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Female people are not female by virtue of desiring to be female.

Female people who do not want the category of woman to be redefined as 'the class of people who desire to be women' are not the same as people who are not female who desire to be women and to be seen as women.

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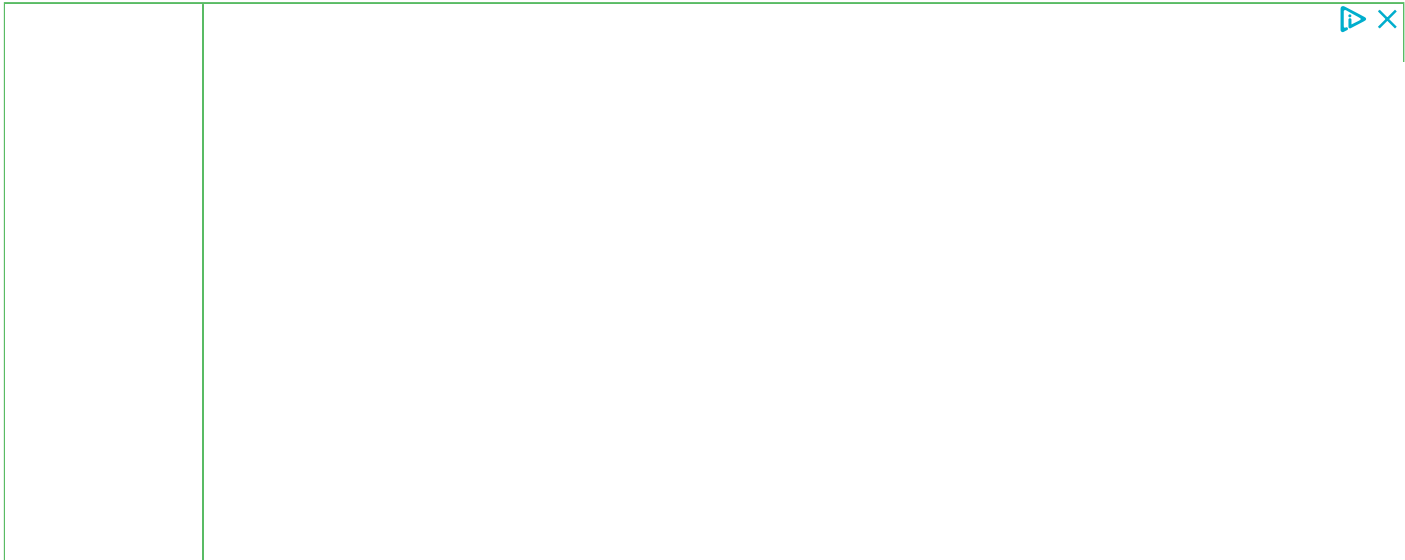
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This is actually a fantastically offensive use of Frye's double bind.

As if people who are socialised into femininity *because they are female,* who have no choice about it and who are harmed whether they comply or resist have the same relationship to femininity



as people who want to be seen as women because they identify with femininity.

This is precisely the issue. We are female. We are not people who desire to be seen as women, or to be treated as women. We are human beings who desire to be seen and treated as human beings who are female, and to live in a world which understands that female people are equally as human as male people, while having concrete material specificity.

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What *we* desire is a world in which female people are not thought, seen or treated, in any way, through the lens of femininity.

One of the fundamental issues of feminist politics here is that you want to create a class of people out of 'those who want to be women because they identify with femininity and people who think femininity is a harm to women.'

We do not have the same political interests. In fact,

our interests are directly opposed. One group wants to destroy all socially prescriptive norms about the relation between femaleness and femininity, and one group needs those norms, and wants women, in fact, to be defined by them.

Think about what you are actually saying to women when you tell them they are women by virtue of desiring to be positioned by a social mechanism that profoundly harms their humanity. WE DO NOT DESIRE IT. And irrespective of whether those who *do* desire it also recognise the



negative aspects (which frankly, many don't, and what is often exhibited is behaviour that straightforwardly celebrates things we experience as a harm), the fact remains, we are not female because we desire to be female, and we are *not* the same class of people as those who do.

What is actually going on here, in your efforts to redefine us as 'the class of people who desire to be women,' is just one more, but dizzyingly extreme, instance of the effort to assert the pre-eminence of human - and specifically masculine (irony!) - desire over all possible

limit.

Such limits arise because of the nature of material facticity, and they also arise at the limit created by the confrontation with another desire.

With a 'no.'

The refusal of such limits is called entitlement. It is the core psychic mechanism which creates both the domination and expropriation of the earth, and of women's bodies and labour.

It is, in fact, the core psychic mechanism of patriarchy. It profoundly harms women, and it has created a system of material extraction which harms the planet, and us all.

We will oppose it in women's interests, and in the interests of all who are harmed by it.

At this point in history, the single most important task for humanity is for us to start fucking learning how to articulate and fulfil our desires within their material limits and within

the limits set by the needs, desires, and subjectivity of other human beings.

And the very last thing I am about to do is acquiesce to arguably humanity's greatest assertion of the absolute sovereignty of masculine desire over all limit.

We repeat: NO.

As I said the other day, I think it's high time we started consistently translating 'gender identity' into 'the *desire* to perform man/woman behaviour and to be seen as a man/woman.'

The entire conceit of 'gender identity' is an effort to give material facticity to a DESIRE.

It harms women by redefining them as a desire for that which harms them, and it functions, above all, to obscure the fact that this is all, when it comes down to it, a straight up down conflict between women's existence and the desire of male people to appropriate that existence.

This is a story as old as fucking time.

And the fact that any of this is being even remotely entertained, let alone rolled out across public life, backed up, as always, with the threat of force, is the greatest illustration of the continuing cultural power of the *ideal* of the

sovereignty of male people's desire that *is* the core of patriarchy.

<Actually ends this time honest>

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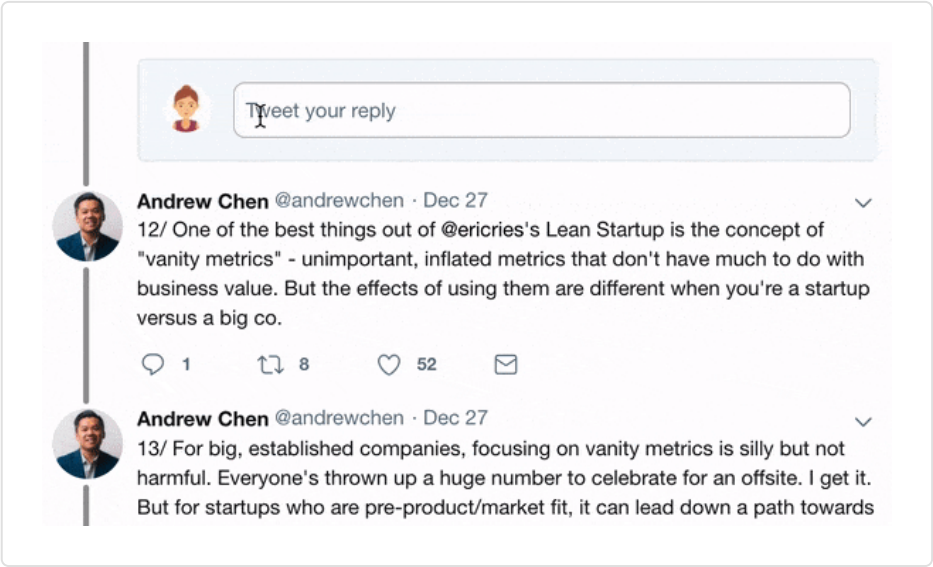
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So, this is leading to quite an interesting conversation. I'm going to clarify a few things, and then in a bit I'm going to delete, because under present conditions of conflict, it is not safe to leave anything lying on this site that may be referred to the twitter police.

1. Right wing discourse especially in America framed the opposition to gay rights in terms of 'a behaviour that was a choice' in order to suggest that behaviour could and should be changed. 2. The pro-gay rights response to this was 'born

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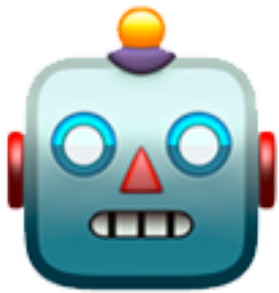
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I don't think I've ever phrased it like that before, but it got me thinking, about 'exactly our point.' 1. Women are female 2. Those of us who are female do not understand what 'feeling female' would be. In fact, we'd pretty strongly suggest there is no such thing as 'feeling

female.' I feel like a human being in here. 3. What we do share, to greater or lesser degrees, are things we experience *because we are female.* By virtue or biology, or power, or their combination. 4. The things we experience because we

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