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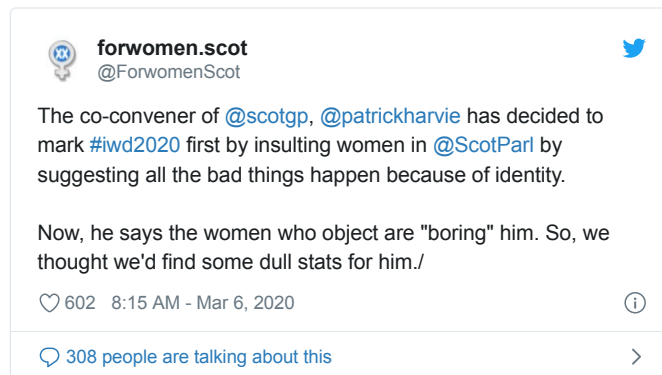
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TRAs demand that we change the entire structure of reality and language because of their suffering.

But when women object, or talk about their suffering, we are 'boring,' or 'hysterical.' We are 'spewing' or 'venomous.'

The face of progress. Much like the face of oppression.



Over 80, 000 women are raped every year in this country.

Almost nobody is convicted.

Women, as a class, are now and have been for thousands of years, carrying a MASSIVE burden of trauma, stemming from male violence in particular, and male dominance more generally.

While, over the last 100 years, the first and second waves of feminism made significant progress with respect to the legal and formal equality of women, we have made NO significant progress with respect to male violence and the multiple impacts on women of that violence.

In fact, given the backlash that has been going on for the last 30 years, the redoubling of gendered socialisation and pinkification, the mass dissemination of violent pornography, and the drop in rape prosecutions, the situation re: VAWG is actually getting worse.

The axis of this violence is SEX. It is MALE violence against FEMALES. It is MALE violence against FEMALES that, in many instances, is passed through generations of

women. From grandmothers who were violently assaulted through their daughters who marry abusive men to their

granddaughters who are abused as children and are not protected by their mothers, because their mothers are themselves too traumatised to stand up to male violence.

It is the duty of all of us who can to stand up for the women who are subjected to male violence who cannot.

And to resist a discourse that has come along, and decided that because women have been given formal equality, that sex doesn't matter.

That the thousands upon thousands of female lives marred by male violence, simply do not matter.

This is taken from the presentation given to the Interdepartmental Working Group on Transsexuality by Change, The FTM Network, G&SA, The Gender Trust, GIRES, Liberty and Press for Change, in Jan 2000, published in the report here:

<http://www.oocities.org/transforum2000/Resources/wgtrans.pdf>

ways in which records of civil status can be updated, amended or in other ways altered without any significant risk of the original records being lost to those who might need them. As our knowledge of all sorts of intersex conditions grows, as medicine increasingly admits to there being a significant number of births in which it is impossible to guarantee that the sex designation given is unquestionable, and as our society increasingly removes the barriers to equality between the sexes, it may be that 'sex' is no longer something that we should record about the individual.

3.7.5 However if government chooses to continue its documentation, then we must be aware that we do so, nowadays, for little other reason than to provide demographic data. Transsexual people are such an insignificant number in our society, that their transfer between categories cannot possibly affect the overall collection of statistics. In fact modern computerisation would allow any change of categorisation to be taken into account in the collection of statistical data. And such mechanisms might actually do us a favour, we would be able to count up exactly how many transsexual people there are in Britain. Once and for all we would be able to prove how little cost we are to the National Health Service, and how much we benefit the country in the payment of taxes and other social contributions.

The project to politically erase sex has been going on for at least 20 if not more like 30 years.

Nobody ever thought to consult women about whether we were okay with erasing the legal recognition of the axis of our oppression, and of the violence done against us.

And all the while, there has been and remains a steadfast refusal to grant the merest flicker of recognition that women might have a legitimate interest in another group of people trying to politically erase sex.

I tell you what trans activism. How about you dismantle patriarchy, and stop women and girls being abused at this COLOSSAL rate, and then we'll talk about erasing the political recognition of sex.

In the meantime.

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