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Comments

Conversion therapy on minors below the age of legal consent should be outlawed in Saskatoon the sooner the better. Such therapy assumes that there is something inherently wrong with being homosexual or transgendered. But the mainline churches, one of which I am a member, marry such minority people and ordain them to ministry as long as they meet the same qualifications as majority people. We call it democracy. After all, people who are homosexual or transgendered do not pay less tax because

of their orientation, so why should they be expected to accept less in the way of civil rights.

I see no essential difference between coercing a minor into submitting to sex or to conversion therapy: either way, an adult is forcing their will on a minor. From what I have read, the ill effects are just as disasterous in both cases.

Even if Parliament should eventually outlaw conversion therapy for minors in Canada, how would they enforce it? And their likelihood of passing such legislation would likely be heavily influenced by what they see happening in the major cities of Canada. As for enforcement, Saskatoon already has an excellent, progressive police force dedicated to ensuring equal protection of the law for all in its jurisdiction. And I am proud to be living in Saskatoon.

Let us outlaw conversion therapy for minors below the age of legal consent.

## James Komar

## Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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