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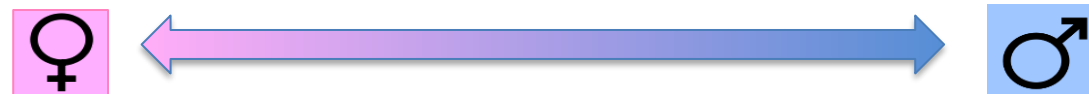
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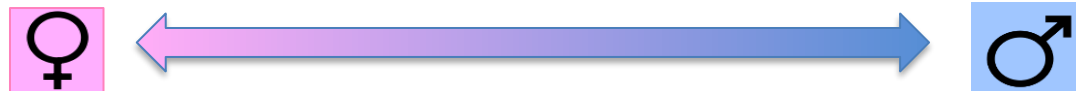
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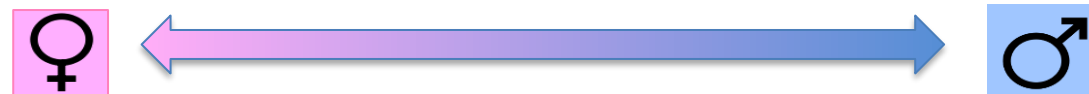
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## B. Trans People Can't Hide

Trans people are persecuted and insulted

Some people hate us for religious reasons



*Julie, with various members of Westboro Baptist Church, at various events, spreading God's Love. (Julie, not them)*

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## B. Trans People Can't Hide

Sometimes hate turns into legal action.




The screenshot shows a news article from Philly.com. The header includes the logo 'philly.com' and 'The Inquirer DAILY NEWS'. Navigation links for NEWS, SPORTS, BUSINESS, HEALTH, ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD, OPINION, and SECTIONS are visible. The article is categorized under 'News - Education' and has the title 'Conservative groups sue Berks school district over transgender student'. It is dated 'Updated: MARCH 21, 2017 - 3:45 PM EDT'. The main image shows a hand touching a purple transgender symbol on a wall. To the right of the image, text describes the lawsuit filed by the Alliance Center on Tuesday by a transgender student in the locker room.

News — Education

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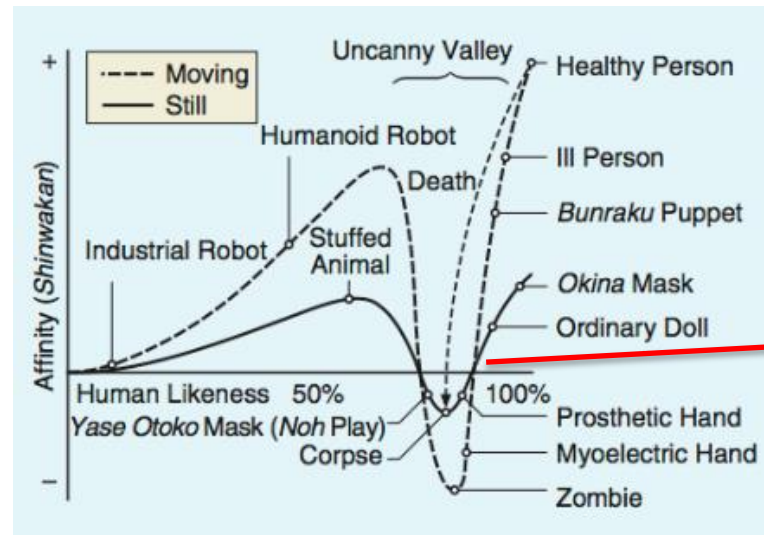
Alliance Center, filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

*Philly.com, March 21, 2017 <http://www.philly.com/philly/education/Religious-groups-sue-school-district-over-transgender-student.html>*

## B. Trans People Can't Hide

Some people can't stand the way we look.

Out of 100 characteristics we may use to judge gender, for example, how a person looks, acts, speaks, etc., the trans person often has less than 50% -- making the other uneasy because the trans person's "human likeness" is off – a psychological phenomenon known as the "Uncanny Valley."



Trans Person

<http://spectrum.ieee.org/automaton/robotics/humanoids/the-uncanny-valley>,  
transl. of original paper by Masahiro Mori.

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Some people think we are sexual deviants.

See, e.g., the notes regarding the passage of the *American with Disabilities Act*, e.g., 135 Cong. Rec. S11175, 1989 WL 183785 (daily ed. Sept. 14, 1989) (statement of Sen. Armstrong) (labeling "Transsexualism" a "Sexual Disorder"); 135 Cong. Rec. S10772, 1989 WL 183216 (daily ed. Sept. 7, 1989) (statement of Sen. Helms) (discussing exclusion of "sexually deviant behavior or unlawful sexual practices")

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Sometimes the people closest to us think we are crazy.



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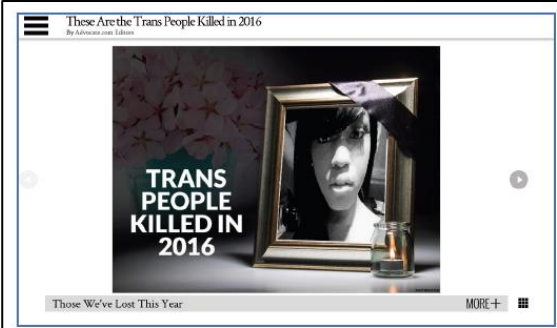
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# Pennsylvania judge rejects parents' move to stop gender change surgery

By **Elizabeth Daley** | PITTSBURGH

A Pennsylvania judge on Wednesday rejected an effort by the parents of a 48-year-old transgender woman to block her gender reassignment surgery after they said she is incompetent.

# B. Trans People Can't Hide



deaths are reported.

ed in 2017 -- all of whom are transgender women of

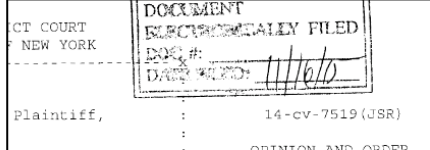
in Lynchburg, Virginia. She was 28 years old.

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ra Adams and Kimbella Rosé) was killed on June 13 in

old.

April 9 in San Antonio, Texas, but due to misgendering by



story. Plaintiff cites data indicating that transgender people support high rates of discrimination in education, employment, housing, and access to healthcare. See Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss at 18 n.14, ECF No. 10 (citing National Center for Transgender Equality and National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, *Injustice at Every Turn, A Report of the National Transgender Discrimination Survey*, 2011).

## C. Cause

### Gender Identity is a matter of brain neuroanatomy.

*Trans People Really Are Born that Way.*

[W]hen individuals of Sex A—despite having the chromosomes, gonads and sex hormones of that sex—insist that they're really Sex B, **the gender affected parts of the brain typically more closely resemble [in MRI's, etc.] what's usually seen with Sex B...**

The issue isn't that sometimes people believe they are of a different gender than they actually are. **Remarkably, instead, it's that sometimes people are born with bodies whose gender is different from what they actually are.**

*Dr. Robert Sapolsky, Prof. NeuroSci. Stanford University:*

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424052702304854804579234030532617704>).

#### *Trans Neuroanatomy Reference Collections*

<http://aebrain.blogspot.com/p/transsexual-and-intersex-gender-identity.html>

<http://www.cakeworld.info/transsexualism/what-causes>

<http://www.cakeworld.info/transsexualism/what-is>

<http://www.cakeworld.info/transsexualism/what-is/brain-similarities>

## D. Trans People And Disability

The breakdown of the trans person's social structures, the loss of money, family, friends and social status and the hostility of the outside world to the trans person may lead to **Gender Dysphoria (“GD”)**. Basically, GD is a “catch-all” diagnosis ideally used to guide medical and therapeutic procedures to aid the person.

***The critical element of gender dysphoria is the presence of clinically significant distress [caused by destruction of social structures, loss of income, reaction of the world, etc.] associated with being trans.***

*American Psychiatric Ass'n, DSM Release notes, Gender Dysphoria, available at <http://www.dsm5.org/documents/gender%20dysphoria%20fact%20sheet.pdf>*

## Trans People and Disability – Slide 2

- Trans people are diagnosed as suffering from GD when they have “clinically significant distress” associated with being trans.
- GD is a disability in that it substantially impairs one or more major life activities, including, but not limited to, neurological, brain, social, and occupational functions.