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I think this is right. The women who are supporting this are using a fundamentally liberal concept of feminism, which has a number of assumptions that incline them to think abolishing sex politically is a good idea.

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To codify:

1. The necessary/contingent confusion.

Patriarchy is a \*historical\* structure which has oppressed women \*on the basis\* of their biology.

Some people, who can't distinguish nature from history, or necessary from contingent, then conclude

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This is where all the 'you're reducing women to their genitals' and 'women are not livestock' stuff gets its traction from.

It is, fundamentally, a form of internalised misogyny that cannot conceive femaleness and humanity as compatible concepts.

That is, which hasn't moved past the patriarchal construction of femaleness.

To wit:

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### 3. Equality = Sameness

It follows from this that this type of feminist thinking assumes that the liberation or equality of women depends on pretending that women are identical to men.

Again, this is readily understandable. If patriarchy has used women's difference as justification, it would seem to follow that liberation depends on denying that difference.

However, again, this repeats to error of staying inside the patriarchal frame, and leads to the situation we have now, where women engage in the public world, as designed by men on

the basis of their needs and assumptions, while continuing to also do all the work that follows from a relatively unreconstructed domestic sphere.

If women are to be liberated, it demands that we change our social organisation fundamentally so that it is based on a just

accounting of the value of their reproductive labour, in a manner which supports them also in participating in public life.

The denial of sex, while superficially compelling if you are still thinking inside patriarchal logic, will simply repeat the refusal to grant adequate

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This is what a brain that doesn't understand the difference between necessary and contingent looks like.



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So I had an interesting encounter with gender critical feminists. Wholly stumped by their philosophy. They have two articles of faith. 1) Women are oppressed by biology. 2) Biology is immutable. Those two things are rarely put in the same sentence cos it's a bit grim innit.

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if we recognise the material basis of women's oppression we are saying it is necessary.

We're not. Because the oppression arises from the interaction of nature and history.

We can change the bit that is historical.

Biology is not destiny.

But it is biology.

## 2. Denigration of the female

Because patriarchy has used women's biology in order to explain, naturalise, and justify the oppression of women, liberal feminists have tended to think that we must therefore deny the biological difference between males and females.

This is understandable, especially given that woman has been denied humanity by associating her with the body, with the natural, with the earth etc.

It seems then that to claim humanity, women must deny these associations.

The insight of difference and radical feminisms is that

this move is fundamentally an acceptance of the patriarchal claim that maleness - understood as mind, reason etc - \*is\* the definition of humanity, and women are only human insofar as they are the same as men.

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And that is why this version of feminism is the one that has been most widely disseminated. And why it has offered no resistance to trans ideology.

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