

"The meaning of Easter is more transcendent than the resurrection of Jesus Christ, whether you are Christian or not, through a commitment to helping others we are able to save ourselves."

Senator (Reverend) Raphael Warnock (D-GA)  
Senior pastor of New Ebenezer Baptist Church

The Equality Act (HR 5) would add **sexual orientation and gender identity** to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, enshrining such nondiscrimination protections under federal law.

Opponents counter that the bill could undermine religious freedom, medical doctors' practices, and parental rights.

“Ultimately, parents' rights to educate their own children and seek the best medical treatment for them would be undermined,” a letter by the Conservative Action Project reads.

“In Ohio, a judge terminated a couple’s custody of their 17-year daughter when they disagreed with the recommendations of a gender clinic and county agency that she take testosterone injections.”

“Medical professionals will be vulnerable to lawsuits if they decline to perform hormonal or medical procedures on patients who identify as transgender,” the letter continues.

“Under the Equality Act, individuals and institutions could see increased lawsuits for failing to affirm same-sex marriage (in foster care and adoption), make single-sex private facilities co-ed, and use preferred pronouns for individuals who identify as transgender.”

Odds of passage in the Republican-controlled Senate are slim. The Senate version has 46 co-sponsors: 45 Democrats or Democratic-affiliated independents, plus Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME).

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hr5/summary>

## **AFAB**

Acronym meaning “assigned female at birth.”

## **Agender**

## **Aliagender**

## **AMAB**

Acronym meaning “assigned male at birth.”

## **Androgyne**

## **Aporagender**

## **Bigender**

## **Binarism**

## **Body dysphoria**

## **Boi**

## **Butch**

## **Cisgender**

## **Cisnormativity**

## **Cissexism**

## **Demiboy**

## **Demigender**

## **Demigirl**

## **Dyadic**

## **Feminine-of-center**

## **Feminine-presenting**

## **Femme**

## **Female-to-male (FTM)**

## **Gender apathetic**

## **Gender binary**

**Gender dysphoria**

**Gender expression**

**Gender identity**

**Gender-neutral pronouns**

**Gender nonconforming**

**Gender normative**

**Gender presentation**

**Gender questioning**

**Gender roles**

**Gender variant**

**Genderfluid**

**Genderf\*\*k**

**Genderqueer**

**Graygender**

**Intergender**

**Intersex**

**Masculine-of-center**

**Masculine-presenting**

**Maverique**

**Misgender**

**Male-to-female (MTF)**

**Multi-gender**

**Neutrois**

**Nonbinary**

**Novigender**

**Pangender**

**Polygender**

**Sex**

**Sex assigned at birth**  
**Social dysphoria**  
**Soft butch**  
**Stone butch**  
**Third gender**  
**Transfeminine**  
**Transgender or trans**  
**Transmasculine**  
**Transitioning**  
**Transsexual**  
**Trigender**  
**Two-spirit**

## **Gender Pronouns**

Instead of "he/she," "him/her,"  
"his/her," "his/hers," and  
"himself/herself"

it would be: "ey," "em," "eir," "eirs,"  
and "eirself", or, "zie," "zim," "zir,"  
"zirs," and "zirself"

<https://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-34901704>

<https://www.healthline.com/health/different-genders#takeaway>

**Non-binary** | An adjective describing a person who does not identify exclusively as a man or a woman.

Non-binary people may identify as being both a man and a woman, somewhere in between, or as falling completely outside these categories. While many also identify as transgender, not all non-binary people do.

Non-binary can also be used as an umbrella term encompassing identities such as agender, bigender, genderqueer or gender-fluid.

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/glossary-of-terms>

(Human Rights Campaign)



# **255 California prison inmates identify as transgender, nonbinary so they can be moved to women's prisons**

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/california-moving-men-to-womens-prisons-is-wrong-feminists-say.html>

The Christian Post – 4/10/21

*It's not possible to know  
a person's gender identity  
at birth, and there is no  
consensus criteria  
for assigning sex at birth.*

CNN – 3/30/21  
Article removed

The Endocrine Society,  
an international organization  
of over 18,000 endocrine clinical  
specialists and researchers,  
has released a scientific statement  
that asserts there are only  
*two sexes – male and female –*  
and that biological sex is measurable  
and is to be differentiated  
from gender identity.

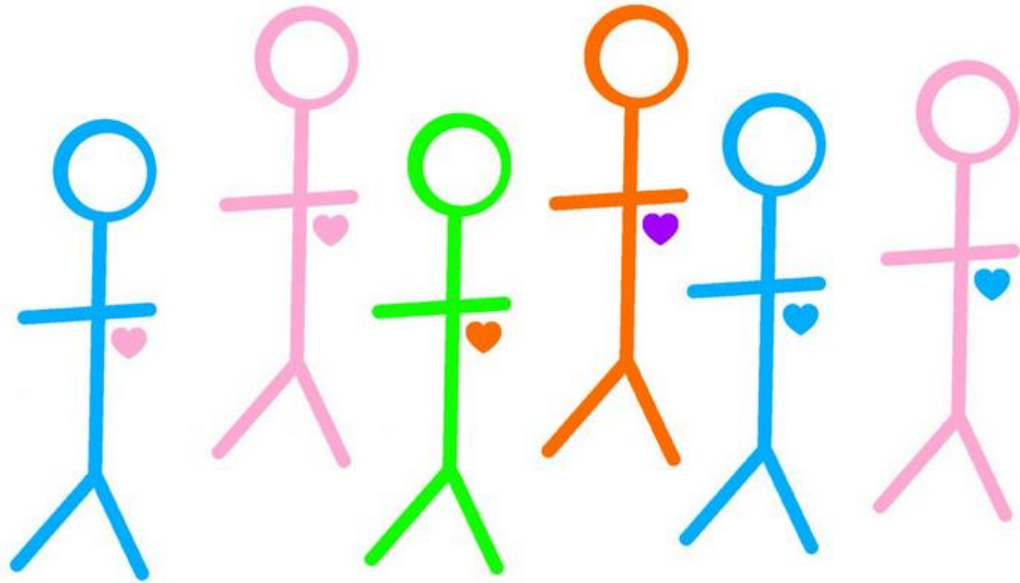
Breitbart – 4/9/21

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GENDER IDENTITY

## How many genders are there?

The short answer is a whole bunch! Until recently, our society has only acknowledged two genders; male and female. But this has never been true. Many cultures and societies around the world have always known and embraced the knowledge that there are more than two genders. In some cultures there are 3 or 4 genders. Some have traditionally had 7 or 8 while others never bothered with settling on a specific number. An example of gender knowledge on this land is the Indigenous Two-Spirit community.

It's important to recognize the role that colonization has played in interrupting the knowledge (it tried to stop the knowledge) that there are more than two genders. It is only through the hard work of trans people and their allies that we are finally beginning to see a shift back to embracing, and supporting the gender diverse community.

<https://teentalk.ca/learn-about/gender-identity/>

## How far the reach?

Public accommodations

“ministerial” exemption, staff?

Religious Freedom Restoration Act – nullified

RFRA – 1993, Defense of Marriage – 1996 (2015)

Women’s sports

Parental rights - nullified

501.c3 status

Man & Woman/Male & Female = Hate speech

Christian colleges – NCAA, religious exemptions, accreditations

# How far the reach?

(Regarding Oral Roberts University competing in NCAA March Madness)

“However accomplished its young student athletes are, the school is a hotbed of institutional transphobia, homophobia with regressive, sexist policies.

There is no way to separate their men’s basketball team from the dangers of their religious dogma, no matter how many top seeds they defeat.”

“The fact is, any and all anti-LGBTQ+ language in any school’s policies should ban them from NCAA competition.”

<https://ftw.usatoday.com/2021/03/oral-roberts-ncaa-anti-lgbtq-code-of-conduct>

Hemal Jhaveri  
USA Today Opinion  
March 23, 2021

**So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.**

**Genesis 1:27**

**For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his  
wife, and they will become one flesh.**

**Genesis 2:24**

**"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator  
'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave  
his father and mother and be united to his wife,  
and the two will become one flesh'?"**

**Matthew 19:4-5**

## PRAYER

Our most merciful God – our dear Father in heaven:

Who are we that you care for us? Why are you even mindful of us? (Psalm 8:4) We all like sheep have gone astray (Isa 53:6) – there is NONE who are good, no, not one (Psalm 14:3)

Yet You say You still love us & want us all to repent, and none to perish (II Peter 3:9) We cannot fully comprehend the depth of that love.

We beg Your forgiveness for the path of our nation – You have no reason to bless us – so we beg for Your mercy and forgiveness that only You can provide. We have become a nation that constantly pushes You aside, even ridicules Your Word, and mocks the One Holy God – we mock You to the point that We have exchanged Your truth for a lie (Romans 1:25)

We have decided not to put up with sound doctrine, but to gather around us teachers who tell us what our itching ears want to hear. (II Tim 4:3) We have exchanged the natural (Your natural) relations for unnatural relations (Romans 1:26)

Not only have we become a nation who do these things, we approve of those who practice them (Romans 1:31) We even go so far as to pass laws & codify behavior You have deemed to be sin. We have become lovers of ourselves, boastful, proud, abusive, rash and conceited – everything You despise. (II Tim 3:2)

We beg Your forgiveness

Yes, dear Lord, there are people who are confused about their gender – they need to meet You

There are people who are puzzled about their sexual orientation – they need to know You

There are people who don't understand why they have unnatural feelings for others – they need to understand your Word



## **PRAYER - cont**

We are sorry when we cast Your Truthful Word aside and make rules based on our own ignorant relative truths. This legislation bothers us God, because Your Holy Spirit is guiding us into all truth (John 16:3) so we recognize this as being against Your Holiness and Truth.

We ask that our senate will derail this resolution – that there will be no where near the 60 votes necessary to pass it – that this would be a show of standing on firm truth and not whimsical emotion.

Dear Lord, please help us, in this room, in this church, in the Body of Christ to stand firm in Your unchanging, absolute Word. (Eph 6:14) Help us to discern every piece of information & measure it against what You have said & not what culture has said. Help us to remain solid in the fact that there is MAN and there is WOMAN – and none else. Help us to stand firm in Your truth that marriage is between one man & one woman. (Gen 1:27, 2:24, Matt 19:4-5)

We, who have Your Holy Spirit living in us, want to please You – we want to worship You – we want to be Your light shining in a dark world – an example of Your love & mercy – a banner for Your eternal Word.

We know Lord, that there will be many who will be dejected and rejected by the failure of this bill – please help us to show them the comfort that comes only from You – Your peace that would surpass their understanding. (Phil 4:7)

Help us God, to share Your truth in love (Eph 4:15) – not in bitter hatred, not scornful derision – but in gentleness and respect (I Peter 3:15) – to understand the ones who are confused about their gender as you have understood us in our sin. We want to love each person and point them toward Your absolute Truth – we want to show them the power of Your forgiveness that came in drops of Your Son's blood from the cross – the blood shed for every sinner. We want them to know Christ and the power of His resurrection (Phil 3:10) We want them to share in the gift of eternal life that You have given us.

In the Name above all Names – Jesus - AMEN