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And there are these these so called clinics that claim that they can, you know, change your, your, your child from get from gay to straight or anything like that it doesn't work they use this aversion therapy. They it didn't work in the 50s when they were using it, it didn't work in the 60s, it's not going to work in the 19



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rule not work, you may learn how to drill well, but



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you should know nothing go from being open to being repressed. That's the only difference. That's right. How to repress. It never goes away. That's it. Here's something and,



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you know, when you start repressing things, then you get psychological problem.



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Yes, that's one of the problems start



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here. Here's something from PFLAG, which I think makes good sense. She they say that denial responses can take many forms. hostility, such as no son of mine is going to be queer, or non registering in we have this problem with Lori's parents. That's nice to hear. What do you want for dinner?



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The non caring response? A few choose that lifestyle. I don't want to hear about it. Or the rejection phase. Although it's just a phase, dear. You'll get over Oh, wait,



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wait, let's get back to that other ones. The choice thing? Oh. None of what we're talking about is a choice.



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Yeah. Well, tell me again, why would someone willfully choose to be among the most discriminated against minorities in the history of the year? Why would you get up one morning and say, Gee, I think I'm gonna be a girl this week.



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And on top of it, it's usually a lot of individuals that are very highly educated, Diane do have the faculties there to be able to distinguish between things that are, I guess, safe behaviors in behaviors that are going to put them at risk, per se, whether you know, socially or otherwise. And obviously, they know full well what they're getting into. And it's so compelling that they can't stop can't you



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just picture this conversation? Gee, my life isn't tough enough. I think I'll be a queer this week.



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Or I think I'll give up \$150,000 a year job.



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Today at Dr. Cole's there was somebody who had been a high school principal, walked away from the \$50,000 a year job and became a maintenance man it \$15,000 They went from 50 Folks, that's five zero to 15. One Five is part of the price that was paid so they could be a man. Gosh, this whole myth about the female to male transsexual is all go off and become make more money. Not



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something I heard this week about that about the gay thing when they were doing the Defense

something I heard this week about that about the guy crying when they were doing the Defense of Marriage thing. You know, it's like I heard a comedian say, it's like, all of a sudden, the straight guy standing at the altar, slapping his forehead with this poem saying, gee, I could have had a guy



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Dale, I made the wrong choice. Well, can we give us new meaning to the word hitting on all eight cylinders?



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I'm not going there. Now until well, what PFLAG says is the perception of your homosexual orientation, or it could be your gender identity will be distorted by the messages the parents have received from society. The manner in which the denial is expressed can range from a serene trans to hysterical crying or shouting, and many parents will take the middle of the road approach simply crying frequently. Yes.



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How about getting screamed at in stereo? Like, yeah, okay.



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Why couldn't you just be gay? Yeah, I got that.



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I got that one, too. I got screamed at in stereo.



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Some people get the opposite. People will say, you know, I can deal with this better than I could if you were gay. Really? Yeah. That that got that one too. I know a number of people who have had that response. Because they will at least you you'll change sex and you'll marry a guy right? So you'll still be straight. Ah, see where they're coming from.



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My mom couldn't even see that. It was like, why couldn't you just be gay? Why do you have to do all this? If you're still wanting a man, aren't you? And I kept trying to explain to her it had nothing to do with sexuality. I don't have I haven't had it before. I'm still not having it now.

She's still saying but you're doing this to get a guy aren't you in the The mind just kind of worked in little small circles. She kept coming back to that one argument.



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You know, and part of that, I think with your mother is stemming from the fact that when she grew up, the value of a woman was who she married,



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right still is to lots of people.



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And really, then you marry up, not that yes, yeah, we're moving down, we're kind of stepping down a step, they have a little bit more, I guess, I have respect for a female to male because they're trying to step up, I guess a notch



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actually, from my experience, you know, a different because my culture is based on you know, African American culture is basically female based. That's true. And so to in our, in my case, I found it was a step up. And, you know, I discussed myself and Don Wilson, we discussed that back in Washington, though, but last month, but it actually has been a step up



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thing. That's interesting. Yeah.



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Since you didn't know. Yet, so kind of reverse universe is ERISA is a kind of alternate universe from what, in terms of a transgender color we'll



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see. So what happens to female to males and a



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female to males, though that I haven't run into enough of them to really talk to him engage? What happens is that maybe that's one can say one question I need to ask, you'll need to ask

your city on some of the other female to male activists that are active in the community.



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One of the suggestions PFLAG makes is, sooner or later your parents are going to suggest that you go to a counselor, they suggest you have a couple of names ready for that. So that your parents don't say, Well, I'm gonna pick somebody out of the phonebook.



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No, no, no, no, I,



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I had a friend Jimmy, this was in San Francisco, was told his parents about this. The parents took them to this counselor. The Counselor immediately pulls out of Bibles as well. Now we're a Christian Counseling Center.



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Okay, so those two don't even go together.



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I think PFLAG makes a good suggestion to coalition.



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Yeah. Actually Deseret Walton, what's her name, went through a very similar situation. When she was growing up. When she was seven, she admitted to her parents that I'm a girl, I'm gonna marry this boy. And her parents decided, okay, well, we're going to take you to a therapist. Well, they took her to a therapist, a, a biblically based therapist. Oh, Ron. Yes, he inflicted some major trauma on her. And that lasted for a good long, long time. And it was something that she had a very, very difficult time getting over, even in her adult years. It, it was extremely traumatic. And after about a year, she kind of withdrew in herself, and just kind of shut off all social responses, and did basically what the parents wanted, just to go along and get along, so to speak, but she in essence, just kind of shut herself down.



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This is why activists, you already know this



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damage, it's doing damage.



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Yeah, it is. This is why so many activists want transgenders taken out of gender identity disorders in the diagnostic manual, is because it would prevent them from using it this way. Well, true. In that's in I realized that there's there's a lot on both sides of the argument. But this is one point that I can see that I can see the argument. And that is if it's taken out of this diagnostic manual therapist can't turn around and use it against you. Was somebody pointed out? Well, they find something that Wait,



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wait, wait, wait, hey, what, how long ago? Has it been since they took out the gay and lesbian thing?



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still find some other excuse for it? And there you can still



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find therapists, you know,



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today that's a biblical base. They're not accepting any of the standards anyhow.



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Yeah. So



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to me, I don't care if they keep it in. I'm going to start using it as weapon back as far as for lobbying purposes. Okay, you want to use this then? Yes. Okay. Is there something that we can use as an immutable characteristic and say, Okay, now tell me that this is a choice. When you're saying in the diagnostic manual, that this is indeed a disorder that is recognized by the DSM in indeed has a course of treatment and in some cases



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they're not to cut you off insurance companies are also paying for



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Well, that's right. I understand that, of course, is the state that executes recharges people. For the time being rather well, I do you think this is a good point, though, about having the name of therapists ready. Having said that, in the city of Houston, how many therapists because you really recommend two maybe three? I don't know that are auditor really knowledgeable about this. This is not like being gay today. There are lots of gay therapists.



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I've known who helped the whole Montrose Counseling Center and I don't know if there's any, any counselors at the Montrose Counseling Center who are transgender. There are



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there are at least Lee Willis.



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Yeah. In Gary Norman is Well, Gary Norman's very transgender, knowledgeable. Okay. And yeah, that's one option. There are a couple of private therapists here that have at least some background, some some educational,



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how do you know?



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Well, a lot of it is just word of mouth or, you know, speaking with other people in the community. Now, again, it's difficult if you're a child, and you're not in the getting this kind of good information,



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chats have that information, if somebody called me said, Look, I needed to I need a referral would,



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yes, we do have the names of at least the three therapists that we know of that have dealt with this and treated this. Now again, we're not a referral service, per se, or, you know, someone who is going to advocate one therapist over another, this is something that, you know, I feel an individual needs to make up this decision. And at least that yeah, we do have Yes, we have the names. And obviously, people like Dr. Cole, you're cold and and Galveston,



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but that's \$120. Now we're not everybody can afford that



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Anthony. So Doherty, and she's also, you know, pretty much in the same range. But then we've also got the Montrose Counseling Center, which is much more reasonable as far as right now, again, it's, it kind of depends on, you know, which direction the individual is going in whether or not the parents want the best therapy that they can provide for their, for their son or daughter. But I



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do agree that they that the person who's doing the disclosing should have the information ready and not leave it up to the parents to do the selection. I agree, because they're allowed to end up with a therapist, even in this city, who either has no knowledge of the subject, or even worse, has halfway knowledge and gives halfway answers. And the damage that's done there, something is not always repairable.



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Another thing I could do is refer them to Alice Webb, who is president elect of the Harry Benjamin society, and have her make a recommendation of someone other than one of the three that I just mentioned, yes. Because of the fact that she does at least know which ones or you know, are trained in this, or at least have some knowledge, the problem that we run into, which is one of the reasons why we do what we do with the universities, is the fact that there is no curriculum. On transgenderism, they usually get maybe one or two paragraphs, five minutes at the most, in an entire course, for someone that's coming out to become a licensed social worker, or psychiatrist or psychologist, pediatrician or doctor.



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That's why I do the classes for the for the police academy and have been doing some of the training for the for the Houston the ambulance corps, because again, they get no training at all zip, zilch, nothing



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Exactly. And especially when you're talking about someone like psychotherapists, or even physicians, for that matter, any helping professional, that is going to be the individual that these teenagers are going to turn to, they need to know what's going on. Because if they have no earthly idea, and they're basically caught unaware, and looking through the books themselves and reading as they go along, then they're really not providing, I guess, adequate or the, you know, the most optimal care. For anyone that is looking for this help. They're basically kind of, you know, reading out of the book while they're going along. That's if indeed they are taking an interest in this. Some of may not even do that and just decide, well, let me just, you know, kind of learn from you as we go along. And you can teach me and I'll charge you \$120 an hour. And we'll see where this ends up after a, you know, three, four or five years. But does this really benefit the patient?



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Well, another good question. PFLAG brings up is how much did you tell the parent? My advice is, don't tell them more than they ask. You know, let them bring up the questions and



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that's true because they may not be ready for the whole story. You can



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overwhelm them, you know, you can do so much homework, that you can overwhelm them and they can't they end up dealing with none of it. Information overload. Oh, yeah, having the information ready, but let them bring the questions up. And I know my my father, you know, it'd be three months later my father call me say I meant to ask you about this, you know, let let them process it. Think it through, phrase the question the way they want to, and bring the information up to you but don't over Well, your parents, you know, their eyes, they may want to do the best that they can. But they're going to have to do it at their own speed. And at the same time, you should also remember that one parent may process things faster or differently than another. So that you may end up answering the same question 20 times. Because they'll come back, and they'll present it to you in a different way.



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what my mom did was basically she went out, and she's a type person, she just wants, she wants to know, have information on certain subject, she just goes, grab the books and go on, or goes on the net, and just go pull up the information. So I was blessed in that regard.



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That is a blessing. Yeah. Because she wants to get in for most other parents, I think you're gonna sit there and think of what they've heard. And then I'd ask friends who have absolutely no information either.



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And I think a lot of that comes from our background in education. So you know, she didn't know it, she's gonna go back and research it.



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Actually, just to kind of point on the the one thought that she brought up there, a lot of parents will not turn to their friends, because of the stigma attached to



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the.my. Good. The last thing my father said to me before he died, was, you know, if something happens now use good common sense. And what he meant was don't let the parents don't let the neighbors know. Exactly. I know what perfecting



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their social status. Yeah. Which is one of the things that I was most impressed with the father of the 15 year old in Galveston, I asked him specifically outright, you know, this is well, I told him that I was impressed with the fact that he was going ahead with this, and allowing his child to live the way that she wanted to live, regardless of what the neighbors and the co workers, etc, we're going to thing and he said, Well, I mean, if they have a problem with it, well, then my response to them is, well, they are my friends anymore. This is not my pet, or my dog or something. This is my child. And that actually rings very, very true. It's a lot of I guess, parents tend to forget about this, especially if you're involved maybe on a more social aspect to say



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for instance, man, just say that too. Yes.



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This family was incredible.



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I was really impressed, actually. And a lot of parents unfortunately, worry about that aspect. A little bit too much my dad was big about that is, you know, what were the neighbors are people

gonna think Cook is crap. Yeah, exactly. When it ultimately boils down, though, this is family, you know, who cares what other people think they will either get used to it or be they won't be there? Well,



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as you said, they also can as you can choose your friends, but you can't choose your family members. My



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feeling always was actually supporting me. Yeah. And they're not buying my groceries or paying my rent their opinion is a very little value. Exactly.



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Well, actually, Monica, in my case, I did choose my family because mine reject my family of birth rejected me. That's true. And so my, my family of choice, are the ones who who value me



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that came up over and over again at Dr. Cole's. All day long, we heard that about the family of choice. Well, my biological family rejected me, but I have a whole new set of friends and family now.



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Over we heard, and that's the way I dealt with that period, that two year period, you know, my family choice picked up the slack. Yes. Yeah. Until mine came back, you know, totally finally came around. And so there is something to say about the family choice. Waiting through the rough spot, Ben in the period, transition period,



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you know, some parents have got like, an inner limit to, and they'll say things like, well, I'll go this far and no further, or, yeah, we don't need to discuss this any further. I've already reached my conclusions, you know, or the just sort of shut you down. And it's that inner limit. And I think it's important thing for, for the teenagers out there to know Don't push your parents beyond their limits. Because that that's the stage where they end up throwing people out. Don't push beyond their ability, their their ability to understand, let them answer the ask the questions. Let them work at their own pace, and don't push them beyond their limits. Yeah, good boy, you know, those are the things that will get that'll they'll scar forever and do permanent damage, and it's not worth it. If they're willing to deal with you up to a certain point. Accept it for now. Don't push it. It's probably not worth it. I always knew that, for example, that

my father never even had a high school. Homer, so that intellectually there was a, there was going to be a fairly low threshold there. Yeah, because there wasn't an intellectual ability to get much more. And you have to be willing to accept that. You have to be willing to accept well, and maybe this is as far as we're ever gonna get. And I think that's an important part of the decision making process. If you're going to tell your parents, are you prepared to accept that as a possibility that you may only want new Oh may only get partial support, and never get any further than that? Or partial acceptance, and never get any further? Are you willing to accept that as a price of coming out?



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Not only that, but friends too. And friends,



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too. Are you prepared for the fact that you may lose? It's interesting, I lost friends that I thought would stay with me. And friends that I thought would desert me stayed Yeah. So it's, it's an odd thing. And the way that the way that it all shakes out. But you never know, in the time that we've got left, Jamie, why don't we talk a little bit about the process of pride. Okay. This is a subject it's kind of near and dear to my heart. Today, when I was at Dr. Cole's, I had mentioned that we were going to talk about how to achieve pride in who you are. And now when we were during the lunch breaks, a person walked over to me and said, you can't tell people how to achieve pride. That's a deeply personal thing. What do you mean, you know how you're going to tell people how to be proud?



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Well, it is tough. Yeah, it is tough. But it's not impossible. It's



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not impossible. Now, I think the first thing you start with is attitude. Yep. If you believe that you're bad, then you're in trouble. If you believe that somehow you are partially responsible for whatever situation is whether you're gay or lesbian. If you believe you are responsible for creating your parents woes, then you're in deep crap. You're in real deep in first thing I'm going to say to you is accept the fact that this is not your fault. You did not choose it. You did not opt for it. You did not ask for it. In this is not a choice. You did not choose it. So get over that kind of stuff. Right at the very beginning. You have to be willing to say I didn't ask for it. But I, I will learn to deal with it. I'd say that's a place to start when



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I'd say a very good start. Well, Jesse Jackson would would say your attitude determines your determines your altitude. I believe that and honestly believe that. Yeah, I blindly that your attitude is such that, you know, woe is me, you're going to project it, and you're



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in trouble. You did not suddenly wake up one morning and say, oh, boy, I think I want to change my sex. It's not how it works. One of the things that you that I've, I've probably talked, I guess, now to 1000s of trans transsexuals over the last, oh, 10 years or so. And I never met a person yet who said, Oh, I chose this, or is it? Oh, yeah, I want to go through all this surgery voluntarily, and I want to go through the electrolysis and our voluntarily want to do, that's just not reality, it just isn't how it happens. You have to be willing to start from the viewpoint of, I didn't ask for this. I didn't choose it. But I will learn how to deal with them. That's the place that you've got to start. In in. There's there are some kinds of parents out there that are really good at guilt trips, and you're going to run across their friends who do Yeah, and society's going to do it. You know, it's a transphobic homophobic society out there. And they're not and you're going to get a ton of negative messages. If you internalize those if you start to believe them. Those are the people that I end up hearing about where they have attempted suicide. So let me tell you right now, you're going to have to steel yourself to the fact that it is a transphobic world. It is a homophobic world. And just because other people say stuff doesn't mean it's true.



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I want to add God don't make no junk. Thank you. And I want everyone out there to listen to those words. And and really think about that, God don't make no junk. You are not junk. You are a person of value and worth. Now deep inside you know if you're a good person or not, you know if you know if you're a cheat or you're a liar, you do bad stuff, you know Inside about that, but when it comes to sexual orientation, gender orientation don't believe all of the naysayers



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now and know that there are role models now? Yeah, this is a different world than it used to be. When I was growing up. There was no such thing as a transgender role model anywhere. Today. You've got people like Tula, you've got people like Renee Richards, you got people like Vanessa, you got people like Monica, you've got Jimmy Lai. There are role models today. You are really not alone. You know, the most common thing we always hear is, oh, my God, I thought I was the only one. Well, friends, you live in Houston or near Houston, one of the best cities in all of America for transgendered person to live in. And even if you are a teenager, and you're just going into high school, and you're frightened, you have a radio show, you have got a number of square of really excellent support groups. We have role models coming out of the out of the woodwork here, whether they're cross dressers, transgender is transsexuals, doctors, you name it, you're in one of the best places you can conceivably be. You are not alone in there are role models for you. That's a different change. Know that. And know that it is possible for you to grow up, have a life, have a love, have a career. The fact that you are transgender, gay is not the end of your world. Oh, it's



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only the beginning. Well, I



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say that Jimmy, because then you know, we did the show on shame and guilt. That was one of the feedback one of the pieces of feedback that I got that people would say, well, but you know, gee, I'm transgender. None. I'm never going to amount to anything. Oh, Bull. Bull. We were in Dr. Cole's office today. And these people were bankers and lawyers and bankers and in aircraft pilots and tugboat captains. There's



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a there's a friend of ours. Vanessa, mutual friends of ours, who is a bio neurobiology biologist. Yeah. Sarah, who's also an active this



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one was, what'd she say? A neuro biologist. Yeah, because what like a histology says, What the?



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Oh, yes. The one today? Yes, yes. Neuro histo immunologist like I know that is right.



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Wow. Wow. Sir, only limited by your imagination. They were people



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who had gone back to college, I talked to you today somebody who went back to college at 41 to finish their degree work. Your life is not over in the thing in life is to be lived. It's



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a wonderful thing.



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Henry David Thoreau said once that life is a banquet, and most people just starve to death sitting at the table, actually,



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actually, that was my name



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was it may well, that's what you got to come through. But the point is, that's the truth. The truth is that like that life really is a banquet. And if you starve to death table, it's your own fault.



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That's right. It's there for the taking. That is,



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you know, it's just it's sad that especially for transgenders, a lot of the past, the only role models, the only examples they had were mystery prostitutes, it best female impersonators. That was the best we could, you know, hope to be in for many years, it was pretty much almost a given. There were very, very few examples of anyone that kind of transcended them.



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We had 54 People go to Austin to lobby the Texas Legislature. How many of you have for national Lobby Day?



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Here? Actually, we had almost 100, but almost 100.



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And, and although some of them were the same people, not all of them were



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no only three, Texas.



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So the point that I'm trying to make from Houston at that 10 years ago, seven years ago, five years ago, you couldn't have gotten more than a handful of people. The first time that I went to Washington, I think we hit 35. It's changing in the fact is that role models do exist. I don't care if

you live in Woodville, or if you live in South Houston, or Pasadena, you're really not alone. Today, there are people working on your behalf. We talked to people today there are school teachers, some of them in the HSD system, some who are principals times are changing, things are getting better. Now you say well, what is this got to do with me? What is this got to do with the prot with with my being proud of who I am. The point is, if you're not ashamed of yourself, that's the starting point of working toward pride, right? That's, that's really where it starts. You have to not be ashamed. You should know that your life can be whatever you make it to be, but you are your most vulnerable while you are in the process of transition. That is the stage you Which hate crimes occur, that is the stage in which most employment discrimination occurs. That's the stage in which most people end up in the street. So you have to know that in that period of transition, if you've made the decision that you're going to change from one gender to another, that that is going to be prime time vulnerability.



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That's when you need a strong support system



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better have a support group rally is one of the reasons I say, if you're in high school, and you can hold off on transition hold off. Because once you get out of high school, you can start taking advantage of groups like tats, or excuse me cross dressers Yeah, or, or the trials or whatever, you can get a support group around you. It is life is



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so much easier. Yes, it is, you know,



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imagine a world where imagine growing up in a world where there was no National Gay Lesbian Taskforce,



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I can't imagine well, I can't imagine. There, it was a very alone, very, very alone, when I was a teenager, what I thought about being gay, was that you got married and had children and had sex with guys on the side. Because everyone that I met every person I had sex fit this description. Yeah, I would have sex with a man and then see him in church with his family, the next Sunday, and then and let me set that that was my role model. Sure. That's all I knew. I didn't know there was any other kind of like



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marae. Hill was set in the studio when they talking to us about growing up. And where was it galena Park? Yes. And he talked about being like the only openly gay teenager in the entire state of Texas. He



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was the first openly gay person I had ever met. Openly gay to his to the world, and especially to his family, no one was out to their families 30 years ago.



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Third, and I know realize, if you're a teenager, 30 years ago, sounds like ancient history. But trust me, really, it wasn't that long ago.



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And things are getting better. And what we're talking about is, is is believing in yourself and being able to look into that mirror and saying, I I'm proud of what I see.



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I you if you can look in the mirror and say, Look, I never thought I was perfect. I know I'm an I don't expect to ever walk on water. But I have nothing to be ashamed of. Yes, I have nothing to shame that what I was in the article that I had written for the Houston cowboys, I had something in there and were said, you know, I'm a person worth knowing. And I get an email from somebody said, Damn, you're pretty stuck on your cell phone to your contrary, and my thought was Screw you, but I am a person worth knowing. And I've met very few transgender people or that we're not worth knowing the contrary, you should pat yourself on the back that you've got the guts to face the toughest of all possible issues. And you're going to come out the other side as a survivor, if that isn't something to be proud of. I don't know what it is.



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Yeah, yeah. One thing I mean, even when you've got the most formidable of odds against you, if you're able to get beyond that, and that's one thing I look forward to is actually going back to Austin taking on Robert Dalton. I mean, I know I'm not gonna get anywhere, but it's it's a whole lot of fun doing. It gives you something I guess, to kind of hang your hat on. And it to me it was so much fun to be able to take Patrick McElwain and Mark Wood in for their first lobbying foray ever. Neither one of them had ever lobbied. And so our first stop was Warren Chisholm. Oh, I got to speak with him personally. So these are things that I can look forward to. It's



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Oh, so like the Jesse Helms visit we



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badges of honor badges. I want to



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remind people to out there keep a sense of humor. Yes, this can really be a very, this can be a lot of fun. It's a lot of hard work. But everybody I know has got some incredibly funny stories. You know, I hadn't experienced not too long ago, I had to go in for a mammogram. And she said, Well, she said that the breast mass is awful. Then she said, that must be the minimum reading. And I said, Well, did you read my chart? She said, Yes. I said, Read it again. And she says, Oh, you're transsexual? And I said, I said yes. She said, I don't think I've ever met one before to say well, now you have



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the same thing. JC Watts told me and Vanessa, is that



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right? You gotta you gotta be able to take care and have it with a sense of humor. Phyllis has a story like that. You know, Vanessa has stories about lobbying. I've had the same



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experience, oh Buster Brown.



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I was in Target target of all places. And these two women are sitting in front of me and one of them was talking about the Herald ship. And they said, Well, you know, I don't know what to do. transsexuals really exist and I tapped her on the shoulder sit on one, and just kind of stood there and watched her jaw drop. Good for you. So if you can just keep a sense of humor about it. It's not all drudgery. It isn't the end of the world. But most of all, for God's sakes, if you are really desperate, if you're really depressed, call the Gay Lesbian hotline, you got it, but get help. That whether it is a plague in our community, as it is in the gay lesbian community, that are young are killing themselves. As somebody one of the first shows that we did was an interview that we did with a bunch several transsexual, Dr. Cole's. And at the end, one of the people said, for God's sakes, this is only gender. We're killing ourselves for gender. How stupid are we? Hello, hello, pay attention. It is only gender. You know? You are it looks dark now. But folks, you're going to survive it.



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Look at the suicide in our youth.



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That's exactly what scares me,



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Jimmy and air study after study after study attributes third of them to gay and lesbian. And probably we're talking about bisexual entering, or getting lumped in there, right? It was all in there a third of our youth,



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please don't do anything stupid. We lost Joanne McNamara, a beautiful, wonderful, well educated person committing suicide and desperation over employment. For God's sakes, don't do that. And take it from somebody that's attempted suicide twice. For God's sakes, don't do anything dumb, your life is just starting. You are too valuable. You know, Vanessa, and I aren't going to live forever. We're going to need people to combine us. And take over these organizations and we need you. And know that there are all older transgendered people who do care about you. Even if we can't respond to your mail, we know you're there. We do care. We talk about you all the time. It's one of our great frustrations that we cannot reach out and take you by the hand. But know that we do care and you are really not alone. Even if that's how it feels. When you're in school facing. You're the people in front of you. We even



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lobby for you to and if you ever want to testify in front of Congress. Hey, hey, spot for you. Yes, absolutely.



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YEAH. Jimmy, this has been a heck of a show.



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Yeah, it has been.



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Every once in a while we do show it's just like, oh, this is good radio. I hope that we have addressed some issues tonight. Please know that Oh, I do when we get the when you send me

addressed some issues tonight. Please know that Oh, I do when we get the when you send me the emails. I get them but I can't respond. But we do this show for you. That's why we're here. We sure do. Get anything else?



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Well. Playing right now is the last day and it's talking about living your life. Now. Today today. You've been listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. I'm Sarah dipalma. And Vanessa and Monica here.



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Remember our motto when decorum becomes repression? The only dignity free people have is to speak out Kenai folks