

In Canada women are in the invidious position of having lost our sex-based rights and protections on the basis of a little-known law passed in 2017--the infamous C-16--which allows males to "self-identify" as women. What has happened as a result?

We now have dangerous, violent male offenders in women's prisons. Many female inmates, including those who have previously experienced sexual trauma, and many of whom are indigenous, have reported being sexually assaulted by these inmates. This is definitely torture of women in custody. Please see the work by Canadian advocate for women in prison Heather Mason.

In addition, we have the defunding of women's shelters, like the Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter, that do not allow males entrance or staff or volunteer positions. The women clients of these shelters have made it clear that they feel unsafe and threatened by the presence of males in the shelters, but "trans activists" have called such concerns "bigotry" and "transphobia."

The bottom line is that women were never consulted before the passage of Bill C-16, and have suffered as a result of this poorly drafted and implemented legislation. The government promised to do a Gender Based Assessment of all new legislation, but have never produced the GBA for C-16, despite an official petition, presented to Parliament by an MP and signed by more than 1500 Canadians, requesting the release of this required study.

The women who suffer most as a result of self-identification are those who are the most vulnerable in our society--single mothers, rape victims, indigenous women, women trapped in prisons, and trafficked women and girls.

There is a trans-identified male who calls himself Morgane Oger, and who has attempted to present himself as a voice of Canadian women. Please be aware that he has no mandate from Canadian women or any organization that democratically represents Canadian women. In Canada we are appalled that the UN has taken this person's views on women's issues seriously.

Finally, please be aware that while many European countries are moving quickly back to a "watchful waiting" approach to gender dysphoria, in light of desistors, detransitioners, and the horrific mutilation and sterilization of many dysphoric youth (who usually grow up to be same-sex attracted), in Canada doctors and therapists hand out dangerous experimental drugs, like Lupron, that they call "puberty blockers," like candy. There are no studies on the long-term effects of these dangerous drugs, but therapists tell families that they are "completely reversible." In fact, the use of such drugs often results in infertility in later life. UK courts have recently ruled that minors do not have the capacity to consent to these drugs, while Canadian children continue to be subjected to them.

Thank you for your attention,

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