

Supreme Court Acts Justly by Upholding Tennessee's Prohibitions on Transgender Procedures for Minors

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The United States Supreme Court's decision upholding the constitutionality of Tennessee's restrictions on transgender procedures for minors preserves the ability of state governments to protect kids from unethical and harmful practices.

In holding that the Tennessee law is constitutional under the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause, the Court held that Tennessee has legitimate interests for restricting transgender procedures, that the Tennessee law was not whatsoever motivated by animosity, and that the Tennessee legislature acted out of a real care and concern for children dealing with gender confusion. In today's decision, the Supreme Court ruled that Tennessee acted to restrict transgender procedures because of constitutionally permissible reasons including protecting minors from physical and emotional harm, preventing young people from being disdainful of their own biological sex, and consequently preventing risks of serious psychiatric conditions.

Contrary to the often false narrative of mainstream media outlets, the Supreme Court's majority opinion demonstrates the breadth of medical evidence in the U.S. and Europe showing that transgender procedures can do grave damage to the physical, psychological, and emotional health of young people. The Court's historic decision in Skrmetti recognizes that state legislatures have constitutionally protected interests in safeguarding children from transgender practices that those state legislatures believe are unethical and harmful.

Furthermore, the Court's decision effectively should deter the unjust efforts to hijack American civil rights laws to force states, medical professionals, and families to accept gender ideology. For years the World Professional Association for Transgender Health and some secular American organizations have falsely used a medically and anthropologically flawed social policy to coerce practices that can do unspeakable damage to children, adults, and families. Today's U.S. Supreme Court ruling preserves the foundations of American civil rights law and protects the justified interests of state governments and ethically based healthcare professionals to provide dignified and evidence-based care to young people dealing with gender confusion. Today's momentous decision gives great hope to young people, to families, to medical and mental health professionals, to healthcare leaders, to healthcare and civil rights lawyers, and to federal and state policymakers. The U.S. Supreme Court's decision shows that we as a country can continue to protect the life, health, and wellbeing of our nation's children.

Today's Court decision gives hope that our American healthcare system can be free to provide loving, ethical, and efficacious medical care that safeguards the dignity of the human person. The Skrmetti decision is a major victory for children, for families, for parental rights, and for ethically based health care.

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