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Prince Harry throws royal charity's support behind transgender activist group

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May 8, 2019 (LifeSiteNews) — Nowhere has the transgender ideology taken root more swiftly and more firmly than the United Kingdom. Rates of children identifying as transgender are up by 4,000%, triggering a government investigation into why these numbers are spiking so dramatically. Ordinary Brits expressing the belief that biological males and biological females cannot become the opposite sex are actually getting visits from the police and, in some cases, have even been arrested for expressing those views. Police officers are even getting trained by transgender activists in order to better police the “thinking” of British citizens (and no, I’m not making that up).

And now, the United Kingdom’s most prominent transgender lobby group, which bills itself as a “charity” for “gender variant and transgender children,” has attracted the attention of a very high-profile sponsor: Prince Harry. Mermaids — the organization is named for the mythical half-human, half-fish creatures who are sexless from the waist down — has “thrown his weight behind the cause of transgender children” with the announcement that the Royal Foundation will be working with the charity, according to the *Daily Mail*. The Royal Foundation functions as the “primary philanthropic and charitable vehicle” for the Duke of Sussex, his wife Meghan Markle, and the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, who have not yet commented on the announcement.

Prince Harry, who recently had his first baby, met for a roundtable discussion some time ago with the CEO of the transgender advocacy group along with a number of other organizations at the Ealing YMCA. This perceived royal endorsement — and again, Prince William and Princess Kate presumably agree with the Royal Foundation’s support of Mermaids — was greeted with great glee by trans activists, who believe that Prince Harry’s public stance will assist them in further mainstreaming their cause. Mermaids, which was founded in Leeds in 1995, is a particularly controversial group due to the fact that it advocates for children to be granted easier and swifter access to puberty-blockers and medical “transition” (including mastectomies and castration).

In fact, Mermaids director Susie Green, a former I.T. consultant, took her own son to Thailand at the age of 16 for “genital surgery” — physical castration. Green told the *Telegraph* that Prince Harry’s support for the transgender cause is particularly gratifying because “I think it’s always really important to young people to see that people with the authority and credibility that Prince Harry has are supporting them and are listening and acknowledging the fact that they exist. This is somebody who has got that profile who’s showing clear understanding of the issues they’re facing.” Green went so far as to say that Harry’s public endorsement of a medically dubious cause involving children making irreversible decisions was similar to Princess Diana’s advocacy on behalf of AIDS victims.

Unless there is some disagreement between Prince Harry and Prince William that we are unaware of, it would seem that Queen Elizabeth II is the last socially conservative monarch of the House of Windsor. Prince Charles, next in line for the throne, is famous for his kooky ideas. William has indicated his support for groups that advocate for population control. Harry, who until recently was primarily known as the party prince, has lately been in the headlines for marrying progressive celebrity Meghan Markle, a well-known supporter of LGBT causes who caused a tempest in a teapot for breaking royal protocol and expressing her pleasure at the result of Ireland’s abortion referendum last year. The queen stays serenely above all of this, but she is surely aware of her progeny’s progressive bent.

Prince Harry's endorsement, which may well have been inspired by his new wife's activist leanings, takes the House of Windsor far beyond their traditional neutrality on social matters. Transgenderism is a dangerous ideology that is moving like wildfire through schools in the United Kingdom, primarily among young girls. The effects of the so-called treatments advocated by organizations like Mermaids are permanent, and children who transition at a young age will live with the scars of that mutilation even if they change their minds later on — and many of them will. The sons of Princess Diana have proven enormously popular with the British people, and it is for that reason that this new partnership between the Royal Foundation and Mermaids is so dangerous.
