

Current Disputes on the Natures of Transgender Conditions, and a Commentary on the Cass Review: Preface to the Series.

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Preface

The nature and origins of transgender conditions are currently the subject of an intense dispute between The World Authorities and Professional Medical Institutions who now define transgender identities as *"naturally expected variations of the human condition, intrinsic to the personality created, arising very early in life, and cannot be changed either by the individual concerned or by the predations of others in subsequent life"*: against the attitudes of gender-critical feminists, religious groups, and others who define these conditions as *"paraphilias, perversions, or disruptions to the gender role"*. This provides very different perspectives. The Professional Institutions and World Authorities regard the creation of transgender identities as inwardly focussed searches for a coherence of identity and being oneself, which does not threaten others, that involves the rejection of what is wrong, and which lies at the core of the personality that is created. The other considers transgender conditions to be sexually motivated but sublimated personality deviations, paraphilias, perversions, or disruptions, which involve motives and feelings of behaviour, pleasure, and desires associated only with the gender role: Where threats to others can instead be feared, through the expression of these desires and drives. The different methods required for managing personality variations and personality disruptions are well known. And when the motives, timescales and methods of management differ to the extent that what one side considers to be those of compassion and concern are almost inevitably regarded as recruitment, grooming, capture, and coercion by the other, it is clear that an objective and impartial study is needed.

In August 2020 the then UK Government commissioned Dr Hilary Cass to conduct an independent review into services for transgender children (The Cass Review). However her decision to adopt; as her terms of reference, a definition of gender identification and identity that dates from 1966 which considers only the influence of gender role: Together with her similar disregard of the known effects of the major advances and transformations in neural and cognitive links and profiles affecting the forming of personality and self-identity during the first three years of life, despite recognising their effects when puberty occurs: means that the viewpoints of the World Authorities and Professional Institutions are dismissed without consideration. I conclude that this in turn means that the whole of the Cass report is predicated on her conclusions: Which is that the diagnosis of transgender conditions as personality disruptions, driven by motives of behaviour and desire instead of searches for identity, can be the only correct approach. And any report which supports only one side of an argument in what is a toxic and intense dispute, cannot be an independent report.

Nobody should tolerate or seek to diminish in any way the horrendous effects of the male abuse, discrimination, violence and subjugation by men which women have had to face for centuries. I absolutely and totally condemn it. And I recognise the need for logically justified protections of privacy where required. In this study I liken transgender people to emigrants or immigrants who cross a gender divide. Much depends on the welcome of inclusion that is given or the escalation of the fears that arise. While I fully accept that; as Cass states; she provides a complete and absolute welcome to those who make that journey, and she believes she is acting in the best interests of transgender children: I conclude that her report gives succour to those who would deny any welcome. And that her misdiagnosis of transgender conditions compromises the treatment and the management methods she advises for transgender children and adults. These are matters of serious concern, and full descriptions and analyses are given in the documents cited in this preface. These are not just matters of concern for transgender people, they concern issues about how personalities and identities for all of us develop, and the reasons for these failures are discussed in the cited documents here given.

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This document

Gilchrist, S. (2024): "*Current Disputes on the Natures of Transgender Conditions and a Commentary on the Cass Review: Preface to the Series*":

<https://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/255P-CassFinalPreface.pdf>.

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All Documents

(cross-references to other documents containing full references and cross-references to original sources may be given in each of these documents)

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Gilchrist, S. (2024): "*An Examination of Current Disputes on the Natures of Transgender Conditions, and a Commentary on the Cass Review: Abstract*":

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Gilchrist, S. (2024): "*What We Need to Know About the Cass Report*":

<https://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/255P-CassKnowledge.pdf>

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Gilchrist, S. (2024): "*Religion and Psychology in Transgender Disputes*":

<https://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/255P-ReligionPsychology.pdf>.

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Gilchrist, S. (2024): "*The Cass Review and the Treatment of Transgender Conditions: An Introduction*":

<https://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/255P-CassTreatmentIntroduction.pdf>.

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The companion presentation is available on

Gilchrist, S. (2024): "*The Cass Review and the Treatment of Transgender Conditions: Presentation*":

<https://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/255P-CassTreatmentSlides.pdf>.

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Gilchrist, S. (2024): "*Current Disputes on the Natures of Transgender Conditions: A summary and a Commentary on the Cass Review*": <https://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/255P-CassSummary2.pdf>.

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Gilchrist, S. (2024): “*An Overview of Current Disputes on the Natures of Transgender Conditions and a Commentary on the Cass Review*”: <https://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/255P-CassFinalOverview.pdf>

(Text: 20 pages) (full references and cross-references to original sources are given)

Gilchrist, S. (2024): “*On the Diagnosis of Transgender Conditions: A Study of Current Understandings and a Commentary on the Cass Review*”: <https://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/255P-CassFinalCommentary.pdf>

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The following documents may also be of interest:

(cross-references to other documents containing full references and cross-references to original sources may be given in each of these documents)

Gilchrist, S. (2024): “*Why the Present United Kingdom Government Advice on Transgender Children Must be Challenged*”. <https://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/040B-GovAdviceTransChildren.pdf>

Gilchrist, S. (2024): “*Transgender Misdiagnoses: EHRC and Government Advice*”: <https://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/040B-MisdiagnosesAndAdvice.pdf>

Gilchrist, S. (2022): “*Transgender Disputes, Conversion Therapy and Government actions*” (Presentation): <http://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/254p-PresTransDisputesAndGovActions.pdf>
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Gilchrist, S. (2022): “*No Blacks, No Irish, No Homosexuals, No Transgender People*”: <http://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/252P-NoBlacks.pdf> (full references and cross-references to original sources are given)

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