GENDER & SEXUALITY



Human sexual relationship is a special gift from God, intended by Him to find its full expression within the sacred bonds of lifetime marriage between a man and a woman.

Biblical Sexuality

Because sex finds its full expression within marriage, we are opposed to premarital and extramarital sexual activity. Outside of marriage, sexual abstinence should be taught and encouraged. Furthermore, there should be strong and effective laws restricting the sale and distribution of pornographic and obscene material. This material degrades and exploits the sexual relationship for profit and its general availability is harmful, especially to the young.

Homosexuality

We affirm that gay and lesbian individual are worthy of the full dignity and equality of any human being created in the image of God. That said, we affirm the Biblical teaching concerning

homosexual acts, and believe it is the duty of the Church to point those who engage in such acts to true repentance and to the love and forgiveness of God through personal faith in Jesus Christ. We oppose all legislation that treats homosexual relations as analogous to a sexual relationship within marriage between a man and a woman.

Transgender Ideology

We believe that attempts to alter or live contrary to the biological realities of one's sex are distortions both of God's design for humankind and of practical reality. All humans find within our souls a disunity between our will and some aspects of what is biologically given. That disunity is not a reason to alter what is given. We support efforts to strengthen and honor God's unique design for men and women, and oppose efforts that encourage and celebrate the lie that gender can (and should) be changed like an outfit without consequence.

1. Mixed-Gender Bathrooms & Locker Rooms Endanger Women

A U.K. investigation found that almost 90% of reported sexual assaults in locker rooms occur in mixed-gender locker rooms. A significant number of cases of similar assaults have already risen here in the States, something easily prevented by clearly distinguishing which restroom each biological sex may use. While reasonable accommodations should be made for persons who identify with the opposite gender, it is not reasonable to validate simply any attempt by a biological man to enter a womens' locker room.

2. One-Size-Fits-All Solutions Hurt Children

According to a study published in the New Atlantis journal, there has been a 2,000% increase in children seeking treatment for sexual identity confusion. This explosion of cases highlights the need to tackle this emerging trend with the care that any such trend requires. Unfortunately, there is political pressure to rush every child who experiences dysphoria into puberty blockers and hormone treatments. This is especially dangerous given that there is no clear method of diagnosing transgender children. Children are being pushed *en masse* into this without any nuance or analysis. These children will almost always end up sterile.

Resources

- The Family Policy Alliance's Gender Resource Guide
- The Family Policy Alliance's "The Truth About Transition" Webinar

Policy Director's Articles

For more information and context on this issue:

- October 22nd, 2021 - Attorney General Merrick Garland's message to concerned parents is clear: Shut up or else.
- October 21st, 2021 - Two Transgender Specialists wonder has the new orthodoxy gone too far?
- October 21st, 2021 - When did sexual assault in schools become a partisan issue?
- October 20th, 2021 - Rotherham child sex abuse scandal looms over Loudoun County.
- October 19th, 2021 - Democrats pushing transgenderism in schools are fully responsible for bathroom sexual assaults.