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I am a concerned citizen who wishes to support freedom of speech and belief.  
It appears to me this paper is trying to classify talking to people under the same category as tying them down and hacking their body.

It is the “gender reassigners” who are doing the hacking, and destroying lives. The suicide rate of transgenders goes up after surgery, which shows their problems are not physical.  
The surgery and drugs make it virtually impossible for people to return to their original sex, and reverters are a significant group (and I suspect will grow, since everyone knows that a bloke in a dress is still a bloke with issues, no matter what he says).

There is no science to support the whole “I am whatever sex I choose” philosophy. It is degrading to people to say that is the case.

<https://quillette.com/2020/01/02/the-ranks-of-gender-detransitioners-are-growing-we-need-to-understand-why/> makes the point that most teens who “think” they are something other than what they are revert with time.  
<https://genderreport.ca/detransitioners-what-can-we-learn/> makes the point: “She says many have detransitioned after realizing that taking hormones isn’t helping them with underlying issues. She’s noticed that many detransitioners have ADHD, autism or were also struggling with an eating disorder.”

How about they can get help with their underlying issues?  
First the issues have to be identified, which can mean pointing out that gender is not it.  
Only an idiot would prescribe surgery Without a thorough counselling course, but this legislation wants to criminalise that, and severely. Being a mass murderer gets less penalty.

<https://www.feministcurrent.com/2020/01/09/detransitioners-are-living-proof-the-practices-surrounding-trans-kids-need-be-questioned/>  
Denying their existence does not make them go away – “A 23-year-old British woman, Keira Bell, is suing the medical clinic that oversaw her gender transitioning to a male when she was a teenager. She claims that the strong hormone blockers and opposite sex hormones that were administered to her during her early and mid-teens caused her medical harm. She is one of a growing tide of people who are being referred to as ‘detransitioners’ – people who once lived as transgender and underwent medical procedures to alter their bodies, but who now regret it.”

<https://www.spiked-online.com/2019/10/23/why-detransitioners-frighten-trans-activists/> yes there are lots who say the same thing.  
<https://gendercriticalwoman.com/detransitioners>

<https://www.hli.org/resources/what-percentage-of-transgenders-regret-surgery/> lists physical health problems with transitioners. Sure it is something to be pushed? The public health system cannot afford it.

*“Had I not been misled by media stories of sex change “success” and by medical practitioners who said transitioning was the answer to my problems, I wouldn’t have suffered as I have. Genetics can’t be changed. Feelings, however, can and do change. Underlying issues often drive the desire to escape one’s life into another, and they need to be addressed before taking the radical step of transition.”*

Why cut off that?

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