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Current psychology and medicine acknowledges acknowledges that gender identity is not binary and represents a spectrum, both biologically and psychologically. It is not an illness and cannot be "treated". So-called "Conversion Therapy" is an attempt at "brain-washing" a vulnerable person into repressing their feelings or pretending to be other than they are. As a practice, this should not be considered legitimate treatment performed by a licensed therapist or medical practitioner. Likewise, anyone who has been victimized by this practice should be able to seek legal recourse for the damages inflicted. All states should follow this lead and ensure that this travesty of "treatment" is no longer practiced.