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Dear Dr. Jussim,

I am submitting, “Reconsidering Medical Transitioning, While Re-Imagining Gender Affirming Care for Trans-identified Youth” to the Journal of Open Inquiry in the Behavioral Sciences for your consideration. This article is a review of the clinical literature on social and medical transitioning of children and adolescents. It is also a challenge for mental health professionals to reflect on their support of these treatments while there is insufficient scientific evidence to support them. There is also a call to reconstruct Gender-Affirming Care and present it as a psychotherapeutic process open to empirical investigation that validates patients gender dysphoria while not affirming or promoting a particular treatment pathway or developmental outcome. This revised approach to Gender-Affirming care also hopes to place a special emphasis on the informed consent process for patients and their families. My co-author, David Antonuccio, Ph.D. and I are both clinical psychologists, have worked in Departments of Psychiatry and together believe this article is both relevant and timely for consideration in your journal.

This paper has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration from any other journal. Neither my co-author or I have any personal, professional, or financial conflicts in writing or hoping to publish this paper. Nor do we require or prefer a blind review of this work.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

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