

THE ANTI-TRANS HATE MACHINE

A PLOT AGAINST EQUALITY
SEASON 2

EPISODE 1: CONVERSION THERAPY: A DISINFORMATION BLUEPRINT



1970s - the APA, a leading psychological association removes homosexuality from its list of psychological orders.

THAT SHOULD HAVE MEANT THE END OF CONVERSION THERAPY.

1980s - Christian nationalists and far right forces organize, led by organizations like **Focus on the Family**.

They label LGBTQ+ people as abnormal people to be cured.

Focus on the Family platforms ex-gay organizations like **Exodus International** and pseudo-scientist organizations like **NARTH**.

They create a list of therapists who amplify conversion therapy.

These groups along with supported:

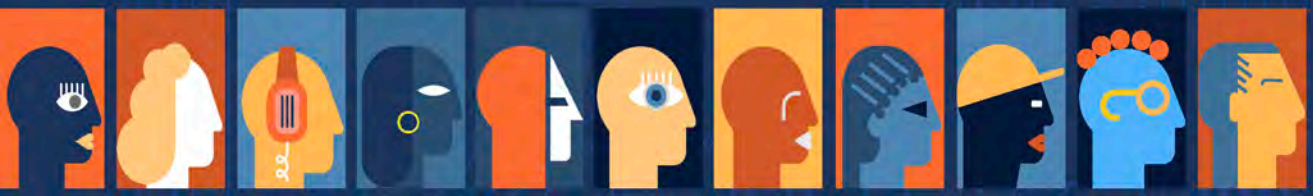
- therapists,
- religious camps,
- boarding schools,
- religious colleges

are why...

CONVERSION THERAPY PERSISTS TODAY.

All of these groups work to create a debate in media about the "gay lifestyle."

Currently **1 in 12** of the LGBTQ+ community has undergone conversion therapy.



YET every ban has a religious exemption, allowing this practice to continue in all 50 states.



20 states, D.C., Puerto Rico and 100 individual municipalities now ban conversion therapy for minors.

BY SHEDDING LIGHT ON THIS PROBLEM WE CAN STOP THE DAMAGE BEING DONE.

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EPISODE 2: DETRANSITION PSEUDO-SCIENCE & MISLEADING EXAMPLES

2015 - same-sex marriage is federally legalized.

Christian Nationalist leaders and the far right refocus on anti-trans attacks. **They have to show that trans people are fake.**

So they foment the ideological

DETRANSITION MOVEMENT.

They want to convince society that trans people aren't real, arguing that trans people are confused cis people.

They search the Internet for people grappling with their gender identity, looking for "ex-trans" spokespeople.



The Heritage Foundation platforms them along with TERFS and pseudo-scientific groups like the American College of Pediatrics.



(Which is 100 times smaller than the mainstream American Academy of Pediatrics which affirms trans kids).

These detransitioners, TERFS and junk science groups legitimize anti-trans ideas for liberal audiences.



These messages are amplified in state houses across the country to justify hundreds of anti-trans bills.

THESE GROUPS HAVE CREATED FEAR AND PANIC THAT PUTS TRANS LIVES AT FURTHER RISK - IN LEGISLATURES AND COMMUNITIES.

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EPISODE 3: SEDUCTION OF RAPID ONSET GENDER DYSPHORIA

4thWaveNow
is a critical force of the
anti-trans movement,
specifically the sweeping
attacks on trans kids.

4thWaveNow was created by
DENISE CAIGNON
who resisted the idea
that her kid was
trans.

**RAPID ONSET
GENDER DYSPHORIA (ROGD)**
IS THE NAME GIVEN BY THE
PSEUDO-SCIENCE OF DR. LISA LITMAN
FROM WHAT SHE SAW ON 4THWAVENOW.

ROGD encourages parents
to believe that their kids are brainwashed
by YouTube, or social media
or their friends.

TRANSNESS AS A
**SOCIAL
CONTAGION**
ORIGINATED IN
DISCUSSIONS OF
ANTI-TRANS
PARENTS ON
4THWAVENOW.

This idea of "trans social
contagion" has spread even to
mainstream and supposedly
non-biased platforms like *The
Atlantic Magazine* through the
writing of *Jesse Singal*.

The problem is that
Litman's research has
been debunked.

Despite the deeply
problematic work of *Jesse
Singal* and *Dr. Lisa
Litman*, the idea that trans
youth coming out is some
sort of a
social contagion
has spread far and
wide.

NOW, THIS
DISINFORMATION
HAS BECOME
CONVENTIONAL
WISDOM.

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EPISODE 4: A Voice for Anti-Trans, Mass Media



ABIGAIL SHRIER

with no real scientific or medical credentials, has become a go-to source for spreading anti-trans disinformation, especially about trans kids.

OPINION



Shrier started as a lawyer but ended up writing op-eds at The Wall Street Journal.

There she pushed the junk science concept of “rapid onset gender dysphoria.”

She wrote the book *“Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters,”* which argues that:



social influences make kids trans AND...

...that moms and dads need to model strict gender roles to stop social contagion.



Shrier has been a regular fixture of

TUCKER CARLSON ON FOX NEWS

and **JOE ROGAN'S PODCAST.**

These are just a few.

Has an audience of 11 million+ listeners, and is the #1 podcast on Spotify.

Was the highest-rated news program on any cable news channel.

THE VAST REACH OF THESE OUTLETS AND HER VOICE IS WHY THE APPEAL FOR PARENTS TO RESIST WHEN KIDS SAY THAT THEY ARE TRANS HAS FOUND ITS WAY TO EVER LARGER AUDIENCES.