

# What is a Woman?

*U.S. Dept. of Education Wants to Change the Definition*



## Background

Congress passed Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, which provides:

“No person in the United States shall, *on the basis of sex*, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

*It was not intended to be applied on the basis of gender identity.*

## Proposed change

<i>Problem</i>	<i>Harm to Women</i>
The Federal Department of Education wants to <i>add gender identity</i> , that is, to redefine sex to include biological women that identify as men and biological men that identify as women	Biological men who identify as women (“transwomen”) have an unfair advantage due to their larger musculature, increased heart and lung capacity, greater red blood cells and other biological differences

## Why is the Proposed Change Unfair?

<i>Participation</i>	<i>Scholarships</i>	<i>Other Benefits</i>
Women and men should be provided equitable opportunities to participate in sports	Female and male student athletes should receive athletic scholarships proportional to their participation	Female and male student athletes should receive equal quality in sports equipment, game scheduling, coaching, publicity, and more

## Transwomen athletes in the news

- Lia Thomas crushes biological women swimmers for the NCAA Division I title
- Laurel Hubbard, Olympic weight lifter, wins numerous championships against biological women
- Veronica Ivy, a two time Masters World Cycling champion, beats out biological women

## Women athletes are speaking out

Riley Gaines, an All-American NCAA swimmer, competed against Lia Thomas:



“A lie doesn't become truth, wrong doesn't become right, and evil doesn't become moral, just because it's accepted and embraced by a portion of society.”

What can you do? Speak out at school board meetings, publicize on social networks, write Letters to the Editor and your Senator and Representative, and comment on Dept. of Education proposed rule changes and actions.

For more information on Title IX, visit SAVE/Title IX Network:

<http://www.saveservices.org>