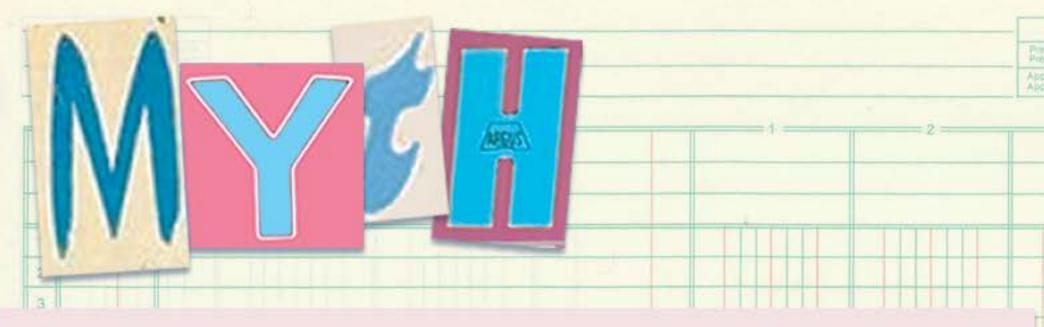
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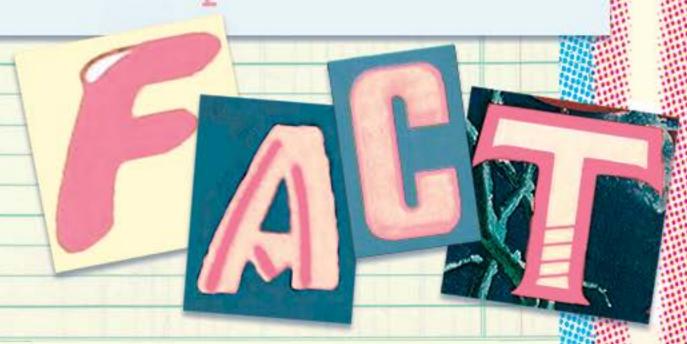


Trans people are indoctrinating or grooming children and teens. If it's not intentional, then young people are influenced by their peers and get "Rapid Onset Gender

Dysphoria" at puberty.



The "grooming" narrative echoes other rhetoric used against LGBTQ+ people, and stems from attempts to teach children about gender identity and romantic orientation neither of which are inherently sexual, and will not force them to question either. And there's no such thing as Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria. It was proposed in 2017 by interviewing parents, not transgender teens themselves. Statistics don't back it up at all. Gender dysphoria can appear "suddenly" at puberty because that's when physical characteristics society links to gender, like breasts and body hair, develop.



Cisgender (not trans) men are pretending to be trans to assault women in restrooms.





There are few recent statistics on sexual assault by trans people in bathrooms, but data as of 2018 indicates that ... there have been no reported cases in the U.S.2 In 2021, there was a case where a genderfluid high school student assaulted someone, but it was before the district enacted a transinclusive bathroom policy.3 Transgender teens are actually at a much higher risk of sexual assault than their cisgender peers: 8% of high school students overall faced sexual assault, vs. 25% of trans students.4 And in any case, the majority of sexual assault victims know their attacker.5 Blaming trans women obscures that and puts people in danger.





The medications that trans people take are already used by cisgender people. They may have side effects, but so does every medication, and few are severe7. Any competent doctor will explain the risks. Current standards require waiting periods before beginning medical treatment.8 And partially-reversible hormone therapies are much more common than surgeries9, especially among minors10. Pre-pubescent children do not medically transition at all. But yes, people still detransition. There isn't a lot of good research currently available, but what exists suggests that it's rare11.

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parting words

Around the U.S., states are declaring bans on transgender education, medical care, and existence. Outside of legislature, trans and gender nonconforming people are threatened day-in and day-out by the right and the culture at large. I ask you to refuse to participate. Call and tell your senators you don't support restrictive laws. Disagree with friends and family members that spread misinformation. If you don't think you know a trans person, you probably do, and they could use some support. Finally, you can unfold this zine to see footnotes and find a link to sources. Keep educating yourself, and be open-minded.