

A De-Sexed Society is a De-Humanized Society

(by [Stella Morabito](#))

As usual, tyranny comes disguised as “civil rights.”

The latest exhibit of this general rule is President Obama’s [directive](#) that seeks to force a [transgender bathroom, locker room and dorm policy on the entire nation](#), starting with schoolchildren. Many of us are taken aback by this news, but we really shouldn’t be. The order is merely the latest incarnation of a long line of social engineering. The goal, as is always the case with such movements, is to remake humanity. What the people behind this latest version won’t tell you is that their project requires each and every one of us to deny our own humanity.

Let me explain.

The transgender movement has never been about “gender.” It’s all about sex. Sex is the real target. “Gender” is merely the politicized linguistic vehicle that facilitates a legal [ban on sex distinctions](#). There aren’t a whole lot of dots to connect to uncover the logic of where this leads: if you abolish sex distinctions in law, you can abolish state recognition of biological family ties, and the state can regulate personal relationships and consolidate power as never before.

Let’s Review Reality

Physical reality exists independent of “gender identity non-discrimination” law—or *any* man-made law. Laws have no power to make reality go away, but they can change how people *behave* in response to reality. They can enforce *disregard* for reality through speech protocols, social and economic pressures, invasions of privacy, and thought policing. And that is what the effect of Obama’s executive order is all about.

It will serve to outlaw speech that identifies males as males and females as females. At the moment, it may not seem that way, since we see people striving to pass as one specific sex or the other. But, trust me, we’re all being forced to “transition” into conformity of thought. In New York, you can now be fined if you don’t [re-engineer your speech \(and thoughts\) to align with new and ever-changing pronoun protocols](#).

We’re being pushed to “evolve” rapidly from laws that seem to allow male-female distinctions to laws that will categorically reject those distinctions in the not-too-distant future. [Federal forms are already reflecting these changes](#) by erasing sexed terms such as “mother” and “father.” And at every turn, we’re seeing the specific term “sex” replaced with the meaningless, ambiguous term “gender.”

This puts us on the path to banning recognition of the reality that every single human being exists through the union of one male and one female. There are no exceptions to this reality. You exist as the union of the two opposites through whom you were created.

So the administration’s action is an order for a

somewhat suicidal type of behavior modification: it attempts to make us deny the reality of our humanity. In a real sense, this amounts to a denial of our very existence. All such denials of reality require heavy-handed censorship. We have already seen the governors of [South Dakota](#) and Georgia fold in the face of threats that federal funding would be withheld and big businesses would withdraw from the states if they attempted to enforce single-sex restrooms.

Without Sex, There Are No Families

What will happen when all of society is sexless in both language and law? If the law does not recognize your body as physically male or female—applying only the word “gender” to your internal, self-reported self-perception—does the law even recognize your body? Every single cell of you has either “male” or “female” written into its DNA, but the law refuses to recognize such categories. Such laws will only recognize an infinite, immeasurable “gender spectrum,” your place on which is determined only by your mind. So what exactly are you after the law has de-sexed you? In what sense is your body a legal entity?

And what happens to your familial relationships after the law has de-sexed you? Are they legally recognized? I don’t see how they could be. Certainly not by default, certainly not by the recognition that each child comes through the union of two opposite-sex parents.

In a society de-sexed by law, would the state recognize your relationship as a husband or a wife? Mother or father? Daughter or son? Those are all sexed terms. A system that does not recognize the existence of male and female would be free to ignore the parentage of any child. You might be recognized as your child’s “legal guardian,” but only if the state agrees to that. Anybody can be a guardian to your child if the state decides it’s in the child’s “best interest.” In this vision, there is nothing to prevent the state from [severing the mother-child bond](#) at will.

In such a scenario, the state controls all personal relationships right at their source: the biological family. The [abolition of family autonomy](#) would be complete, because the biological family would cease to be a default arrangement. The “family” would be whatever the state allows it to be. Again, in the de-sexed world of gender politics, all personal relationships end up controlled and regulated by the state.

Martha Fineman, a gender legal theorist, touched on this in her 2004 book [The Autonomy Myth](#). In it, she argues for the abolition of state-recognized marriage because it allows for family privacy, writing that “Once the institutional protection [is] removed, behavior would be judged by standards established *to regulate interactions among all members of society*” (emphasis added).

Gender ideology is an effective statist tool. Cultural

Marxists use it to corrupt language and sow confusion, especially among children. It paves the way for the removal of the institutional protections for freedom of association and family privacy that stand in the way of “regulating interactions among all members of society.”

How Could a Society Reject Its Own Freedom?

Getting free people to reject freedom may seem a tall order. How, you might ask, could people ever be convinced to let go of their families and consent to such a dystopian social structure? How do you get public opinion on board with an agenda that leads them to deny the reality of their own humanity?

There are lots of pieces to this puzzle, including the erosion of social trust, the breakdown of family, social polarization, and growing ignorance of history. But the groundwork has been laid over a long period of time.

First, virtually all outlets of communication had to be on board—Hollywood, academia, the media. *Check.* All medical personnel, particularly mental health personnel, had to be “educated” to comply with the transgender program or risk losing their licenses. *Check.* The educational establishment had to imbue schoolchildren with the ideology. *Check.* Large corporations had to get on board as stakeholders and enforcers. *Check.* And, of course, the push to legally de-sex society had to be embedded—Trojan Horse style—within a slightly less alien idea, with the slick slogan “marriage equality.” *Check.* Churches had to be brought on board so that even religion became a conduit for anti-truth. *Check.* Social, emotional, and economic pressures had to be established to censure anyone who dared to question the wisdom of it all. *Check.* Any such person had to be labeled a bigot, a hater, and a non-person. *Checkmate.*

At this point, the most primal and universal of human fears comes into play: the fear of being socially rejected. Self-censorship takes off. People start falsifying what they believe, until they eventually don’t even know what they believe anymore. Nobody can talk openly to one another. In the end, it’s as though we are each being marched into a separate solitary confinement cell. That’s what happens when free association takes a hit, when the state severs particular relationships in the name of a collective togetherness. Then, when we can’t verify reality with one another anymore—because we are so afraid of being ostracized—we end up living in an [age of mass delusion](#).

The only way out is to affirm reality. We must reclaim our full humanity. Let’s start by re-injecting our language with one very good word that points to reality: sex. Yes, let’s revive the word “sex,” and use it generously whenever referring to the biological reality of our physical nature. (And spiritual nature too.) At the same time, let’s refuse—always—to use the word “gender” when we mean sex. It’s a poisoned and weaponized word that has been used to legally de-sex

and thus dehumanize us all. We must work together to resist its deceptions.

Archbishop Aquila on gender confusion and bathrooms

The [recent letter](#) from the Department of Education on bathroom and locker room policy for students with gender confusion has generated a great deal of concern among parents and people of good will. Unfortunately, the Obama administration’s actions are creating even greater confusion in an area of life that is vital for our children to develop as boys and girls. The brokenness of our society will not be healed by indiscriminately embracing every subjective behavior but by accepting the truth found in creation. As a Church, we must compassionately promote these truths. In the words of Pope Francis, “the young need to be helped to accept their own body as it was created” (*Amoris Laetitia*, 285).

Statement by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

In the wake of the Obama administration’s decision to issue guidance for public schools to allow students with gender confusion to use any bathroom or locker room, I have asked the *Denver Catholic* to publish this statement from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. I would also like to reassure concerned Catholics that our schools and institutions will not adopt this policy.

[The statement:](#) USCCB Chairmen Respond to Administration’s New Guidance Letter on Title IX Application

WASHINGTON—Two Committee chairmen of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued the following statement in response to guidance issued May 13 by the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education entitled “Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students”:

The Catholic Church consistently affirms the inherent dignity of each and every human person and advocates for the wellbeing of all people, particularly the most vulnerable. Especially at a young age and in schools, it is important that our children understand the depth of God’s love for them and their intrinsic worth and beauty. Children should always be and feel safe and secure and know they are loved.

The guidance issued May 13 by the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Education that treats “a student’s gender identity as the student’s sex” is **deeply disturbing**. The guidance fails to address a number of important concerns and contradicts a basic understanding of human formation so well expressed by Pope Francis: that “the young need to be helped to accept their own body as it was created” (*Amoris Laetitia* [AL], no. 285).

Children, youth, and parents in these difficult situations deserve compassion, sensitivity, and respect. All of these can be expressed without infringing on legitimate

concerns about privacy and security on the part of the other young students and parents. The federal regulatory guidance issued on May 13 does not even attempt to achieve this balance. It unfortunately does not respect the ongoing political discussion at the state and local levels and in Congress, or the broader cultural discussion, about how best to address these sensitive issues. Rather, the guidance short-circuits those discussions entirely.

As Pope Francis has recently indicated, “biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated” (AL, no. 56, emphasis added). We pray that the government make room for more just and compassionate approaches and policies in this sensitive area, in order to serve the good of all students and parents, as well as the common good. We will be studying the guidance further to understand the full extent of its implications.

No Priests, No Eucharist

Please pray for more men to enter the seminary and be ordained to the priesthood so that you can receive Jesus in the Eucharist in the future. Also, please pray for all priests to follow God’s will.

One Bread, One Body

Don’t forget to grab the two-month daily meditation booklet “One Bread, One Body” this weekend. It is for June 1 to July 31.

Totus Tuus Vacation Bible School; June 19 – 24

Save the date! \$20 donation to offset the cost. Grades 1-6: Mon – Fri, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; grades 7-12: Sun – Thur, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

An Important Reminder on This Corpus Christi Weekend: Rules for Receiving Holy Communion

We welcome all to the celebration of the holy Mass. We are glad that you are here. Because of the confusion about religion in general in our society, it is important to be reminded of some elements of Catholic belief and practice.

-For Catholic Christians

1. Prior to receiving Holy Communion, Catholic Christians should have fasted for at least one hour; water and medicine are exceptions. Chewing gum is considered irreverent at Mass. We should always try to arrive early to dispose our hearts and never leave early, unless there is an emergency.

2. Jesus is head of the Church (see Colossians 1:18) and He said in John 14:15, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” So, if we love Him, we will follow what He tells us in the Bible. God’s word states in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 that we should not receive Holy Communion if we are aware of grave sin. Grave sin is a break in our covenant with God. If you are aware of grave sin (e.g., skipping Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, abortion, serious theft, sexual sins, cohabitation, marriage not blessed in the Church by a deacon or priest, etc.), in true humility, please reconcile with God in the

gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession before receiving our Lord in Holy Communion. In this way, you will show God great respect and not commit further sin. If you wish to come forward with your arms crossed over your shoulders, the minister of Holy Communion will say a prayer over you. (Note: A priest or deacon would be happy to assist you in rectifying any situation and help you to walk with Jesus on a good and holy path. God is love and mercy.) For those receiving Holy Communion, please consume the Host in front of the minister.

-For Non-Catholics. Thanks for being here to worship God with us. You are not yet in full communion with our Church, so please be humble and refrain from receiving Holy Communion. You are welcome to come forward and the Eucharistic minister will say a quick prayer over you. (Note: Communion = to be in union with.)

Calendar of Events

-Jun 4. Denver Fatima Conference, St. Joan of Arc

-Jun 19-24. *Totus Tuus* Vacation Bible School

Mass Collections, May 21 – 22

St. Anne	\$ 1575
St. Bernard	1956
Our Lady of the Snow	1032
St. Peter	358
St. Ignatius	100
Total	\$ 5021

Vocations Prayer Calendar

Please pray for our seminarians every day.

Sat--Francesco Basso & Deacon Guillermo Bustillos

Sun--Deacon Joe Grady

Mon--*Redemptoris Mater* Seminary staff

Tue--All religious sisters in formation in Colorado

Wed--St. John Vianney Seminary staff

Thu--Deacons Nicholas Larkin & Peter Wojda

Fri--Men and women applying for formation

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS

KEY: StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sat, May 28, StA, 5 p.m., Steve McGinn

-Sun, May 29, StB, 7 a.m., Parishioners and visitors

-Sun, May 29, OLS, 9:30 a.m., Dan and Diane Bielski

Weekday Masses (see extra Masses listed in bold)

-Mon, May 30, StA, 8:30 a.m., Chip McGinn

-Tue, May 31, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Patrick and Lisa Hayes

-Wed, Jun 1, StB, 8:30 a.m., Michael and Joan Good

-Thu, Jun 2, OLS, 8:30 a.m., Doug and Geri Frost

-Fri, Jun 3, OLS, 8:30 a.m., S./Mary Lou Vecchiarelli

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI

KEY: StI = St. Ignatius (Walden); StP = St. Peter

-Sat, May 28, StI, 4 p.m., Peter and Kathleen Brownell

-Sun, May 29, StP, 10 a.m., Parishioners and visitors

-Fri, Jun 3, StP, 6 p.m., Jennifer Armstrong