

Don't Call Them 'Boy' Scouts

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The Boy Scouts of America has long been the target of leftists bent on reshaping American culture. First, it was lawsuits to attack and obstruct the BSA. Then it became a strategy to undermine the Scouts from the inside. The latter has been far more successful, as the Scouts allowed homosexual boys in 2013 and leaders in 2015, and it wasn't long before the ranks were opened in 2017 to girls and transgender kids. Now, after 108 years, the BSA's Boy Scouts program is changing its name so as to eliminate "Boy" altogether. It will soon be rebranded "Scouts BSA," though the parent organization will remain Boy Scouts of America. At least until rebranding as the "Social Justice Warrior Scouts of America."

"We wanted to land on something that evokes the past but also conveys the inclusive nature of the program going forward," said Chief Scout Executive Mike Surbaugh. "We're trying to find the right way to say we're here for both young men and young women." For an organization founded to help boys become men, that's quite a shift. Even still, the integration won't be total. The Associated Press reports, "The program for the older boys and girls will largely be divided along gender lines, with single-sex units pursuing the same types of activities, earning the same array of merit badges and potentially having the same pathway to the coveted Eagle Scout award."

One organization isn't happy with the move. "Girl Scouts is the premier leadership development organization for girls," Girl Scouts CEO Sylvia Acevedo insisted, while promising to add more badges and focus on outdoor activities, science, math and technology. Girl Scouts attributes some of its membership decline to the Boy Scouts allowing girls.

As Mark Alexander, a longtime BSA Council member, Scoutmaster and father to two Eagle Scouts, once explained, the BSA's transformation has been driven by its National Board, which is "under the 'leadership' of wealthy corporate-types completely out of touch with grassroots Scouting values." In other words, these leftists are driven not just by achieving their social agenda but by corporate profits.

The BSA's Faustian bargain with these sponsors has allowed the once-venerated organization to rot from the inside.

Fortunately, many individual troops retain solid leadership and membership, as is the case with this author's son's troop. But that situation becomes less tenable with each crumbling pillar of morality and common sense at the national level. Membership rolls are already little more than half their peak of four million as boys opt for alternatives like Trail Life USA. And the BSA's decline will no doubt continue as leftists destroy even the fundamental scientific truth that boys and girls are different.