



## **Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism**

### **Administration Policy:**

President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) titled [Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government](#), to protect women's rights and return to a biological definition of sex. Specifically, Section 2 defines sex as "an individual's immutable biological classification as either male or female," and defines women/woman and girls/girl as "adult and juvenile females, respectively," based on the biological definition of female.

This EO established that men and women are biologically distinct, and protects "sex-based rights, protections, opportunities, and accommodations" for both sexes. It also requires that:

- All agencies and federal employees to use the term "sex" and not "gender" regarding sex-based distinctions.
- No federal funds be spent to promote "gender ideology."
- Agencies ensure intimate single-sex spaces are designated by sex not identity.
- No males will be housed in women's prisons or detention centers.
- Agencies remove all "policies, regulations, forms, communications, or other internal and external messages" that promote gender ideology.

### **Background:**

- Throughout his presidency, Biden issued EOs and guidance promoting gender ideology, this EO revokes several of these policies and reinstates single sex protections.
  - Section 7 (b) rescinds EOs [13988](#), [14004](#), [14020](#), [14021](#), and [14075](#).
- In 2021, Biden issued [EO 14004](#) allowing transgender individuals to serve in the military, Section 7(b) of President Trump's EO revokes this executive order but does not explicitly ban transgender individuals from serving.
  - In 2018, the Trump administration released a [memo](#) announcing "transgender persons with a history or diagnosis of gender dysphoria — individuals who the policies state may require substantial medical treatment, including medications and surgery," would be disqualified from serving in the military.
- In 2021, Biden issued [EO 14020](#) establishing the White House Gender Policy Council, goals of which included "promote sexual and reproductive health and rights," and "advance equal rights and opportunities regardless of...gender identity."
  - Section 7(b) of President Trump's EO dissolves this council
- This executive order specifically addresses privacy and safety concerns in restrooms and other intimate spaces in Section 4, stating that "(a)gencies shall...take appropriate action to ensure that intimate spaces designated for women, girls, or females are designated by sex and not identity."