects of medical procedures altering hormones leave serious long term impact and lifetime of medical bills.

D. Ideological Roots of the Campaigns

- Ideological compulsion to identify "oppressed" and align with them in their struggle against the "oppressor" is leading to Sociological invention of new victims who become foot soldiers "in the Revolution" against established social order.
- Commonality of causes supported by the ecosystem aligning multitude of victims using the intersectionality argument to increase its revolutionary foot soldiers.
- Glamourising gender minority identity as oppressed and painting gender majority as oppressors.
- Gender identity has succeeded in dividing the society on previously non-existing issues and weakened social fabric.
- Gender is no longer about science but social construct.

E. Cancelling people who Question or Disagree

- Labelling as “transphobic” and cancelling people who objectively seek to disagree.
- Trolling and socially targeting people for their work or opinions contrary to that of the ideological thought **police**.
- Refusing to address issues raised by individuals on merits, rather divert issues on the tenor or choice of words.
- Ideologues are known to be loyal to ideology and not to their **professions**. After History, now science appears to be subservient to ideology.
- Flage bearers of free speech and gender fluidity are found to be leaving a chilling effect on free speech of those who question or doubt.

It's quite curious to observe people who assert their right to question prevailing cultural and social practises, however, are extremely touchy when it comes to being put to similar scrutiny on issues which are close to their heart and they approve of. Parity in freedom in a dialogue is an essential indica of true Liberalism.

As citizens in a consumeristic world flooded with paid campaigns camouflaged as opinions or personal endorsements, the kind of funding these campaigns receive, one necessarily has to wonder who's funding these campaigns? What's their real purpose?

When I think on these lines I'm often reminded of the famous story of the 'Pied Piper of Hamelin', who stole the children away from their parents. The parents in the story failed to honour their promise of paying the Pied Piper for getting the town rid of rodents. I guess the modern parents by not spending enough time with their children in their impressionable years are allowing the

ideological Pied Pipers to sway their children by playing the tune of gender fluidity.

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