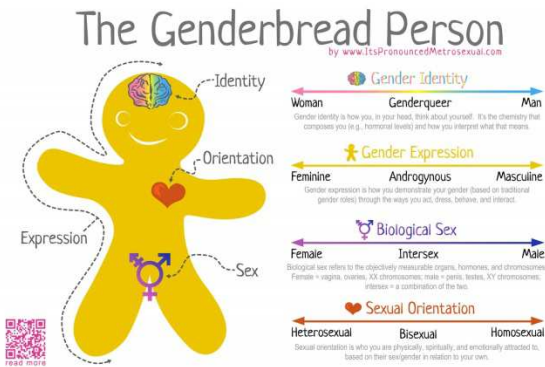


What is Gender Ideology



An ideology is a system of beliefs and values which forms the basis for a type of thought, be it political, economic, social, or otherwise. But harmful ideologies attempt the justification of a perverse vision by the dominant elites, in order to present and support certain policies or agendas.

Gender ideology consists in denying that the differences between men and women have natural and biological foundations. Instead, this thinking proposes that these differences are the fruit of a social and cultural construction. It alleges that society and culture impose their respective roles on men and women, none of which corresponds to natural differences between the sexes.

From this erroneous start its adherents affirm that sex itself is biological, but sexual identity is what a person decides to adopt. Therefore, there may be a number of different “genders,” the list potentially as extensive as the number of people inhabiting the planet.ⁱⁱ

Where does Gender Ideology come from?

A Global initiative . . .



“It's important to understand what the 2015 Ontario sex-curriculum issue [and Gender Ideology] is really about. It's part of the push in the western world for Comprehensive Sex Education. This includes the United Nations and the World Health Organization. The sex-curriculum is mostly embedded in school health and physical education programs. By referring to childrens' health, to anti-bullying strategies and to safety, parents are bamboozled to accept its controversial contents. The bottom line: it's about the early sexualization of children and the exploitation of their innocence. The sex-curriculum is mechanistic in nature and centres around three ideas: gender ideology, sexual pleasure and autonomy. However, children are too young to know what is meant by sexual consent and that engaging in sex has anything to do with freedom and independence. Parents should realize that an explicit sexual curriculum puts children at risk psychologically, emotionally and physically. Knowing the dangers is the best defence to protecting children.”ⁱⁱⁱ

Backed by a strong union – Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario



In the words of a typical ETFO social justice classroom teacher warrior; “As educators, we play a critical role . . . breaking down inherent stereotypes that have been systematically enforced for a very long time.

It's not always easy to confront internal biases or to bust apart systems we have always been told are factual. . . . As such, it is essential to recognize that our LGBTQ students, in particular our transgender students, are at a substantial risk of harassment and bullying. . . . As a collective, though, we can establish some common goals to become super rad gender warrior classroom teachers.^{iv}

What happens when Gender Ideology goes unchallenged?

An Ottawa-area family has filed a complaint with the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal over gender identity theory lessons taught to their 6-year-old daughter in her Grade 1 class in her local public school. The Buffone family claim their daughter was subjected to gender identity theory lessons in her classroom, . . . The child claims the **teacher in the class then taught “there is no such thing as girls and boys,” and “girls are not real and boys are not real”**, causing great distress to the child. The child then “began spontaneously and repeatedly asking [her parents] why her identity as a girl was “not real.” She asked if she could ‘go to a doctor’ about the fact that she was a girl.”

The Buffones are asking the Tribunal to "order the Board i) to ensure that classroom instruction “not devalue, deny, or undermine in any way the female gender identity”; ii) to mandate teachers to “inform parents when lessons on gender identity will take place or have taken place, including the teaching objectives and the materials that will be or have been used for such lessons”; and iii) to pay the Buffones \$5,000.00 in general damages “to compensate for injury to dignity, feelings and self-respect caused by the discrimination.”^v

ⁱ <https://arpacanada.ca/news/2017/03/21/five-bills-five-years-gender-ideology-ontario/>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.hli.org/resources/the-roots-of-gender-ideology/>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://everydayforlifecanada.blogspot.com/2018/08/new-school-year-10-things-that-ontario.html>

^{iv} <http://www.etfo.ca/buildingajustsociety/lgbtq/pages/resourcesgenderindependentchildren.aspx>

^v <http://www.pafe.ca/buffone>