

GLEANINGS — May 22, A.D. 2016  
Restroom Unrest

*"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea." (King Jesus, per Mark 9:42)*

On May 13<sup>th</sup> of this year the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the U.S. Department of Education (ED) issued a joint "dear colleague" letter to **ALL** state run (public) school districts in America regarding access to bathrooms, locker rooms, and athletic activities for so-called transgender students. The full letter can be found online here: [www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201605-title-ix-transgender.pdf](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201605-title-ix-transgender.pdf)

The letter claims to provide guidance but not new legal requirements. Yet, appealing to Title IX of the Education Amendment of A.D. 1972, it presumes that non-compliance with this "guidance" would nullify a district's eligibility for federal funds. This is yet another unconstitutional encroachment by the federal government on our liberties; another nanny state overreach. And like the *Obergefell vs. Hodges* Supreme court opinion regarding marriage before it, this directive seeks to institutionalize wickedness.

Let us consider just one aspect of this morally horrifying and imperialistic decree – namely its revelation of the lowly view of PARENTS taken by the DOJ and the ED. The directive allows not only a parent or guardian, but a minor student **acting independently of his or her parents** to claim a new "gender identity," i.e. to claim to be of the sex opposite to the one divine providence assigned. It reads:

*"Under Title IX there is no medical diagnosis or treatment requirement that students must meet as a prerequisite to being treated consistent with their gender identity." It goes on to assert that no documentation such as a birth certificate must be provided in order to treat students "consistent with their gender identity."*

In other words according to our federal government, a high school, middle school, or even elementary school student can choose his or her own sex with no input from his or her parents or guardians required!

Some parents choose to involve the state or other parties they trust in the nurture, care, and instruction of their children. But President Truman's proverbial buck stops with parents. To them alone belongs sovereign authority over every area of the lives of those they beget or adopt, including that of child education.

This dictatorial overreach by the incumbent administration meddles with both hands. One is clenched into a perverse fist, foolishly being shaken in the face of the thrice holy God Who at the beginning made us male and female. *"Do you indeed speak righteousness, O gods? Do you judge uprightly, O sons of men? No, in heart you work unrighteousness; on earth you weigh out the violence of your hands."* (from Psalm 58)

The other mischievous hand is busily eviscerating the Fifth Commandment, the first one with a promise: **Honor your father and your mother**. It violently slaps the faces of parents, God's vice regents to whom God has given responsibility for His little ones. It is another attempt by the state to annul parental rights.

Will all the pro-abortion voices calling for "reproductive rights" also cry out for the nurturing and instructional rights of the parents of school children? Or will their silence reveal a lack of concern for children outside of the womb identical to their callous, brutal attitude toward CHILDREN still in utero?

Don't hold your breath, fellow abortion abolitionists!