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# "Harvard Educated" Democrat Texas Rep: "Modern Science" Recognizes There are "Six" Sexes

If you want to know what an Ivy League education costing 300k-plus gets you, look no further than Democrat Texas state Representative James Talarico. During a Tuesday public education committee meeting involving testimony on a bill (Texas <u>HB 4042</u>) that would prohibit males claiming to be female from competing in girls'/women's sports, Talarico claimed that there are not just two sexes, but *six*.

"Science" says so, in fact, he contended.

What's more, he apparently thinks that this, which would be a biological phenomenon, somehow has a bearing on an issue involving biologically normal males who claim a different "gender identity," a psychological phenomenon.



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"The thing I want us all to be aware of is that, that modern science obviously recognizes there are many more than two biological sexes," Talarico said in the committee meeting. "In fact, there are six, which, honestly, Rep. [Cole] Hefner, surprised me, surprised me, too, because I, I, you know, am not wellversed in this, this issue area. I'm not a scientist; I'm a politician, a lot worse than a scientist" (video below).

Setting the record straight at the meeting was amateur power lifter Beth Stelzer, who is "the founder of Save Women's Sports, a coalition that seeks to preserve women's sports for biological women," <u>reports</u> Breitbart. She "testified at the meeting, observing there have been 'several scientific studies proving that the male advantage is immutable, and that there, in fact, are two sexes — they are dimorphic, XX, XY.'"

"'The other quote ... ['sexes'] mentioned are disorders of sexual development that are variants of XX or XY chromosome,' Stelzer added. 'They are still disorders of male or female,'" Breitbart continues.

Talarico boasts a bachelor's degree in government from The University of Texas at Austin and a master's in education policy from Harvard University, <u>according</u> to his bio. A former schoolteacher, he also once taught 6th grade and now sits on his state's Public Education Committee.

Noting the irony, a commenter under the above YouTube video quipped, "'Former teacher' — did he try teaching biology, and get fired?"

Actually, however, as with the erstwhile USSR's <u>Lysenkoists</u>, biology is now out of fashion among our sexual devolutionaries — and they'll do mental gymnastics to justify their agenda. Ergo, the notion of "six sexes."

What these scientific obscurantists are labeling other "sexes" are disorders involving chromosomal

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anomalies, deviations from the XY (male) and XX (female) genotypical norms. The four cases in question are: <u>Klinefelter Syndrome</u> (XXY Syndrome), <u>XXXY syndrome</u>, <u>Turner syndrome</u> (only one "X" chromosome), and <u>XYY syndrome</u>.

Note here that far from labeling these other "sexes," here's what good science actually informs (emphasis added in the following quotations):

"Klinefelter syndrome is a genetic condition in which a *boy* is born with an extra X chromosome," <u>writes</u> WebMD.

"XXXY syndrome is a type of chromosome abnormality characterized by the presence of 2 extra X chromosomes in *males*," <u>relates</u> the Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center (GARD).

"Turner syndrome, a condition that affects only *females*, results when one of the X chromosomes (sex chromosomes) is missing or partially missing," <u>states</u> the Mayo Clinic.

"XYY syndrome is a rare chromosomal disorder that affects *males*," the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) <u>tells us</u>.

As evident above, these are *sex specific* disorders; that is, they aren't anomalies that make you a different sex, but that afflict one or the other sex.

Moreover, there's good reason why these genetic problems are called "disorders." While not severe enough to cause miscarriage of a baby thus afflicted, they are associated with a variety of undesirable symptoms, some severe.

That said, Talarico missed the boat completely. Regarding the MUSS (Made-up Sexual Status or "transgender") debate, at issue are *not* generally individuals with genetic abnormalities. Nor do the sexual devolutionaries assert otherwise.

Rather, MUSS individuals claim a so-called "gender identity" — your *perception* of what you are, a psychological phenomenon — that's at variance with their sex, a biological phenomenon. In other words, Talarico issued a non sequitur: He began talking about genetic abnormalities while addressing an issue defined by psychological abnormalities. The ex-teacher gets an F.

In all likelihood, Talarico, who seems sincere, fell victim to media-delivered junk "science." Remember, too, that the mainstream media are *more likely* to feature pseudo-science than the authentic variety. Why?

Because it's the "man bites dog story." Saying as I just did, for instance, that there are only two sexes and explaining the nature of genotypical abnormalities using credible sources may be boring. But the headline "Scientists Say There are Six Sexes!" now, that can grab eyeballs.

As for Representative Talarico (and others in his camp), sir, you need to do better. You're a *leader*. You help create *law*. If you hear a bizarre claim such as there are six sexes and you're not willing to investigate further (and finding the truth takes only minutes), and you then advance that claim via your official position, it's called malpractice. And if you don't have the common sense to know a bizarre assertion when you hear one, resignation is the only ethical option.

The Hippocratic imperative "First, do no harm" applies to more than doctors. And, Mr. Talarico & Co., you're doing harm. Just stop.



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