



HB 1376

SUPPORT

OUR MISSION

To restore, protect, and advance the rights of women and girls through legal argument, policy advocacy, and public education

Women's Liberation Front SUPPORTS HB 1376, a bill that specifies in law that raising a child consistent with their biological sex is *not* child abuse and shall not be considered grounds for disqualification in adoptions, child placement positions, and determinations of a child's best interests.

Women's Liberation Front is a national nonpartisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit that works to restore, defend, and advance the rights of girls and women. While we take issue with enforcing sex stereotypes (i.e. "gender") as they are harmful to girls and women who do not meet social expectations of specific traits, behaviors, and preferences believed to be innate to the sexes, we wholly support that recognizing a child's biological sex, referring to them as such, and raising them according to their biological needs does not qualify as child abuse.

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Women's Liberation Front upholds that lying to children about their biological reality is never in a child's best interest and is deeply harmful, as observed in the unsavory history of John Money and the Reimer twins.

The concept of "gender identity," or that one may be incongruent with their biological sex due to a mutable and quantifiable element apart from sex, was pioneered by a highly unethical, pro-pedophile sexologist and psychologist, John Money, who practiced at Johns Hopkins where the first gender clinic was opened in 1965. Twin boys, Brian and Bruce Reimer, had been diagnosed with phimosis in infancy, a condition in which the foreskin of the penis cannot retract, inhibiting urination. Unfortunately, the doctor who treated them used an unconventional means of circumcision by cauterization, and Bruce's procedure left his penis beyond repair.^{1,2} Fearing for his romantic and sexual future, his parents consulted John Money in 1967 who told them that the best thing for Bruce would be that he should never be told that he was a boy, socially reinforce that he was a girl, and to have his reproductive organs reconstructed to mimic a vulva and vaginal canal. Bruce was renamed "Brenda," and his parents did as John Money suggested, believing it was in his best interest. As early as six-years-old, John Money had the boys view sexually explicit material and then coach the boys to act out sex roles with "Brenda" "acting as the woman," sometimes in front of an audience of adults at taking pictures of them at least once. "Brenda" was also given hormones in adolescence so that he would undergo "female puberty" and develop breasts. Money concluded



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his experiment was success because “Brenda” acted sufficiently “like a girl” (“girlishly”) instead of “boyish” like his brother. This “study” was used as data to reinforce Money’s theory on “gender fluidity” and cited as justification for sex reassignment surgeries on children with ambiguous genitalia.^{1,2} “Brenda” would later attempt to commit suicide at 13. At 14, his parents told him the truth, whereupon he rejected the farce that was forced upon him and renamed himself “David.” Both David^{3,4} and his brother⁵ would later commit suicide both before the age of 40.

While the legacy of John Money lives on to propagate the idea that “gender identity” is an innate element apart from sex, the above history demonstrates contrary to his theory. People cannot be something they are not. Enforcing a child’s belief about themselves that is not true is never in the child’s best interest and having society participate in a lie is a form of psychological harm.

“Gender roles” on the basis that males and females must have traits and preferences that are inherent to the sexes is a part of this psychological harm and the very basis for “gender ideology” and “gender identity.” By upholding that if a child has traits or preferences not socially approval as congruent with their sex, or if a child lacks those traits deemed acceptable for their sex, that child is ostracized, chastised, and sometimes even disciplined for “not being right,” treatment which may continue into adulthood. “Gender ideology” offers “transition” to children and young adults who do not fit perfectly into stereotypes about the sexes so that their individual personalities may better conform to social expectations. The enforcement of “gender” in either capacity is wrong.

The best thing for every child is to be accepted for their individual traits and preferences while still recognizing their biological reality. This is especially important for girls who need room to grow into confidence, that they may excel and be respected for their own individual talents and strengths as women and have boys see her as a peer instead of a personal threat against their ideas about themselves if they excel in a subject, activity, or career path that is male dominated.

HB 1376 is correct to assert that merely recognizing child’s biological sex is not child abuse. Raising a child according to their biological sex in medical decisions, bedroom assignments, and other accommodations where relevant is also correct. No state law should consider any such recognition as abuse.

Women’s Liberation Front urges the New Hampshire’s general assembly to vote YES on HB 1376 in support of children as the sex they are.



Sincerely,

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³ The Associated Press. David Reimer, 38, Subject of the John/Joan Case. *The New York Times*. May 12, 2004. <https://archive.fo/3qGEL#selection-303.0-303.47>

⁴ Find a Grave. David Reimer. Accessed February 9, 2026.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/20309661/david-reimer>

⁵ Find a Grave. Brian Reimer. Accessed February 9, 2026.

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