

Jocelyn Elders supports

Intersex* Genital Mutilation (IGM)

*Hermaphrodite; someone whose genitals are not clearly male or female

US hospitals genitally cut 8 intersexed kids every day just so their genitals will look “normal.”
Most will lose genital sensation.
Many are cut so they won’t “become lesbians.”
Jocelyn Elders supports this practice!

Did you know...

The vast majority of children diagnosed as intersexed by American doctors and genitally cut are otherwise unremarkable infants who simply have **clitorises more than 3/8” long**. Many are genitally cut in the mistaken belief that otherwise they may grow up to be **masculinized, lesbian women** or have difficulty functioning as **“normal, heterosexual adults”** later in life.

Did you know...

According to noted Brown University medical researcher Dr. Anne Fausto-Sterling, 2,000 intersex infants are genitally cut for cosmetic reasons in US hospitals annually: that’s **8 infants from 3 weeks to 3 years old cut every working day**. Yet the American Academy of Pediatricians’ own statement on IGM says these infants are genitally cut to minimize “emotional, cognitive, and body image” problems and not for any medical reason.

Did you know...

Jocelyn Elders on intersexed infants and “correcting” queer genitals: "...just take out everything and make a good vaginal pouch and the child can function very well as a female." "I always told my students, 'I can make a good female, but it's very hard to make a male.'" Ever hear of *informed consent*? Dr. Elders *refuses to even meet* with the intersexed community or IGM survivors. **Intersex kids need counseling, not cutting!**

Hey Dr. Elders:
Get Your Scalpels Off Our Bodies!!!

We're not quiet. We're not well-behaved. And we're *not* going away.

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