



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 08.08.2023

Article link : <https://bit.ly/300Imjm> **(THE WORST THING WE READ THIS WEEK: Why Is the New York Times So Obsessed With Trans Kids?)**

1. "Maybe the most straightforward point of comparison for the Times reader is abortion". The author says so because:

- A. As is the case with trans care, newspapers like the Times publish many stories about doctors breaking the reproductive-health consensus and raising concerns about abortion's potential side effects
- B. Both abortion and trans care are active subjects of public controversy as they involve making a permanent change to the patient's life trajectory
- C. In terms of absolute numbers, those regretting having gotten an abortion are comparable to those who regret a gender transition
- D. Both in the case of abortion and trans care, the liberal theory of autonomy and decision-making is cast aside in public debates

Explanation : B

Based on the article, only option B is true. The author argues that despite abortion being a medical procedure subject to public controversy, one with greater numbers of those regretting the procedure, the Times does not publish stories that break the reproductive-health consensus or question the liberal theory of autonomy and decision-making.

2. According to the author, the Times' extensive and repetitive trans gender treatment coverage implies all the following except:

- A. There is something particularly wrong about the way young people who identify as trans are receiving care
- B. Arguments against trans care are forbidden knowledge, which journalists have a duty to bring to light

C. Debates over questions like when puberty blockers should be prescribed or gender-confirming surgeries performed on minors should be best left to the concerned doctors and patients

D. The difficult and complicated decisions that these patients are making in consultation with their doctors are being made wrongly, if not wrongfully

Explanation: C

Options A, B and D are mentioned in the article. Option C states the opposite of what the article says.

3. "There have been many, many complexities in the Times' coverage of transgender youth—so many complexities that, when they're taken together, they start to look like something straightforward." What does the author mean by the coverage looking like "something straightforward"?

A. It points to Times being an objective repository of current events

B. It shows that Times is involved in newspaper crusade

C. It points to Times launching a full-on campaign against anti-trans people

D. None of the above

Explanation: B

Note the lines, 'The Times considers itself an objective repository of current events, not a crusading newspaper, but when a publication fixes its attention on a subject and keeps it there, it is making the case that its attention matters. If youth trans care is a problem, the Times is bringing that problem to light, so that the public and people in authority can understand it and make it better.'