YOUTH SUICIDE USED AS "GAY" RECRUITMENT STRATEGY

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Defenders of "gay" activism in public education under the rubric of “safe schools” say that promoting homosexuality to schoolchildren is necessary to prevent suicides. They say that children who struggle with homosexuality must be affirmed as "gays" or lesbians or they may kill themselves. This is illogic with potentially fatal consequences.

First, for schools to base suicide prevention policy on the unproved hypothesis that a child can be "naturally" homosexual is an outrageous breach of their duty to children and parents. Let me repeat what even "gay" activists now admit: science has not proved that homosexuality is innate. What schools have embraced, then, is not science but a "gay" recruiting strategy. Imagine the pressure "gay questioning" kids (and their parents) must face when they are told that youths risk death if they reject their "gay" identity. How many emotionally vulnerable kids are swept into the "gay" net just because they entertain the thought of trying homosexuality. With increasing pro-"gay" messages in TV, movies and the classroom, how can kids today NOT think about trying homosexuality, even fleetingly?

Second, to suggest that suicide prevention requires affirming a patient's behavior or behavioral tendencies is simply foolish. Criminal behavior, for example, often leads to suicidal thoughts, but no one suggests that we must affirm criminal tendencies to stop suicide.

Third, the common denominator in every suicide is a feeling of hopelessness. The last thing a suicidal young person needs to hear is that there is no hope of recovery from his or her supposed "homosexual orientation." How many teen suicides result from losing one's hope of ever having a normal family life? Yet, schools defiantly cling to "gay" dogma on this point, even in the face of substantial evidence that homosexuals can change.

By adopting a blatantly political and biased suicide prevention policy, schools have placed pro-"gay" ideology above children's lives and exposed themselves to enormous legal risk of wrongful death lawsuits.