



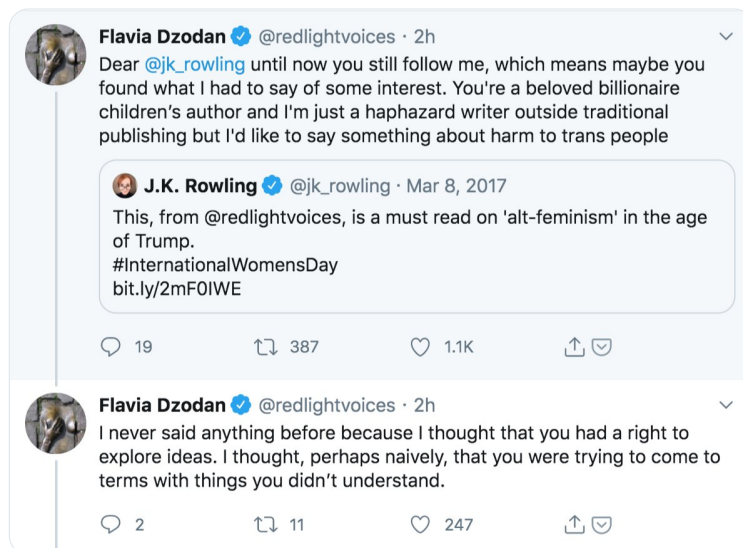
Dr. Jane Clare Jones @janeclarejones

7 Jun 20 · 23 tweets · [janeclarejones/status/1269577896206745606](https://twitter.com/janeclarejones/status/1269577896206745606)

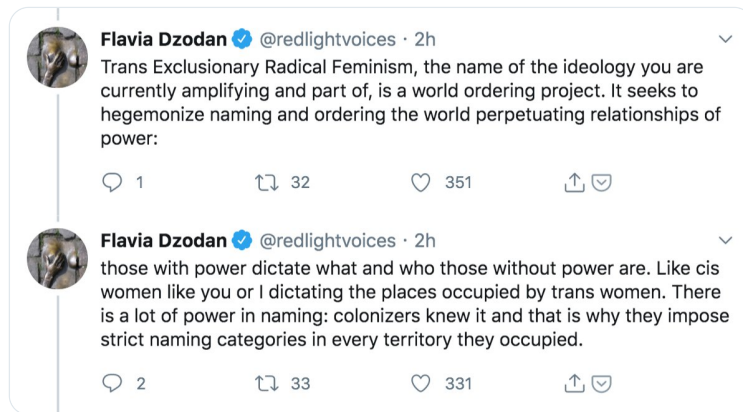


So, Flavia Dzodan of 'my feminism will be intersectional or it will be bullshit' fame has weighed in on the great 'JK is an evil TERF' bonfire.

It's nice she waited to diss JK. In my experience if you're not a BFD she goes straight to calling you a racist for believing in sex.



Strap in, there's a lot to work with here. It's pretty much the Platonic form of the abuse of intersectional arguments to try and shut women the fuck up.



'RF is a 'world ordering project' for the purpose of perpetuating power by naming'

Where to fucking start. RF is an analysis of sex-based domination developed in the

60s/70s.

What is the basis for claiming an analysis of domination was designed to serve the interests of power?

Um, the basis is the claim that it uses the category of sex.

Combined with the claim that female people are the oppressors.

Female people, by insisting on naming and defining themselves as female, are colonisers.

Just think about that.

This part of the argument is central. Because it is only by positing female people as oppressors that you can position their claim to naming their own existence and boundaries as an act of colonisation.

Normally, if someone was trying to appropriate the language to name a class of persons, we would think that might be colonisation.

But oh no, it is the people who are resisting having their word appropriated who are colonisers.

Because female people were always already the agents of domination.

And this is true, despite the fact that progressive people are supposed to pretend to recognise that female people are oppressed for being female.

There are two key ways this crucial reversal is effected.

a) As Dzoden makes clear here, the first of these is the cis/trans

binary, which as I explain here, functions to flip the axis of oppression between male people and female people and hence posit our resistance to appropriation as an act of colonisation.

(I thought imposing labels on people was a sign of power hmmmmm???)

<http://www.butterfliesandwheels.org/2018/the-cistrans-binary-is-used-to-flip-the-hierarchy-of-oppression/>

b) The second is the misappropriation of intersectional analysis. This is complex, because, as the events of the recent weeks has made clear, white women do need to deal with their racial blindnesses.

However, what is being done in the misappropriation is using the analysis to

posit female people as straightforwardly privileged, to negate the analysis of the oppression of women qua women, and hence, to position women asserting their right

to self-definition as an act of domination in general, and racism in particular.

This is one of the most powerful strategies of the Trans Rights Movement, because to be fair, it's actually pretty hard to convince people to comply with the idea that biological sex is just a cultural construct. That work is helped along by convincing them that it's racist.

Enter that great TRA canard 'colonialism invented the gender binary.'



We've talked about this claims at some length before. To repeat, this is the most ahistorical pile of racist bunk I have ever seen in my life.

It relies on the appropriation and homogenisation of the diversity of Native American culture being read through the lens of an

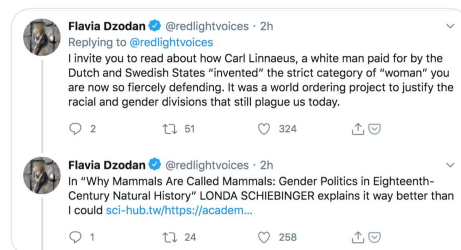
axiomatically Western ideology, which is then projected backwards in time (in the way trans ideology often does in order to give itself a history and essentialise itself).

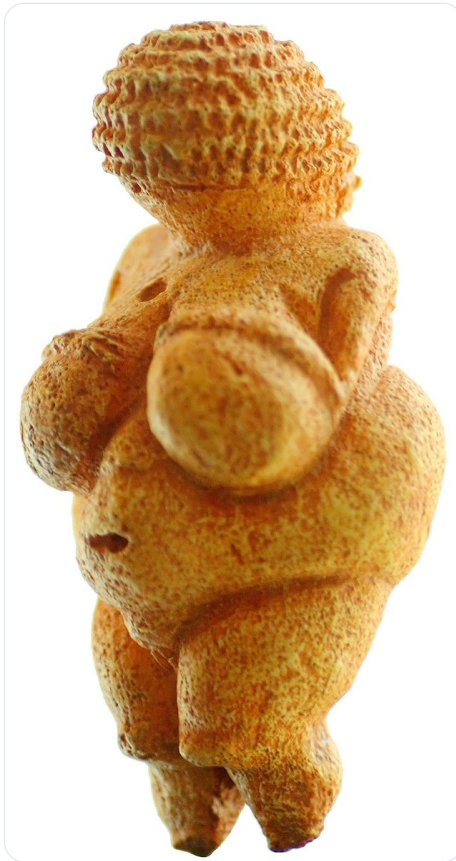
It relies on the batshit racist notion that non-Western people had no idea of sex or how reproduction

worked until white people showed up and imposed it on them.

And it relies on reinterpreting the pre-patriarchal kinship norms of Native Americans through a theory invented by a white woman in the States in the 90s. And then culturally exporting it from the US around the globe.

I mean seriously. WTAF.





Naming and assigning categories *is* an operation of power isn't it?

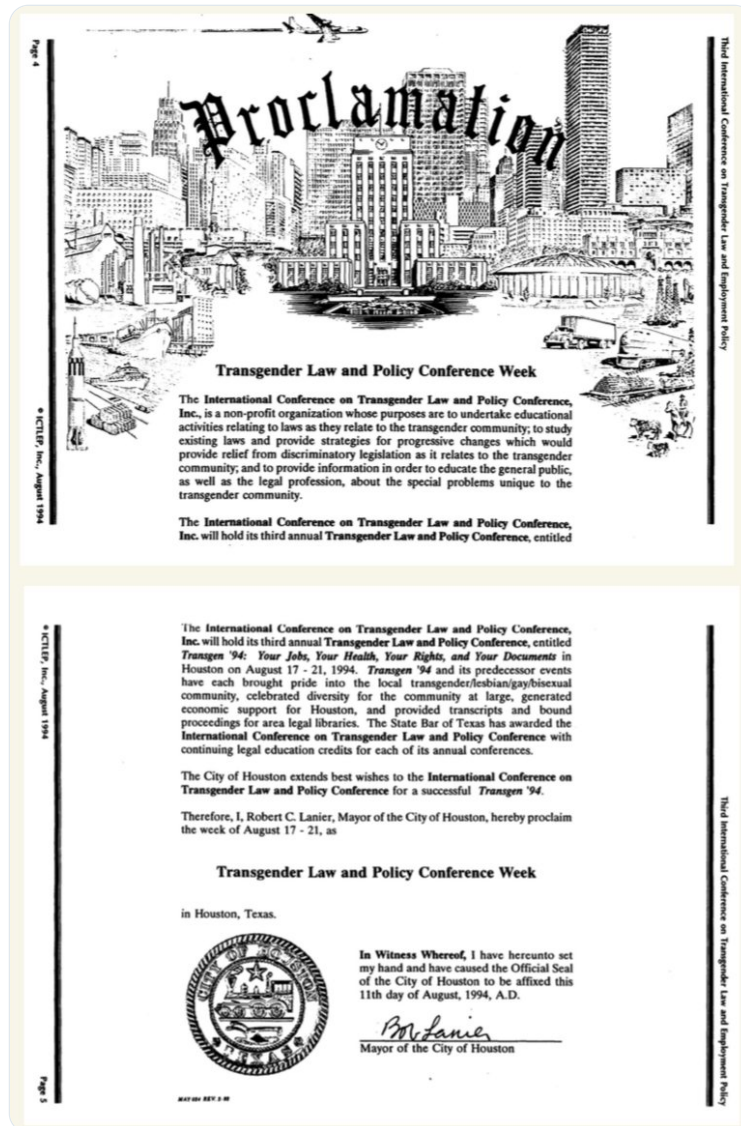
It really is a wonder how all these categories - 'cis' 'trans' 'pregnant people' 'uterus-havers' etc - have been imposed on right-thinking people by such an entirely powerless group isn't it?



And please, do provide the statistics. The ones that appropriate the deaths of Brazilians trans WOC prostitutes in order to posit a political movement started by rich white largely male lawyers in the US as representative of a population of such vulnerability that female people

must just comply with their political erasure.

Because there is nothing even vaguely colonising about that.



This shit drives me NUTS.

This is the wilful and deliberate misuse of the left-wing analysis of power, and of the analysis of white supremacy, in order to posit female people as the apex of the structure of power, in order to make them cede their political rights to a group

whose agenda is being driven by the interests and desires of white Western males.

In the process, what is being destroyed is not only female people's rights, but the entire credibility of anti-domination and anti-racist analysis.

Now.

While there is a white-supremacist sexual abuser in the fucking White House.

Now is the time to make a dumpster fire of the tools we need to call that shit out by claiming that thinking female people exist is inherently racist.

It's a fucking travesty.

<Ends>

While we're here, this is an essay I wrote back in 2014 when we just getting into this fuckery, which engages with some of Flavia's ideas:

**Reni Eddo-Lodge** @renireni · Jan 15
I see **White Feminism** as the feminist wing of a white dominated political structure & consensus.
[Expand](#)[Reply](#) [Retweet](#) [Favorite](#) [More](#)

Bad-faith justice: ethics of the call-out
This is a guest post by Jane Clare Jones, philosopher, feminist and person who really, really likes Doctor Who. A couple of years back – a week after she coined The B Classes of white feminism figh...
<https://sarahditum.com/2014/02/23/bad-faith-justice-ethics-of-the-call-out/>

...