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# VALUE-HOLDING AND MARGINALIZATION

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# WHAT DO YOU VALUE?

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- Do you think children should not be harmed?
- Arguments about harming children become not only about facts, but also about values.
- Almost universally, we do admonish the harm of children, with laws against child abuses in every US state and a multitude of countries worldwide.

Lyle Therese A. Hilotin-Lee, J. (2025, January 30)

# THE POWER OF EMOTIONS

ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL METHODS OF  
CONTROLLING PEOPLE IS BY DISTORTING  
GRIEF. CERTAIN PEOPLE MUST REMAIN  
'UNGRIEVABLE', OR 'UNGRIEVED FOR', THAT  
ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETY MAY FUNCTION  
IN A CONTINUED STATE OF PERCEIVED  
NORMALCY.  
(BUTLER, 2009).

This does not require fully egregious enemies to be effective. Merely dehumanizing other groups is enough to influence psychological bias and the delusion of escaped accountability.

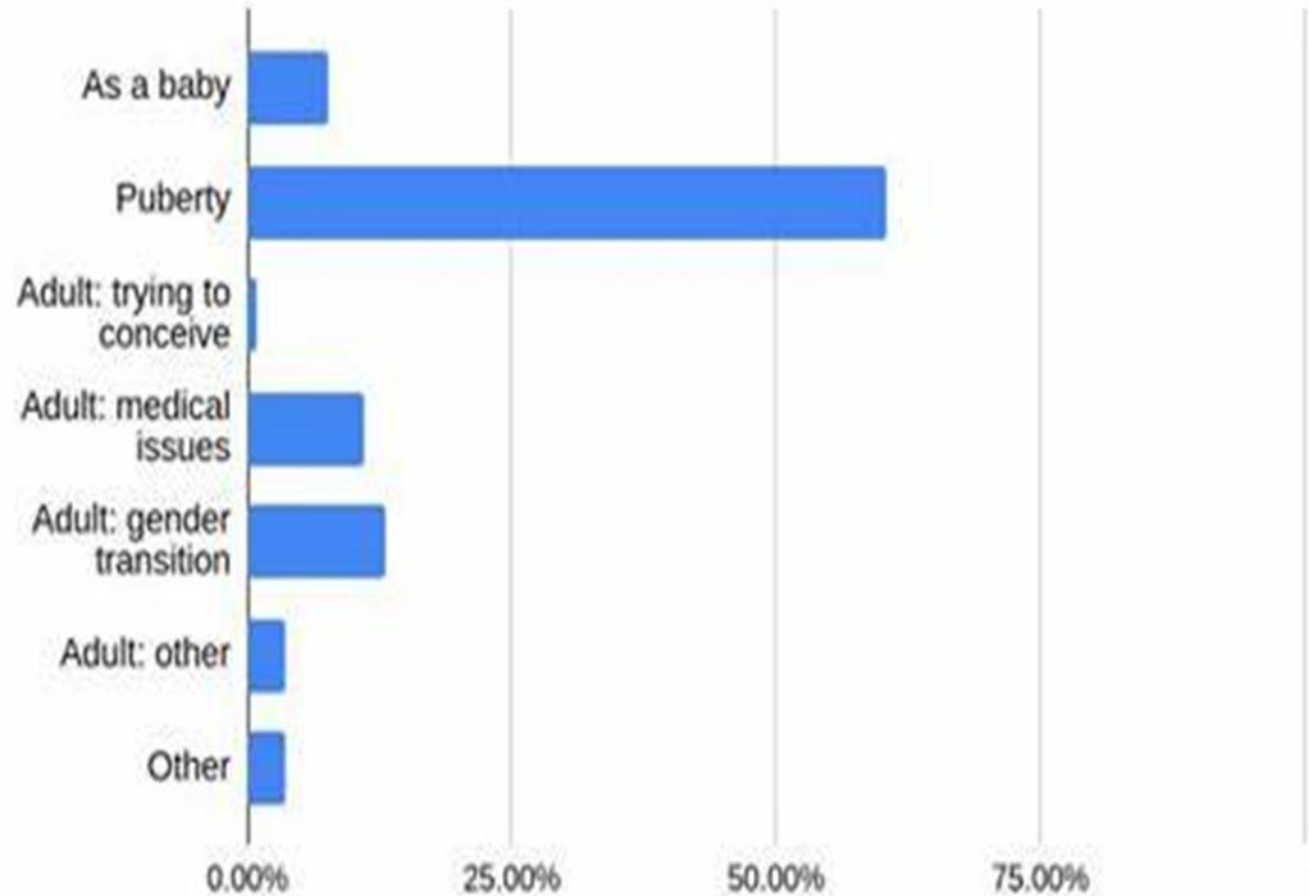
# WHAT IS AN INTERSEX PERSON?



OUT OF ALMOST 8 BILLION PEOPLE, 1.7%  
ARE ESTIMATED TO BE INTERSEX (UNITED  
NATIONS, 2024)

SURGERIES DONE  
TO INTERSEX  
CHILDREN ARE  
PURELY  
COSMETIC, FOR  
THE COMFORT OF  
SOCIETY,  
DESPITE  
ADVERSE RISKS  
TO THE CHILD  
THEMSELVES.

When did your intersex variation become evident?



# DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE HARMING CHILDREN IS BAD?

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Despite proposing laws because ‘children are too young to advocate for themselves’, supporters for bans on gender affirming care for transgender youth in recent years have exceptions made for cutting intersex children (Sosin, 2023).

Even when presented with research or demonstrations about how altering the intersex child could negatively impact them, most people only feel pity for that intersex person, or about that surgery, and not for intersex people as a group (Hegarty & Smith, 2022).



THESE ARE PROOF  
BY CASES: EVERY  
OPTION LEADS TO  
THE SAME  
CONCLUSION.

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Morality is not superficial

Sincerity is not fickle

Moral imperatives  
remain substantial

We are at liberty to care

## POPULARLY HELD POLITICAL POSITIONS OF DEMOCRATIC, SELF-DETERMINED NATIONS

View	Belief	For?	Pro Intersex Rights?
Utilitarianism	Equally distributive justice and maximizing utility	The whole	✓ YES
Egalitarianism	Fairness of opportunity and distributive justice	The whole	✓ YES
Political Liberalism	Committed to freedom and universal equality	Individuals	✓ YES
Libertarianism	Freedom and consent are ultimate	Individuals	✓ YES
Collectivism	Preserving the community	The group	✓ YES
Nationalism	Citizenship entitles one to national identity and membership benefits	The group	✓ YES

# WHAT IS HAPPENING CURRENTLY?

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On Jan. 16, 2025, the HHS report titled Advancing Health Equity for Intersex Individuals released. This was the first-ever U.S. government publication that fully acknowledged the existence of, the specific discrimination of, and harm suffered by intersex people, and included recommendations for change.

On Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, with an executive order, not only was this removed, but all mentions of 'intersex' were removed from all federal sites. For 4 days intersex people existed in this country according to the government even though they have always existed.

Government documents currently reflecting intersex adult genders, even with medical substantiation, under this executive order, could be forcibly reverted to whatever gender they were described to be at birth, whether accurate or not.

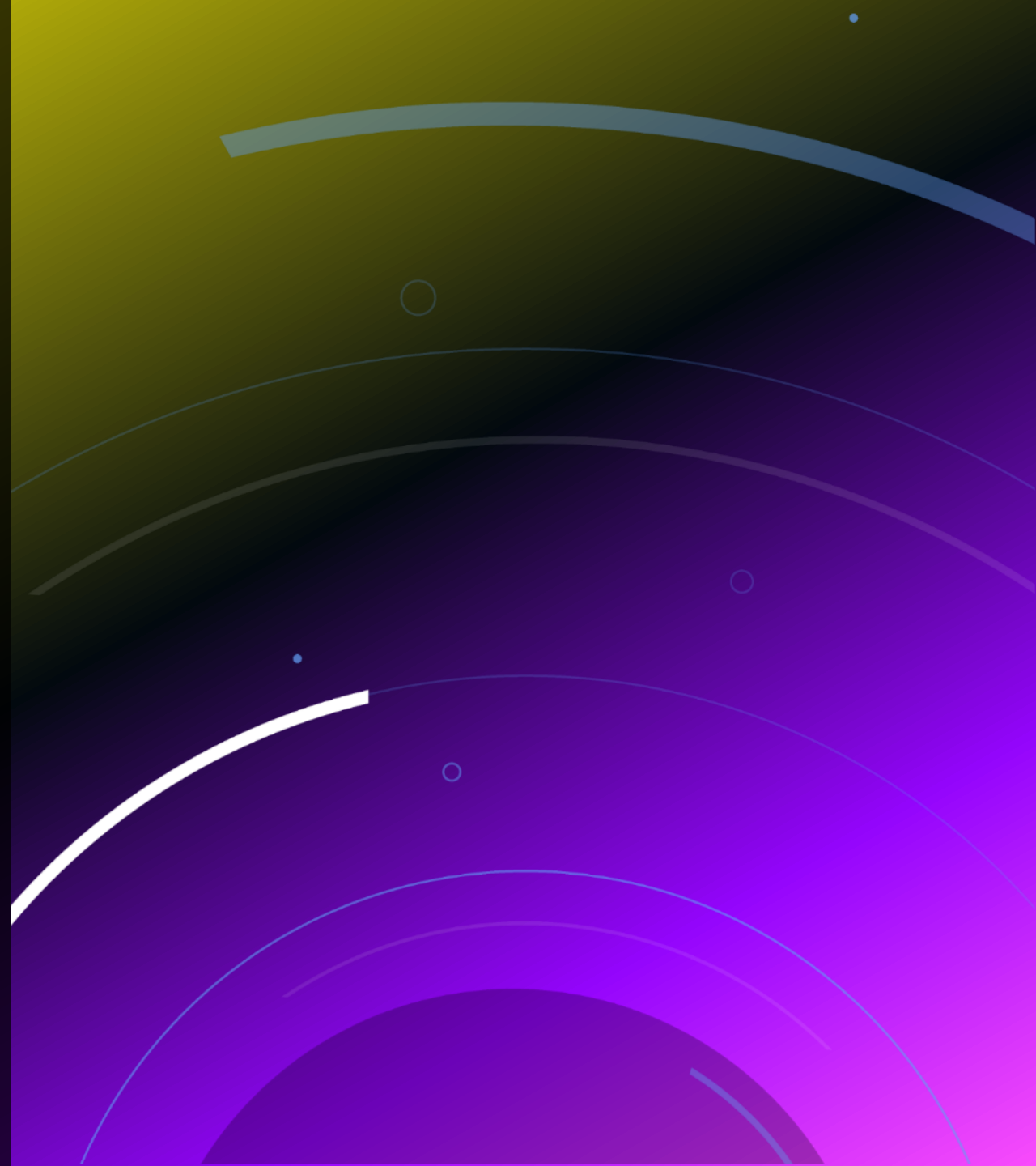


# COULD YOU TRULY EXPERIENCE GRIEF FOR INTERSEX PEOPLE?

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Did you hesitate? Is there difficulty by  
choice, or because external  
influences numbed how much you  
can care?

Do you truly believe **ALL**  
children should not be  
harmed?



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