

**From:** [Ian Thomson](#)  
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There is no evidence these measures, including genital surgery, will make the dysphoric child happier.

Experimentation on human subjects is deplored in several documents on human rights developed since the experience of WW2. The excuse 'the government made me do it' was found unacceptable.

Worldwide, I am aware of thousands of individuals who are regretting undergoing such drastic treatment.

With such widespread uncertainty of positive effect but certainty of deleterious side effects, I write to request the Parliament not to oblige therapists to pursue the hormonal intervention and to permit the alternative psychotherapeutic support, which has been shown to be effective in the past.

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