Social Change: Gender Neutral Restrooms

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A DIFFERENT WAY OF "DOING" GENDER

PEE IN PEACE
gender neutral restrooms

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WHO ARE TRANSGENDER PEOPLE?

TRANS + GENDER

Term coined in English by John Oliven in 1965

an umbrella term referring to any person "“who does not conform to societal gender norms and roles including but not limited to transsexuals, transvestites, crossdressers, and others”

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prohibiting those not using the bathroom that corresponded with what was on their birth certificate a crime

2013 Arizona first to sponsor a “Bathroom Bill”
other states followed

source: Erickson-Schroth
sensationalism

TRANSGENDER BATHROOM ISSUES OFTEN TAKE AWAY FROM BIGGER ISSUES OF DISCRIMINATION FACING THE TRANS COMMUNITY SINCE THEY EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION IN SO MANY OTHER AREAS OF THEIR LIVES
trans restrooms could

"popular hashtag to shame Trump for rescinding Obama-era protections that provided all trans kids with 'restroom choice'"

+ fundamentally transform the way we think about gender equality (men and women are not fundamentally different)
+ safety for trans people—bathrooms free of harassment and marginalization

source: Tobia

authored a bill restricting trans people from using their preferred bathroom

defeated by Roem

DEMOCRAT DANICA ROEM: FIRST OPENLY TRANSGENDER LAWMAKER IN AMERICA

source: Nilsen
WHY ALL THE HATE?

AD CAMPAIGNS FEATURING A YOUNG GIRL BEING FOLLOWED INTO THE BATHROOM BY AN OLDER MAN

FOCUS: PREVENTING SEXUAL DANGER TO WOMEN & GIRLS

ALSO: HOMOSEXUALITY = DEVIANCE

WHAT ABOUT THE DANGER TO TRANS PEOPLE?

fear mongers: ‘The undercover figures we imagine are not snooping cops but rather heterosexual men who might pretend to be women “that day” to follow women and girls into restrooms.’ (WHAT ARE THE STATS ON THIS?)

source: Gersen
IT'S A CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE

"The Education Department is no longer investigating complaints from trans students barred from school bathrooms that match their gender identity."

Education Department spokeswoman Elizabeth Hill:

“Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, not gender identity. Where students, including transgender students, are penalized or harassed for failing to conform to sex-based stereotypes, that is sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX. In the case of bathrooms, however, longstanding regulations provide that separating facilities on the basis of sex is not a form of discrimination prohibited by Title IX.”

source: Balingit
“Single-stall, gender neutral restrooms can be beneficial not only for trans and gender-nonconforming people but also for families and people with disabilities.” (Erickson-Schroth)

“To me, saying gender-neutral is like saying colorblind. We see gender. To deny it is to deny people’s reality. We’re trying to increase recognition of the diversity of gender rather than to erase it.” (Genny Beemyn)