

# SOCE BILL OF RIGHTS

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We observe and declare that any right to life is fundamentally dependent on an equal right to self-determination in order to have any meaning. Free will, reasonably exercised within the boundaries of moral framework and compliant with the clear intent of nature's design, is the very essence of self-determination and therefore life itself. We therefore resolve to obligate any and all people or organizations whether professional, commercial, secular or religious to honor this fundamental right. We obligate the medical and legal communities to hold to their professional vows, and legal precedents to honor the rights of those seeking Sexual Orientation Change Efforts (SOCE) as a part of the fundamental right to self-determination. As no person can dictate to another the true content of their heart or mind, there can be no ethical foundation on which to unscrupulously attempt to confound, suppress or interfere with the right of an individual to explore options, make self-determinations or seek change in his or her life.

This same conclusion is held sacred within the medical community sworn oaths and legal findings. To cite only a few:

The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS), 'Model Resolution Concerning The Declaration of Professional Responsibility' decries any effort by the American Medical Association (AMA) to be used to advance any socio-political agenda. [ to "advocate for social, economic, and political changes...that ameliorate suffering" could be considered a proxy clause whereby the AMA could assume it has the authority to advocate whatever social/political agenda it chooses and claim the full support of the entire profession."]

The American Psychological Association's, 'Ethical Principles of Psychologists And Code of Conduct' (Effective June 1, 2003, as amended 2010) Principle E: Respect for People's Rights and Dignity holds psychologists responsible to "respect the dignity and worth of 'all' people, and the rights of individuals to privacy, confidentiality and self-determination.", and to be "aware of and respect cultural, individual and role differences" in order to "try to eliminate the effect on their work of biases based on those factors, and {...} not knowingly participate in or condone activities of others based upon such prejudices."

The Commission For Reproductive Health, 'Code of Conduct in Women's Reproductive Health', I. Duties to the Patient, cites patient self-rule. "A clinician's primary aim for the patient must be informed self-rule (self-determination). And "A clinician must always attempt to understand a patient and insulate a patient from coercive pressure."

The Clinical Social Workers Association, 'Clinical Social Work Association Code of Ethics', states their "core requirements of ethical practice; non-maleficence, (doing no harm to clients); beneficence, (helping clients), and autonomy (enhancing the self-determination of clients)."

In *Cruzan v. Director, Mo. Dept. of Health* (1990), the US Supreme Court held that a mentally competent person had a right to make a "deeply personal decision," *id.*, at 289 (O'Connor, J., concurring) in their medical treatment.

In *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pa. v. Casey* (1992), the US Supreme Court holding notes, “the individual’s right to make certain unusually important decisions that will affect his own, or his family’s, destiny. The Court has referred to such decisions as implicating ‘basic values,’ as being ‘fundamental’, and as being dignified by history and tradition. The character of the Court’s language in these cases brings to mind the origins of the American heritage of freedom – the abiding interest in individual liberty that makes certain state intrusions on the citizen’s right to decide how he will live his own life intolerable.” *Fitzgerald v. Porter Memorial Hospital*, (1976).

We thus hold true and obligate others sworn to uphold the right to self-determination that:

- I. Every individual has an ethical, medical and legal right to sexual self-determination.
- II. Every individual has an ethical, medical and legal right to explore and research their options in order to make informed decisions.
- III. Every individual has a right to be fully informed of the true science regarding human sexual fluidity by relevant agency or practitioner.
- IV. Every individual has a right to be informed of the known medical and psychological risks associated with their choice by relevant agency or practitioner.
- V. Any professional sworn by oath to make no attempt to coerce, suppress or confound the individual cultural, ethical or religious convictions of any client be held to honor their oath.
- VI. Any professional or agency attempting to coerce, suppress or confound the individual right to sexual self-determination be held in violation of their oath, in contempt of legal precedence and hostile to the welfare of their client.

We, whose lives these decisions affect, and our supporters demand our right to liberty and a life of our choosing that is in accordance with creation as intended, good health and a virtuous spirit.

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