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"I think that I have the right to give women's full rights as such away.

This is the correct progressive and left wing position. Men disposing of women's rights on their behalf and against many women's consent."



This statement "I think trans women should be classified as women and have full rights as such" is the precise articulation of the problem.

1. To classify trans women as women is to change the definition of the category of 'woman' from a sex-based designation to a gender-based

designation.

2. This is then effectively the erasure of the class of female people in law and public life.

3. Female people are oppressed *on the basis of their sex.* Redefining them as a gender erases the public and legal recognition of the axis of female people's oppression

4. Gender is the means of the oppression of female people, it is therefore also to redefine female people on the basis of the mechanism of their oppression

5. Female people are not the same class of people as people who identify as women. We do not have the same political

interests. Female people need sex-based services. We need to do sex-based politics. We need to organise as female people.

6. In the name of supporting self-determination you are denying female people that right. That is, you are supporting the self-determination of male people

over-against the self-determination of female people. You think male people have the right to determine who the class of women should be, and are over-riding female people rights to define themselves.

This is the absolute essence of patriarchy.

7. Male people redefining female people, erasing the material axis of female people's oppression, imposing a definition on us that is structured by our oppression, denying us the right to politically exist and organise as a class, refusing to understand that if there was any

justice at work here you would recognise that female people's rights to self-definition should be respected, that erasing a class of people and subsuming them into another class against their consent is colonisation. All of this is just the same old patriarchal bullshit

in which you just assume women are an amorphous, formless resource there to meet the needs of others, rather than a group of actually existing human subjects with their own needs and interests, and you don't even notice, b/c you never worked out we're people.

Fuck. This. Shit.

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