

Doublethink: A Feminist Challenge to Transgenderism

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For all those who dare to say women exist. For all those who have courageously resisted the ongoing assault against women and women's rights. For all those who have challenged the disgraceful medicalization of children. And for all those survivors of transitioning who are now de-transitioning. In the hope that others may stand up to this rapid advance of transgenderism that has spread its tentacles into law, government, education and sports.

Although it was mostly men at that time who were undergoing transsexual interventions, I suspected that transsexualism, and later its more recent iteration of transgenderism, might change women's lives in ways that would attempt to erase women and brand us with names that are offensive to our ears. But no one would have imagined that transgender activists would have the cheek to rename us as 'cis-women', 'TERFS' (trans exclusionary radical feminists), 'front holes', 'uterus-owners', 'egg producers', 'chest feeders' — even 'non-men' — and, ironically, would keep the name 'woman' for themselves. Even abortion providers have succumbed to modifying their mission statements from that of serving 'women who are pregnant' to 'people who are pregnant'.¹

I have always been critical of the word 'phobia', defined as an irrational or persistent fear of some thing or situation, but often misused to signal hatred of a particular group. Radical critics of transgenderism are not afraid of trans-identified persons nor do we hate them. As writer Suzanne Moore has made clear, "We fear what we have always feared: male violence, in whatever cosplay it chooses. We fear losing our incomes. We fear that womanhood is such a scary place that some young women will be medicated out of it" (Moore, 2020).²

However, only a miniscule percentage of the population is intersex, and intersex persons do not identify as transgender. To be on a spectrum of sex, you would have to demonstrate that a substantial part of the population is intersex and that these individuals are born with chromosomal and/or hormonal anomalies. As biologists Colin Wright and Emma Hilton have written, "... intersex individuals are extremely rare, and they are neither a third sex nor proof that sex is a 'spectrum' or a 'social construct'" (Wright and Hilton, 2020).³

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