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Why Some Language Is “So-Called”

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The writers, researchers, and speakers of the Colson Center, when talking about certain ethical issues having to do with identity, marriage, sexuality, or medical aid in dying, will often qualify our terms with the little phrase, “so-called.”

We insist on this because words matter, and terms that are widely accepted and commonly used today often distort reality. For instance, there is no such thing in reality, no matter what the law says, as so-called “same-sex marriage.”

Also, the term “gender-affirming care” refers to chemical and surgical interventions that disrupt and destroy otherwise healthy bodies in ways that are harmful, not affirming. The best research suggests that the cultural rejection of our God-given bodies has increased the prominence of mental illness and suicide. Calling it “care” does not make it so.

Words matter. Using words that mislead is neither truthful nor loving. If our language is not honest, then our language is not compassionate either.

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1 Pray

We know that God wants us to have clear, honest speech. Matthew 5:37 says, “Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.” While Psalm 19:14 says, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.” Pray with these verses, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your tongue.

2 Take Action

The Save Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act seeks to protect our vulnerable children from being “gender transitioned” by adults. If signed into law, no doctor in Ohio would be permitted to prescribe puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, or genital mutilation to kids struggling with their identity. Some of the largest clinics in Ohio are sterilizing children for life with these procedures. Go to CCV.org/SafeAct to encourage your representative to support the bill.

3 Join Us

Join us for Prayer at the Statehouse on Thursday, May 18! Pastors, ministry leaders, and lay Christians from around the state come together for praise and worship, prayer, and fellowship in the heart of our Ohio government. Learn more and register for this nonpartisan event at CCV.org/Pray.



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