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The Proposal

The existence of transgender people and their rights is constantly getting overlooked and pushed over. State governments in the United States have continued a coordinated and constant attack on the rights of LGBTQ+ identifying people, specifically trans youth. Gender-affirming care is becoming more polarized and being used as a political pawn, therefore we must break down what gender-affirming care is and just how deeply it affects the transgender community. Studies have already shown in the first 12 months of receiving gender-affirming medications such as hormone blockers, the youth had 73% lower odds of suicidality (Smith, 2022). There is no doubt that gender-affirming care is an extremely vital process in saving lives and that the argument that it is child abuse has no substance. Forcing children to live in a body that they constantly feel isn't theirs is child abuse. Allowing our government to rule over our healthcare system like this is a dangerous slope, allowing more and more space for more legislation governing our healthcare needs and wants. This isn't an issue isolated to transgender people, it will continue to spread and affect more and more people. Education on certain topics is all it takes to help heal the minds that are misunderstood. Throughout this research people, I want to dive deeper into the false scientific evidence that has been used to back up these unjust laws and use relevant actual science to refute this, I also want to digger deeper into the direct effect and

correlation that receiving gender affirming care can have on the mental wellbeing on trans people.

## Resources

TIMOTHY M. SMITH (2022, May 30). *Understanding the short-term impact of gender-affirming care*. American Medical Association.

<https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/population-care/understanding-short-term-impact-gender-affirming-care>