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GERMAN SELF-ID LAW "SELBSTBESTIMMUNGSGESETZ"

1. On November 1st 2024 the German Self-ID law will come into force. **It abolishes sex in law and replaces it with "gender identity".**
2. **Any man can declare himself to be a woman** without restrictions or security checks.
3. The gender entry can be changed **every year**. There are 4 options: **female, male, diverse, none**.
4. The law **punishes calling a man a "man" by a fine of up to 10,000 EUR**.
5. The law will **distort sex-based statistics and sex-based quotas**.
6. It will allow **parents to change the gender entry of their children from birth at any time**.
7. From **age 14 on, minors will be allowed to define their own gender entry**.
8. If **parents refuse consent, a family court can decide against their will**.
9. If you normalise the fiction of being able to change sex, you **encourage harmful physical interventions**.

IN GERMANY...

- ... female prisoners are already locked up with **male criminals and sex offenders**.
- ... female victims of male violence are already confronted with **males in women's shelters**.
- ... **men already claim access to women's gyms, locker rooms and women's sports teams**.
- ... **lesbians already lose their female-only spaces** and get harassed and threatened by males who don't accept same-sex attraction.
- ... **freedom of press is already restricted**. To refer to men as "men" is penalised.
- ... **minors are already exposed to body-damaging interventions** through puberty blockers, opposite-sex hormones and experimental surgeries and amputations on breasts and genitals.
- ... **doctors and psychotherapists already risk being punished for "conversion therapy"** when they don't affirm a "gender identity" claimed by a child or adolescent.

- Any man can declare himself to be a woman, and change his first name by making a simple declaration at the registry office, without any checks.**
- The change of gender entry does not have to be permanent, but **may be changed once a year.**
- It is possible to choose from four different entries: male, female, diverse, no entry.** These are used for:
 - People who want to change a gender entry from female to male or male to female
 - People who want a “diverse” gender entry (people with variants of sex development AKA “intersex” or “nonbinary”) – without presenting any certificates
 - People who do not want a gender entry (“nonbinary”)

None of the four choices will require verification in the form of expert opinion.
- If a person’s gender entry and first names have been changed in the civil status register, **they may request that entries relating to their gender and first names be changed in official registers.**
- The **fantasy gender identity “nonbinary”** is thus declared a legal status in the Self-Determination Act.
- Parents can determine the gender entry of their children themselves from babyhood.** From the age of 5, children should declare to the registrar that they agree to the change of gender entry. They are thus declared capable of giving consent from the age of 5.
- From the age of 14, adolescents may decide on their own gender entry.** However, parental consent is required. If the parents do not agree, a family court

- can be called in to override the parents’ veto. For separated parents, there is a risk that the parent who refuses to change the gender entry will lose custody.
- The minor must declare that they have received counselling but they don’t have to prove it.**
 - In the case of minors, the gender entry may be changed at any time.**
 - A prohibition on disclosure prohibits the naming of a person’s sex and former name, and will now also apply to family members.** Intent is important. Offensive or unfriendly violations of the ban on disclosure can result in a fine of up to EUR 10,000.
 - Quotas for women are cancelled.** Gender identity, not sex, is decisive for women’s quotas now.
 - In the event of war, men may not declare themselves to be women and will be drafted as men.**
 - On the birth certificate of newborns, the gender entry of the parents at the time of birth is taken into account** – not the sex. Instead of father or mother, the neutral formulation “parent” can be entered here.
 - In the case of legally incompetent persons, e.g. mentally disabled adults, the carers decide on the gender entry.** However, a local court is also involved here.
 - Permission to provide **single sex spaces, women’s rooms, women’s shelters, women’s prisons and women’s sports, will be granted or rejected on a case-by-case basis** via domestic and owners law and the General Equal Treatment Act (AGG).

OFFICIAL RESSOURCES IN GERMAN:

<https://www.recht.bund.de/bgb/1/2024/206/VO.html>
<https://www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/themen/gleichstellung/queerpolitik-und-geschlechtliche-vielfalt/gesetz-ueber-die-selbstbestimmung-in-bezug-auf-den-geschlechtseintrag-sb-gg-199332>
https://www.bmj.de/DE/themen/gesellschaft_familie/queeres_leben/selbstbestimmung/selbstbestimmung_node.html

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https://www.laz-reloaded.de/150-jahre-%218-stgb_stellungnahme/
<https://www.laz-reloaded.de/der-letzte-coup-verschaerfende-und-verschleiern-de-aenderungen-des-sb-gg/>
<https://www.rechtsgutachtensb-gg.de/>

ENGLISH:

<https://www.dw.com/en/gender-identity-law-passes-in-german-parliament/a-68800054>
<https://reduxx.info/germany-passes-gender-self-identification-law-allowing-infants-to-transition-imposes-massive-fine-for-deadnaming/>

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<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gld=29160>

ANSWER OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE UN:

<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadFile?gld=38566>

- Arbitrary changes to the gender entry of babies and young children by their parents or guardians will make it easier to conceal the identity of these children. **This can be used as cover for child abuse or trafficking.**
- Parents could use the loophole of changing the gender entry of their children at will to carry out **female genital mutilation (FGM) on baby girls for religious reasons.** This is because the circumcision of boys is permitted in Germany for religious reasons.
- Babies and small children are no longer protected from the fictional worldviews of their parents and guardians.**
- The draft does not contain any regulations on sex reassignment surgery, but lays the foundations. **This gives even small children the idea that they can change their sex and paves the way for physically invasive measures.**
- By defining “non-binary” as a gender identity, this target group will presumably be prepared for elective surgery and hormone administration,** as health insurance companies have so far not paid for mastectomies, for example, for women who declare themselves to be “non-binary”.
- Adults who are legally incompetent - for example mentally disabled people - are also at the mercy of their carers’ ideas about their “gender identity”.** The local court offers only minimal protection here.
- As the parents’ entry in the birth certificate of newborn children can be falsified, the right of these children to know their own parentage is violated.** In addition, the prohibition of disclosure could make them liable to prosecution if they refer to their father as their father.
- Quotas for women are a thing of the past in Germany.** This also means that the function of an Equal Opportunities Officer, previously reserved for women, who is supposed to ensure the implementation of Chapter 3 of the German Basic Law – equal rights for women – is now redundant.
- Women’s prisons have been de facto abolished in Germany.** Since a women’s prison can only refuse a man who identifies as a woman on grounds of discrimination in individual cases, a man can be transferred to a women’s prison at his request. Experimental hormone treatments and plastic surgeries for these offenders in prison are already financed by the general public. At the end of his sentence, the man can change his gender entry back to “man”. This is already happening in Germany.
- In women’s sport, too, the decision as to whether a man may participate in a women’s team is deferred to the club.** If the club refuses, the man could sue his way onto the team via the General Equal Treatment Act (AGG). The prohibition of disclosure creates an additional hurdle in these conflicts, as a man may not be addressed as a man.
- Since women are liable to prosecution if they name the sex of a man who has changed his gender entry, they can no longer defend themselves against the presence of a man in previously sex-specific spaces.** No woman knows whether a man has changed his gender entry. A man can therefore simply walk into these spaces and claim this. After all, he no longer has to make any changes to his external appearance. This creates a chilling effect for girls and women. Previous safe spaces become spaces of fear.
- The legislator knows who a man is in the event of war.** In future, men must have changed their gender entry at least two months before any armed conflict to avoid conscription.
- A man with dual nationality can be registered as a man in Spain and as a woman in Germany.**
- There are no rules for sex-based statistics, e.g. violence and crime statistics.** It is therefore to be expected that these statistics will no longer be meaningful in the future and, above all, will conceal the predominantly male perpetrators.
- Since there is no longer any verification before a change of civil status, **offenders can use this law to change their identity at will.**
- The law is set to come into force on 1st November 2024. **A change of gender entry can already be requested from 1st August 2024. Already 15,000 people have applied for this, including more than 500 in the city of Leipzig alone.**
- As Germany wields both European and international influence, it is to be expected that other countries may feel compelled to follow the German example of applying Self-ID legislation.**