

TUMBLING INTO ACTIVISM

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“Maria, I was looking around the Arlington Public Schools (VA) website for some summer school information, and I came across this ‘Transgender Students Policy Working Group Meeting.’ It’s tonight. I really think I need to go and find out what this is, but I don’t want to go alone. Will you come with me?”

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GO IN!

BREAK THE BINARY. BORN IN THE WRONG BODY. GOD MADE A MISTAKE. TRANSWOMEN & WOMEN. LIVE YOUR OWN TRUTH.

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TRUST US
NOT YOUR FAMILY

RED CARPET!

ONLY WAY!

BE BRAVE!
BE STRONG!

KINDNESS
and
LOVE
THROUGH
THIS
DOOR

FIND YOUR
GLITTER
Family

Pick Out Your
PROXONS

NO!
ONLY
HATERS,
BIGOTS,
and
TRANSPHOBES
Go THIS WAY

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Our schools are not laboratories
and our children are not experiments.



Parent Pack

Please find here resources and guides for protecting your children in public schools. Thank you for your continued vigilance and all you do to safeguard our nation's children

Keeping Your Child Safe in Public School

Public schools have taken on the role of social engineers and are increasingly slipping sex and gender messages into the curricula, and not just in family life education (FLE) units during health class. From inviting transgender adults to [read transgender storybooks to kindergarten](#) to showing [TIEE talks](#) from the Mermaids transgender organization during sixth-grade classes, to [handing out genderfluid and gender unicorn diagrams](#) and then quizzing high school students on them, public schools have proven over and over again that they are no longer institutions parents can trust with their children's innocence, or even their sense of what's true and real.

Following are some suggestions to help parents become more aware of what's happening at school, and to let teachers and administrators know that parents are paying attention.

You may not have the time or energy to do everything on this list, and that's okay. Do what you can. If nothing else, we recommend [connecting with other parents](#) in the schools who have similar concerns to yours, and then working together as a team.



"The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next."

Abraham Lincoln

For More Information & Assistance
[Information on Parents' Rights in Public School](#)
[Support for Parents re. Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria](#)
[Parent Resource Guide on the Transgender Issue](#)
[Help for Dealing With a Trans-Identified Child](#)
[Help for Finding a Gender-Critical Therapist](#)



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Keeping Your Child Safe in Public School

This article outlines measures parents can take to attempt to prevent their children being exposed to controversial/unacceptable material at school.

If Your Child Says S/he's Transgender



More and more families are dealing with the issue of transgender identity. In cooperation with mental healthcare professionals the Arlington Parent Coalition has compiled a set of suggested guidelines for dealing with this difficult experience.

Disclaimer: Information presented here is not intended to replace consultation by a trained professional. Please note: We have included links to additional material on certain topics. Some linked material may be posted on websites that promote transgender ideology and affirmationalist discourses.

Increasing numbers of families are experiencing the nightmare of a child [announcing that he or she is transgender](#), a gender, nonbinary, or some variation on that theme. It often happens suddenly, without much (or any) warning, and the child is usually adamant as well as extremely resistant to reasoning. The "coming-out" [article](#) typically contains a number of these elements:

- "I've felt this way for a long time (or my whole life) but was a fraud to tell you."
- "I hate myself (my body) and I'm depressed."
- "I'll run away if you don't support my transition."
- "I'll commit suicide if I don't transition."
- "Everyone at school loves and supports me as I am. Why can't you?"
- "I don't enjoy doing (X,Y,Z) that other girls/boys like, so I'm transgender." (Even if the child liked these things previously/freely.)
- "I'm angry at you for hiding from me the fact that transgender people exist."



Every child is born in the right body.

Parenting Siblings of Transgender-Identified Children

When a child announces a transgender identity, the whole family is profoundly affected. It's easy and understandable for parents to spend significant time and energy coping with the child who is going through the identity crisis, but it's important to recognize that the other children in the family are likely to be suffering as well. They need special, individual support from their parents to navigate this unprecedented and painful experience.

Children whose brother or sister claims to be other than his or her birth sex may find themselves confused, frightened, hurt, and in need of both guidance and authoritative back-up with respect to interacting with their sibling.



What Siblings May Experience

All children need their parents to be anchors to truth and reality; siblings of transgender-identified children need this firm foundation from their parents in spades.

Depending on the age of your children and the birth order around the child who is claiming a transgender identity, emotional reactions to and the stress of interactions with their brother or sister may vary widely. Younger children may feel confused and frightened, while older or adult children's responses may run the gamut between anger and applause, and between severing the relationship with your sibling if you do not capitulate to your child's newly announced identity change.

Siblings younger than the transgender-identified child may feel bewildered by the sudden loss of the older sibling as the familiar and perhaps admired brother or sister, and they may experience significant bullying from the transgender-identified sibling to participate in the sibling's new identity, "or else." Brothers and sisters who are older than the transgender-identified child may respond with derision or eye-rolling, and may also land anywhere on the spectrum between embarrassment over and pride in their sibling.

The Arlington Parent Coalition (APC) is a group of parents and community members in Arlington, Virginia, who are concerned with the health and well-being of children, teens, and young adults being indoctrinated via school curriculum and policy efforts into the belief that they are transgender. Since its inception in March 2019 APC has dedicated its efforts toward fighting for evidence-based school policies that treat all students fairly, and toward supporting parents with information about and support toward keeping their children safe in public schools, in Arlington as well as around the nation. For more information about APC and our initiatives, please visit our website at: <http://www.arlingtonparentcoalition.org>

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This article offers insights, suggestions, and resources for guiding and supporting the siblings of transgender-identified children, who may have very specific and individualized needs.



Relevant Events at APS

This spreadsheet contains information about FLE, policy, & sex-ed activism events in APS. It is organized alphabetically by school, and covers the last 2-3 years.

Finding a Gender-Critical Therapist

With more than 20 states having passed laws that prevent counselors and therapists from doing anything other than assisting a patient or client toward gender transition, finding a gender-critical therapist who will not send your child directly to hormones and surgery can be difficult.

Be assured, there are many mental health professionals who question the claims of the transgender industry and who will follow appropriate and time-tested approaches like investigating a child's medical, psychological, and social history, rather than slipping on a flimsy label and assigning an unproven treatment protocol. But these ethical practitioners' licenses are being threatened by the current political situation around gender identity issues in the United States, and therefore they are now flying under the radar accordingly.

So if your child announces a transgender identity, how do you find a therapist you can trust?

Whether or not you're a person of religious faith, a church, temple, or mosque is a good place to start.

Religious freedom is under fire by those who would see all traditional values expunged in America, but religious freedom is still the law of the land and houses of faith still operate according to their consciences and scriptural mandates. If you know a house of worship that has not capitulated to the transgender narrative, start there. If you do not attend religious services, ask friends and colleagues about other local churches. Call the church secretary or administrator and ask about their doctrinal policy on the issue of transgenderism. If you're comfortable with the response, tell them you're looking for a therapist and wondered if they can recommend someone.

A clinical psychologist or psychiatrist may be preferred to a social worker or licensed professional counselor, as the former are trained in performing diagnostic evaluations, and may have more experience and better understanding of complex neurobiological syndromes than do the latter.

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This article offers suggestions for finding and vetting potential therapists for a gender-confused or gender-dysphoric child, with an eye toward finding a mental health professional who will not blindly affirm gender transition.



Universal Opt-Out Letter

This sample letter instructs your school/principal/teacher(s) to remove your child from any instruction involving FLE & SOGI Curriculum/Topics



Teacher Curriculum Request Letter

This sample letter requests that your child's teacher(s) provide syllabus/curriculum/materials for your advance review.



Sample Letter to School Board



Sample Letter to Superintendent



Sample Letter to Teachers

PRIDE or PREDATOR?



Joss Prior Chemically alter...
@joss_prior

I use my willy to pee in the ladies toilets.
Sometimes I dance in them.
I know that triggers gender-cranks. 😊
Sorry, not sorry.

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TRANSJACKED

STUFF TRANS TOOK THAT WASN'T THEIRS

BECAUSE SCIENCE IS FOR BIGOTS

FREE SPEECH



You will respect my pronouns,
or I'll have you fired,
you Cis, Heteronormative,
Front-Hole-Having,
Chest Feeder! Be kind!

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Once Upon a Time...



Tomboys weren't told that they are actually boys.



...before the world lost its mind.

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If you believe a man can become a woman, just because he wants to...

YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN
BRAINWASHED

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TRANSLATING TRASSPEAK

WHEN THEY SAY



"Cis"

THEY REALLY MEAN

"We are demanding that you accept that men can be women and women can be men"

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Oops!

When DOCTORS Got It
WRONG



OPIOIDS

Pharmaceutical companies lied about the safety of opioids, the FDA failed to properly regulate opioids, and doctors failed to investigate the harms of opioids resulting in what one judge called "a man-made plague, 20 years in the making."

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PARENTING GENDER-CONFUSED
KIDS WITH TRUTH & LOVE



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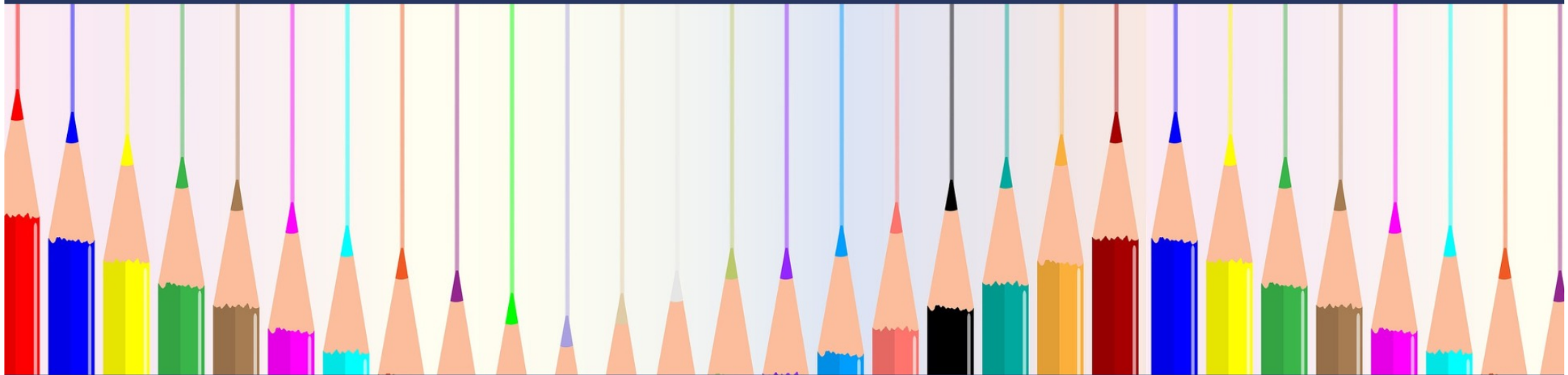
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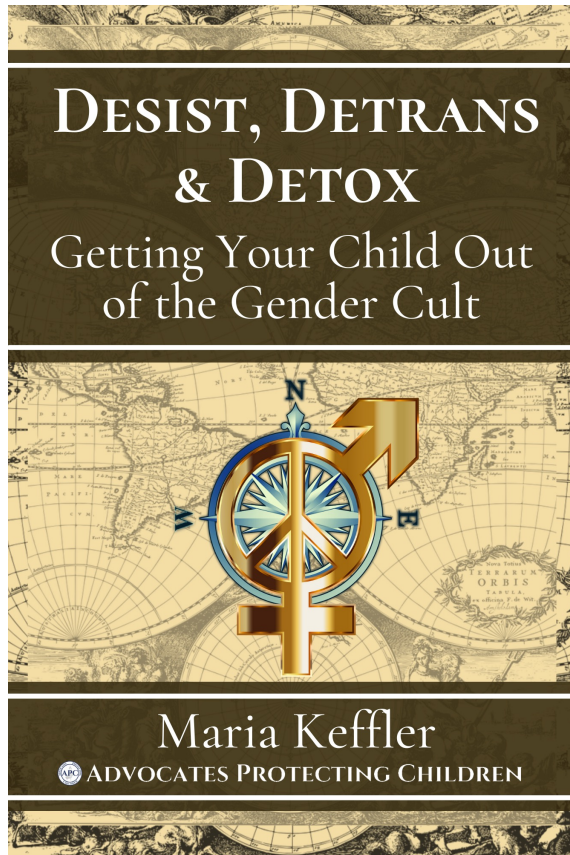
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Teacher Talks

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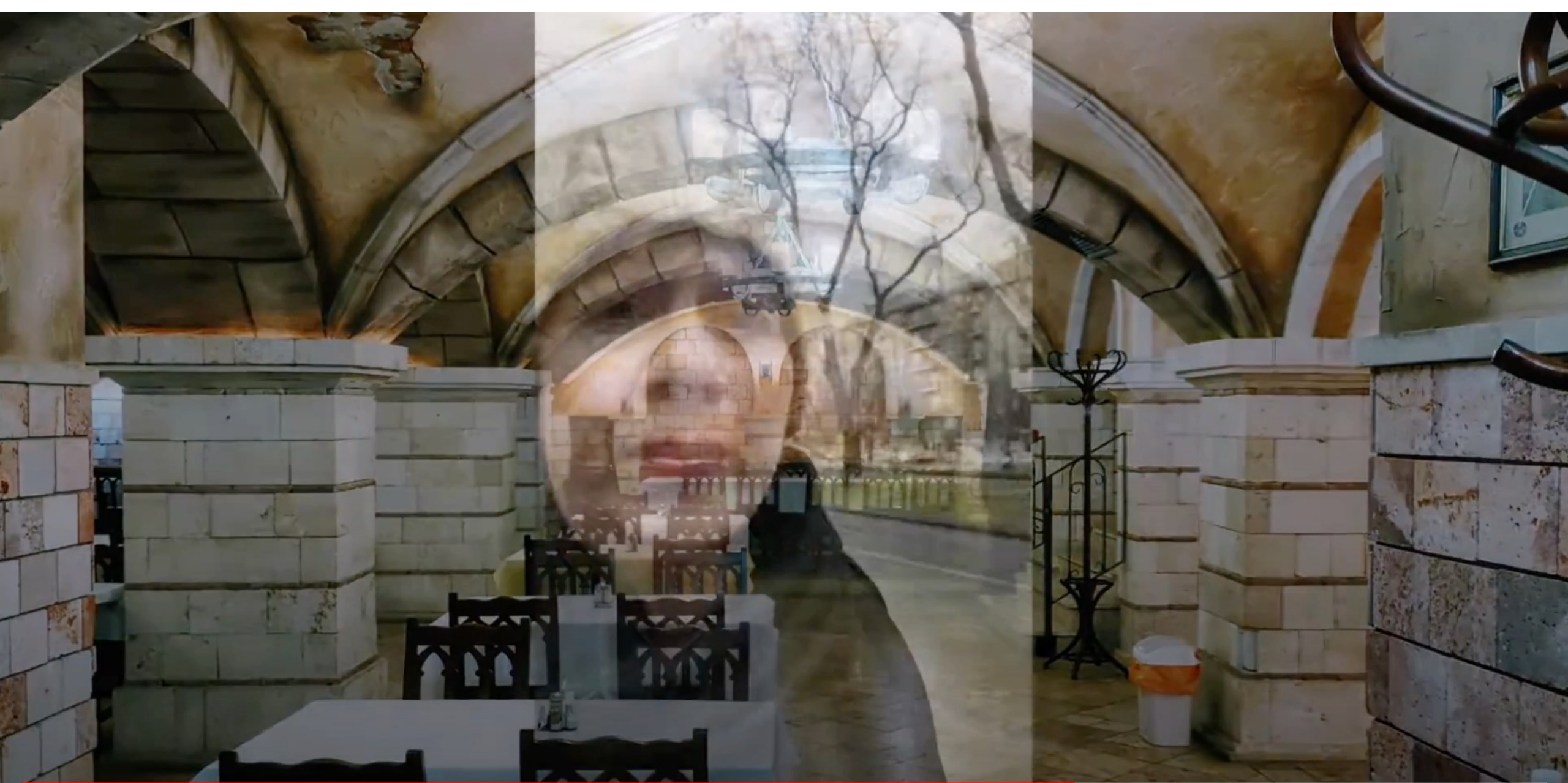


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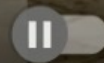
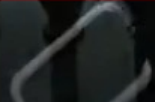
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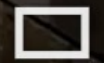
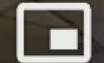
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Families with
Identified Children

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GOD CREATED THEM MALE & FEMALE

K-5th Grade Children's Ministry Curriculum

Teaching children about God's beautiful and perfect
creation of human beings as men and women

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Bartleby's GENDER-WISE COLORING BOOK

for Adults

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What Can You Do?

Outreach

Education

Legislative/Government/School Boards/ Submissions

Op-Eds

Letters to Editor

Contacting Companies (State Farm)

Comfort and Support

Action Alerts

Letter Writing Campaigns

Boots on the Ground-Protests, Flyers in Pockets or in Grocery Carts

Stickers and Postcards

Call Policy Makers

Conversations with Faith Leaders