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1	VIDEO OPERATOR: Good morning. We are	1	record?
2	with going on the record at 9:04 a.m. on May 6, 2022.	2	A Patrick Walter Lappert.
3	Please note that microphones are sensitive and may pick	3	Q All right. And I'm just going to go over some
4	up whispering and private conversations. Please mute	4	ground rules before we get started. Before I do that,
5	your phones at this time. Audio and video recording	5	5 Dr. Lappert, have you ever been deposed before?
6	will continue to take place unless all parties agree to	6	5 A This is my second time.
7	go off the record.	7	Q Okay. And when was the first deposition?
8	This is media unit 1 of the video	8	6 6
9	recorded deposition of Patrick Lappert taken by counsel	9	Q Okay. And what case was that for?
10	for Plaintiff in the matter of Dylan Brandt, et al.	10	A Folwell in North Carolina. It's a lawsuit
11	versus Leslie Rutledge, et al., filed in the United	11	against the state treasurer seeking a change in policy
12	States District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas,	12	2 from the State of North Carolina concerning transgender
13	Central Division, Case Number 4:21-CV-00450-JM. The	13	<sup>3</sup> medicine surgery for beneficiaries of their insurance
14	location of the deposition is in the Arkansas Attorney	14	program.
	General's Office at 323 Center Street, Suite 200, in	15	
16	Little Rock, Arkansas.	16	5 that case?
17	My name is Mike Tscheimer representing	17	A Yes, I was.
18	Veritext. The court reporter is Trena Bloye, also	18	Q And I'll go over this in a second. So one
19	representing Veritext. I am not related to any party in	19	thing is Trena is writing down everything that we say,
20	this action, nor am I financially interested in the	20	) so it's really important that we don't overlap in our
21	outcome. If there are any objections to proceeding,	21	answers and questions
22	please state them at the time of your appearance.	22	2 A Okay.
23	Counsel and all present, including	23	<sup>3</sup> Q so that way she can get every word down.
24	remotely, will now state their appearances and	24	A Sure.
25	affiliations for the record beginning with the noticing	25	Q And other than that, you said Folwell was the
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8	-			ved the history of transgender surgery. So that's
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10	-	10		And were any of those textbooks or sources not
11	-			in your expert report?
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14	-			ings like that within the textbook, if it was a
	that were cited by the expert witnesses for the			ook, if I recall.
1	plaintiff.	16		Okay. How did you travel to the deposition
10	-		today'	
	preparation for this deposition?	18	-	I drove.
19		19		And drove from home?
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1	you go down a rabbit hole sometimes when you are chasing	20		All right. And when did you do that?
1	down a particular argument or a particular piece of	21		Yesterday. Well, yesterday afternoon.
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2	others that were cited in those?	2		Yes, they are.
3	A Right. That's generally how I go.	3		Okay. No one else paying for that; correct?
4		4		No.
5	for today?	5	Q	Doctor, what field do you claim to be an expert
6		6	in?	
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Page 18 1 A It depends on how you couch that question	Page 20 1 Q Was the patient referred to you for this
2 because there's an area of transgender surgery or gender	2 procedure?
3 affirmation surgery that's called top surgery that	3 A No. Self referral.
4 primarily concerns itself with the facial features. And	4 Q Okay.
5 I have done, for example, rhinoplasty on a on a	5 A Then I would add, of course, he didn't present
6 person who was very evidently transitioning, so	6 himself as seeking transition. This was a clinical
7 feminizing of his nose. Not a real radical operation.	7 judgment only my part. And his request was so
8 But, yeah, the rest of my surgeries as pertains to	8 relatively minor it seemed to be within the scope of
9 transgender persons has been reversal surgeries.	9 something simple I could offer him.
10 Q Okay. So I want to take that feminizing of the	10 Q Okay. So you said he didn't present himself as
11 nose for a second. So just to make sure I understand	11 seeking transition. What do you mean by that?
12 what you mean by that, this was someone that, I think	12 A Well, he was he presented himself as a man,
13 you used the term natal or biological male into somebody	13 and presented himself as a man seeking a change in the
14 who is transitioning to present and live as a woman. Is	14 appearance of his nose. But one of the things you do as
15 that fair to say?	15 a plastic surgery, particularly in the case of a man
16 A Right. Natal biological male transitioning.	16 seeking a change in the appearance of their nose, you
17 Although, at the time he was not very out about it, but	17 have to have some sense for what's the motivation for
18 there was there was evidence in his medical history	18 seeking it, because sometimes people can be struggling
19 that that's where he was headed. And I tried to get a	19 with severe emotional problems and they see their
20 better sense of it, but he's very private about it.	20 appearance as the reason for they are emotional
21 Q And you performed the surgery to feminize this	21 problems. And so a lot of what goes into the initial
22 individual's nose?	22 consultation has to kind of address itself to the
23 A Right. Had a very masculine hawk-like nose	23 motivation of the patient.
24 that we toned down a little for him. It was not a real	And he seemed to be well composed, his request
25 radical operation, but he was certainly satisfied with	25 was relatively minor, basically just taking the hump off
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	underlies it. That's what would keep me from offering		withdrew from the DSM project. They no longer fund it.
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	put it that way, was to transition, would you have still	8	
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10	A Well, again, so the issue is not his		between those two things, not what the DSM draws.
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16	And so in his case, because of the anger he		psychological disturbance and more characteristically
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18	more towards a significant diagnosis of gender identity	18	Q Do you know of any professional medical
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2 psychological wound that he does not wish to look at,	2 Q And you would agree with the DSM V's
3 but living with the psychological wound he seeks an	3 distinction between those two things?
4 explanation for it. And so he will latch onto something	4 A I don't agree with DSM V on a lot things and
5 about his physical appearance as an explanation for the	5 that's among them.
6 underlying sorrow that he has. And that's what	6 Q Okay. But the DSM V does distinguish
7 underlies body dysmorphic.	7 A Yes, it does.
8 And so you can never you can never reach the	8 Q And you also mentioned you also mentioned
9 depth of that psychological wound doing an operation.	9 two reversal surgeries I believe you called them.
10 It's very characteristic. And one of the	10 A That's right.
11 characteristics of body dysmorphic disorder is patients,	11 Q And what were what were those?
12 they keep coming back and keep coming back for more	12 A Removal of breast implants from a
13 surgeries	13 20-something-year-old man who had been in Thailand and
14 Q Doctor, I'm sorry to interrupt. We only have	14 got a top and bottom surgery in one visit and then
15 seven hours today, so I really need you to answer the	15 returned to the states, and within a year was suicidal
16 question that I ask.	16 again. He had a sudden sort of awakening and I got a
17 A Okay.	17 call out of the blue from a pastor in Kansas City. It
18 Q Which is what is the something unachievable	18 was a: I understand you're a plastic surgeon who has an
19 that this patient was seeking in your opinion?	19 understanding of transgender. Can I send this patient
20 A Happiness.	20 to you?
21 Q And happiness was unachievable for this person?	21 And he was down on his luck guy, had no money,
22 A That was my estimation, yeah, in retrospect.	22 so he came and we removed his breast implants. And,
23 Q Nothing else unachievable that they were	23 yeah, it was kind of an interesting story there. So,
24 seeking?	24 yeah, we got a removal of breast implants and then a
25 MS. LAND: Object to the form.	25 subsequent gynecomastectomy for the effects of hormonal
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1 Q (By Mr. Ossip) You can answer.	1 therapy on the patient, yeah.
2 A Not that I not that I could perceive or that	2 Q So you did one just to clarify, you did one
3 I recall right now. But that was at the heart of it. I	3 breast implant removal?
4 could never give him the happiness he was seeking,	4 A Correct.
5 because he was seeking it in the wrong place basically.	5 Q And no others?
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2 A Right. Although, I guess I would characterize	2 Q And how did the priest in Kansas City come to
3 it this way that all of the surgeries that are involved	3 refer a patient to you?
4 in transitioning, whether you're talking about the top	4 A This young man just wandered into this church
5 surgeries or the genital surgeries involve procedures	5 He had he had been suicidal the day before, he had
6 that I'm fully versed in and have done many times,	6 the pistol in his mouth, and he had this revelatory
7 though I have never applied those specific procedures	•
8 to, say for example, creating an artificial phallus. I	8 And rather than take his own life he had the sense that
9 have used the same flap operation for head and neck	9 there is a God, and he walked out into the street and
10 reconstruction, limb salvage, that sort of things.	10 went to a church, walked in and talked to a priest wh
11 So the technology, the techniques, the	11 happened to hear me give a presentation two years
12 processes are the same. It's just the application I do	12 previously in Denver on the subject of the care of
13 not do that surgery in that particular area.	13 transgender persons who are in distress, and he called
14 Q So just to pin down on that, though.	14 me up and sent this young man to me. And, uh, yeah
15 A Okay.	15 it's a miraculous thing really.
16 Q Those but, again, you have never used those	16 Q So the priest in Kansas City heard your
17 techniques to perform any sort of gender-affirming	17 presentation in Denver and that's how that priest cam
18 surgery; correct?	18 to know you?
19 A That's correct.	19 A That's right, that's right.
20 Q Okay. Do you claim to be an expert in mental	20 Q And what year was presentation in Denver?
21 health?	21 A I'm going to say 2015, if I have to guess,
22 A No.	22 2015, 2016, somewhere in there.
23 Q What about the treatment of minors, by which I	
24 mean patients under the age of 18?	24 A Actually it was sponsored by a seminary out
25 A Lots of experience taking care of minors.	25 there, St. John Vianney Seminary. And it was a
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1 exceptions. I think that would be diocese in	1 A Or something very close to it I would say.
2 schools, chancery education, priest retreats, that sort	2 Q But roughly the same
3 of thing, yeah.	3 A Roughly, yes, sir.
4 Q So all of them in connection with the Catholic	4 Q And that is the one that you gave in Denver;
5 church?	5 correct?
6 A I think so. Well, not I wouldn't be	6 A Again, I don't know if this is exactly the one
7 absolute about that. Again, I have given the talk so	7 I gave in Denver. It looks like one I might have given
8 many times. I'm trying to think if there is any	8 in Denver. Like I said, I modify it. I was just trying
9 other if it occurs to me can I come back with that.	9 to see if there was a date stamp on it. But if it
10 Q You can always, if you have any change you can	10 was
11 always come back to that.	11 Q Well, do you see the day it says in that
12 A Okay. Thank you.	12 bottom corner it says Monday, November 5, 2018.
13 Q Okay. Sorry. Give me one second.	13 A Right. So if that's the date that I this is
14 A So I had it backwards.	14 probably a talk that I put into a pdf format that I sent
15 Q Oh, is that missing	15 back to the organizer for distribution to the audience.
16 A No, no. I had it backwards. It was	16 So if that's the date, this may be a different talk
17 Transgender Christian Anthropology.	17 given in the Denver.
18 MR. OSSIP: Actually, I'm sorry. In the	18 Q So if you
19 thickness of this some pages got ripped off. I don't	19 A Oh, there it is. That's it's. That's the
20 know if you can move the sticker or something.	20 image right there.
21 COURT REPORTER: I might be able to.	21 Q Well, yeah, for the benefit of the record, can
22 MR. OSSIP: Sorry about that. First	22 you flip all the way to the back then. I'm sorry. It's
23 technical mishap of the day.	23 a little unwieldy one.
24 COURT REPORTER: There we go.	24 A Right. Okay.
25 MR. OSSIP: Awesome. All right. Crisis	25 Q And do you see the Gospel of Life Conference,
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1 averted.	1 2018?
2 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 1 was marked for	2 A Correct, yes.
3 identification and made a part of the	3 Q Yeah, go ahead.
4 record.)	4 A So this would have been a subsequent conference
5 Q All right, Doctor. The court reporter is now	5 in Denver obviously invited back, because I know I gave
6 handing you another document that has been marked	6 the presentation at St. John Vianney Seminary before I
7 Exhibit 1.	7 went and presented at this conference, probably by a
8 A Okay.	8 year or maybe more, two years, something like that.
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9 Q Can you flip to the second page. It should be	9 Q Okay.
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2 A Exactly, exactly. The miracle of Kansas City.	2 surgery and in the first three months was thrilled,
3 Q Right. So then looking to the	3 ecstatic about his result and talked about how all his
4 gynecomastectomy, how did that patient come to be in	4 friends agreed this was the best thing ever and he was
5 your care?	5 thrilled. And then suddenly and this is kind of
6 A Same patient.	6 characteristic somewhere between about three months
7 Q Oh, okay. So there is only one patient, just	7 and six or seven months he came back in massive distress
8 two procedures?	8 and despair and saying that I hadn't done the right
9 A Correct.	9 operation.
10 Q Okay. And one was the implant removal	10 And that's the moment those words came out
11 A Correct.	11 of his mouth I knew that I had failed to detect what was
12 Q and the other was the gynecomastectomy?	12 really underlying his his desire for surgical
13 A Correct.	13 modification.
14 Q Gynecomastectomy. Excuse me.	14 Q So as of the last visit do you know what this
15 A Very good.	15 individual's gender identity was?
16 Q Okay. And no other reversal surgeries?	16 A How he viewed himself?
17 A Correct.	17 Q How this individual
18 Q So only one patient in your career has	18 A He was still not out. He was still not out.
19 presented for a reversal; correct?	19 Q Well, I want to draw a distinction. Did this
20 A Correct.	20 person identify as a man or a woman or non-binary?
21 Q Okay. And both those procedures were in the	21 A Yeah, all right. So this is this is my
22 2017 to 2018 time period?	22 clinical assessment of what's going on there. So he
23 A Yeah. They were within six or seven months of	23 always presented himself as a man, but in the course of
24 each other. We took out his implants and just gave him	24 his repeated visits to me he was becoming more and more
25 time to resolve to see how much glandular tissue he had	25 feminine in his presentation, yeah. So did he come with
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1 developed, because I had no way of judging that.	1 a diagnosis from a licensed social worker saying
2 All of his transitioning had been done outside	2 transgender, no; or pediatrician referral, transgender,
3 of my view so I didn't know how much was native or I	3 no, none of those things. This is a clinical judgment
4 should say hormonally induced breast tissue and how much	4 on my part.
5 of it was implant.	
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1 characteristic of post-surgical patients that they will	1 to understand affirmation care as it applies to
2 often experience anxiety about the result, whether it's	2 adolescent children, what the expectations would be as
3 reconstructive less so with reconstructive surgery,	3 far as the course of care for the child, that sort of
4 but certainly is the case with aesthetics patients, that	4 thing.
5 at times they will have a period of anxiety that you	5 Q So you were appearing in that case as an expert
6 have to help them weather.	6 in affirmation care?
7 Q And so did you ever refer this patient to	7 A I did not appear in that case. I again, I
8 mental health care?	8 would have to refresh my memory on how they approached
9 A No.	9 me. But as I it they were contacting me to explain from
10 Q All right. Changing topics a little bit, have	10 a surgeon's perspective how and well, essentially,
11 you ever been approached to work as an expert witness in	11 how children enter into that process of transitioning
12 any other lawsuit?	12 and wind up in a surgical consultation, for example, top
13 A Yes, I have.	13 surgery.
14 Q Which lawsuit or lawsuits?	14 Q Okay.
15 A So I told you about Folwell in North Carolina.	15 A It was a fairly limited question as I remember
16 And I was contacted also by the Attorney General's	16 it.
17 Office, the State of Alabama. That's brand new. I	17 Q But you submitted an expert report
18 haven't gotten a good look at that yet.	18 A I believe so, yes.
19 And then as far as lawsuits, I think Florida is	19 Q I'm sorry. Can you if you let me finish the
20 in the process of asking for my help.	20 question. And you signed that expert report and
21 Q Okay. So you said you've been approached,	21 submitted it to the court?
22 aside from sorry, Doctor.	22 A I would have I would have to refresh my
23 A There's also a case in Cincinnati, which is a	23 memory on the extent of my participation in that case.
24 private matter, that is a couple of years old. I	24 Q And when was that what was the timeline for
25 haven't seen or heard from them in quite some time.	25 your involvement in that case?
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1 Q What do you mean by a private matter?	1 A It would have been before the perhaps 2018,
2 A I think it's a lawsuit as I recall it's a	2 somewhere in there.
<ul><li>3 lawsuit. I'd have to review. But it's not a it's</li><li>4 not a litigation about a law or anything like that.</li></ul>	3 Q Sometime around 2018 is when the report was 4 submitted?
<ul><li>5 It's a it's about a bad result I think. Or it might</li></ul>	5 A I think. I think so, somewhere in there.
6 have actually been a child custody, yeah, injury to the	6 Q And do you know well, and you said
7 family due to loss of custody of their child over a	7 Cincinnati; is that correct?
8 transgender issue. That's what I think it was. Again,	8 A Right.
9 I'm I'd have to pull that file up, but that's	9 Q Do you know what court that was in?
10 Q And you appeared as an expert witness in that	10 A I do not.
11 case?	11 Q Do you know if it was in state or federal
12 A I have not appeared, no. They just asked for	12 court?
13 expert what do you call it. Expert report, I guess.	13 A I don't.
14 But I haven't been deposed, I have not appeared.	14 Q And you mentioned it was you think it was a
15 Q Well, did you submit an expert report in that	15 child custody case?
16 case?	16 A As I recall it, yes.
17 A Yes, as I recall I did.	17 Q Okay. And were you retained by one of the
18 Q And you were never deposed you said?	18 parties in that case to serve as an expert?
19 A No.	19 A I'm trying to remember the attorney. Right,
20 Q And what issues were you asked to opine on in	20 yes. So it was the attorney for the family. And I
21 that case?	21 would have to I would have to dig around in my files
	22 to find the details.
22 A I think they were interested in my	22 to find the details.
	<ul><li>22 to find the details.</li><li>23 Q Do you know if the court accepted your report</li></ul>
22 A I think they were interested in my	

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1 Q Okay. And so you said you were asked to	1 A Correct. The last communication I had with the
2 well, sorry, strike that.	2 attorney was that the plaintiff's attorneys had moved to
3 Was the extent of your opinions in that case	3 have me removed from the expert list.
4 limited to surgery?	4 Q Okay. And that as far as you're aware that
5 A So, uh, again, I would have to review the	5 motion has not been decided; correct?
6 what I sent to the attorney. But it had a lot to do	6 A I have not heard a decision in it.
7 with how the diagnosis is made that leads to the	7 Q Okay. And you mentioned Alabama. Well,
8 transition process and how the kind of the	8 actually, let's go back to I'm sorry.
9 decisionmaking steps that would lead a child along that	9 When did you submit your expert report in that
10 process, possibly culminating in mastectomy.	10 case?
11 Q But you don't claim to be an expert in the	11 A Again, I'm going to guess it's going to be
12 diagnosis of gender dysphoria; correct?	12 about a year ago. I think it was at the I think it's
13 A No.	13 in the first part of 2021.
14 MS. LAND: Object to form.	14 Q So when were you so Alabama. When
15 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Okay. Then you also mentioned	15 when sorry. Strike that.
16 the Folwell case. That was in North Carolina; correct?	16 You were retained by the state in Alabama;
17 A Correct.	17 correct?
18 Q And you were retained by the state treasurer	18 A Well, we're in the process of that. I have not
19 during that case?	19 been officially yet, no, sir.
20 A Correct.	20 Q So you have not even signed an engagement with
21 Q And what issues were you asked to opine on	21 the state; correct?
22 there?	22 A I filled out some forms. But there is some
23 A The same.	23 processes they keep emailing me about having to do with
24 Q Okay. The same as the Cincinnati case?	24 payment and things they haven't ironed out yet. So,
25 A The same as this case.	25 yeah, it's one of these governmental paper chases going
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2 Q Okay.	2 themselves. The office that manages the state Medicaid
3 A Just waiting to push the button.	3 program.
4 Q Just lawyers and doctors still use fax	4 Q Okay. I'm from Florida, but would not be able
5 machines; right? Let's see.	5 to tell you what that is. So the office that manages
6 Okay. But you have not actually been retained	6 the state Medicaid, that's who contacted you?
7 yet in that case; correct?	7 A Right.
8 A It's not official yet, no.	8 Q And when was this?
9 Q And you have not prepared a report for that	9 A A couple of weeks ago.
10 case; correct?	10 Q And is this about a lawsuit in Florida?
11 A I I did write a report for them, but it was	11 A No.
12 just sent as a draft. There's nothing that's been I	12 Q For what purpose did they contact you?
13 just sort of sent them a draft of information for them	13 A In anticipation, I guess, of what was going be
14 to look over while we're working through the	14 to the fallout when the state of Florida determines that
15 administrative processes. But it has not been reviewed,	15 Medicaid funds should not be used for the transitioning,
16 hasn't been edited, hasn't been finalized, nothing.	16 surgical or medical, of children. That was the question
17 Q But you prepared this draft and you were not	17 they were asking me about.
18 yet engaged by the state; correct?	18 Q So it's your understanding that this
19 A Yeah, I guess that's correct. I'm not sure. I	19 determination hasn't been made yet?
20 guess what hasn't been completed yet is the I don't	20 A Right.
21 know. I don't understand the paperwork. I guess it	21 Q And that if it will be made they anticipate a
22 would be more correct to say they have engaged me	22 lawsuit and want to hire you as an expert?
23 because they asked for the document, so they must have	23 MS. LAND: Objection to form.
24 decided I'm worthy of it.	24 A That's my understanding.
25 Q But have you come to an agreement as to your	25 Q (By Mr. Ossip) All right. So you haven't
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1 fees in the case?	1 well, strike that.
2 A They asked me what my fees were and I told them	2 Have you signed an engagement with the state in
3 and they didn't raise a fuss about it so and then	
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2 litigation have you ever served as an expert regarding	2 I said I would.
3 the treatment of gender dysphoria?	3 Q And do you recall who from the Eagle Forum
4 A No.	4 contacted you?
5 Q What about for surgical procedures related to	5 A Margaret Clark or Eunie Smith, one of those
6 gender dysphoria?	6 dear women. They are just precious little people.
7 A As directly applied to the treatment of gender	7 Q And so it sounds like you knew them before they
8 dysphoria?	8 contacted you.
9 Q Yes.	9 A No, no, I had never met them before.
10 A No, I have not.	10 Q But you met them both after that?
11 Q So you mentioned that you testified at a	11 A On the day I went down there.
12 legislative hearing in Alabama; correct?	12 Q And is that the only meeting you have had with
13 A Several times.	13 them?
14 Q Okay. At several different hearings?	14 A So I made two trips down there. And the first
15 A Right. So it's a bicameral legislature and	15 time there was it was a more drawn-out process
16 there were parallel bills in the house and the senate	16 because they wanted me to accompany them touring around
17 and they had the hearings on one side. It was the	17 the capital building, so it was a drawn-out process.
18 health and whatever it is department or committee	18 The second time it was very brief, I met them in the
19 rather. These terminologies. And the other one was the	19 hallway, we walked into the hearing room, bye. That was
20 judiciary. So I had to testify in front of both over	20 pretty much it.
21 the course of two years, repeat visits for bills that	21 Q And both of those women are members of the
22 have failed to move and things like that.	22 Eagle Forum; correct?
23 Q And when was the first such hearing?	23 A It's my understanding, yes.
A So the most recent iteration was early 2022.	24 Q Okay. And is it your understanding that the
25 And it's a short legislative session so it occurs in the	25 Eagle Forum had prepared the draft of the bill?
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1 early part of the year. So previous to this year, 2022,	1 A I don't know who wrote it. I know who were the
2 would have been the same process in 2021, I believe it	2 sponsors of it, but I don't know who actually crafted
3 was.	3 the thing. I know that Eagle Forum has a legal,
4 Q So	4 obviously a very active legal department. They may have
5 A Testifying twice on the same day, once in 2021 6 and then 2022 again. I think these are the dates	5 crafted it. I don't know who.
6 and then 2022 again. I think those are the dates.	$6  ext{ Q}$ And who did you understand the sponsors of the 7 hill to he?
7 You're obviously are gleaning that I have difficulty	<ul><li>7 bill to be?</li><li>8 A Shay Shellnutt, and he's on the house side.</li></ul>
<ul><li>8 remembering dates.</li><li>9 Q No. We're just going for your best</li></ul>	<ul><li>8 A Shay Shellnutt, and he's on the house side.</li><li>9 And then on the senate side oh, gosh. It will</li></ul>
10 recollection sitting hearing today.	10 probably wake me up at two in the morning when I
11 A Certainly.	11 remember his name.
12 Q So but again, in 2021, we think, two times on	12 Q That's okay.
13 the same day, though; correct?	×
14 A Yes.	13 A I'll call you.
15 Q And then the same thing in 2022?	<ul> <li>13 A I'll call you.</li> <li>14 O Sounds good. But did you those sponsors.</li> </ul>
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1 A Correct.	1 Does that refresh your recollection sitting
2 Q Did you ever submit any report to any other	2 here?
3 legislatures?	3 A It does, but it doesn't bring to mind exactly
4 A I don't think I did. I think my first contact	4 what they had asked me about. But, yeah. Okay.
5 with Arkansas again, I'm working from poor memory.	5 Q Do you know if there was any report submitted
6 My first contact with Arkansas was after the law had	6 to the legislature in Utah?
7 been passed, so I don't think I offered anything to any	7 A I don't know what what they produced. Let's
8 legislatures besides Alabama.	8 see. I'm thinking that this was another one of those
9 Q One second. I'm sorry, Doctor. Let me put	9 telephonic, Do you have a minute, Doc, can I ask you
10 this another way. Did you ever make any recommendations	10 some questions, that kind of thing. I don't remember
11 to any other state legislatures?	11 having any other relationship with the State of Utah and
12 A I don't remember if I did or not. I don't	12 I'm pretty sure I did not submit any report to them,
13 there may have been somebody from Texas that I had a	13 but, yeah.
14 phone conversation with, or maybe sent some a letter	14 Q So if somebody submitted a report that had your
15 in brief or something like that to, but I I don't	15 name on it in that legislature, you would have never
16 have a clear memory of that. I've had contact with	16 seen it; correct?
17 people from Texas, but I don't think it was ever	17 A Gosh, again I'm struggling here.
18 anything particularly formal.	18 MS. LAND: Object to the form.
19 Q Any other states other than Texas and Alabama?	19 A I'm struggle here. I don't know what they
20 A Not to my knowledge. Not to my recollection, I	20 what Utah has done. I haven't had any contact with
21 should say.	21 anyone from Utah in a long, long time, if any.
22 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 2 was marked for	22 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Okay. So you may have had a
23 identification and made a part of the	23 phone conversation with them?
24 record.)	24 A That's my that's about the only thing I can
25 Q All right. So you have just been handed what's	25 offer you is it must have been a phone conversation,
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2 transitioning?	2 Q (By Mr. Ossip) So, Doctor
3 A No.	3 A and possible complications.
4 Q What about endocrinology?	4 Q So, Doctor, we've really got to stick to my
5 A Well, I have to as a with my background	5 questions because we only have seven hours and I don't
6 in general surgery and plastic and reconstructive	6 want to have to run over our time and ask to come back
7 surgery I have to understand endocrinology. So, for	7 for a second day. Okay?
8 example, when I was a general surgeon, if I was going to	8 So looking at the question yes or no. In the
9 do a thyroidectomy I would have to understand what the	9 course of that phone conversation did you opine that you
10 endocrinopathy was about and the confidence I might have	10 thought that providing gender-affirming medical care was
11 in the diagnosis. So the diagnostic side of	11 child abuse?
12 endocrinology I had to understand. I had to understand	12 A It's my recollection I did not.
13 the metabolic side of endocrinology before embarking on	13 Q You did not during that phone call? Okay.
14 surgery for endocrinopathic diseases, so	14 Bear with me one second, Doctor. Okay. So we
15 Q But, Doctor, sitting here today you don't claim	15 mentioned Texas, Utah, Alabama. Any other states you
16 to be an expert in endocrinology; correct?	16 have discussed this issue with government officials?
17 A I wouldn't offer myself as an expert.	17 A Not that I can recall.
18 MS. LAND: Object to form.	18 Q Could you turn to page 62 of that of the
19 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Okay. And so you spoke with	19 transcript? And if you go down to line 13.
20 somebody from the attorney general's office. Was that	20 A Line 13.
21 about legislation that was pending in Texas?	21 Q Correct. It says, "There may have been
22 A No. And I didn't find this out until after a	22 something in Arizona." Do you see that?
23 second conversation was the reason they were seeking an	23 A I do.
24 understanding of transgender medicine and surgery was	24 Q Does that refresh your recollection at all?
25 because they were trying to determine if, under existing	25 A Not at all.
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1 law, family law, if transgender medicine and surgery	1 Q So you still you don't know, sitting here
2 would fall under the category of child abuse. I think	2 today, whether you did or did not speak to anyone in
3 that's what they ultimately did. So the phone	3 Arizona?
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3 Arkansas law you'll understand that I mean Arkansas's	3 Q But after that initial email?
4 Act 626, which is also known as the SAFE Act. Is that	4 A Right. So the email led to, I guess, an
5 fair?	5 exchange of emails. And as I remember it then the
6 A That's fair.	6 formal process began for getting my help.
7 Q Okay. And you mentioned you were only	7 Q And did you sign an agreement to serve as an
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9 A That's my recollection of it. I don't remember	9 A I believe I did, yes.
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11 recollection is that I remember hearing about it in the	11 A Besides me?
12 news before I heard anything about it from	12 Q Correct.
13 Q And when you say you heard about it in the	13 A I do not know.
14 news, you heard about the law's passage?	14 Q Okay. You're not aware of anyone other than
15 A That's my recollection, that I heard that first	15 the state having signed that agreement?
16 before I heard from the attorney general.	16 A I don't I don't remember it. I saw some
17 Q But you did not advocate for the passage of	17 official signature there, but I don't remember who tha
18 that law; correct?	18 might have been.
19 A None.	19 Q What did the lawyers for the state ask you to
20 Q And you had no interaction with the	20 do in this matter?
21 legislature?	21 A To review the to review the Complaint, to
22 A No.	22 review mostly the expert witnesses, and to offer an
23 Q Did you lobby in any way for this law?	23 expert opinion on the evidence, my perspective on the
24 A No.	24 value of the evidence.
25 MS. LAND: Object to form.	25 Q Any particular issues they asked you to provide
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3 Q Okay. Were you ever instructed to express a	3 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Did you tell during that
4 particular opinion in this case?	4 phone conversation did you opine that gender-affirming
5 A No.	5 medical care is always harmful to minors?
6 Q How did you reach your opinions in this case?	6 MS. LAND: Objection to form.
7 A Well, the my opinions on transgender, the	7 A I don't remember ever giving that opinion. Ask
8 issue of transgender medicine surgeries has been a	8 me the question again. I might not have understood it
<ul><li>9 has been an evolving process since I was a resident in</li></ul>	9 correctly.
10 training. But more recently in this particular case,	10 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Yeah. During that phone
11 again, as we talked about, the review of the citations	11 conversation did you opine that gender-affirming medical
12 that the expert the plaintiffs' experts submitted,	12 care is always harmful to minors?
13 review of their merits, review of the of associated	13 A Transgender-affirming medical care. That's my
14 citations, review of the WPATH Standards of Care, DSM,	14 opinion, yes, it is.
15 all of those things together, that's what formed my	15 Q Do you support Texas's decision to investigate
16 opinions, plus my my background in plastic and	16 parents for child abuse if they provide what you just
17 reconstructive surgery, issues related to the ethics of	17 described as transgender-affirming medical care to their
18 consent, the issues related to the ethics of surgical	18 children?
19 decisionmaking.	19 A I don't support that at all.
20 Q Did anyone instruct you to review or include	20 Q So you don't support that Texas did?
21 any particular sources in your opinions?	21 MS. LAND: Object to the form.
22 A No.	22 A I don't support the idea that parents should be
23 Q Who determined the scope of the matters covered	23 prosecuted for following the advice of physicians.
24 in your report?	24 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Well, do you support strike
25 MS. LAND: Objection. Form.	25 that. Do you believe that children should be removed
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2 steroids to a young athlete. Technically it isn't abuse	2 but it might actually be more than that. You know,
3 to the body of that child. But generally it's not	
	3 when
4 called child abuse. It's called, you know,	4 Q So definitely more than 50 hours?
5 misprescribing and pill rolling and various other things	5 A I guess. I don't know. I'm so lax about that
6 that doctors do. This is kind of in that category.	6 that, you know, I'll find myself reading about something
7 It's medical malpractice, not child abuse.	7 and I didn't mark my little log and I'm two hours into
8 Q So you believe it's medical malpractice to	8 some paper somewhere. I try to be punctual about
9 provide gender-affirming medical care to minors?	9 timekeeping, but
10 A I do.	10 Q So do you expect to receive any additional
11 MS. LAND: Objection to form.	11 compensation in connection with your reports?
12 Q (By Mr. Ossip) All right. We'll come back to	12 A None.
13 that. Let's move on.	13 Q Okay. All right. So now I'm going to do a
14 Did you work with anyone else in preparing your	14 brief name association exercise so bear with me. But
15 reports or testimony in this case?	15 I'm just going to ask if you know who the following
16 A No.	16 people are. So the first one is Dr. Steven Levine.
17 Q Did you work with the state?	17 A Right. I don't know him personally but he's a
18 A No.	18 psychiatrist I believe, pediatrics psychologist or
19 Q So every word of your report was written by	19 psychiatrist. Is that right?
20 you?	20 Q Just going from what you know.
21 A Yeah, the whole thing was written by me. It	21 A Oh, okay.
22 went through, I guess, an editing process in terms of	22 Q And do you know if Dr. Levine is an expert for
23 spelling and punctuation kind of issues like that and it	23 the state in this case?
24 came back as a as a in the format of a legal	A I think he might be, yeah.
25 brief, which I then signed and submitted, yeah. But I	25 Q But you're not sure?
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1 composed the whole thing.	1 A Not right sitting here right now, no.
2 Q Okay. So, and the editing process you mean	2 Q Okay. And you've never met Dr. Levine?
3 that counsel for the state was editing; correct?	3 A I don't think I have.
4 A Right. Yeah, punctuation and spelling and	4 Q What about Dr. Paul Hruz?
5 paragraph numbering and things like that.	5 A Right, I know Dr. Hruz.
6 Q Did anyone other than counsel for the state	6 Q And where do you know Dr. Hruz from?
7 edit your report?	7 A I first met him at an ADF conference. We were
8 A No.	8 both presenters. He came and gave an hour-long talk on
9 Q Did you have any research assistance in	9 pediatric endocrinology, and I gave a similar talk on
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2 think of his last name. Jeff something. And going into	2 University of San Francisco, he manages their medical
3 a large conference room and giving my presentation.	3 information processes and the guy is a genius
4 Q And that was at the ADF headquarters building?	4 remembering papers and authors and years and findings.
5 A It must be. It was a lovely place and it was	5 But he had the lived experience of transitioning
6 in Arizona. I think	6 himself, and so he talked about his experience.
7 Q Do you know where in Arizona?	7 Q And you mentioned people with the lived
8 A Phoenix? I don't know. It all kind of looks	8 experience and being transgender. Was there anybody
9 the same down there to me.	9 else other than Hasci Horvath?
10 Q I think Arizona is beautiful.	10 A There was a trans female there from Asia. And
11 A No, it is beautiful. It's all developed about	11 I'm trying to remember her name. But I believe she was
12 the same time so it's hard to judge Phoenix from Tucson	12 residing in Thailand, but was an author, ran a some
13 sometimes.	13 web blog or something about it. Again, the lived
14 Q Sure. And when was that conference?	14 experience, fully transitioned transgender female.
15 A Again, it may be in 2016 or '17, just a wild	15 Q And by that you mean that she identified as a
16 guess there.	16 woman?
17 Q Okay. And you said you you didn't know ADF	17 A Oh, in every respect, yeah, fully. And had
18 before you got that invitation.	18 been living as a trans female for probably 25 years, had
19 A No.	19 undergone surgery in the late 80s or 90s somewhere in
20 Q Do you know who or strike that.	20 the southwest. Might have been a transgender surgeon in
21 Do you know how ADF came to invite you to this	21 Colorado or Arizona that had done her surgeries. Yeah,
22 conference?	22 definitely.
23 A I don't know who they talked to. Again, since	23 Q Do you know who Mark Regnarus is?
24 I give the talk so frequently in various venues around	A I have heard his name and I think I have read
25 the country, somebody might have heard of it or maybe	25 some articles by him.
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1 seen a recording of it.	1 Q Do you know if Mark Regnarus was at that ADF
2 Q Okay. That's helpful. So just to get the	2 conference in Arizona?
3 timeline right, this is after you started giving the	3 A I don't know. I don't think I don't know.
4 presentation we discussed earlier?	4 It doesn't ring a bell.
5 A I suspect it was, because that's really kind of	5 Q But he could have been there?
6 when a larger public audience was asking for the talk.	6 A I don't know.
7 Q Okay.	7 Q You wouldn't disagree if somebody else said he
8 A Again, the first several times I gave it was in	8 was there; correct?
9 very small groups of priests and religious educators and	9 A I wouldn't have any basis for disagreeing.
10 things like that.	10 Q What about Dr. Levine?
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2 is kind of the conflicts in the greater society that	2 A Well, but to your question about whether
3 we're seeing, if you need anything, I'm here kind of	3 Q My question is yes or no. At that conference
4 thing, yeah.	4 was it discussed was one of the topics of discussion
5 I do not remember him he might have given	5 the difficulty in identifying expert witnesses who are
6 another presentation. Gosh, it was so long ago. He	6 willing to testify in this case?
7 might have given another presentation on the law. He	7 MS. LAND: Objection to form.
8 might have been the one who gave that presentation. It	8 Q (By Mr. Ossip) In these cases. Excuse me.
9 might have been another attorney that was there by the	9 A It was not a matter of formal presentation.
10 name of Gary McCaleb.	10 Again, it was just a private discussion between people
11 Q And if Gary McCaleb was there, do you know if	11 who were there.
12 he gave a presentation?	12 Q And were people at that meeting asked whether
13 A I think he did. I think he gave a	13 they would be willing to participate as expert
14 presentation, yeah.	14 witnesses?
15 Q Okay.	15 A I don't remember that question.
16 A I'm almost confident he did, because he brought	16 Q Okay. Can you turn to page 90 of the
17 to light the fact that he was a Navy veteran and I've	17 transcript in front of you?
18 got 24 years in the Navy. I think we had a conversation	18 A Certainly.
19 over lunch about that.	19 Q Do you see on line 19 where it starts, "I
20 Q At that meeting were you asked to serve as an	20 remember." "I remember a fairly long discussion about
21 expert witness in cases about transgender issues?	21 the poverty of people who are going to testify because
22 A No.	22 of the risk they take in testifying."
23 Q You were never asked?	23 Was that your testimony in the Kadel case?
24 A No one asked me.	24 A Right. And that speaks to what I was starting
25 Q Okay. Was the group was the entire	25 to relate to you in my answer. I think that was a
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2 about earlier.	2 Q And all additional communications is with
3 Q But no court hearings.	3 emails with Gary McCaleb?
4 A Correct.	4 A Yeah. That's it's been onesies, twosies
5 Q Correct?	5 over the last couple of years. I can't remember the
6 A Correct.	6 last time I got anything from him actually.
7 Q Okay. At that conference did you offer to be	7 Q Okay. But, well, outside of those two
8 an expert witness in cases involving transgender issues?	8 conferences have you had any contact with anyone
9 A I don't remember. Evidently my recollection of	9 associated with ADF other than Gary McCaleb?
10 that event is not as strong as I	10 A That's the only ones I can remember.
11 Q Do you know if anyone else offered to be an	11 Q And did ADF play any role in your becoming an
12 expert witness in transgender issues?	12 expert witness in any other case?
13 A I don't remember.	13 A No, I don't think so.
14 Q You don't remember whether Paul Hruz did?	14 Q What about before your testimony in the
15 A I remember a willingness on his part, but I	15 legislature in Alabama?
16 don't remember him saying that he would or anything like	16 A No.
17 that. Again, I don't remember the question being asked.	17 Q What about your conversations with any other
18 Q But he expressed a willingness?	18 state?
19 A We all expressed a willingness, yes.	19 A Not to my knowledge, no.
20 Q Including you?	20 Q Okay. Is the ADF a scientific organization?
21 A Oh, yes, absolutely, absolutely. It wasn't	21 MS. LAND: Objection to form.
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2 yeah, I remember reading this." But I have a very hard	2 A I'm not sure.
3 time linking names with particular documents.	3 Q What about Walt Heyer?
4 Q I see. But right off the top of your head, you	4 A I know Walter Heyer very well.
5 don't know?	5 Q Where do you know Walter Heyer from?
6 A I don't know.	6 A Where did I first meet Walter? I don't
7 Q And I think actually I want to go back to	7 remember where I first met him. It may have been at one
8 professor Mark Regnarus. Have you met professor	8 of those ADF conferences actually. But, yeah, wonderful
9 Regnarus?	9 person.
10 A I mean, if he was at that conference I probably	10 Q And what did Walt Heyer present on the ADF
11 met him, but I don't remember meeting him.	11 conference?
12 Q Got it. But well, let me put it another	12 A His lived experience. And I can't remember if
13 way. So putting aside the conference, never met him	13 it was the first one or the second conference that he
14 outside the conference?	14 was there.
15 A Not that I remember.	15 Q So it could have been different presenters
16 Q Okay. And are you familiar with professor	16 between the two conferences?
17 Regnarus' work?	17 A Oh, there were. Well, there was sort of a mix
18 A I remember reading some things that he's	18 and match. Like I intimated before, there was a plastic
19 written, but I couldn't tell you exactly what. But if	19 surgeon and I had never met another plastic surgeon that
20 you were to put it in front of me I would probably raise	20 spoke publically on the issue. He may have been at the
21 my eyebrows and go, "I remember reading this."	21 second meeting. There was Hasci Horvath that presented
22 Q And what about Dr. Hruz, are you familiar with	22 at one of them. There was Walt Heyer that presented at
23 his work?	23 one of them. I don't know which, first or second.
24 A I read a lot of the things he's written, yes, I	24 Q Have you interacted with Walt Heyer outside of
25 do.	25 the ADF conference?
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1 Q Okay. And before that ADF conference have	1 A Yes, I have.
2 you did you strike that.	2 Q How so?
3 Before the ADF conference had you ever read any	3 A Let's see. Walter was at one of the times we
4 of Dr. Hruz's work?	4 testified at the Alabama legislature, he was there for
5 A No.	
6 Q Okay. Are you familiar with someone named	5 one of those.
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1 well, let me put it another way. Are you aware of any	1 record.)
2 contact with anyone named Laura Perry outside of,	2 Q (By Mr. Ossip) The court reporter is handing
3 perhaps, the ADF conference?	3 you Exhibit 3. Take a look at that and see if you
4 A I don't remember. I don't remember any such	4 recognize that document.
5 contact.	5 A It appears to be my expert report
6 Q Okay. And just going back to Walt Heyer, so	6 Q All right.
7 you mentioned you might have seen him at ADF.	7 A in this Arkansas case.
8 A No. I definitely saw him at ADF.	8 Q All right. And do you stand by this report as
9 Q Oh, definitely saw him at ADF.	9 written?
10 A Yeah. I just couldn't remember whether it was	10 A Yeah, the several times I have read it I didn't
11 the first or second conference.	11 find any any discrepancies. I'm much more careful
12 Q Okay. That helps. And then at one of the two	12 about that because there was a discrepancy in my report
13 dual committee meetings. Any other interactions with	13 that I didn't catch and so I become a lot more
14 Walt Heyer?	14 guarded when lawyers ask that question.
15 A I may have seen well, it wouldn't surprise	15 Q Got it. I'm not trying to play gotcha.
16 me to remember that he was at some other presentation on	16 A No. It always calls to my own fallibility so I
17 the subject to some other group, possibly even one of	17 always go slowly here. Yeah, this looks like it.
18 the Catholic presentations I have done. He gets a lot	18 Q You mentioned there was a discrepancy with your
19 of requests because of his sex change regret website and	19 report. Which report are you referring to?
20 people are always visiting him with invitations. I know	20 A Kadel.
21 we have crossed paths multiple times. I can't remember	21 Q Oh, your report in the Kadel case?
22 the circumstances of all them.	22 A Yeah. They jumped on a discrepancy that was
23 Q You mentioned a website. Do you know what that	23 there that I didn't catch that I should have caught.
24 website addresses?	24 Q Understood. But you believe that discrepancy,
25 A Walter Heyer's?	25 if any, was corrected in this case?
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1 Q Correct?	1 A Oh, there was no such discrepancy in this case.
2 A Sexchangeregret.com I think it is, yes, .com.	2 Q Okay.
3 Q And have you visited that website?	3 A It had to do with the way they titled the thing
4 A Once or twice, mostly just to find contact 5 information to get sheld of Welt	4 that was not correct.
<ul><li>5 information to get ahold of Walt.</li><li>6 Q Got it. And so aside from meetings or</li></ul>	<ul> <li>5 Q I see. Can you elaborate on that, please?</li> <li>6 A Right. So whenever I present my credentials</li> </ul>
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1	topic, deacon Lappert, would you mind putting together a
	talk on transgender medicine and surgery, so that
	started a much more a much deeper dive into the
	literature.
5	Q And was that well, let me put it another
6	way. Would you consider that the origin of the
	presentation we discussed earlier?
	A The first iteration of this presentation was a
	presentation to a clergy retreat day about seven months
1	after that courage conference.
	Q And who organized that clergy retreat day?
	A The diocese in Birmingham, Alabama.
	Q And is that the diocese for which you are a
	deacon?
	A That's correct.
	Q And what is Courage?
	A Courage is a Catholic apostolate that serves
	persons who experience same sex attraction who are
	seeking to live a chaste life.
	Q And are you affiliated with Courage in any way?
	A I'm a chaplain for Courage and I am on the
	board of directors.
	Q Okay. And what do you do as a chaplain for
	Courage?
	A Lately not much because COVID really took the
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1	wind out of the sails. But generally what a chaplain
1	does is we run meetings. The meetings are generally
1	arranged like AA meetings, similar kind of a setup, but
1	it's informed by Catholic prayer life and Catholic
1	theology. We meet anonymously like AA. I sort of
1	referee the meeting, I guide it in prayer, we kind of
1	establish friendship, a community, and bear one
1	another's burdens in the struggle for chastity.
9	Q And what do you know by chastity in this
10	context?
11	A The chastity is living an authentic life and
12	loving other people the way Jesus Christ would love
	them.
14	Q And with respect to persons with same sex
	attraction, what does that mean?
16	A It means the same thing as it means for
17	
1	doesn't matter if you're same-sex attracted,
18	
	heterosexual, it doesn't make any difference. Chastity
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2 rather than the use of others. And to live an integral	2 correct?"
3 life means to understand the role that sexual expression	3 And then you answered, "Well, it would, yeah,
4 has in that life.	4 that's right by definition, just as having sex outside
5 Q Well, let me put a so just but any	5 of marriage would not be chaste. Just as having, you
6 same-sex sexual encounter would be the use of another in	6 know, marital sexual relations with a sibling. Right?
7 that context; correct?	7 These are all kinds of forms of abuse."
8 A Well, but it's not peculiar to same-sex	8 A Oh, I'm sorry. So the last example was a form
9 attracted persons.	9 of abuse. But all of the examples were a form of
10 Q Well, when is sex not the use of another?	10 non-chastity.
11 A When it's	11 Q Okay.
12 MS. LAND: Objection to form.	12 A I guess that's the correct way to put it.
13 A Well, that's going to be a difficult one.	13 Thank you.
14 That's going to be a difficult one because it's kind of	14 Q Okay. And when did you become a chaplain for
15 an individual thing	15 Courage.
16 Q (By Mr. Ossip) I see.	16 A In let's see. Sometime in 2014 I believe.
17 A that may be fleeting. I think the point of	17 I think it was in 2014.
18 the the point of me defining chastity that way is to	18 Q Was that before or after that conference?
19 recognize that what the love we're called to when I	19 A Which conference?
20 said that we're called to love as Jesus loved, it's to	20 Q Oh, sorry. Was that before or after the
21 love sacrificially, self-sacrificing the love and to	21 conference at Villa Nova?
22 help people to develop that capacity.	22 A No. I had become a chaplain before the I
23 What chaste love is something we learn in	23 mean, I'm sorry. Wait a minute. That's tough. So I
24 preadolescence and adolescence and it's something we	24 was ordained in 2013. The Villa Nova conference I think
25 carry with us through our whole life assuming that it	25 was in the summer of 2014, and I think I had already
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2 that is a life-giving event. So because of the fact
3 that same-sex sexual relations are not life giving
4 that's my understanding of it anyway.
5 Q (By Mr. Ossip) And those teachings couldn't
6 change?
7 A I don't think so. I'm not a canon lawyer, but
8 that's my understanding of it. So if you're asking me a
9 hypothetical, that would be my hypothetical answer.
10 Q Well, and let me ask another hypothetical then.
11 If there is essential teachings excuse me were
12 changed such that a same-sex marriage is permitted
13 within the eyes of the church, would then that
14 relationship be chaste?
15 A Right. I mean, if there was some way, but what
16 you're proposing is also an impossibility, because that
17 particular teaching is based on immutable things, the
18 nature of the human person as the church understands it.
19 MR. OSSIP: Can I get four?
20 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 4 was marked for
21 identification and made a part of the
22 record.)
23 Q All right. Court reporter has handed you
24 what's been marked Exhibit 4. Do you recognize this
25 document?
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1 A It looks like my rebuttal to the expert.
2 Q All right. And do you stand by that as 3 written?
4 A I do.
5 Q Okay. Any inaccuracies you would like to
6 correct?
7 A Not that I have found.
8 Q And have you changed your opinions since you
9 signed these reports?
10 A Not substantively, no.
11 Q What about non-substantively?
12 A Well, I mean, some of the things have changed,
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2 A No.	2 statement of absolute certainty in some instances there
3 Q All right. You also submitted a declaration	3 as to, you know, like probability of complications or
4 opposing the Plaintiff's motion for a preliminary	4 likelihood of favorable or unfavorable outcomes. That's
5 injunction in this case; correct?	5 kind of generally what you're talking about when you
6 A I don't know what that means.	6 talk about scientific medical evidence, is that it's
7 Q Okay. Well, let me help you out.	7 contingent upon the quality of your data, contingent
8 A Okay.	8 upon the quality of your interpretation of the data,
9 Q Probably should have started with the document.	9 contingent upon some things that are not necessarily
10 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 5 was marked for	10 within my control. So reasonable degree of medical
11 identification and made a part of the	11 certainty.
12 record.)	12 Q Okay. Well, is everything you say in your
13 Q All right. So take a look at that, what's been	13 reports to a reasonable degree of medical certainty?
14 marked	14 MS. LAND: Objection to form.
15 A I'm trying to see how that	15 A I think so, yeah.
16 Q Exhibit 5.	16 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Okay. And in your declaration
17 A Okay. So this is what so I have actually	17 also?
18 written three different things. Okay. Whew.	18 A I think so. I try to be reasonable.
19 Q But you do recognize that document now?	19 Q But, well, so when you define that, you put
20 A Yeah. I mean, all the content of it looks like	20 that in terms of uncertainty; correct?
21 my words, absolutely. So obviously I had something	21 A Right. I I point to the fact that depending
22 this was the first and then this is the second and this	22 on the evidence the source of the data, depending on
23 is the rebuttal. Okay.	23 the quality of the scientific data you are getting it
24 Q And you stand by that document as well;	24 will affect the level of certainty. So we find that is
25 correct?	25 certainly the case with offering surgery to to
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2 A I retired a year ago.	2 Q Okay. Do you consider yourself an expert in
3 Q Okay. And is that the last time you performed	3 medical ethics?
4 surgery?	4 A I would consider myself very experienced in
5 A Right.	5 medical ethics.
6 Q One year ago from today?	6 Q Do you hold yourself out as an expert in
7 A More or less, yeah.	7 medical ethics?
8 Q Okay. And I'm just going to ask you a few	8 A I do not.
9 procedures and ask if you ever performed them. Okay,	9 Q What about bioethics?
10 Doctor?	10 A I do not.
11 A Okay.	11 MR. OSSIP: Okay. Should we take a break
12 Q Have you ever performed a mastectomy?	12 here?
13 A Many times.	13 VIDEO OPERATOR: All right. This will
14 Q Breast reduction?	14 end media part 2. We're off the record at 11:36 a.m.
15 A Many times.	15 (A break was had.)
16 Q Gynecomastectomy?	16 VIDEO OPERATOR: We are back on the
17 A Many times.	17 record at 11:52 a.m. This will begin media part 3.
18 Q Chest masculinization?	18 Please proceed.
19 A Never.	19 Q (By Mr. Ossip) All right. Welcome back again,
20 Q Breast augmentation?	20 Doctor.
21 A Many times.	21 A Thank you.
22 Q Chest feminization?	22 Q Doctor, how do you define the term transgender?
23 A Never.	A So transgender is a condition, human condition
24 Q And for all the ones that you said you	24 where there is dissonance between biological sex, the
25 performed many times, do you believe you are qualified	25 objective biological sex and the subjective perception
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2 settled?	2 being transgender is a delusion.
3 A Well, they don't think about if they are male	3 MS. LAND: Object to form.
4 or female any longer. They have made a determination	4 A So the historic understanding of transgender is
5 for themselves that they are now, it doesn't mean	5 being a subset of obsessive compulsive disorder. And up
6 it's not going to change. It just means that they are	6 until as we talked about earlier, up until recently
7 not confused about it. There is clarity somehow in	7 it was it was out of that category of body dysmorphic
8 their lives that they have hit on something.	8 disorder. What what historically the understanding
9 Q So, well, let me so is it your opinion that	9 of that is that what underlies the obsessive as with
10 all children who experience gender dysphoria are gender	10 other obsessive compulsive conditions there is a
11 confused?	11 delusional that that keeps intruding into the life of a
12 A Hum, that's a challenging question there. Part	12 person that causes them to interpret things incorrectly
13 of the problem in children and I have talked to, you	13 and seeks explanation.
14 know, quite a few children about it. They are sort of	14 So so for example, the anorexic
15 typically in a stage of formulating their story,	15 Q Well, let's stay with transgender individuals.
16 formulating their words and so that can be very so	16 A Sure.
17 typically they are confused, but some of them are more	17 Q So is it your opinion that being transgender is
18 clear, perhaps, than others. It's not a black or white	18 a delusion?
19 thing.	19 A Well, it goes by degrees. It goes by degrees.
20 Generally in adolescence there is some level of	20 So sometimes the content of the delusion is trivial and
21 confusion whether they are transgender or not. They are	21 other times it's suppressive. But there is a there
22 confused about themselves, confused about where they are	22 is an incorrect thought that underlies the whole thing
23 headed in life, and certainly sexual matters confusion	23 having to do with how they perceive their body.
24 is a common thing, less common as adults.	24 Q And what is the incorrect thought?
25 Q And so it's your opinion that there is sort of	25 A That they are, quote/unquote, living in the
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1 a spectrum where confusion tends to be reduced as a	1 wrong body. When people use those terms, that they are
2 person ages; is that correct?	2 living in the wrong body, that's a delusional thought.
3 A Generally, yeah. It's not a certainty, but	3 Q And that's in all cases?
4 generally there is less confusion as time goes on.	4 A As far as I can tell, yeah.
5 Q So it is not your well, let me put it this	
	5 Q So it is your opinion that anyone who
6 way. You'd agree it's not the case that anyone who	6 identifies as transgender is delusional?
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2 Q And but isn't the case let me put that	2 uplifting thing for a child, but eventually that will
3 another way. That's because you believe it's impossible	3 run out and they will move on to the next thing. So
4 to have a gender that differs from your biological sex;	4 happiness is present and then happiness is gone and then
5 correct?	5 happiness comes back at the next step.
6 A No, it's not impossible. As we talked about	6 So in the case of a child being offered a
7 earlier, it happens all the time. What I'm saying is	7 puberty blockade or something may be a source of
8 that what informs that is a misunderstanding of	8 tremendous happiness for them. Parents may be relieved
9 themselves and their life.	9 and very happy that their child is responding in a
10 Q But you would agree that a gender transition is	10 positive way, but then you get to the limit of what
11 impossible?	11 puberty blockade does for the child and happiness is
12 A A sex transition is impossible. Gender is a	12 gone again, and you move on to the next step.
13 subjective world, and depending on, you know, the	13 So at every step the goal is happiness, but
14 person, the success of a subjective perception can vary	14 looking at final trajectory, that is what we're debating
15 greatly. I mean, some people are totally they	15 here, yeah.
16 transition and they are totally sold. Other people	16 Q So looking no. That's a good point. So
17 transition and it hasn't answered the mail and they	17 looking at the final trajectory, though, it's your
18 continue to suffer.	18 opinion that happiness will only be achieved in the
19 Q So can we this is Exhibit 5, which is your	19 final trajectory if a person stops identifying as
20 Declaration.	20 transgender?
21 A That's what I have in front of me.	21 MS. LAND: Objection to form.
22 Q Can you go to paragraph 42?	22 A No. So for example that's not necessarily
23 A Okay.	23 the case. It's not necessarily the case. So for
24 Q So if you look at the sentence that starts at	24 example, the woman that I met from Thailand, perfectly
25 the very bottom of page 20 where it says, "Claims that	25 happy, she hadn't desisted, she hadn't regretted
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1 patients can"	1 maybe she had regretted. She didn't voice it to me, but
2 A Right.	2 certainly had issue with doing these things to children.
3 Q So you say, "Claims that patients can be a	3 So she had I mean, she's a living example of somebody
4 hormonal and surgical treatments obtain a sex chain or	4 who doesn't regret, who is perfectly happy having a
5 gender transition process are misleading and	5 transition. I don't know the circumstances of her
6 scientifically impossible." Do you agree with that?	6 childhood, I don't know any of these things. I can just
7 A Yes, right, exactly. So when I put the words	
8 "gender transition" in quotations, the concept itself is	7 hold her up as an example of a success.
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2 and find the source of that despair and do everything in	2 hormones?
3 my power to lovingly bring them back into contact with,	3 A Right.
4 you know, the fullness of life.	4 Q What about the use of puberty blockers?
5 So in every example, regardless of, you know,	5 A Same.
6 the particular case, if you take the time you'll	6 Q And can you explain, how is that a mutilation?
7 probably find a wound and you'll find the source of the	7 A Well, so it happens by degrees but the effects
8 anxiety and the sorrow. That's where the happiness	8 of puberty blockade radically alter the life course of
9 lies. And that's kind of what's at stake here.	9 the child, which will is demonstrated to show
10 So to just say no longer thinking of themselves	10 longstanding issues with osteoporosis, stunted growth,
11 as transgender does not solve that problem. What solves	11 failure of psychosexual development, long-term medical
12 that problem is, you know, out of an abundance of	12 issues, and a near certainty of transitioning to
13 charity helping that person to find their way to	13 cross-sex hormones.
14 understand how they were wounded, how they came to be	14 So whenever you talk about puberty blockade
15 this way and find a way out of the sorrow, not just	15 you've got to talk about cross-sex hormones, because the
16 simply renounce transgender. That's not neither the	16 actual clinical experience is that essentially 100
17 solution nor the explanation. What's at what's at	17 percent of children who are started on a puberty
18 stake here is a person who is wounded and grieving.	18 blockade go into cross-sex hormones, which means
19 So	19 sterilization of the child, which is a form of
20 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Okay. And do you believe it's	20 mutilation, a destruction of a human capacity, a human
21 morally wrong for a biological male to socially	21 function destroyed. Whether or not you do it with a
22 transition and live as a woman?	22 blade it's the same, same story.
23 A Morally wrong?	23 Q Is use of the term mutilation to describe the
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1 A I doubt it.	1 in your view?
2 Q Okay.	2 A I consider it unethical. But, again,
3 A I doubt it, for the reason we talked about	3 culpability is the question here. What did you know and
4 earlier, the poverty of surgeons willing to speak out	4 when did you know it. Yeah, and it's a it's a new
5 against this.	5 territory in the American world. It's old territory in
6 Q And that's because okay. Well, strike that.	6 Europe. But in the American experience of transgender
7 A I know why.	7 and surgery this is a new territory because they haven't
8 Q Do you think that any doctor that provides	8 been doing it long enough.
9 gender-affirming medical care is acting unethically?	9 Q Okay. And what about referrals for
10 A I wouldn't make that	10 gender-affirming medical care? Is a doctor that refers
11 MS. LAND: Objection, asked and answered	11 a patient for gender-affirming medical care also acting
12 and form.	12 unethically?
13 Q (By Mr. Ossip) You can answer.	13 A Again, if they knew the likelihood of a good
14 A I wouldn't make that blanket statement, no.	14 outcome versus the likelihood of an injury to the
15 No, because I have been responsible for the training of	15 patient, then, yeah, they should know it's unethical.
16 surgical residents, medical residents, pediatrician	16 Q Dr. Lappert, what is gender dysphoria?
17 residents and things like that, and they are very	17 A Gender dysphoria is unhappiness experienced by
18 heavily influenced by their learning environment and if	18 a person who feels that their gender is discordant with
19 they experience is that this is normal, it's such a	19 their biological sex. So it's a description of a
20 bewildering new world to them that they may step out	20 subjective unhappiness over an underlying condition of
21 into practice before they realize they are doing	21 discordance between their gender, their subjectively
22 something. They might ask questions in the terms of	22 perceived gender, and their objectively determined sex.
23 ethics.	23 Q And do you believe that gender dysphoria is a
24 So what we would call culpability is a pretty	24 legitimate diagnosis?
25 variable thing. But to see a senior surgeon, who should	25 A I think it's not I don't I don't view
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1 know better, yeah, I'm going to have a problem with	1 it as much as a diagnosis of a description of a
2 that.	2 condition. It doesn't yeah, I wouldn't put it in the
3 Q And when should a senior surgeon know better?	3 category of diagnostic certainty. Let's put it that
4 A Yeah, pretty early on. Pretty early on.	4 way.
5 Q Well, can you explain that a little bit more?	5 Q So you would disagree with the DSM V's
6 What what would a surgeon encounter that would lead	6 inclusion of gender dysphoria?
7 that surgeon to know better?	7 A Not its inclusion, but its splitting it away.
8 A Well, in the case of surgeons offering	8 Essentially, they took one of the characteristics of
9 transgender surgery, what I would hope is that a	9 body or gender identity disorder, they carved that
10 familiarization with the world literature on that	10 one that one finding away and made it a separate
<ul><li>11 subject would show them that gender-affirmation surgery</li><li>12 does not solve the suicide problem, does not solve the</li></ul>	<ul><li>11 diagnosis in an effort to depathologize what the</li><li>12 original diagnosis was. Gender identity disorder I</li></ul>
12 does not solve the suicide problem, does not solve the 13 hospitalization problem, does not solve the substance	12 original diagnosis was. Gender identity disorder 1 13 would consider a diagnosis.
14 abuse problem, does not solve the substance	14 Q I see.
15 And armed with that information he might stop and ask	14 Q I see. 15 A Gender dysphoria is a trait of gender dysphoric
16 himself, Am I doing something that's for the good of the	16 people.
17 patient or not, or am I just here living a good life,	17 Q And can what is necessary to move from
18 doing lots of surgeries?	18 gender dysphoria into the realm of gender identity
19 Yeah. So familiarization with the world	19 disorder?
20 literature would talk him out of it. Even in his own	20 A Well, gender dysphoria is one of the one of
21 experience, recognizing his own patients coming back, am	21 the symptoms. Gender dysphoria is a symptom more than a
22 I doing them good? A junior surgeon might not see that	22 diagnosis. I guess that would be the best way to
23 because he didn't have enough experience.	
	23 characterize it. That's my opinion.
24 Q So any senior surgeon who performs	<ul><li>23 characterize it. That's my opinion.</li><li>24 Q Okay.</li></ul>

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1 speaking as a plastic surgeon with	-	1 A	A Again, I'm not well, since it's a symptom I
2 who have body dysmorphic disorde			ss every time I talk to somebody who is gender
3 dysphoria is a symptom of the bigg			phoric and I help them manage their anxiety, I guess
4 body dysmorphic disorder.			treat people with you know, the man who comes to
5 Q And is that because you belie			me for facial laser hair removal, he and I
6 identity disorder is a subcategory o	-		miserate just about as often as he comes in and we
7 disorder?			about things and I get to kind of a gauge of his
8 A I do.			iety and how happy he is in his transition process.
9 Q And do you believe that gend			2 And, um
10 disorder is a form of obsessive com	-		So technically I suppose that's treatment as a
11 A I do.	-		sician.
12 Q And what about gender dysp			And this individual that sees you for the laser
<ul><li>12 Q And what about gender dysp</li><li>13 A It's a symptom.</li></ul>			
			removal, do they identify as a man or a woman?
14 Q Okay. A symptom of an und			Oh, very much a woman.
15 that is, itself, a form of obsessive $c_{1}$			And you're using man for what reason?
16 disorder?			A Because
17 A Right. And by degrees. Oka			MS. LAND: Object to the form.
18 not an on/off switch. Levels of obs			Because we're in a private conversation about
19 compulsion, levels of willingness to			hething. I would never do that to his face. But I'm
20 greatly. For some people it's just a	-		ng this as an example of a man who is
21 that they harbor in their thoughts.			sitioning virtually fully transitioned already.
22 privately cross dress and that solve			en I speak with him it's female because that's the
23 and they don't even identify as tran	-		he's living.
24 But they have this interior wo			But when I speak to others about him as an
25 obsessive thought that keeps preser	nting itself and they 25	5 exa	mple, I have to speak about the reality. Because if
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1 manage it in private with a behavio			reality of male didn't exist, the reality of
2 compulsive behavior, maybe as sin	-	2 tran	sgender wouldn't exist, so we have to establish
3 dressing. Maybe that's not enough	•	3 that	
4 present themselves publically in the	-		Q Okay. And how many how many patients
5 convince themselves that's a source	-		sitioning from male to female do you perform laser
6 And so it's a great spectrum of pres	-		r removal on?
7 mind again, I'm not testifying as			A Oh, it's a minority of patients. One to two
8 But in my experience as a plastic s	urgeon, uh yeah.		e and there. I run a very small office now.
9 Q And have you received any e	education or training	9 (	Well, you mentioned one individual. More than
10 related to gender dysphoria?	10	0 five	2?
11 A No. Well, I'm sorry. I did at	4		
12 the California Society Of Plastic Su	ttend a course at	1 A	A No. Less than five.
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1 a dozen I guess. I mean, I've had that laser since	1 Q And how would I'm sorry, Doctor. I didn't
2 2005.	2 mean to interrupt.
3 Q Okay. Have you ever conducted any research	3 A Oh, that's probably it.
4 related to gender dysphoria?	4 Q And I well, how would you help?
5 A No.	5 A I guess just having a conversation, an adult
6 Q Treatment of gender dysphoria?	6 conversation with somebody who is struggling in life.
7 A No.	7 Like I said, it's like the pastoral side of me as the
8 Q What about research regarding transgender	8 deacon. I don't have recourse to theological language
9 people more generally?	9 in that circumstance because I'm there as a doctor. But
10 A No. I'm not an academic.	10 it's my inclination to just want to help people out.
11 Q So you mentioned that you've you talked	11 Q To provide them advice?
12 about a few transgender patients for whom you have	12 A Or maybe a discussion so they can have their
13 provided treatment. Starting with the feminizing	13 own insight into their own life.
14 rhinoplasty, how old is that patient?	14 Q Have you read the SAFE Act?
15 A I'm going to say mid late 20s probably.	15 A That's the Arkansas I have. It's been
16 Maybe early 30s at the at the oldest.	16 it's been some months since I last read it.
17 Q Okay. And for the laser hair removal, none of	17 Q Okay. Yeah, let's go to that.
18 those were minors; correct?	18 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 6 was marked for
19 A No.	19 identification and made a part of the
20 Q Okay.	20 record.)
21 A I do laser hair removal on minors, but not	21 Q So the court reporter is handing you what's
22 self-identified transgender minors.	22 been marked as Exhibit 6. Do you recognize that
23 Q And why not?	23 document?
24 A I just haven't had any.	24 A Yes, I do.
25 Q Would you perform it? Would you perform laser	25 Q And is that the SAFE Act?
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1 hair removal on a self-identified transgender minor if	1 A Appears to be.
2 they presented to you?	2 Q All right. Bear with me one second. So if you
3 A It would be a very unlikely event. Because the	3 look at the bottom. I don't think it's on the first
4 use of puberty blockade, generally you are only having	4 page, but you can see some page numbers?
5 to do laser hair removal on people who have gone through	5 A Okay.
6 puberty who are seeking to present as females.	6 Q And we want to go to page 6.
7 Q Was it your understanding that all transgender	7 A Okay.
8 minors use puberty blockers?	8 Q And then there is line numbers on the left
9 A No, they don't.	9 side. There's a lot of numbers on this. But if you see
10 Q And so let's say one presented to you who was	10 the line No. 10, and then if you look to the right of
11 not using puberty blockers. Would you perform laser	11 that you see 6(A) in parentheses. Do you see that?
12 hair removal on that minor?	12 A I see.
13 A So for a boy who is under 18 who maybe was	13 Q And then it says "Gender transition
14 started on cross-sex hormones, the odds are they are not	14 procedures." Do you see that?
15 going to have facial hair. That's just really unlikely	15 A I see that.
16 and I haven't seen any.	16 Q And that defines gender transition procedures
17 Would I do laser hair removal on a boy? I	17 under the SAFE Act; correct?
18 would consider it if it would afford me an opportunity	18 A Appears, yes.
19 to develop a doctor-patient relationship with them and	19 Q And do you understand this to refer to medical
20 see if I could help them in some other way.	20 interventions to align a person's body with a gender
	21 that does not match their natal sex?
21 Q And what do you mean by "some other way"?	
22 A Again, if the person looks distressed, I have	A If you can give me a moment to reread it
<ul><li>A Again, if the person looks distressed, I have</li><li>the inclination to help people who are distressed. So</li></ul>	23 because it's been some months since I read it.
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2 to medical interventions to align a person's body with a	2 ecology is the ecology of the body. And he likens that
3 gender that does not match their natal sex?	3 tyranny to the tyranny of, you know, the industrial
4 A Yes, that appears to be.	4 destruction of the environment. I think that's probably
5 Q All right. And it's the same, when you use the	5 where that came from. I might have paraphrased Pope
6 phrase gender-affirming medical care, that's the same	6 Francis in that. I don't think I ever coined that term
7 thing; correct?	7 myself.
8 MS. LAND: Object to form.	8 I generally don't speak of this as tyranny. I
9 A This is the larger included term would be	9 speak of it more as medical malpractice.
10 services. But so surgical versus medical? Is that your	10 Q Have you spoken of it as tyranny before,
11 question.	11 though?
12 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Well, earlier we spoke about	12 A It might have been at a Catholic conference
13 gender-affirming medical care	13 quoting Pope Francis.
14 A Okay.	14 Q And how many times do you think you have
15 Q to mean surgical or otherwise.	15 referred to it as tyranny?
16 A Okay. Fine.	16 A It must be very few because, like I said, I
17 Q And you'd agree that's the same thing what's	17 don't do that.
18 called gender transition procedures under the SAFE Act?	18 Q And I think before and how many times have
19 A I would agree.	19 you referred to gender transition procedures provided to
20 Q Have you ever provided gender transition	20 minors as child abuse?
21 procedures to patients?	21 A I can't tell you how many times.
22 A Well, as we talked about earlier in the adults	22 Q But you have done some.
23 getting laser hair removal that would be under the	A Never addressed to the parents that way. So I
24 category of gender transition procedure, quote/unquote,	24 would never do it at a conference where parents are
25 top, an adult, yeah.	25 present. So, for example, I gave a presentation in I
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2 is that it doesn't solve the problem of suicide.	2 They are well ahead of us. So if they are seeing the
3 Q And what's your source for that belief?	3 long-term results, that's the other reason.
4 A The best source for that is the 2011 article by	4 Q So okay. Let's take that let's take a step
5 Dhejne out of Sweden that is a longitudinal 30-year	5 back there. You mentioned studies in Finland; correct?
6 study of transgender persons and outcomes and has a	6 A Right.
7 cohort that is a valid and valuable cohort of patients	7 Q Which studies are those?
8 so that you can compare and see the merits of the	8 A Gosh. I have to look that up here. You have
9 particular intervention. And it shows us that fully	9 to give me a minute here. Let's see. It would probably
10 transitioned persons in adulthood, when you get beyond	10 be in this one.
11 about seventh or the eight year, have a 17-fold higher	11 Q Well, let me put it another way, Doctor. Would
12 likelihood of suicide than age-sex matched controls,	12 those studies be cited in your report?
13 whether the sex matching is trans sex or biological sex,	13 A Right. I cite them in the Declaration that's
14 the result is the same.	14 Exhibit 5 under paragraph 13 that makes reference to the
15 And that persons transitioning to male,	15 NICE study in England that affected the policy at the
16 presenting as male have a 40-fold higher likelihood of	16 Tavistock Portman Institute, the study in Sweden. There
17 successful suicide compared with age-sex matched	17 is a similar study that I have to hunt around with to
18 controls. And it's a very difficult study to refute.	18 give you the reference. I can send it along to you if
19 Even if sometimes the authors will come back and restate	19 you like. The Cochrane Review, British Royal College of
20 their conclusions, the data they can't take the data	20 Psychiatrists. That's all listed there. And let's see
21 back. The data clearly shows that.	21 if I annotated that for you.
22 Q And this is just for the court reporter. This	22 Q That's okay. I think the thing I want to
23 article written by Cecilia Dhejne, and that's	23 figure out is nothing other than what's cited in your
24 D-h-e-j-n-e. Correct?	24 report, though; correct?
25 A Is that the right pronunciation?	25 A No, I don't have any other outside sources that
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	hormones, but when they arrive at adulthood they are	2	certainly with my knowledge as a physician, but in my
3	incapable of orgasm, they are incapable of the effects	3	pastoral capacity.
4	of that on sexual intimacy.	4	Q And did you speak with the parents, the
5	It's also known that higher executive	5	children, or both?
6	functioning is interfered, the development of higher	6	A Both.
7	executive functioning is interfered with. And, again, I	7	Q Okay. Separately or together?
8	would have to, again, cast around for that citation, but	8	A Both.
9	I can send it along to you if you like.	9	Q Both? What did you tell the parents?
10	Q But nothing other than those consultations with	10	A It's mostly a conversation about understanding
11	endocrinologists; correct?	11	and mostly helping them manage their guilt that they
12	A Well, and the public testimony of Marci Bowers.	12	might have about the suffering of their child, helping
13	Q Okay.	13	to recognize that children suffer from things that
14	A Yeah, who as she tells you, has tremendous	14	oftentimes have no explanation, try reassurance to the
15	breadth of experience of transgender persons in	15	parent that, you know, that there is hope for happiness
16	transition, surgically transitioning them. In fact, I	16	for their child, health and happiness for their child.
17	think she's the one involved with the care of Jazz	17	That's mostly the conversation. Like I said, it's
18	Jennings.	18	mostly a pastoral thing.
19	Q Have you ever diagnosed someone of a gender	19	Q And did you recommend any course of action with
20	dysphoria?	20	respect to the treatment of their child?
21	A Are you talking about, like, making a formal	21	A Most of the time I talk to parents what I
22	diagnosis and sending an insurance document? No.	22	the thing I most recommend is to not be judgmental, do
23	Q I'm just asking if you have ever diagnosed	23	not be angry, maintain a loving relationship, give them
24	someone with gender dysphoria?	24	confidence that they can bring their sorrows to you,
25	A Yeah, probably. I mean, you know, it doesn't	25	because if they can't bring them to you they are going
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1	enter into the medical record because it's not my area	1	to suffer even more. That's mostly what I recommend.
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2 A I don't understand your question.	2 by outside agencies then those outside agencies need to
3 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Well, you said that with regard	3 step in. So, yeah.
4 to decisions about a child's medical care, the parent	4 So for example, if a if a family brings
5 should make those decisions; correct?	5 their child to the pediatric endocrinologist and they
6 A Yes.	6 have determined that the best course for their child is
7 Q What about decisions about other aspects of a	7 to have some hormonal support so they can be stronger
8 child's life?	8 and be more competitive in sports because they have a
9 A Could you give me an example? Maybe that would	9 lot of emotional attachment to success in sports, if the
10 help me.	10 doctor said, Yeah, that's the best course of events and
11 Q Are you familiar with a bill that's entitled	11 the doctor didn't attempt to talk the parents out of it,
12 Parental Rights In Education that was passed in Florida	12 then the parents would not culpable for that. The
13 earlier this year?	13 doctor would be culpable.
14 A Yeah.	14 Because to give steroids to a high school
15 Q Okay. Some people have called this the Don't	15 athlete is evil and there are laws against that. And so
16 Say Gay bill; correct?	16 the government at that point steps in and maybe has
17 A Some people call it that, yeah.	17 questions about the licensing of that endocrinologist if
18 Q Yeah. Did you lobby in support of that	18 they were actually misleading parents and selling them
19 legislation?	19 anabolic steroids. The difference here is just which
20 MS. LAND: Objection; form.	20 particular hormone you are using and when you're talking
21 A I think I sent a letter or I did a public	21 about transgender, but it's the same problem.
22 somebody interviewed me. I can't remember. Maybe it	22 Parents have primacy, but parents can be
23 was a video. Oh, no, that was an interview that was	23 misinformed by either misinformed doctors or doctors who
24 video recorded about the legislation. Yeah, that's what	24 are intentionally misleading. The default is that the
25 it was. So it was let me see if I can remember	25 doctor is misinformed as well.
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2 Q And why is laser hair removal ethical in the	2 It's a very ethnic thing, it's very a racial thing.
3 case of use as a gender transition procedure?	3 Q Okay. I think I understand. So just help me
4 A Well, because it's in the category of things	4 out for a second. So when you say the range of normal
5 that are sort of trivial but helpful. You know, I mean,	5 you mean if you are performing a procedure on, let's
6 I do laser hair removal for a variety of reasons.	6 say, a biological male, right, you think it's ethical so
7 So, for example, girls with polycystic ovary	7 long as it's within that Gaussian curve for a biological
8 disease, they will have a condition of hirsutism by	8 male; correct?
9 varying degrees. Obviously that's not unethical.	9 A Let me see if I understand how you phrase that.
10 But to your question, in the case of a person	10 So so really the question is to transition to do
11 who is who is transitioning, it's a minor thing. Men	11 transition procedures on defining characteristics. So,
12 without beards is a common thing even without lasers.	12 for example, genitalia is a very narrow thing, presence
13 It's not a defining characteristic.	13 or absence pretty much.
14 Q So if you're talking about laser hair removal	14 There are the very small tails, which are
15 from a biological male who is transitioning to live as a	15 disorders of sexual differentiation or disorders of
16 female, the reason why it's ethical is because there are	16 sexual development, which is a very freited area of
17 biological males who do not have beards?	17 conversation. So in the case of those features, there's
18 A Right.	18 virtually no overlap, genitalia.
19 Q Okay.	19 In the case of breasts for example, breasts
20 A Yeah. It's it's not a defining feature of	20 there are some overlap, but there are defining
21 masculinity or femininity for example.	21 pathologies that cause the overlap. Okay? So for
22 Q Can women with polycystic ovary disease bear	22 example, in the case of breast reduction, size of
22 Q Can women with polycystic ovary disease bear 23 children?	23 breasts as a reason for surgery, gynecomastia versus
24 A Sometimes. It depends on how well it's managed	24 macromastia, there is really no overlap there, although
25 and the severity of the condition. But, yeah, the	
	25 they have the same characteristic, too much breast
Page 159 1 masculizing hormones can have an effect on fertility.	Page 161
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2 then; correct?		2	transition surgery.
3 MS. L	AND: Object to the form.	3	Q But you would defer to the Fins on that;
4 A No. The	particular case of me doing laser hair	4	correct?
5 removal on a tr	ansgender female is what I'm addressing	5	A At this point that's all I could offer, yeah.
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7 Q (By Mr.	Ossip) Okay.	7	their approach?
8 A It's a y		8	A I agree with the direction in which they are
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-	doesn't take a position on it.		for her hormonal and surgical transitioning and won her
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1 can lead to a clinical trial.	1 study?
2 But in order to make it to clinical trial it	2 Q Yes.
3 has to be a circumstance where there isn't a high	3 A Right. Whether the risk of harm is small,
4 likelihood of harm, because if you are going to	4 where the risk of harm is small and the likelihood of
5 randomize people into a clinical trial, both arms have	5 benefit is significant.
6 to be demonstrated safe or hold out a promise of	6 Q So you'd agree that should be permitted?
7 efficacy.	7 A Oh, absolutely. It's permitted all the time.
8 And so if you can't demonstrate that then you	8 Q So just to go back a second. Do you think that
9 probably will not get through the institutional review	9 clinical trials should never be done in the case of
10 board that will allow you to experiment on a child.	10 gender-affirming medical care for minors because the
11 So so in cases where the potential harm is	11 care is always harmful?
12 small and the potential benefit is great, then certainly	12 MS. LAND: Objection; form.
13 it can come to that. But from where I sit I don't see	13 A Well, let me take them in order. So known
14 that as a likely circumstance, just because the	14 harms of puberty blockade, yeah, that would be a
15 permanence. The permanent effects of sterilization and	15 disqualifier. Known harms of cross-sex hormones in high
16 irreversible genital surgery and irreversible	16 dosages, that would be a known harm. Irreversible
17 mastectomy, that's a very grave matter and you can't	17 mastectomy, known harm. Genital surgery well,
18 take it back.	18 children don't yet get genital surgery under standard of
19 It's a different matter if you're testing the	19 care. They would. All known harms, grave matter. So
20 efficacy of asthma medication and you've got some	20 knowing that I wouldn't subject any of those treatments
21 experience with one or the other. Yeah, clinical trial.	21 to clinical trial.
22 Q What about laser hair removal? We talked about	22 Q (By Mr. Ossip) So, I mean, I think earlier your
23 that before; right?	23 said the question was whether or not the benefits
24 A Right.	24 outweigh the harms; correct?
25 Q Clinical trial?	25 A Right.
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1 A Does that require clinical trial?	1 Q So it's not just a question of the harm; right?
2 Q Well, do you think that doctors should be able	2 It's also a question of the benefit?
3 to provide minors with laser hair removal as part of	3 A Absolutely.
4 gender transition procedures in the context of clinical	4 Q And I understood that your testimony well,
5 research?	5 let me take a step back.
6 A I don't know of any circumstance where laser	6 Is it your testimony in this case that there is
7 hair removal is necessary in a child other than children	7 insufficient evidence as to the benefits of gender
8 who have and I've treated them children who have	8 transition procedures?
9 hirsutism secondary to endocrinopathy. If they have a	9 A That's precisely what's at stake here.
10 pathological endocrinological condition, that doesn't	10 Q And how would one develop that evidence?
11 even require a clinical trial. Because laser is known	11 A So if you cannot do a clinical trial
12 to be efficacious, the condition is demonstrable, it's	12 clinical trials would be level 2 to level 1 evidence.
13 an objective condition, it's cause can be demonstrated	13 So a clinical trial level 2 would be a non-blinded
14 and the result can be anticipated.	14 study, for example. Level 1 would be like multi-center
15 Q Let's go back to my question, though. Is there	15 randomized placebo controlled, let's go for it. You
16 any circumstance in which you think doctors should be	16 can't do that with these techniques, these particular
17 able to provide what's what we've agreed as being	17 issues.
18 called gender transition procedures to minors in the	18 Q Got it.
19 context of clinical research?	19 A So the best you can get to is a level 3, which
20 A I cannot think of a circumstance where it would	20 would be like a longitudinal population-based study of
21 be indicated where it would happen. I can't think of	21 outcomes, which is precisely what the Dhejne study, it's
22 a circumstance where anything that is ethically	22 pronounced the Dhejne study, the 2011 Swedish study,
23 plausible would rise to the level of a clinical trial.	23 that's precisely what that evidence shows us.
24 Q What about in any other research context?	24 It's a gigantic study population in an LGBT-
25 A Children enrolled in a research prospective	25 affirming society where every level, every incident,

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1 every moment of care in that medical system is recorded	1 and the interior wound is still there, and their
2 in the same language, whether that person is going to a	2 suicidality returns because it hasn't addressed the
3 hospital, clinic, a transgender clinic, a pediatric	3 problem itself hasn't been addressed by the care that
4 clinic, a school nurse, a prison hospital, a psychiatric	4 they have received.
5 hospital.	5 So that shows us in a level 3 study that
6 Everybody goes in the same database so you can	6 long-term what we are interpret what the American
7 query that database and say, I have a transgender person	7 medical community is interpreting as benefit is really a
8 here who is suffering from alcoholism. What is their	8 short-term phenomenon. And this is why it's excusable
9 relative risk of alcoholism compared to age-sex matched	9 when experts will cite a paper and say, Well, we've got
10 controls. So that's a level 3 evidence, which may be	10 a followup of three-and-a-half years out of University
11 the highest you can get to. But it shows us very	11 of Southern California of top surgery.
12 dramatically what the potential benefit is long term.	12 Well, yeah that's a benefit because the child
<ul><li>13 That's a 30-year study.</li><li>14 Q And so would you support doctors being able to</li></ul>	<ul><li>13 is still experiencing affirmation messages and the child</li><li>14 still has a hope of improvement, but that doesn't mean</li></ul>
15 provide gender transition procedures to minors in the	15 long term. And remember, we're talking about
16 context of a level 3 study?	16 irreversible things here so we have to talk about the
17 A So a level 3 study is is a study of study	17 entire arc of their life.
18 of an existing database. So it's not it's not	18 Q So you mentioned that they have fallen out of
19 necessarily a prospective study. Right? Because what	19 the affirmation loop.
20 happens is you already have the study population. They	20 A Right.
21 are the patients that have been historically cared for,	21 Q Was that in was that terminology in the
22 and what you are comparing them to is the age sex-match	22 Dhejne study?
23 cohort.	23 A I don't believe it was, no.
24 Q Okay. Well, here is where I'm confused,	24 Q All right. Where did you get that from?
25 Doctor.	25 A My knowledge of the way that transgender care
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1 A Okay.	1 works. So you know, reading for example, if you read
2 Q So you're saying that we need more evidence, we	2 in the American literature, it's rare that you find
3 need to conduct more research; correct?	3 anyone reporting followups beyond in the surgical
4 A That that without that evidence it's	4 side you're lucky if you find followups beyond the third
5 unethical to proceed.	5 year.
6 Q All right. How would one generate that	6 Q Well, just that idea of them falling out of the
7 research?	7 affirmation loop, is that supposition on your part?
8 A Well, a literature search will show you. So,	8 A Well, it's evidenced by what the reports are of
9 for example here is a good example. It can be a	9 the patient care in the in the collected cases, in
10 literature review that gets you to better levels of	10 the single-center studies, multi-center studies,
11 evidence, or it can be a literature review that shows	11 surgical care of transgender persons. The fact that I
12 you that the level of evidence you have is even worse.	12 don't find followups that extend beyond third year tells
13 So the Dhejne study that we talked about,	13 me they are falling out of that loop.
14 that's level 3 evidence and it points away from offering	14 Q So it's the absence of evidence?
15 the services because of long-term result. It definitely	15 A Evidence you would expect in a body of
16 demonstrates, by the way, that short-term it's a benefit	16 scientific literature that purports to show long-term
17 to the patient. You look at their study and it will	17 benefit.
18 show you that fully transitioned patients will	18 Q So going back to clinical trials.
19 experience essentially the same levels of	19 A Okay.
20 hospitalization, same levels of suicide, same levels of	20 Q Should clinical trials regarding the provision
21 self-harm, alcoholism, violate crime, whatever, as the	21 of gender transition procedures for minors be banned?
22 general population age sex-match controls, benefit,	22 MS. LAND: Object to form, vague.
23 search to eight years.	23 A Well, um, let's say that that suddenly
And then the bottom starts to fall out, because	24 there's level 3 evidence of benefit. Let's say I
25 they typically have fallen out of the affirmation loop	25 mean, this is all supposition on my part. I don't rule

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1	it out because I'm open to following the science here.	1	long term is not known, other than the known pathologies
1	I can only I can only speak to the level of the		of hypertension, hypertriglyceridemia, all those other
3	science as I know it. Okay? But if there were if		things that are known. But in terms of children being
4	Q (By Mr. Ossip) Sorry. Go ahead, Doctor.	4	transitioned through puberty block and cross-sex
5	A That's okay. If there were a circumstance	5	hormone, that's an experiment.
6	where the science was to suddenly present through level	6	Q And you support additional research then?
	3 evidence of a of a tremendous benefit then that	7	A I always have my eyes and ears open for
8	would change the risk/benefit equation.	8	meaningful research. And what I'm looking for in the
9	All surgical consent, which any trial like this	9	American literature is when they are actually going to
10	would have to have, is a risk/benefit equation. In the	10	be examining their data long term, and to date that
11	case of the risk is so high the benefits through a level	11	hasn't happened.
12	3 study would have to demonstrate tremendous benefit.	12	Q Earlier we were talking about chest
13	Q But let me put it another way. Should the	13	masculinization.
14	government ban those clinical trials?	14	A Okay.
15	A I think the government already does. I mean,	15	Q Would you agree that that procedure is the same
16	ethics review boards for clinical trials, I'd have to	16	as a mastectomy?
17	step back. Because, again, I'm not an academic.	17	A Yes, it's the same operation.
18	Probably Dr. Hruz can answer that question better	18	Q Okay. And it's safe; correct?
19	because he's routinely academic clinical trials.	19	A It's a safe operation. The risk in a woman is
20	But I think when you're talking about a	20	different than the risk in a man. The risk of
21	lifetime risk of objective harm, infertility, loss of	21	postoperative hematoma in a in a chest
22	capacity for orgasm, loss for sexual intimacy and	22	masculinization as it is for gynecomastectomy in a man
23	inability to breastfeed and all of those things, that's	23	is higher than it is in a woman getting a breast
24	a gigantic body of harms.	24	reduction. So there is minor differences in surgical
25	And so I think this anyone bringing such a	25	risk, but all of those risks are small.
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1	proposal for a prospective study I don't think even	1	Q And it's the same risk, then, as postoperative
2	proponents of transgender see a prospective clinical	2	hematoma as it is for a gynecomastectomy; correct?
3	trial as doable because you couldn't blind the treatment	3	A Well, so I would expect a slightly higher risk
4	arm.	4	in the chaste masculinization because part of the
5	Q Well, what about a prospective longitudinal	5	technique is involves the placement of the incisions,
6	study?	6	because the incisions are routinely inframammary, a
7	A Well, we're living in that right now. We are	7	lower crease of the breast. The reach up high on a male
8	living in that study right now, because we have a	8	chest is more likely to cause accidentally vascular
9	population the problem is that our database is not	6	
10		9	injury. So it wouldn't surprise me to learn that the
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2 VIDEO OPERATOR: All right. This will	2 Q Yeah.
3 end media part 3. We are off the record at 1:08 p.m.	3 A Whereas in Sweden it's not because of the
4 (A break was had.)	4 centralized database.
5 VIDEO OPERATOR: We are back on the	5 Q Right.
6 record at 2:16 p.m. This will begin media part 4.	6 A So the thing I fear is that the quality of
7 Please proceed.	7 level 3 evidence is going to be poor because of the poor
8 Q (By Mr. Ossip) All right. Welcome back,	8 data gathering.
9 Doctor.	9 Q But you agree that a prohibition of the
10 A Thank you.	10 intervention would make a level 3 trial or a level 3
11 Q Doctor, do you believe that minors should be	11 study impossible; correct?
12 prohibited from participating in randomized clinical	12 A Any any study that's prohibited for ethical
13 trials concerning treatment for gender dysphoria?	13 reasons puts it out of reach. So, for example, if I
14 A No.	14 proposed a clinical trial to subject people to, uh,
15 Q And do you believe that minors should be	15 frigid temperatures, that could potentially kill them in
16 prohibited from participating in long-term treatment	16 order to find out, you know, what the limits of human
17 outcome studies with adolescents with gender dysphoria?	17 hypothermia are, that would be an unethical thing and
18 A No. We have to do that.	18 that data wouldn't be accessible to me. That data is
19 Q And anything that prevents those would be	19 accessible to me because they did that research on my
20 counterproductive; correct?	20 family members who are incarcerated in Auschwitz.
21 A Well, as as we talked about before, what	21 Q Yeah.
22 could prevent it is the risk/benefit analysis before you	A So that's unethical data gathering.
23 embark on a clinical trial. What might prevent a	23 Q And so you talked about unethical data
24 clinical trial is that the risk to the child is so great	24 gathering. And the same answer your answer would be
25 that it's not ethical to subject them to it. But as a	25 the same if it was legally prohibited; correct?
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A Yes.	3	Q Okay. And do you recall testifying about those
Q Would you agree to an exception for gender	4	levels of evidence in your deposition for the Kadel
transition procedures for minors in clinical trials?	5	case?
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social transitioning of children through the affirmation		case is what is meant by low-quality evidence.
	17	Q And you'd agree that when clinical trials are
		unavailable, doctors have to rely on less definitive
		information in making treatment recommendations;
		correct?
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		Q (By Mr. Ossip) So we talked about you said
		if the question about whether or not research should be
medical interventions involve risk to the patient;	25	permitted on a particular intervention, talking about a
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		minor, is whether the risk was small compared to the
		benefit; right?
		A Right. I mean, that's one of the factors that
		Anderson took, what's the likelihood?
		Q Okay. I want to just move away I know we talked about clinical trials. But let's let's
		include any level 1, 2, or 3 evidence. Okay? Are you
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4 psychiatric major depression, substance abuse, if you	4 that's one of the data points you're going to have to
5 could demonstrate a major objective benefit then it	5 weigh against.
6 would be worth having a conversation about that. And	6 Can a child that is entering puberty at age 11
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8 endocrinologists and the psychiatrists to make that	8 you say, you know, "Like seven years from now you're not
9 adjudication. But that's the kind of circumstance.	9 going to be capable of an orgasm." Well, they have
10 Q So I think this is going back to my confusion.	10 never even experienced that so they have no way of
11 A Okay.	11 judging that. "You're going to be infertile." They
12 Q I think you said in order to do this study you	12 don't understand what that means.
13 would need either level 3, level 4 evidence to show that	13 And so but we're getting to the point now
14 safety and efficacy of the intervention.	14 where what you really want to do is a historic
15 A Yeah. If you're trying to get to a level 2	15 population-based longitudinal evaluation of the results
16 result, you've got to have everything below that kind of	16 to date. And I think we're reaching that point in the
17 supporting	17 American literature. Sweden is already there. That's
18 Q Okay. So let's talk about the lower levels,	18 why they are reporting what they're reporting now.
19 then.	19 Q And that's just the Dhejne study; correct?
20 A Okay.	20 A Well, there is the decision by the Karolinska
21 Q So you would oppose a prohibition of collecting	21 Institute, they are looking at their own internal review
22 that research for puberty blockades then; correct?	22 of their processes and their outcomes.
23 A Right. Well, so what you're when you're	23 The Karolinska Institute in Stockholm has
24 talking about level 4 and level 5 evidence you're	24 now has now shut down puberty blockade and cross-sex
25 talking about in the case of level 5, for example,	25 hormones because they are reaching the point where they
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2 Q And we're going to go to paragraph 16.	2 A Right, yeah. So that particular article
3 A Level 3, level 4. Paragraph 16? Okay.	3 appeared in Peds JAMA. And the peer review process in
4 Q So going on to the it's the last two words	4 Peds JAMA is probably like it is in most professional
5 of page 8; right?	5 journals. They have a board of reviewers who get
6 A "As I."	6 assigned articles to review and prior to acceptance
7 Q And then going on to the next page you say, "As	7 for publication. So JAMA and its various outlets, like
8 I will show below all of the articles cited by	8 JAMA Peds is one of those peer-reviewed journals.
9 plaintiffs' experts are of the lowest grade of medical	9 Q So you would agree that the peer or it's
10 evidence." Correct?	10 your understanding that the peer review process in JAMA
11 A Correct.	11 Pediatrics is the same as in most other medical
12 Q Do you mean by that that all of the articles	12 journals; correct?
13 cited by plaintiffs' experts are a level 5 evidence?	13 A The process is generally the same. The
14 A No. Four, five. Four and five.	14 particular players, obviously, vary and the editorial
15 Q So not the lowest grade.	15 policies probably vary.
16 A No, no. The level 4 for sure, which is	16 Q Okay.
17 low-grade evidence. It's it's referred to in much of	17 A But the process of peer review is where a peer
18 the literature as being, let's see, low quality. What	18 who is working in the same field and maybe even more
19 are the words O'Connell (phonetic) used? Low quality.	19 than one peer, it might get reviewed by more than one
20 It's a very low quality or poor to low quality. There's	20 process, will evaluate your process, evaluate your
21 a lot of different words people will use. There is no	21 your data, the validity, the conclusions drawn.
22 precision particularly in those words. It's better to	22 Does your study have the power to make the
23 speak of level 4, level 5.	23 judgment because of it's got a big enough study
24 Q But it's not the lowest grade.	24 population looking at a variable that, you know, may be
25 A No, it's not. Level 4 for sure.	25 broadly varying or narrowly varying. There's a lot of
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2 maturation, recognizing that individual treatment by a	2 anxiety is incompetent to give informed consent for
3 child psychologist can help a child to understand what	3 surgery?
4 kind of fear, anxiety they are trying to manage, can	4 A No.
5 keep them in contact with reality, which is what's	5 Q What about depression?
6 called cognitive behavioral therapy. And but the most	6 A I would have to look at that carefully. You
7 important element in that is family therapy, family	7 know, situational depression is a very different thing
8 dynamics.	8 from a a chronic and severe depression, depressed
9 That's what the watchful waiting model is,	9 state.
10 family therapy, behavioral cognitive therapy, sometimes	10 So I can I've often taken care of patients
11 the use of medications to control the anxiety, not very	11 who are depressed over their diagnosis of breast cancer,
12 often, and then recognizing that puberty is going to	12 for example. It's a very depressing thing to find out,
13 mature their brains and that's why better than 80	13 but that's a situational depression that I can help the
14 percent of children abandon cross-sex	14 patient through even just as a plastic surgeon who can
15 self-identification in adolescents and 92 percent in	15 offer her the hope that she's going to be reconstructed
16 young adulthood. So that's watchful waiting and it has	16 and things like that.
17 a track record.	17 Very different from a patient who is coming to
18 Q And what scientific literature supports the use	18 me seeking a remedy for depression by getting aesthetic
19 of watchful waiting for adolescents?	19 surgery. That's a completely different completely
20 A Zucker, among others. And I would go to him	20 different person.
21 and I would read his citations. Yeah.	21 So to get a consent form in the cancer patient,
22 Q And what about for adults?	22 I don't see any problem with that. To obtain consent
23 MS. LAND: Objection; form.	23 for managing depression in a cosmetic aesthetic patient,
A Well, when you reach adulthood watchful waiting	24 I've got a real problem with that.
25 is not even on the table. See, watchful waiting	25 Q Well, let's move way from aesthetic; right?
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2 separate out the children who desisted from the ones who	2 surgery.
3 would have persisted.	3 A Okay.
4 And so if you have somebody who is in young	4 Q Do you believe that a patient with depression
5 adulthood who is persistent then now, that's a group	5 is incompetent to give informed consent for surgery?
6 you might want to study carefully with alternative	6 A Given the qualifiers I just gave you, I would
7 therapies. Right? Because now you have established the	7 not make a blanket statement that's it's an absolute
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2 Q And is that a generally accepted view in the	2 an objective measurement with known error rates that
3 medical profession?	3 could be used before the procedure to predict who will
4 A Pretty confident in that.	4 benefit from it?
5 Q And what about a suicide attempt?	5 A That is sort of an ideal circumstance. But
6 A Well, I would have to look into how remote that	6 it's generally what we aim for. So, for example, when
7 is. Is it a recent, is this an ongoing problem?	7 you're when you're talking about cancer surgery, you
8 And also, the other thing you have to consider	8 know, a known danger, if I was going to, you know,
9 in that decisionmaking is what are you proposing with	9 accept a patient for it say, for example, somebody is
10 the surgery? So if a person is suicidal because they	10 referred to me for a thyroidectomy because the
11 you know, they have got a gangrenous leg, well, I could	11 endocrinologist has diagnosed a thyroid cancer, well,
12 maybe make a case that part of what's animating their	12 I'm going to want to see the evidence. If the evidence
13 suicidality is the fact that they are walking around	13 is just, "Well, I felt a lump, it's going to be cancer,"
14 with this stinking leg and that they would have a very	14 I would go, "Well, that has very high known error rates
15 high likelihood of a better disposition if I did the	15 and I'm not going to accept that as evidence for a
16 amputation. Right? Very, very important to kind of	16 thyroidectomy."
17 categorize what you are submitting them for.	17 If he comes back and says, "Well, I've got an
18 If you're if you're proposing an elective	18 ultrasound and the ultrasound shows an echoic lesion in
19 operation, an elective operation and the person is	19 the right lobe," I will say, "Well, that's interesting,
20 recently suicidal, I would not off them a consent form.	20 low probability of cancer," I still won't offer surgery
21 I would offer them a referral for psychiatric evaluation	21 because the error rate is too high. You've got a
22 to see if they are if they are if their	22 pathology report, I'll go, "Excellent," and I'll look at
23 suicidality is being adequately managed.	23 that slides. Do you see the difference?
24 If the reason for surgery is an elective	24 Q Well, let's just go back to my question. So
25 procedure to obviate suicidality, well, if I can manage	25 you would agree that informed consent does not require
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3 appendix and you not attending to it.	<ul><li>2 has a minor asymmetry in their breast, and that's a</li><li>3 common thing, and she wants to have large breast</li></ul>
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7 A You do the best you can.	7 ethical would be whether or not you are moving someone
8 Q I want to avoid the longer tangential examples.	8 from outside the range of normal for their biological
9 Okay, Doctor?	9 sex to somewhere inside the range of normal for their
10 So just again, you're saying the question is to	10 biological sex?
11 the best of your ability; correct?	11 A That's a good way to put it, yeah, it is.
12 A What's the best level of evidence you can get.	12 That's reasonable, um-hum, I think.
13 Q Okay. And that's sufficient to get informed	13 Q All right. Do cosmetic surgeries ever
14 consent?	14 sacrifice function?
15 A Right. The less uncertainty, the better. An	15 A If a cosmetic operation puts in jeopardy a
16 error rate speaks to uncertainty.	16 human function I would I would expect or hope that it
17 Q And have you ever performed a procedure that	17 only happened accidentally or through some misadventure,
18 lacked an objective measurement with known error rates	18 either preoperatively, intraoperatively, or
19 to determine who would benefit from the procedure?	19 postoperatively. To sacrifice function for a cosmetic
20 A I'm not a trailblazer in surgery. I generally	20 result is one of those bedrock plastic surgery ethos.
21 go with what I have been trained up in in areas that has	21 We sacrifice function all the time for a reconstructive
22 proven results and things like that. I'm trying to	22 procedure. But to sacrifice it for a purely cosmetic
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2 let's and breast augmentation. Is it it's is	2 right?
3 it your testimony that's never ethical for someone under	3 A Okay. Okay.
4 the age of 18 except for patients with a congenital	4 Q Is such a physician subject to professional
5 breast deformity to receive a breast augmentation?	5 discipline?
6 MS. LAND: Object to form.	6 A Probably at least review of the case and to see
7 A Well, okay. I can think of an example where it	7 if it's a trend. Right? For example, if I was doing
8 might be acceptable, but there again you're sort of	8 breast augmentations on minor females in the local
9 skirting outside the range of normal. So a girl with	9 hospital and I had an extrusion of an implant, because
10 what's called pectus excavatum where the chest is sunk	10 she's active and she doesn't pay attention to
11 in because of a developmental process, to conceal that	11 postoperative orders and forgot to take her
12 pectus excavatum using autologous fat grafting	12 antibiotic I don't know the implant extrudes and
13 augmentation rather than an implant would be a very	13 has to be removed because of infectious complication,
14 reasonable thing to do for her.	14 that's going to appear in the morbidity report. And if
15 But there again, you're still even though	15 the morbidity report comes up and goes, "Oh, Dr. Lappert
16 the defect would be close to within the range of normal	16 did a breast augmentation that suffered complications in
17 and even if pectus excavatum is not an uncommon thing, I	17 a 16-year-old girl, is this a trend?" And if that
18 think it would be very reasonable to offer a girl who is	18 medical board at that hospital reviews my operative
19 in her high school years, who has done most of her	19 records and say, "Oh, look, he does these surgeries all
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21 she might be 16, 17, at that point I think it would be	21 Q So let's go to your rebuttal report.
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1 of a cosmetic result?	1 And what we're the most important
2 A It hopefully does not.	2 conversation we're having, especially when you're
3 Q But it risks it?	3 talking about trans children, is the subjective effect
4 A Right, yeah, there is always risks. So if you	4 of surgery.
5 want to hear it, I can expound; if not	5 Q (By Mr. Ossip) So I guess are all cosmetic
6 Q That's okay. I just want to keep it moving.	6 surgeries aesthetic?
7 A Sure.	7 A Right.
8 Q But you would agree that a purely cosmetic	8 Q But not all aesthetic surgeries are cosmetic?
9 breast reduction can be ethical?	9 A Okay. An aesthetic operation involves a
10 A Oh, absolutely. I do them all the time. I did	10 cosmetic change. The term "aesthetics" just calls to
11 them all the time.	11 mind the fact of the motivation for the operation and
12 Right. The distinction between a cosmetic and	12 the expected result of the operation. Cosmesis is jus
13 a reconstructive breast reduction has to do with did the	13 the physical change. Aesthetics is the more inclusive
14 patient present with orthopedic problems and what is the	14 category. So aesthetics includes cosmetic procedure
15 way the specimen you submit. So those are subjective	15 but speaks to the subjective result of those cosmetic
16 criteria that span between cosmetic and.	16 procedures. Does that help?
17 Q Do you consider gender affirming surgeries to	17 Q Maybe. But again are there any aesthetic
18 be cosmetic or reconstructive?	18 procedures that are not cosmetic?
19 A They're I call them aesthetic rather than	19 A Aesthetic procedures. I can't think of it
20 cosmetic.	20 because aesthetics is about the perception of the
21 Q What's the distinction between aesthetic and	21 physical reality. Whether you're talking about the
22 cosmetic?	22 aesthetics of this room, the aesthetics of that painting
A So cosmetic just speaks to the fact that you're	23 or the aesthetics of somebody's nose.
24 changing the form. Right? Aesthetics speaks to the	24 Q So the answer is no; right?
25 fact that you're changing the form affects the	25 MS. LAND: Object to form.
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1 subjective life of the patient, and that's an important	1 A Yeah.
2 distinction to make because it helps you address risk.	2 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Okay. And do you know if the
3 So an aesthetic operation for somebody who has,	3 but either way, you don't consider gender-affirming
4 like, a daily problem with explaining why they look	4 surgeries to be reconstructive; correct?
5 tired. Maybe they're a bank teller and everybody is	5 A No, it's not, absolutely reconstructive
6 always, "You're not getting enough sleep, hon."	6 surgery.
7 Well, I can solve the tired-looking face with	7 Q Do you know in the American Society of Plastic
8 an aesthetic operation. I can make their face look	8 Surgeons considers gender-affirming surgeries to be
9 rested and that solves an objective problem that they	9 reconstructive?
10 are suffering every day. That's a very important thing	-
11 to offer people. And I always make that distinction	11 Q They do?
12 when talking about risk with patients because they're	12 A Yeah.
13 not doing it for nothing. They are doing it for	13 Q So let's talk for a second about facial
14 objective reality, which is their subjective life.	14 feminization surgery.
15 If I put them at great risk to do that, now	15 A Okay.
16 we've got an important conversation to have. If I can	16 Q Is there any loss of function there?
17 do it with little to no risk then that's a chip shot	17 A There is a risk of loss of function, but no
18 conversation.	18 expected loss of function.
19 Q And cosmetic surgeries don't involve that	19 Q And that would put it in the realm of ethical
20 MS. LAND: Object to form.	20 then; correct?
21 Q objective benefit?	21 A Right. In terms of just surgical risk and how
	22 it applies to ethics. And putting aside the entire
22 A No. Cosmetic surgery I make the distinction	
<ul><li>A No. Cosmetic surgery I make the distinction</li><li>because of the way people understand cosmetics.</li></ul>	23 question of body dysmorphic disorder. We'll just put
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1 ethically contraindicated.	1 would persist into late adolescence and young adulthood.
2 Q Okay. Sorry. Bear with me one second, Doctor.	2 Q Okay. Do the plaintiffs' experts all have
3 A Okay.	3 significant financial and professional conflicts of
4 MR. OSSIP: Maybe now is a good time to	4 interest in this case?
5 take a break.	5 MS. LAND: Object to form.
6 VIDEO OPERATOR: Okay. This will end	6 A I'm not privy to their financial interests.
7 media part 4 and we're off the record at 3:00 p.m.	7 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Okay. So if you have previously
8 (A break was had.)	8 signed a statement under oath that said that, that would
9 VIDEO OPERATOR: We are back on the	9 be false; correct?
10 record at 3:20 p.m. This will begin media part 5.	10 A Okay. So the when you have someone who, say
11 Please proceed.	11 an expert who 90-plus percent of their patient load is
12 Q (By Mr. Ossip) All right. Welcome back again	12 transgender persons, I think it would be safe to say
13 Doctor.	13 that there is a financial element. Is it an overriding
14 A Thank you.	14 interest? I that might be subject to interpretation.
15 Q So, Doctor, earlier we were talking about a	15 But it seems that most of the plaintiffs' experts devote
16 study by someone named Zucker; is that correct?	16 much of their professional life to persons with this
17 A Well, a series of papers on the subject, yeah.	17 condition and, therefore, their income is derived from
18 Q Okay. And is it your understanding that Zucker	18 the care of persons with that diagnosis.
19 found that patients who had gender dysphoria after the	19 Q Just to be clear, we have talked about a couple
20 onset of puberty were likely to desist?	20 of experts; correct?
21 A No. What I let me see if I can remember	21 A Right.
22 the details. He's the one who fairly consistently	22 Q So let's talk about Dr. Adkins.
23 reported the numbers of desistance in the 80 percent	23 A Okay.
24 range, actually it was some spread between 60 and 80	24 Q Does Dr. Adkins have a significant financial
25 percent, but roughly 80 percent.	25 and professional conflict of interest in this case?
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1 And he was talking about desistance in	1 A She as a financial interest, I would imagine,
2 during adolescence, not at the onset of adolescence, but	2 in terms of continuing to offer the services she offers.
3 during adolescence. And as I recall the interpretation	3 Q But not necessarily a conflict of interest?
4 of that was that the effects of sex hormones on brain	4 A No. Not necessarily, no. But there is a
5 maturation and and perhaps more importantly the	5 suggestion of an issue there if
6 physical changes of puberty, confirmed in the mind of	6 Q What about Dr. Antommaria?
7 the child that their biological sex is has a reality	7 A I don't know what percentage of his patients
8 that's comfortable for them now.	8 are transgender. But as I recall it's a significant
9 Q So the answer is, just to go back to the first	9 portion of his patients.
10 word, no; correct?	10 Q Where did you come to learn that?
11 A You were asking me if it desists at the onset	11 A I don't know if I read his I don't know.
12 of adolescence, and I'm saying it happens sometime	12 That was so long ago that I read that stuff.
13 during adolescence or, indeed, on adulthood.	13 Q But you would have no way of knowing whether or
14 Q My question was: Do you think that Zucker	14 not Dr. Antommaria has a significant conflict of
15 found patients who had gender dysphoria after the onset	15 interest; correct?
16 of puberty were likely to desist? Yes or no?	16 A I don't know the degree of his conflict of
17 MS. LAND: Object to form.	17 interest.
18 A Oh, no, Zucker didn't address that.	18 MS. LAND: Object to form.
19 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Okay.	19 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Do you know whether he has a
20 A Zucker didn't address onset after puberty.	20 conflict of interest at all?
21 That's a whole different diagnosis.	21 A I would suspect that there was there may be
22 Q And did Zucker address onset prior to puberty	22 a conflict of interest if decisions about doing these
23 that continued after puberty?	23 surgeries, if it if it becomes something that is not
A Right. So those would be the persisters and	24 legal for him to do, let's say. Let's take a case
25 that's what he found, that somewhere around 20 percent	25 example.

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1	A law passes that you can't do transition	1	Q What proportion?
2	hormonal therapy then that would have a significant	2	A Probably somewhere between 15 and 20 percent.
3	impact on his practice I would imagine.	3	Q Okay.
4	Q And what's your understanding of	4	A Years before that it was much larger. I
5	Dr. Antommaria's practice?	5	directed a congenital deformities clinic at the
6	A He's a psychiatrist; right? Pediatric	6	Portsmouth Naval Hospital and had a very large
7	psychiatrist.	7	enrollment of children with birth defects.
8	Q What does it mean to divide the human person	8	Q So you talked about there being well, let me
9	from our own bodies?	9	ask it another way. So why is it a problem to divide
10	A So that's an anthropological concept of what	10	the human person from our own bodies?
11	you define as the essence of being a human person. So	11	MS. LAND: Object to the form.
12	if you define the human person as a spirit being that	12	A Well, in terms of the issue in question it may
13	occupies a body then that speaks of a division between	13	predispose decisionmaking that would incline the person
14	the subjective life of the person and their embodied	14	to treat their bodies as a separate object of
15	self, and that's a difficult issue because it goes	15	domination, if you will, or an object of care. So
16	against everything I ever learned about the human person	16	speaking of your body the way you speak of a shirt.
1		1	Right? I'm going to have the collars narrowed. I'm
18	I don't know of any human person apart from	18	going to have my breasts removed, that kind of thing,
19	their body, I don't and the consequences of their	19	objectifying their own body when, in fact, their body is
20	body existing in the world. The fact that they have a	20	part of their subjective life in important ways, which
21	voice, the fact that they do things.	21	is where this problem comes from. It's a
22	So so when a child is given this idea that	22	misinterpretation of what they're body is telling them
23	their essential self is a spirit that is in the wrong	23	about who they are.
24	body, that's a that's a psychological division that's	24	Q And by "this problem," you mean transgender?
25	being created in the life of that child. In my	25	A Right. Gender dysphoria, gender identity
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1	experience it's not natural for a child to speak that	1	issues, gender incongruence. Why does a child feel
2	way. A child it's not natural. In my experience the	2	separated from their body in a way where they view their
3	child is given language like that.	3	body as the enemy to their happiness. That's a very
4	Q And well, when you say in your experience,	4	important thing.
5	what do you mean by that?	5	Q And all of those things come from a
6	A Taking care of children for 30 years.	6	
7	Q In what capacity?		misinterpretation?
1		7	A Yeah. Clearly, yeah.
8	A As a pediatric surgeon and cleft craniofacial	7 8	-
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	example, as not really a part of themselves, so that's a		at work, one onset prepubertal, one onset in
	misperception.		adolescence, young adulthood, one associated with
4	Q In both cases it's a delusion?		delusional thinking, the other one not associated with
5	A Well, by degrees. By degrees it's a delusion.		delusional thinking. How could you possibly claim that
6	So in the case of the anorexic, delusion has three		it's the same process? And how could you possibly claim
	criteria. One of them is it's a fixed firm belief. And		that it has the same cure? It makes so sense.
8	that's, interestingly, one of the diagnostic criteria in	8	And the other thing you cannot claim is that
	DSM by diagnosing gender dysphoria in the child is the	9	it's biological caused, because you're proposing some
	fixity of the belief. Persistent, insistent, and		massive mutation in the human genome that would cause a
	consistent is what they say.	11	5,000 percent increase in this diagnosis in seven years.
12	Well, persistence in a belief does not make it	12	Q So you so you would
13	true, and that's the problem with the delusion. So it's	13	A Sorry.
14	not it's not amenable to logical argumentation is the	14	Q It's your it's your belief that what you're
15	other criteria. So they are insistent on it, it's not	15	
16	amenable to logical argumentation. And the third thing	16	different cures?
	is it's an impossibility. Those are the diagnostic	17	A Well, I have a hard time imagining that that
18	criteria for delusion.	18	problems with completely different origins and
19	Transgender, gender dysphoria that rises to the		completely different demographics are likely to have the
20	level of seeking surgical intervention in the case of	20	same cure.
21	the historic demographic. Meaning boys who persisted	21	Q And what do you think the cure is for early
22	into young adulthood, right, now you've gotten to the	22	onset gender dysphoria?
23	point where it's persistent, right? It's a consistent	23	A Well, historically, you get an 80-plus percent
24	thing. They have lived it since childhood. It's not	24	cure rate, which under any other circumstance would be
25	amenable to objective argumentation, and it's an	25	considered like trip to Stockholm for the Nobel Prize
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2	What's the impossibility? Well, it's	2	over 90 percent, that's that's the cure is and it
3	impossible that a boy with a Y chromosome in every	3	may get better with time. Maybe we find another
4	somatic cell of their body is, in fact, a girl. There's	4	therapy. But right now watchful waiting, family tear,
5	no basis for making that claim. It's a subjective claim	5	the things we talked about.
6	based on a misperception of their body. So it meets all	6	
7	the criteria.		Q And by "cure" in that context, you mean
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2 than 60 percent were female.	2 A You mean if they I'm sorry.
3 Lisa Littman proposed this is a different	3 Q So but for somebody who had early onset gender
4 phenomenon, rapid-onset gender dysphoria, social	4 dysphoria and that persists for the same length of time,
5 contagion model.	5 that is delusional thinking.
6 Q So you would support research into sorry.	6 A It's vastly more likely that there is a
7 Strike that.	7 delusional thought that animates that that's driving a
8 You would support research assessing potential	8 compulsive behavior. You know, that's a very high
9 cures of late-onset gender dysphoria?	9 likelihood. I'm using historical, you know, what's been
10 A Right. Well, so that research would have to	10 reported in the literature, again, going to when I was
11 begin with a look into the causes of the problem, causes	11 in residency.
12 of the problem looking for common factors, because that	12 Q And going back to the phrase "dividing the
13 would direct your research in terms of remedy.	13 human person from our own bodies," is that a religious
14 Q Okay.	14 issue?
15 A So, I mean, a tumor is a tumor, but a tumor	15 MS. LAND: Object to form.
16 caused by cancer is a very different creature from a	16 A No. I consider that to be an anthropology
17 tumor caused by a blow to the leg. And so the first	17 medicine issues. I don't recall ever attending a
18 thing is what's caused the tumor. What caused the	18 lecture, reading a paper, reading a textbook in medicine
19 gender dysphoria.	19 and surgery that ever described the human person as a
20 Q All right. Is gender dysphoria that persists	20 spirit creature that occupies a body. Never heard it.
21 for 20 years a delusion?	21 Never heard it. So I don't have to turn to my religious
22 A Depends on if it's the child onset one versus	22 education. This is fundamental to what it means to be a
23 the adolescent and adult onset one. The likelihood of	23 doctor in the western world.
24 it being animated by a delusional thought it's not a	24 Q (By Mr. Ossip) But is that limited to the
<ul><li>25 blanket major delusion versus trivial delusion or</li></ul>	25 western world?
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1 trivial misunderstanding. But there is some	1 A Different different cultures have a
2 misperceived event likely in the early onset, or as I	2 different view of the human person. And I cannot speak
3 don't know in the adult onset. I don't see evidence for	3 to that. I can only speak to the to the world view
4 a delusion. And it may come to light, but I never read	4 that gave us science and medicine.
5 an article that	5 Q So this is a cultural view?
6 Q So even if it persisted for 20 years that would	
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1 child you're going to get the same number. That's a	1 relatively trivial thing to do that provokes happiness.
2 decidedly western view of the world.	2 Right? Amputating your genitals, of course, would be in
3 Q And that's an exclusively western view of the	3 a whole other category. But they're animated by the
4 world?	4 same kind of idea.
5 A Not anymore.	5 In the one case it isn't a separation from
6 Q And that's because well, strike that.	6 themselves. It's just a coloring of their hair. But to
7 Is it well, should a person have control	7 view their bodies as being a source of sorrow or
8 over their own body and its appearance?	8 something to be worked over, like body modification,
9 A Yeah. That's	9 making your face look like a reptile, that would be
10 Q Yes?	10 and there are plastic surgeons that will do that for you
11 A Yes.	11 and don't get censured for it. But it's it exists on
12 Q Is it a mistake for people to view their own	12 a spectrum.
13 bodies as something that they can do things to in order	13 And if the society generally views the human
14 to provoke happiness in themselves?	14 body as a pallet on which you can exercise dominion then
15 A No. It's a reality.	15 it's an easier sell that you can modify a child's body
16 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 7 was marked for	16 to make them happy if they are anxious. That's the
17 identification and made a part of the	17 point I'm making.
18 record.)	18 Q And you're not denying that you gave this quote
19 Q All right. So the court reporter has just	19 for this article; correct?
20 handed you something that's been marked Exhibit 7. Have	20 A The quote, "They view their own bodies as
21 you seen this document before?	21 something they can do" sometimes I misquote it, but
22 A Yeah. I'm trying to remember where it was	22 let me read that.
23 published. Oh, Life Site. Okay. Now I remember.	23 (The witness reviewed the document.)
24 Q And this article quotes you extensively;	24 A Yeah. No. I stand by that.
25 correct?	25 Q Okay. And do you know whether your interview
Page 231	Page 233 1 for this article is recorded?
<ol> <li>A It does, yeah.</li> <li>Q All right.</li> </ol>	2 A Gosh, I don't remember how it was done. Gosh,
<ul><li>3 A I think it's the result of a phone interview.</li></ul>	3 that was like three years ago almost.
4 Q So there are unfortunately there are not	
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	2 were never separated. The unitive effect. The bonding		that.
	<sup>3</sup> of two people together in the act of love, and it's	3	So first thing is it turns the child into a
	procreative consequences.	4	commodity. The second thing is it encourages people to
5			believe they have a right to a child.
	5 now it's it has you've destroyed even the unitive	6	Q And you believe a person does not have a right
	<sup>7</sup> aspect, putting aside the fact that you've rendered the		to a child?
	B person sterile, you have even perverted, if not utterly	8	A No person has a right to another person.
	destroyed the unitive aspect with such things as the	9	That's the language of slavery.
	) effect of puberty blockade on orgasm for example or the	10	Q And so someone who claims, "I have the right to
	effect of loss of sensibility following the construction	11	have a child," is using the language of slavery?
	2 of artifical vagina and the moving of the glands to the	12	MS. LAND: Object to form and relevance.
	3 clitoris position.	13	A I think there's skirting along that, but
14	-	14	because they haven't given thought to what they just
15	those things. There is no surgeon that's so good that		said. Again, the way that the fertility doctors market
	5 that's going to be perfectly preserved. Some achieve		their services is with the idea of entitlement. And a
	very near perfection. But the lion share of people		lot of plastic surgeons do precisely the same thing. A
	having this surgery will report a loss of sensation, in		lot of people selling all kinds of things sell
	addition to their utter loss of fertility.		entitlement to the service or entitlement to the
20			benefit.
21	that puts a value on sexual relations that's out of	21	But it's a very different thing when you're
	2 proportion to its meaning. If you're willing to destroy	22	thinking of yourself as entitled to another human
	<sup>3</sup> a human function in pursuit of a sexual life that may or		person. We get comfortable with the idea of entitlement
	a may not be achievable that's that suggests to me		and we forget to think about the fact that we're talking
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2	2 pervert like a legal definition. It is perverting	2	they have said.
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4	Q And is that a medical opinion?	4	do not agree that people have the right to bear
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1	Give me one second, Doctor.	1	preservation, it's not as morally fraught because you
2	So let's take an example of a child who has		have just ova sitting there. But in the case of in
3	testicular cancer		vitro fertilization you have nase of humanity sitting in
4	A Okay.		that freezer.
5	Q and needs to have his testicles removed.	5	Q So going back to the testicular cancer example.
6		6	So, you know, we're talking about fertility
7	fertility preservation to that child?		preservation. If the doctor in that case says,
8			"Although you're having this surgery, you have the right
	put him in the category of artificial insemination of		to have a child and so we can preserve your sperm for
	his future wife in the case of a boy with testicular		that," is that the language of slavery?
	cancer.	11	MS. LAND: Object to form and relevance.
12		12	A Well, so I would wonder why the doctor needed
	I'm speaking to you as a physician. If you walked up to		to say you have the right to a child. Because, really,
	me at a Catholic church and said, What do you think		the discussion is if you want to have a hope of having a
	about this, I would say, You should start talking to		child then we ought to preserve sperm.
	that boy now about his life as an adoptive father,	16	Q (By Mr. Ossip) But using that phrase, "you have
	because in the Catholic teaching it's a different thing.		a right to have a child" in this context
	So I'm speaking here as a medical witness and so it	18	A I would avoid using that language because,
	doesn't enter into the conversation.	19	
20			beings as their right. There is no such right. It's
	witness?	21	
22		22	
	you're talking about in vitro fertilization and the	23	Q And what about same-sex couples? Do you think
	child being treated as a commodity that's for sale.		that same-sex couples should be allowed to adopt?
	Different thing.	25	MS. LAND: Object to form and relevance.
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1	Q Oh, I see. So in vitro fertilization, you're	1	A I don't want offer an opinion on that. That's
2	drawing a distinction between in vitro fertilization and	2	a I'm not here as an expert on adoption law.
3	artificial insemination; correct?	3	But one of the issues with adoption and I
4	A Yeah. And, again, speaking now in terms of the	4	have five adopted children and so I have been through
5	medical ethics now, yeah, it's a very different thing.	5	adoption processes a lot. And one of the things we have
6	It's a very different thing to have massive industrial	6	to be careful about is viewing the child only in terms
7	process of producing human life, much of it being put in	7	of what they are doing for us as adoptive parents and,
8	frozen storage and no one knowing what to do with those	8	rather, viewing it as a responsibility to the child and
9	children, that's a very different ethical question than	9	what's best for the child.
10	a trial of artificial insemination from a husband's own	10	So adoption is in the service of the child, not
11	sperm.	11	in the service of the couple. The couple benefits from
12	Q And the same would be true for preserved ovo?	12	it, but the adoption isn't in service of the couple.
13			The adoption is in service for the child and what is
	you if you're doing ovo preservation well, okay.		best for the child.
	A particular example.	15	Well, my opinion is that children generally do
16		16	better with a mother and a father. I'm not here to
17	get, say, cancer therapy, and it's going to render her		outlaw adoption. In fact, I traveled in China with a
	ovaries non-functional, if she still has a functioning		same-sex couple and we both adopted children from China
	womb and is receiving hormonal support you could		I wasn't wagging my finger at them, but I was wondering
19			the whole time if the child would suffer for having two
	conceivably do in vitro for her or, you know,	20	C
20	conceivably do in vitro for her or, you know, implantation.		mothers and not a father there, knowing what my father
20	implantation.	21	
20 21 22	implantation. But you would still be relying on this so	21 22	meant to me. And knowing also what fathers mean to a
20 21 22 23	implantation.	21 22 23	

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1 couples should be outlawed? No such thing.	1 record.)
2 Q So earlier we talked about Courage.	2 Q The court reporter is handing you what I
3 A Okay.	3 believe has been marked Exhibit 8.
4 Q So what is Courage's approach to individual	4 A Right.
5 with gender incongruence?	5 Q And from the cover, do you recognize this
6 MS. LAND: Object to form, asked and	6 document?
7 answered.	7 A Sure do.
8 A Well, Courage's approach to person's with	8 Q And have you read this document before?
9 gender incongruence is to punt them off to me, because	9 A I have.
10 the COURAGE apostolate doesn't aim itself at that	10 Q All right. And this is, I'll represent, an
11 population. It just happens that there are not many	11 excerpt from the Courage handbook or the Handbook For
12 resources in the Catholic church to help families or	12 Courage and Encourage Chaplains.
13 persons struggling with gender dysphoria, gender	13 A All right.
14 identity issues.	14 Q If you open it up you will see there is page
15 And so they oftentimes will call Courage and	15 81.
16 then, basically, the Courage office puts them in touch	16 A I see that.
17 with me. And mostly it's just long conversations trying	17 Q And do you see, it's on the second column on
18 to reassure parents because yeah. Generally the	18 the right side, there's a quote that starts: Everyone,
19 children themselves are not interested in anything	19 man and woman, should acknowledge and accept his, in
20 different, so we don't go looking for them and and	20 brackets, or her, close brackets, sexual identity. Do
21 drag them off into some conversion therapy or something	21 you see that?
	22 A I do.
22 like that.	
23 Q I guess let me ask you another question. Do	
24 you know whether Courage opposes gender transition	A Well, in reading that and I remember reading
25 procedures?	25 this, that that I that's a somewhat poorly
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1 MS. LAND: Objection; form.	1 constructed sentence. If they had sent it to me for
2 A I don't think they have an official statement	2 review I might have worded it differently. So I think
3 on that. It wouldn't surprise me if they did. But I	3 what they are getting at is acceptance of gender, what
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5	A I do.		sex?
6	Q And that means living with a gender identity	6	MS. LAND: Object to form and relevance.
7	that is congruent with one's biological sex.	7	Q (By Mr. Ossip) You can answer.
8	MS. LAND: Objection; form.	8	A To kind of sum up what this is embodied in
9	A I think that's what the writers intended, yeah.	9	here, what the church teaches, is that to inform your
10	That's not those are not my words, but I think	10	conscience with the truth gives you an obligation to the
11	that I tend to agree with you that that's probably	11	truth. It's a moral obligation to the truth.
12	what the writers of the catechism intended, yeah.	12	Because in the eyes of the church and in the
13	Q Okay. And do you agree with that?	13	eyes of the faith, the truth isn't just a book full of
14	A Let me reread it now because I will be chided	14	propositions, like the DSM III. The truth is a person.
15	for disagreeing with church teaching. (Reading)	15	And so and so to willfully ignore the truth is to
16	Okay. So what that my understanding of that	16	turn your back on the person of Jesus Christ.
	sentence is that the Catholic church views each	17	So that's why I didn't expect to have a
	individual person as a special creation of God that has		theological conversation with people on the subject, but
	a sexual identity and that that sexual identity is part		that's the heart of the teaching right there. You have
	of the order that God has designed for that person and		an obligation, a moral obligation to your conscience,
	that, you know, a person's moral duty is to be congruent		you have an obligation to inform your conscience with
	with God's design for your life. So to act against God		the truth, and then, having learned the truth, you have
	is a moral problem. And I think that's what that's		an obligation to live that truth.
	saying is there is a moral obligation because it speaks	24	Q Okay.
25	to the nature of your creation, that your nature is	25	A Because recognizing the truth without action is
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2 side that that lead to problems that may be	2 mean, I still struggle with that one, I have to confess.
3 insurmountable, either biologically medically or	3 Q Yeah. And well, I guess let's explore that.
4 psychologically culturally. Yeah.	4 Why do you struggle with that?
5 Q (By Mr. Ossip) But it is a problem?	5 A Because I never again, my obligations to the
6 A Gender incongruence is a problem.	6 truth I'm trying to cultivate and maintain a
7 MS. LAND: Objection.	7 friendship in doing it. I'm not trying to transition
8 A That's why we have a whole medical community	8 the person. I'm trying to keep them as a friend. And,
9 that's devoted to resolving that problem.	9 yeah so, yeah, that's I think that's about the
10 Q (By Mr. Ossip) And what is gender incongruence?	10 whole of it, yeah.
11 A Where your perception of your sex differs from	-
12 your biological sex.	<ol> <li>I struggle with it because you don't want to</li> <li>affirm somebody in a delusional thought that's contrary</li> </ol>
13 Q So earlier we talked about your consultation	13 to the truth. And as we talked about earlier, I have a
14 with families with children who were experiencing gender	14 moral obligation to the truth because he's a person.
15 discordance; correct?	
16 A Right. In my pastoral role as a deacon, yeah.	15 Q And this applies to patients of any age; 16 correct?
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18 a deacon; right?	
19 A Right. The couple of kids I've seen have been,	<ul><li>19 called the poverty of evidence supporting these</li><li>20 procedures; correct?</li></ul>
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2 of doing something that's for the good of a person, I'm	2 Q And I'm going to represent this was taken from
3 an early adopter on things like that.	3 a website that purports to present a recording of the
4 Q Bear with me one second, Doctor. I apologize.	4 Gospel of Life 2018 Conference. Okay?
5 A Sure.	5 A Okay.
6 Q Earlier we spoke about well, strike that.	6 (A discussion was had off the record.)
7 Are you familiar with the Gospel of Life	7 MR. OSSIP: We did not bring our
8 Conference?	8 speakers. And this will be pretty quick.
9 A I think that's the name they had for the one in	9 THE WITNESS: This is the audio part?
10 Denver. Is that the Denver conference, this isn't	10 MR. OSSIP: Yeah. There is nothing to
11 that what that was?	11 see.
12 Q I'm asking you, Doctor.	12 THE WITNESS: Okay.
13 A There it is right there. I just refreshed my	13 (The audio recording was played, which
14 memory with Exhibit 1 there.	14 was later marked as Plaintiffs' Exhibit
15 Q That was in the Denver, then?	15 A.)
16 A That's the Denver conference. Not the one at	16 Q (By Mr. Ossip) So, Doctor, that was you
17 the seminary. This was at a separate location that	17 speaking; correct?
18 happened some time later.	18 A Yes, it was.
19 Q Do you know if that conference was recorded?	19 Q Okay.
20 A Hum. There may have been some Franciscans	20 A I was addressing a church group. I think it is
21 there recording it. I'm not positive about that.	21 a parish in Denver suburbs and I was addressing
22 Q Do you know if that recording was released as a	22 religious educators and yeah, religious sisters and
23 podcast?	23 various
A I don't know that. Oh, wait a minute. The	24 MR. OSSIP: And can we go off the record
25 Denver conference podcast. There was a it might have	25 for 10 seconds? I'm sorry.
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1 been it might have been released as a YouTube video,	1 VIDEO OPERATOR: We are off the record at
2 actually. In fact, I think it was because that's the	2 4:18 p.m.
3 conference where they didn't make a provision for me to	3 (A discussion was had off the record.)
4 have a monitor and I had to keep looking around at the	4 VIDEO OPERATOR: We are back on the
5 screen to look at my slides and it was very annoying.	5 record at 4:18 p.m. Please proceed.
6 So I think yes, it was put out there on YouTube	
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2 that the body has no meaning apart that the essential	2 recording?
3 meaning of a human person is a spiritual one.	3 A Yes, it was.
4 Which, if you're asking me as a Catholic deacon	4 Q And do you stand by all that?
5 to expound on theology, that's a heresy, yeah. And to	5 A I do.
6 cause children to suffer through this ordeal when it can	6 MR. OSSIP: And I'll represent that this
7 be avoided, if you're asking me is this a spiritual	7 has been marked as recording B for the purposes of this
8 warfare, you know, I sometimes speculate publically	8 deposition.
9 about whether it is or not.	9 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit B was marked for
10 Q What do you mean by "spiritual warfare"?	10 identification and made a part of the
11 A Things unseen at work in the world.	11 record.)
12 Q You mean the forces of the devil?	12 MR. OSSIP: Do you want to take a break
13 MS. LAND: Objection to the form.	13 here?
14 A Well, that's a fairly medieval way to speak	14 THE WITNESS: I'm ready to go whenever
15 about things like that. I wouldn't have used those	15 you are. So if you need a break, take it by all means.
16 words.	16 MR. OSSIP: All right. Let's take a
17 Q (By Mr. Ossip) What words would you have used?	17 five-minute break.
18 A That there is there is a spiritual, almost	18 VIDEO OPERATOR: This will end media part
19 like a contagion that causes people to suffer and that	19 5. We are off the record at 4:24 p.m.
20 the more people harm each other the more that is abroad	20 (A break was had.)
21 in the world, yeah.	21 VIDEO OPERATOR: We are back on the
22 Q And so is the transgender delusion also	22 record at 4:41 p.m. This will begin media part 6.
23 contrary to western thought?	23 Please proceed.
24 A Because it's a it's a division of the human	24 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Okay. Thank you. All right.
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2 persons are monsters. I'm not saying that people who	2 Answer, "No."
3 suffer with transgender or gender identity or gender	3 A Let me see where the questions were coming from
4 dysphoria are monsters. I'm saying that the process is	4 first. Give me just a moment.
5 monstrous.	5 Q Um-hum.
6 Q And by the process, you mean	6 A Okay.
7 A The the willful destruction of the natural	7 Q And so
8 structure of the person and the creation of	8 A One moment, please. I'm sorry. Right. So the
9 counterfeits.	9 questions that were being asked by Mr. Nepper looks like
10 Q And that's gender transition procedures?	10 they were seeking a distinction between grooming that
11 A Surgeries, yeah.	11 leads to further treatment versus grooming that leads to
12 Q What about hormone replacement therapy?	12 sexualization, and so I agreed with that distinction.
13 A Not in the same category.	13 And then and then he asked the question
14 Q We're going to play another recording now.	14 directly, "And you think that discussing gender identity
15 This one has been marked as E for the purposes of this	15 issues with children means grooming them for potential
16 deposition.	
-	16 later sexual abuse; right?"
<ul><li>17 (The video played and was later marked</li><li>18 as Plaintiff's Exhibit E.)</li></ul>	<ul><li>And my no answer was directed to I think the</li><li>question at hand, which was the use of the word grooming</li></ul>
	19 in connection with leading to further treatment.
19 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Doctor, that was you speaking; 20 correct?	20 Let's see no, no. We're talking about
21 A Yes. I was using my pedagogical Jewish	21 here for future preparing them for these
22 exaggeration.	22 interventions. Right? It lays the groundwork whereby
23 Q And, Doctor, you're not currently Jewish; 24 correct?	23 sexualizing their thoughts in a way that's not
	24 consummate with their best interest. Right.
25 A I'm more Jewish now than I ever was.	25 Q Doctor, let's take a step back. So you were
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2 identity issues with children means grooming them for	2 suspecting that it was recorded at some conference where
3 potential later sexual abuse; correct?	3 I gave a presentation. Some reporter asked if they
4 MS. LAND: Objection; form.	4 could ask me some questions. I don't remember where it
5 A Okay. So on 461, question 12?	5 was recorded, though.
<ul> <li>6 Q (By Mr. Ossip) This is 462 starting on line 8.</li> </ul>	6 Q If you look up a little bit do you see where it
7 A I'm sorry. (Reading.)	7 says, "Appearing on a recent broadcast of Relevant
8 We're talking here about grooming them for	8 Radios, Trending With Timmerie"?
9 future	9 A Right, I do.
10 Q But you would agree that the answer to that	10 Q And is that the source for the quotes for this
11 question is yes; correct?	11 article?
12 A Gosh, I'm lost now. So yes would mean that I	12 A It sounds like it. I don't know if it was just
13 think all grooming is oriented toward sexual abuse.	13 the reporter listening to that broadcast and then
14 Q No. Well, all right. We can move on, Doctor.	14 writing this article or if she actually talked to me or
15 I think you have given your answer.	15 interviewed me.
16 You discussed during that deposition in	16 Q Okay. So I'm going to play you a part of that,
17 Kadel you also discussed that Life Site article;	17 that podcast now.
18 correct?	18 A Okay.
19 A I don't remember, but	19 Q And this has been marked as recording F for the
20 COURT REPORTER: What article?	20 purposes of this deposition.
21 MR. OSSIP: Life Site.	21 (The video played and was later marked
22 THE WITNESS: Yeah, that was Exhibit 7.	22 Plaintiffs' Exhibit F.)
23 I don't remember discussing it in that deposition.	23 Q (By Mr. Ossip) And, Doctor, that was you on
24 VIDEO OPERATOR: Doctor, let me get you	24 the recording; correct?
25 to raise your mic up.	25 A Yes, it was.
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1 Q All right. And you're not an anesthesiologist;	1 In fact, the majority of older transgender
2 correct?	2 persons don't have a sex life, per se. They have a
3 A No. I'm a plastic surgeon. Cute.	3 life. And so, yeah, so it's a very different thing in
4 Q And that's the and that's the only lawsuit;	4 adults.
5 right, Doctor?	5 Q But you would still consider it an intentional
6 A Yeah, no. That's the only one I've ever.	6 mutilation?
7 Q Okay. And that was dismissed against you;	7 A Yeah, I would.
8 correct?	8 Q But one that should not be illegal?
9 A Correct.	9 A Right.
10 Q Okay. So earlier you said that, "Gender	10 Q Okay.
11 transition procedures pervert and distort our sense of	11 A Sort of like other body modification surgery.
12 human sexuality." And you said that "this is because it	12 It's a
13 separates out the reproductive aspect of sex." Correct?	13 Q And you don't think that other body
14 A That's one of the things. It's not because, a	14 modification surgery should be illegal?
15 sole cause, but it's one of the aspects of the yeah.	15 A No. But in children it should, because
16 Q Yeah. And is that a medical opinion?	16 permanently life altering, inability to obtain informed
17 A Well, it's more of a medical moral opinion	17 consent.
18 that's informed by my understanding of the human person,	18 Q But you have said that you personally wouldn't
<ul><li>19 yeah. Could I find a journal article to support me in</li></ul>	19 do gender transition procedures on adults; correct?
20 that? I'm sure I couldn't.	20 A I will not, no.
21 Q But it's a medical moral opinion; correct?	21 Q And why is that?
22 A Yes, it is, yeah.	22 A Because I I wouldn't be doing them any good
23 Q And also earlier you said that church teachings	23 My best understanding of the evidence tells me that it
24 say that sexualized entity is part of the order that God	24 would be mutilation to no effect. So I do mutilating
25 has designed for a person and that to act against God's	25 surgeries for people, I did up until a year ago. For
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2 Q And do you frequently have pastoral visits with	2 generally don't run my practice using the language of
3 your surgical patients?	3 religion, nor do I give opinions, medical opinions based
4 A I can't tell you how many times I've talked	4 on my religion. It's a separate thing.
5 people out of cosmetic surgery. Talk women out of	5 Q So earlier we talked about Courage. I just
6 breast augmentations all the time. Talk men out of	6 want to go back to that one more time.
7 facial surgery all the time, yeah.	7 A Sure.
8 Q And what's the nature well, how do you talk	8 Q Does Courage provide any services well,
9 them out of it?	9 strike that.
10 A Well, it kind of depends on the strength and	10 What is Courage's approach to individuals with
11 the understanding that the person brings to the visit.	11 gender discordance?
12 Very often I recognize that I don't have enough of a	12 MS. LAND: Objection; asked and answered.
13 friendly relationship with the person to where they	13 A So
14 would take such advice. So I'm not free to offer advice	14 MS. LAND: And form.
15 under those circumstances, but sometimes it's as simple	15 A The only thing that would speak to that would
16 as saying that I don't have the skills they are looking	16 be what you what you read earlier out of the Courage
17 for.	17 handbook is the recognition that there's an underlying
18 Q And is that true?	18 reality. But Courage doesn't offer any interventions,
19 A Largely. I suppose the fact that I haven't	19 nor any referrals, nor anything else, persons with
20 done a whole training program on penile inversion	20 transgender or gender identity issues or gender
21 vaginoplasty, I've never been trained in that. So I	21 dysphoria.
22 would I would honestly say no, I'm not capable of	22 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Does Courage have members
23 that surgery. Or somebody who is seeking some radical	23 experiencing gender identity issues?
24 change to their face, I don't do radical face surgeries	24 A Let's see. I'm trying to think through
25 other than reconstructions. So I would be perfectly	25 everybody I know in Courage. It's such a huge group.
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2 another. The surgeries for minors is usually a	2 comes to mind, she's undergoing a lot of anxiety over
3 discussion of top surgery, which is pretty much limited	3 the fact that her father is sort of out of the picture
4 to a very small group of people. The majority of	4 because he devotes all of his time to taking care of her
5 transgender stuff done with children is medical.	5 special needs sister. And it's possible that she's
6 Q But your but that presentation goes beyond	6 misinterpreting family dynamics there and thinking that
7 surgery; correct?	7 her father is ignoring her because of her appearance. I
8 A Right. We discuss everything. Social	8 don't know.
9 transition, medical transition, and surgical transition	9 But that's an example of what I do. I don't
10 in adults primarily. I discuss the range of surgeries	10 try to change anybody's sexual identity. I try to
11 that are offered to adults who are having affirmation	11 understand what is the cause of their dysphoria.
12 care, affirmation surgery. So I get into the details of	12 Q And so it's only been one or two children that
13 that because I find that the public has a great	13 you have spoken to about this?
14 misunderstanding about what plastic surgeons are capable	14 A Again, that's sort of a running total, but
15 of, so I want the audience to understand what's actually	15 right now there is one or two, yeah.
16 happening and being presented as an actual sex change,	16 Q How many total children with gender dysphoria
17 which turns out to be typically a counterfeit front with	17 have you spoken to in your lifetime?
18 complications.	18 A In my capacity as a doctor or in my capacity as
19 Q You also discuss religious content in	19 a deacon?
20 presentation; correct?	20 Q In both.
21 A To religious groups I do. Yes, I do.	21 A Well, as a doctor, maybe one or two. I don't
22 Q So it's a mix of both; correct?	22 know.
23 MS. LAND: Object to form.	23 Q And that's in both capacities?
24 A My presentations are a mix of both?	A No. In the deacon arena children, you know,
25 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Yeah.	25 the late-onset gender dysphoria thing, there's been
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1 A Yeah. I would say the lion share of my	1 three or four girls in the last two years alone, yeah.
2 presentations are to church groups, the only ones that	2 Q Any other people you have spoken to in your
3 have shown interest.	3 capacity as a deacon?
4 Q Okay.	4 A I don't think so.
5 A I haven't been invited by the American Society	5 Q And how many times did you meet with each o
6 of Plastic Surgery to give a presentation on the moral	6 these people in your capacity as a deacon?
7 problems of transgender surgery.	7 A Well, let's see. One of them I have met with
8 Q Were any other	
	8 three times. One of them I only got to meet one time
9 A Probably not going to happen, though. I have	9 One of them maybe twice, three times maybe.
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2 A Gosh, I remember trying to fight a traffic	2 A Yes, it was.
3 ticket in suburban Maryland one time.	3 Q And you said on there that you had to give
4 Q Let's put aside traffic tickets. Any other	4 testimony in that case; correct?
5 reason you have ever been in court?	5 A Well, I guess I misspoke. It was, I guess, an
6 A No, no.	6 expert opinion.
7 Q And earlier we talked about a child custody	7 Q So you submitted an expert report in that case?
8 case.	8 A I think that's what happened in that case was
9 A Right.	9 an expert opinion submitted to the lawyers.
10 Q And you said you were testifying for the	10 Q Okay.
11 family; is that correct?	11 A And I seem to have conflated it with another
12 A Again, I would have to pull the my notes out	12 case in the news. It may have been in Texas where a
13 and review them. But as I remember the situation it was	13 father lost custody of his son who is in that age range
14 a it is a family with a young girl in her mid teens	14 of eight years old or nine years old.
15 who suddenly began identifying as a boy who was brought	15 Q Did you 2012 in that Texas case?
16 to the attention of the transgender clinic at the I	16 A No, no.
17 believe it's the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. I	17 MR. OSSIP: Okay. All right. I think
18 would have to review my notes.	18 let's take another break.
19 But in the course of receiving care at the	19 VIDEO OPERATOR: Okay. We're off the
20 Cincinnati Gender Clinic the parents resisted hormonal	20 record at 5:17 p.m.
21 transitioning. And the clinic assisted the child, as I	21 (A break was had.)
22 understand it the clinic assisted the child in seeking	22 VIDEO OPERATOR: We are back on the
23 custody being transferred to the child's grandmother,	23 record at 5:30 p.m. Please proceed.
24 I think it was, so that the grandmother could be the	24 MR. OSSIP: Thanks, Mike. And thank you,
25 decisionmaker because the grandmother was all on board,	25 Doctor.
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1 and so the parents lost custody of the child.	1 Q (By Mr. Ossip) So, Doctor, you mentioned
2 And as I again, I would have to review the	2 meeting with some of the children in your parish with
3 notes. But as I recall the they were asking my	3 gender dysphoria up to three times; is that correct?
4 opinion about the likelihood that that transitioning was	4 A I think that's the most times I've met with any 5 one of them.
<ul><li>5 going to resolve her problems. I think we had a</li><li>6 discussion or presentation. Again, I would have to</li></ul>	6 Q And some of them you met with fewer times?
<ul><li>7 review the notes, but, again, that was the question they</li><li>8 were asking.</li></ul>	7 A Yeah. I can think of one right off the top of 8 my head.
9 Q And did you ever testify in that case?	9 Q That you met with one time?
10 A No.	10 A Right.
11 Q And how old was the child in that case?	11 Q And did you provide psychotherapy to these
12 A I think when I was first contacted the child	
13 was in her mid to late teens. And I think the	12 children?
14 resolution of that was the child aged out of the whole	12 children? 13 A No.
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2 Q And how did you answer that question?	2 A Well, certainly the one let's see. The girl
3 A That I would as I recall telling the mother	3 that I have seen about three times, yeah, her father
4 that they should put off making any such decision.	4 speaks no English. Mother struggles with English. But
5 Q And by that you mean not using	5 she speaks perfect English. So my conversations with
6 A Not rushing to any decisions about hormone	6 the parents would be mostly my broken Spanish to
7 therapy.	7 recommend sources of information like Walter Heyer and
8 Q And by that you mean not providing hormone	8 such like that.
9 therapy; correct?	9 Q Looking to the children, did you engage in
10 A Right. Like if anybody is offering hormone	10 prayer with them to help address their gender dysphoria?
11 therapy, delay.	11 A Well, did I try to pray them out of their
12 Q Delay until when?	12 dysphoria? No. Any time I meet with a child in the
13 A Until you know more. Because my opinion at	13 library or anywhere else, at the school or at the
14 that point is if they know more they will be less likely	14 church, every such meeting always begins and ends with
15 to do it. I think I recommended them to read some	15 prayer. But as far as me praying over them to relieve
16 articles, to let's see. There is some resources	16 that, that's not how I work.
17 online.	17 Q What about with the parents?
18 I think I might have referred one of them to	18 A Similar thing, begin and end with prayer.
19 Erin Brewer's website because she's she's a person	19 Q So earlier we talked about your presentations
20 who lived that transgender experience as a child. I	20 to church groups.
21 might have referred them to Walter Heyer's website for	21 A Um-hum.
22 the parents to look at so they can understand kind of	22 Q And those include a mixture of medical
23 the arc of what happens to children when they are	23 information and religious content; right?
24 experiencing this kind of gender anxiety.	24 A Right. The goal in those presentations almost
25 Q What articles did you refer them to?	25 always is for them to be conversant in the language and
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2 Q And what opinion is it that you hope they will	2 the family counseling side that's pretty much it.
3 value?	3 That's pretty much it. If they are a legitimate and
4 A That I value them as a person and that I don't	4 qualified family counselor who can speak, and their kid
5 reject them as a person and that they may one day ask	5 is Spanish, that was enough for me.
6 themselves, Why do I believe what I believe?	6 Q And what makes them legitimate or qualified?
7 Q And what is it that you believe?	7 A Well, they have got the credentials of
8 A I believe that the human person is a singular	8 counseling, licensed social worker, counselor, family
9 nature. I believe that we are binary in our	9 counselor. I don't fully understand the credentialing
10 construction, that that binary is ordered towards a	10 process on the counseling side of things. But I would
11 unity that is a life giving unity and that informs my	11 hope that people who advertise themselves as family
12 life as a physician and as a deacon.	12 counselors are qualified to do this.
13 Q And the reason why you're hoping that they ask	13 Q So you're just looking for whether they
14 themselves why you believe what you believe is because	14 advertise themselves as a family counselor?
15 you hope that they will adopt that belief too; correct?	15 A Yeah. I don't remember exactly what I saw on
16 MS. LAND: Object to form, relevance.	16 that particular website, but my guess is there must have
17 A Well, I mean, I would I would love it if	17 been some credential thing that they present. Most
18 they did because I think that's where human happiness	18 providers put their credentials on it.
19 lies. But I also want them to trust me as a friend	19 Q Okay. And you mentioned three families. Did
20 because what's very common and very likely in the in	20 you assist all three of them in finding a family
21 the life arc of persons who have this difficulty is you	21 counselor?
22 have a nearly 50/50 chance of experiencing some very	A Well, so one of them was beyond family
23 dark time in their life when the transition is over and	23 counseling because in this circumstance it was a young
24 no one is interested any longer and they are alone and	24 man who was at the very early stages of beginning a
25 sorrowing, I don't want them to feel alone. I don't	25 social transition and had not had any contact yet with
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1 want them to feel as if there is nothing further to be	1 any medical providers, but was absolutely resolute that
2 done, I don't want them to kill themselves.	2 this was the right thing to do. And that was kind of a
3 Q (By Mr. Ossip) So you mentioned going back to	3 heartbreaking visit.
4 the parents of children that you had conversations with	4 He was even you know, that was so there
5 in your capacity as a deacon. You mentioned helping	5 was nothing I could offer, because there is nothing you
6 them find, was it a psychiatrist for their child?	6 can offer to somebody who is not interested in what
7 A Psychological counselor. Usually children who	7 you're offering. And he's beyond family counseling
8 are having these experiences are better served by family	8 because he is already ignoring his parents and not in
9 counseling. And so one of the things that's probably	9 under their purview, no longer living at home.
10 most necessary in a child having that experience and,	10 Basically, I think he was in his first semester of
11 I mean, the girl we were speaking about earlier, it's	11 college.
12 written all over her dynamic is there is a real conflict	12 Q So this was not a minor then?
13 between her and her father and the way the mother	13 A Seventeen years old. Seventeen, maybe going on
14 mediates in that whole issue and how it alienates her	14 18, but 17.
15 daughter.	15 Q And was in college?
16 So for example her, I suggested some family	16 A Just going off to college or might have been
17 counseling I think I found them a family counselor in	17 down there for a semester. It was one of those. A kid
18 Huntsville. But yeah, that's how it sits right now.	18 I recognized from around the parish.
19 Q And how did you find that family counselor?	19 Q And this 17-year-old began a social transition?
20 A I did a Google search looking for family	20 A Yeah, he was, he was. In his manner and his
21 counselors that would be convenient, who spoke Spanish.	21 clothing and I think he had wore makeup, he wore a
22 Because they need to be Spanish speakers to take care of	22 sort of a blousy-looking shirt. You can still call it a
23 that family.	23 shirt, but it looked kind of blousy. I think he was
24 Q Any other qualifications in that search?	24 wearing fingernails, wearing some facial makeup and
24 Q Any other quantications in that search?	

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1 a more feminine side.	1 spoke for themselves quite apart from anything else
2 Q Do you classify this as late-onset gender	2 going on in her life.
3 dysphoria?	3 Q And so I'm sorry to jump around a little
4 A In his case it would have been because I had	4 bit.
5 never saw any sign of it. He wasyeah, it had to be	5 A No. That's okay.
6 late teens, obviously. This was the parents never	6 Q For the 17-year-old, what did you tell them
7 said anything until he came back, I think, from his	7 about hormone therapy?
8 first semester in college as I recall. This was a while	8 A Well, what I usually since he would not have
9 back.	9 been a candidate for puberty blockade, he would have
10 Q And you said he wouldn't listen to his parents;	10 been right into cross-sex hormones I talked about the
11 correct?	11 side effects and consequences of high dose estrogen in a
12 A You could tell in the dynamic there that he was	12 man. We talked about hypertriglyceridemia,
13 sort of wanting for his parents to be on his side. But,	13 hypertension, metabolic syndrome, weight gain. We
14 obviously, the reason they brought him to me was for him	14 talked about life-long dependency on it. We talked
15 to hear the other side in terms of, you know, what's the	15 about all of those issues and that it had some
16 outlook for you if you if you do hormonal transition,	16 likelihood of leading on to surgery if he was still
17 what's the outlook for you if you do gender transition.	17 unhappy after receiving cross-sex hormones.
18 Q And why was it heartbreaking?	18 Q And did you include any discussion of Catholic
19 A Because there is nothing I could offer. Here	19 teaching in that discussion?
20 is a room full of people suffering and nothing I can	20 A I don't think we did, because I didn't the
21 offer.	21 vibe as I recall the vibe I was getting from that
22 Q Why was it obvious that that was the reason	22 young man was he was not there to listen to church
23 they brought him to you?	23 teachings. I think he was just there out of obedience
24 A Told me. They said, Doctor, I understand you	24 to his parents and he was in a doctor's office. This
25 know something about trans. My son is all of a	25 was outside the parish. So he was sitting in an
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1 sudden he's he's saying he's a woman. So I never	1 examination chair and we were having a conversation.
2 turn away anybody who is in distress and so I said, Just	2 Q So, okay. Interesting. So but this was
3 plan to come by my office together and maybe we can	3 somebody that you knew through the church that brought
4 talk, so they did. They showed up and we spent about an	4 their child to your physician's office for this
5 hour talking about things, but it went nowhere.	5 discussion?
6 Q Did he want to be there?	6 A Yeah. She approached me not as deacon Lappert,
7 A I think he wanted to be reconciled with his	7 but Dr. Lappert, you know.
8 parents. I don't think he wanted to be there. I think	8 Q Was your goal to get him to strike that.
9 his parents insisted that he come. And he, out of love	9 Was your goal to deter him from medical
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2 A Because I'm concerned about what's going to	2 about transgender medicine?
3 happen to his body if he takes high-dose sex steroids.	3 A I spend a lot of time studying and reading on
4 Q Because you didn't want him to take them?	4 it, yes, I have.
5 MS. LAND: Object to form.	5 Q And that was since 2014; correct?
6 A Right, for medical reasons. Not, per se, for	6 A Right.
7 the transgender transition, but the fact basically	7 Q And you feel qualified to provide care to
8 cautioning him giving him the side of the	8 patients seeking transgender medicine?
9 conversation that he probably wasn't hearing, which is	9 A No. But I I consider myself adequately
10 the consequences of high-dose sex steroids. I think he	10 qualified sort of at the primary care level to discuss
11 hadn't heard that. He seemed to be surprised in hearing	11 medical risks with a family and a patient in the same
12 it, but I don't think it had any effect.	12 way that I would discuss, you know, the risk of
13 Q So you mention going back or taking a step	13 malignancy in a woman who has a family history of breast
14 back, you mentioned a variety of discussions with	14 cancer. I'm not an oncologist, but I know enough about
15 children and families from your parish about gender	15 it that if I have concerns I can refer them to somebody
16 dysphoria; correct?	16 I might trust.
17 A Right.	17 So it's sort of at the primary care level, and
18 Q How many of those were at the church and how	18 that's kind of what that visit was. It was, sadly, not
19 many were in your physician's office?	19 a very effective visit.
20 A The only one was in my physician's office was	20 Q So that was a primary care visit; correct?
21 the one we just discussed.	21 A Right, yeah, simple visit.
22 Q All the rest were in the library?	22 Q How many primary care visits do you typically
A I'm pretty sure, yeah.	23 do in a year?
24 Q Okay.	A I do quite a few of them actually, because I
25 A And all of those were basically deacon Lappert	25 run a skin care consultation service and I provide skin
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2 Q But you did at that time?	2 one.
3 A Anybody who comes to me I consider a patient.	3 Q Okay. Did you refer this child to any other
4 Whether or not that relationship develops, I always	4 A No, I didn't.
5 assume it's the beginning of a doctor-patient	5 Q provider?
6 relationship.	6 A I didn't refer her.
7 Q Does that include the people who came to you at	7 Q All right. And talking about the 17-year-old
8 the church?	8 who was in your office, did you bill for that office
9 A Well, if they approach me as a deacon, no, I	9 visit?
10 don't present myself as their doctor. I present myself	10 A No, no.
11 as their deacon.	11 Q Why not?
12 Q But you, nevertheless, discuss, for example,	12 A Because of its informality and the fact that
13 the medical consequences of hormone therapy?	13 I don't I do lots of gratis visits for parishioners.
14 MS. LAND: Object to form.	14 It's just what I do.
15 A The conversations I have had in the parish	15 Q Okay. But that was the only gratis visit for a
16 library have not been with children who were anywhere	16 person that involved gender transition?
17 close to being offered hormonal therapy.	17 A Right.
18 Q (By Mr. Ossip) But you've discussed it with	18 MR. OSSIP: Where are we at on time,
19 their parents?	19 Mike?
20 A No. Again, the Spanish speaking parents, I'm	20 VIDEO OPERATOR: Let's see. Thirty-eight
21 not conversant, fluent enough in Spanish to even have	21 minutes.
22 that discussion.	22 MR. OSSIP: Okay.
23 Q So you mentioned three families; correct?	23 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Doctor, would you describe your
A Three families, yeah.	24 view on gender transition procedures as mainstream
25 Q So one we already discussed and that was you	25 within the medical profession?
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2 A So that's not a podcast. That's a Light House	2 like the one I've offered here I don't bring my religion
3 Media CD. So, yes.	3 into it. But in terms as a Catholic do I think that
4 Q But it's a talk; correct?	4 mutilation is a sin, yes.
5 A Correct.	5 MR. OSSIP: Sorry, just give me one
6 Q Okay. I'm just gonna we're gonna play a	6 second, Doctor. I apologize.
7 minute of this. This has been marked as C, recording C	7 Sorry. Can we go off the record for one
8 for the purposes of this deposition.	8 second?
9 (Audio recording was played and later	9 VIDEO OPERATOR: Off the record at 6:06
10 marked as Plaintiffs' Exhibit C.)	10 p.m.
11 MR. OSSIP: And that's your voice in this	11 (A pause was had.)
12 recording; correct, Doctor?	12 VIDEO OPERATOR: We're back on the record
13 A Yes, it is.	13 at 6:07 p.m. Please proceed.
14 Q And that's that Light House talk; is that	14 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Doctor, is it your view that
15 correct?	15 performing gender transition procedures is against
16 A I believe that's correct, yeah.	16 Catholic truth about the nature of a person?
17 Q All right. Doctor, do you have well, you	17 MS. LAND: Object to form and relevance.
18 have religious beliefs concerning gender transition. Is	18 A Do I believe that gender transition procedures,
19 that fair to say?	19 surgeries are against I'm sorry.
20 A Yes, I do.	20 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Yeah. Is it your view that
21 Q And what are those beliefs?	21 performing gender transition procedures is against
22 A That the human person is a single nature, that	22 Catholic truth about the nature of a person?
23 the mutilation of genitalia or otherwise bodily	23 A Yes.
24 mutilation is a is a, from the religious perspective,	24 Q Okay. In what way?
25 is a sin against your bodily integrity. That pretty	25 A Because it ignores the reality of the single
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2 temperature and doing all those things that medicine has	2 heavily.
3 been involved in for the last thousand years and you	3 And so the natural law, for example, spills
4 come to an understanding of it, just as and that	4 over into the truth, the actually, the scientific
5 understanding changes with time.	5 objective truths of the human body and how the body
6 Particularly in the area of reproduction, it's	6 responds to influences of medications and hormones and
7 changed a lot in the last 100 years. But, yeah, you	7 trauma and all those other things.
8 it's the study of the nature of the human person.	8 Q And okay. I think I'm just going to
9 That's what science is about, the study of nature,	9 check my notes. Give me one second, Doctor.
10 philosophy of nature, the philosophical sciences.	10 A Sure.
11 Q Well, is natural law a predicate to science or	11 Q Let me ask one more actually.
12 is science a predicate to natural law?	12 Doctor, are you familiar with something called
13 MS. LAND: Object to form.	13 the GRADE approach?
14 A I'm not sure I understand what you mean by	14 A The what approach?
15 predicate.	15 Q The well, are you familiar with Grading of
16 Q (By Mr. Ossip) Well, do you use science to	16 Recommendations, Assessment, Development and Evaluation?
17 determine natural law or does natural law determine the	17 A Oh, I see. That's a I've never heard those
18 course of science?	18 terms. I used SOAP approach when I was learning
19 A You use the scientific method to study natural	19 diagnostic and evaluation or the HPI approach. But I
20 law, but the scientific method itself is based on the	20 is that GRADE approach, is that a psychiatric process?
21 idea of natural law, because that revolution that	21 Q I'm just asking, are you familiar with the
22 happened in the 12th and 13th century was the	22 GRADE approach?
23 recognition of the fact that what you measure today will	23 A I've never heard it.
24 be the same tomorrow and that you can come to understand	24 MR. OSSIP: Okay. All right. I think
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2	excuse me.	2	
3	Were you speaking in any of those recordings in	3	
4	your capacity of giving consultation to any patients?	4	I, Trena K. Bloye, Certified Shorthand Reporter
5	A No.	5	within and for the state of Oklahoma, certify that
6	MR. OSSIP: Objection to form.		PATRICK WALTER LAPPERT, M.D., was by me first duly sworn
7	MS. LAND: No further questions.		to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but
8	MR. OSSIP: Can you give us one minute,		the truth, in the case aforesaid; that the witness
9			chooses to read and sign the deposition; that the above
10	VIDEO OPERATOR: You want to go off the		and foregoing videotaped deposition was taken by me in
	record?		shorthand and thereafter transcribed; that the same was
12	MR. OSSIP: Yeah.		taken on May 6, 2022, at 9:04 a.m., at the Arkansas Attorney General's Office, 323 Center Street, Suite 200,
13	VIDEO OPERATOR: Okay. We're off the		Little Rock, Arkansas, that I am not an attorney for,
	record at 6:16 p.m.		nor a relative of any of said parties or otherwise
14	-		interested in the event of said action.
15	(A pause was had.) VIDEO OPERATOR: We're back on the record	10	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
			and official seal this 18th day of May, 2022.
	at 6:16 p.m. Please proceed.	19	
18	MR. OSSIP: All right, Doctor. I just	20	
	want to once again, thank you for your time with us and	21	
	I have no more questions for you.	22	
21	THE WITNESS: Thank you.	23	
22	VIDEO OPERATOR: Okay. This concludes		Osiana K. Blag
	today's testimony given by Dr. Patrick Lappert. The	24	
	total number of media used was six, which will be		Trena K. Bloye, CSR
25	retained by Veritext. And we are going off the record	25	State of Oklahoma CSR No. 1522
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1	at 6:16 p.m.	1	AMANDA LAND, ESQ.
2	(A discussion was had off the record.)	2	aland@arkansasag.gov
3	MS. LAND: Okay. I would just like us to	3	May 20, 2022
4	go on the record on behalf of Dr. Lappert and say that	4	RE: BRANDT, et al. vs. RUTLEDGE, et al.
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1 5	we would like to review and sign.	5	5/6/2022, Patrick W. Lappert (#5163564)
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#### Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

#### Rule 30

(e) Review By the Witness; Changes.

(1) Review; Statement of Changes. On request by the deponent or a party before the deposition is completed, the deponent must be allowed 30 days after being notified by the officer that the transcript or recording is available in which:
(A) to review the transcript or recording; and
(B) if there are changes in form or substance, to sign a statement listing the changes and the reasons for making them.

(2) Changes Indicated in the Officer's Certificate. The officer must note in the certificate prescribed by Rule 30(f)(1) whether a review was requested and, if so, must attach any changes the deponent makes during the 30-day period.

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