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Europe pumps the brakes on transgender care for minors amid uproar in US

Republicans in the U.S. are citing Europe's skepticism of transgender care for minors

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High school volleyball player speaks out after being injured by transgender opponent

Payton McNabb, a North Carolina high school volleyball player, suffered a concussion when a biological male player spiked the ball into her face.

European countries are balking at approvals for gender transition services for minors even as the U.S. medical community has pressed forward with the practice despite ethical questions.

The U.S. is now an outlier on transgender issues in that America's national medical groups are pressing lawmakers and regulators to not only allow, but encourage gender transition services for minors who say they may be transgender.

While the U.K., Sweden, Finland, Norway and France all allow puberty blockers and gender transition surgeries, medical professionals there are pushing back on their use on children, according to [the Wall Street Journal](#). In the U.K., for instance, the National Health Service announced a rollback on the availability of hormone treatments, limiting them to clinical trials exclusively.

"These countries have done systematic reviews of evidence," said Leor Sapir, a fellow who studies transgender care at the Manhattan Institute think tank told WSJ. "They've found that the studies cited to support these medical interventions are too unreliable, and the risks are too serious."

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U.S. medical institutions have fully backed gender transition services for minors, but European medical professionals are balking at the move. (Getty)

[Republican lawmakers](#) in the U.S. have cited the hesitance of European medical institutions in their own calls for more scrutiny on the issue. Texas Republican Rep. Dan Crenshaw demanded answers from Yale School of Medicine assistant professor Meredith McNamara on the issue during a congressional hearing last week.

"If you're doing a therapy, and it's, you know, temporary, fine, whatever, maybe let's try it and see if it works," he continued. "But when you're talking about permanent physiological changes, do you not agree, just from an ethical standpoint, that you might want extremely strong evidence of the benefits? There's no systematic review that states that there's strong evidence of benefits."

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"Sir, are you aware of how the quality evidence grading system works and how it's applied?" McNamara responded, failing to name specific studies after the two went back and forth.

"You're not telling me any study, don't say 'standards of care,'" Crenshaw pressed. "Tell me one."

McNamara was not able to. Nevertheless, Democrats on Capitol Hill and across the country have pressed forward with setting gender transition services for minors into stone.

"They are telling parents that Republican politicians know better than they do what is best for their child," Rep. Frank Pallone Jr., D-N.J., said at the same hearing. "This is the height of hypocrisy from a group that supposedly believes in limited government."



Rep. Dan Crenshaw cited Europe's hesitance about transgender care for minors in a congressional hearing. (Eric Lee/Bloomberg via Getty Images)

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More than a dozen Republican-led states, [including Texas](#), have already acted to ban or limit the use of puberty blockers on minors.

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When I was a little kid, maybe 6 or 7 years old, I thought it was fun to change the nameplate on my uncle's Dodge Dart to TransAm. But even back then, I knew that the car was still really a Dodge Dart.

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The LGBTQ community didn't really bother me in the beginning. Let everyone live their own lives and be who they want to be. But then they got involved in forcing their beliefs on our school children and places

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It's not your business anymore...it's the Biden administrations and they'll tell YOU what you need to think.

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Just say NO to transblender mutilation of children. Many countries have banned it already because it shows NO benefit and it is harmful.

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Do you mean pump the 'brakes' as in stopping a car? That seems to make more sense.

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Yeah....and in case you haven't been paying attention, Europeans in general are turning against climate and "white guilt" activists too. Demonstrations that once drew thousands are now reduced to small, largely-ignored groups. Police who stood down while "activists" obstructed businesses and road...

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It's not breaks it's brakes. Do better.

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Europe knows that Trump will be the president in 20234 and they are even now preparing for his leadership, not only here but much of his influence will affect European thought and actions. They are the wise ones, hey see the future of the EU is nearing its end and they are not sure of the future.....

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Yea we will have to wait a really long time for the year 20234

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The agenda is not the health and welfare of “gender dysphoric” children, but rather fundamental destruction of established scientific and educational norms. This agenda seeks to undermine the intellectual development and fitness of an entire generation of youth, rendering them incapable of critical...

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They did right by their children. But did they have to wait for another country to take the leads? Is this how they act in NATO?

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