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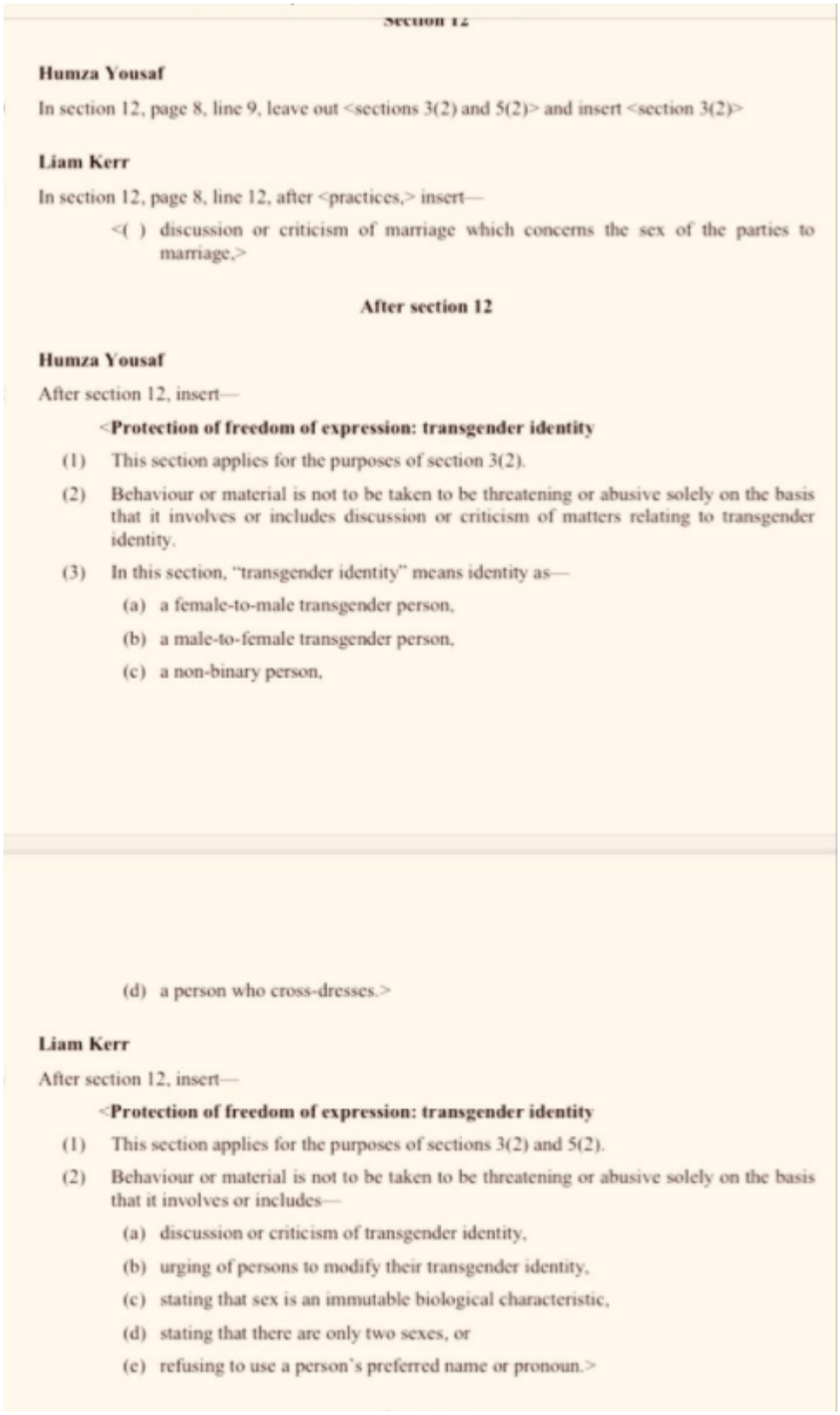
Back in the mists of time, we suggested that the proposed Scottish Hate Crime bill might be used as a stick to beat women who wanted to discuss the GRA, sex-based rights, & welfare of gender confused children.

We were told we were being silly: no one would do that.

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Today, we saw two proposed amendments to the hate crime bill with regard to #FreeSpeech in relation to transgender identity.

A general one from @humzayousaf & one from @liamkerrmsp which covers many of the topics women feared might result in prosecution - thank you!



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(3) In this section, "transgender identity" means identity as—

(a) a female-to-male transgender person,

(b) a male-to-female transgender person,

(c) a non-binary person,

(d) a person who cross-dresses.>

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(a) discussion or criticism of transgender identity,

(b) urging of persons to modify their transgender identity,

(c) stating that sex is an immutable biological characteristic,

(d) stating that there are only two sexes, or

(e) refusing to use a person's preferred name or pronoun.>

If anyone had doubts that the extremists of gender ideology did not intend to use this legislation as a means to silence and intimidate, the frothing indignation of anti-woman activists who might be prevented from filing hourly hate crime reports, surely laid this to rest.

Naturally, Scottish Green Party were quick to charge into the fray. Emz Cuthbertson, co-convener of SGP women & Rainbow Greens, was in no way hyperbolic in referring to it as a "transphobes charter", with Dr Kevin finding the idea of not being able to shut women up "terrifying".

The Last Airbender @Queer_Scot · 1h

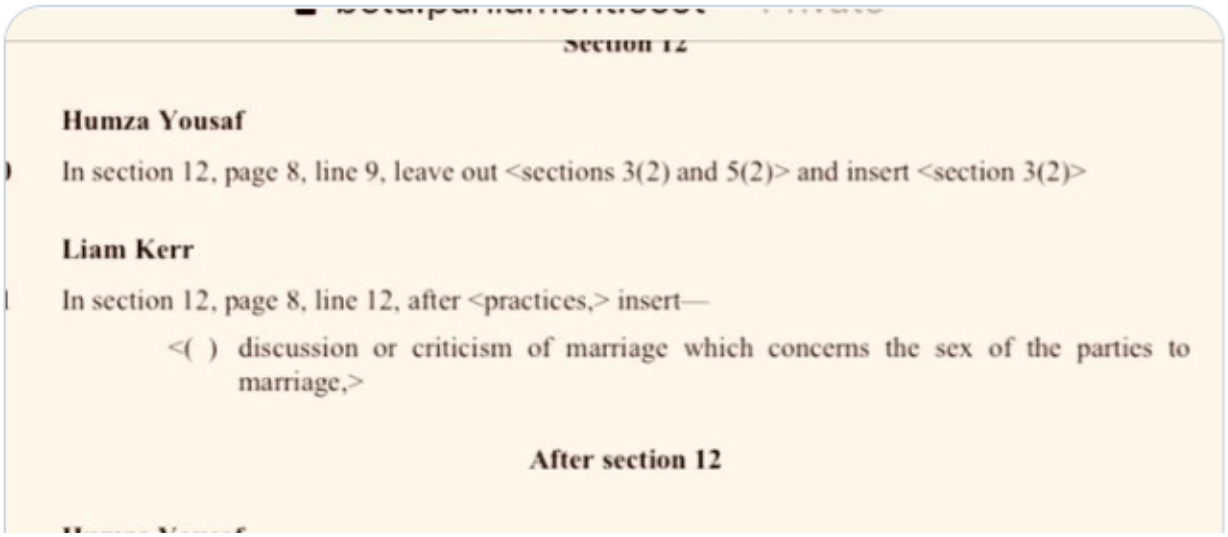
No, we're not misunderstanding. It's pretty clear you don't view sexual orientation or trans status as equal to race or disability

> **Humza Yousaf** @HumzaYousaf · 1h
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> Thread:
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> Have seen a fair bit of misunderstanding about Hate Crime Bill this morning around Freedom of Expression provisions, for clarity:
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> ■ No characteristic is being singled out. Bill includes 4 FoE provisions - for Religion, Sexual Orientation, Age & Transgender Identity (TI)
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The Last Airbender @Queer_Scot · 4h

Hello @scotgov @theSNP @HumzaYousaf also paging @ChristinaSNP.... Is this a transphobes charter instead of a Hate Crime Bill cos I'm confused right now



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Also up were activist James (who once promoted a lurid fantasy about lesbians beating up a NB child at Edinburgh Pride) & serial party hopper, Tristan who was horrified that "misgendering" was not about to be a crime & thinks advocating child counselling is "conversion therapy".



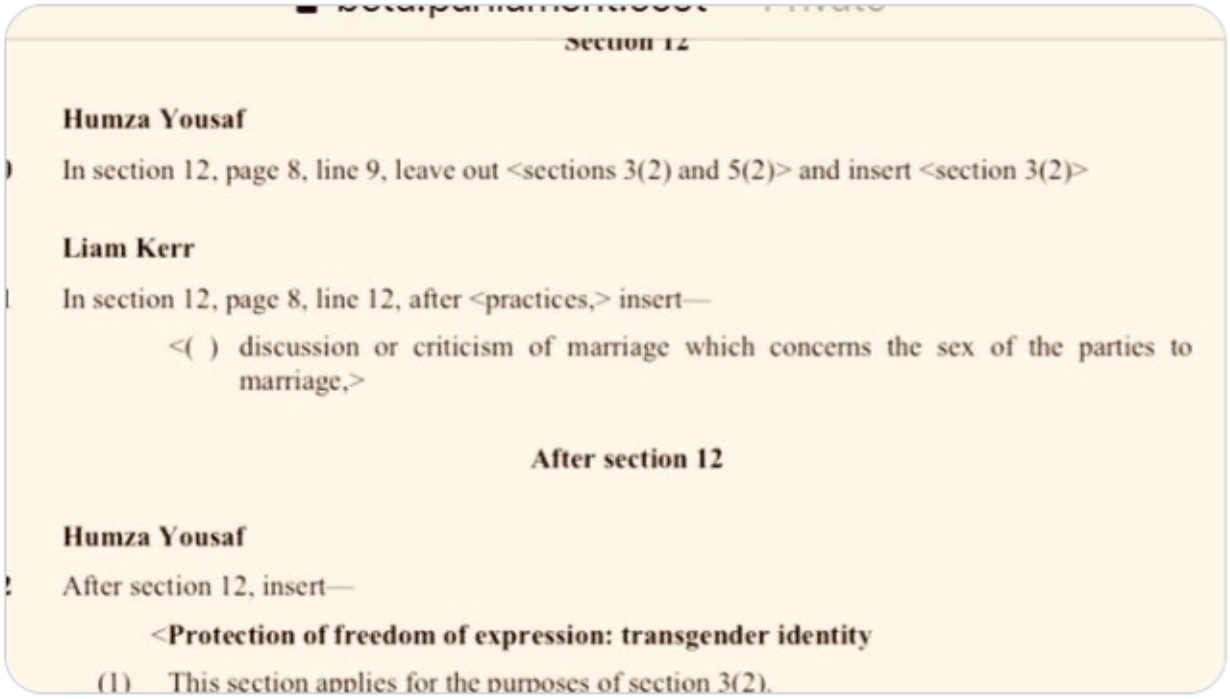
Here is Labour activist who is "floored" by the amendments, calling them "active bigotry".
She's also furious a Labour MSP has the temerity to suggest that advocating for women's rights should not carry penal sanction.

Thank you @RhodaGrant for this amendment



Cecily @cecilyleah · 5h

Really floored by the amendments going through the Scottish Parliament on specifically excluding transgender identity from new hate crime provisions. This Minister of Justice is advocating exclusion for a specific characteristic.



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Lib Dem, Layla Moran supporter, and evolutionary biologist (really), James is not a fan of #FreeSpeech

And Tristan is really hitting his stride now...



Still going...

No one suggested removing transphobia from hate crime, they are merely saying that it is not covered by women arguing that sex exists &we have rights, and that we shouldn't be punished for belief in science. Tristan clearly wanted to use this to persecute women.



Juan, who likes to write abusive articles about female MSPs is under the impression that the SNP swept to victory on a promise to create a third sex class.

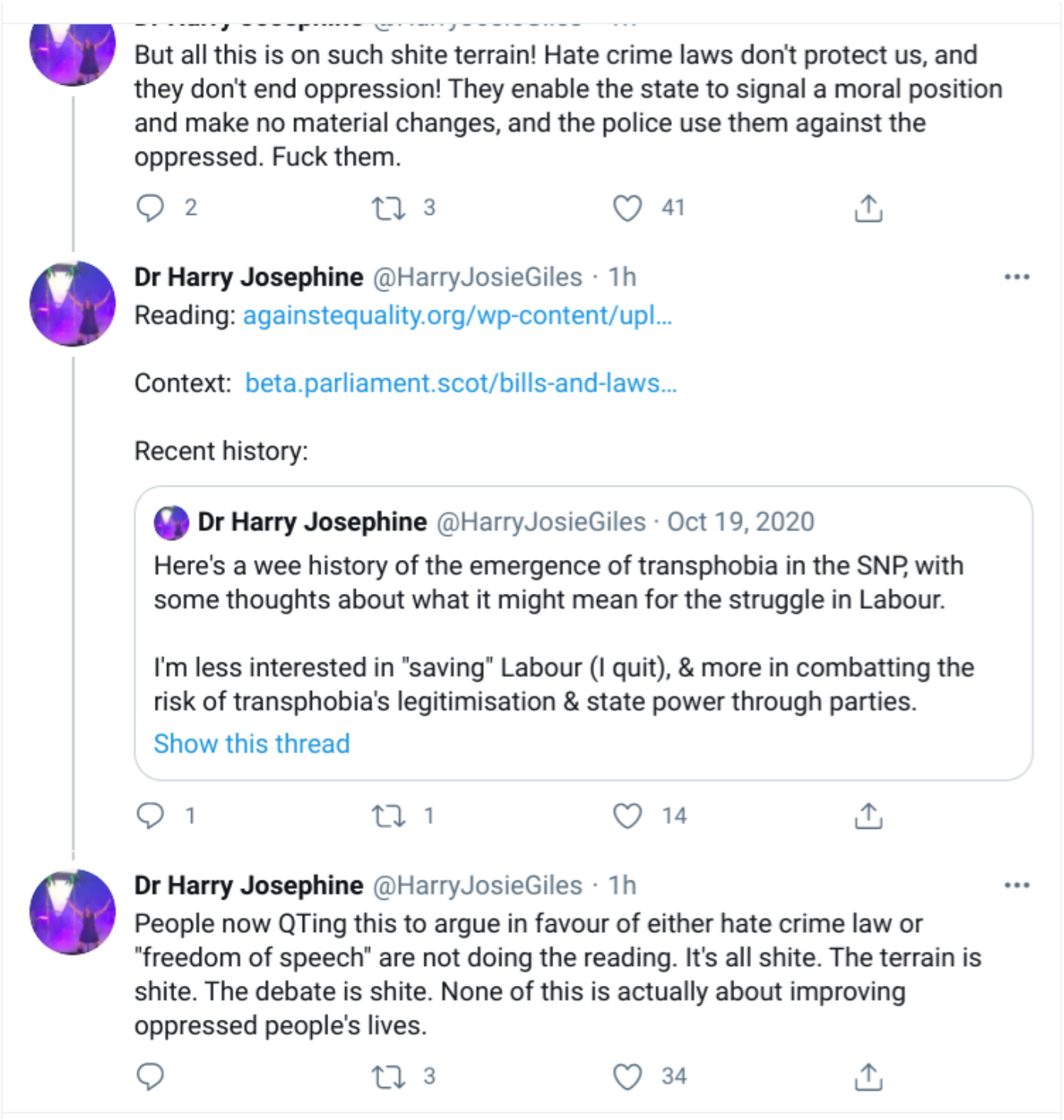
He also thinks the amendments now legalise hate crime.

Not sure reading & comp are a strong suit!



Harry Giles is having a totally proportionate reaction.

Hate crime "doesn't protect" them. Well, it really doesn't protect women, but Engender's guest "feminist" thinker isn't really stopping to think about us...



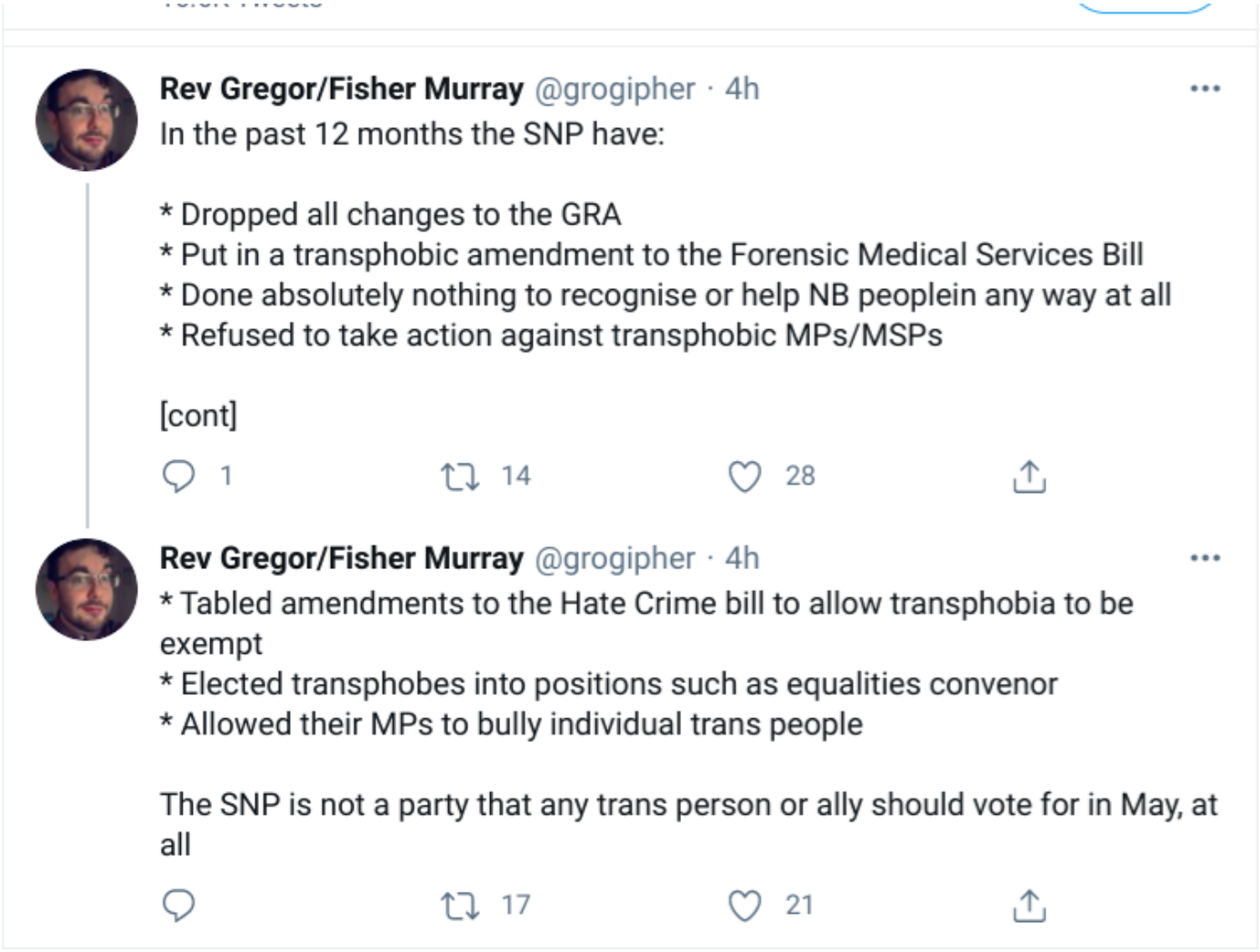
Iona Paton, who has a dubious track record of smearing @joannaccherry, is still saying that talking about women's rights is "intolerance and bigotry"

She was also hoping to use the stirring up offence to prosecute Joanna.
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This is Gregor. Gregor was suspended from the SNP for abusing women online. Gregor thinks protecting rape victims is wrong. Gregor thinks transphobia is now exempt from hate crime because Gregor can't use it to attack women.

Don't be like Gregor.



Jordon, the former partner of Alyn Smith MP, who shared confidential messages on Twitter and who was prevented from standing after the Sun exposed his abusive behaviour, is also cross.

Saying women might be able to talk about rights = "bowing to terfs".

"Horrifying"



An actor writes that Scotland is about to allow "conversion therapy" (allowing discussion of watchful waiting rather than affirmation and drugs, the devastating results of which were exposed in Bell case).

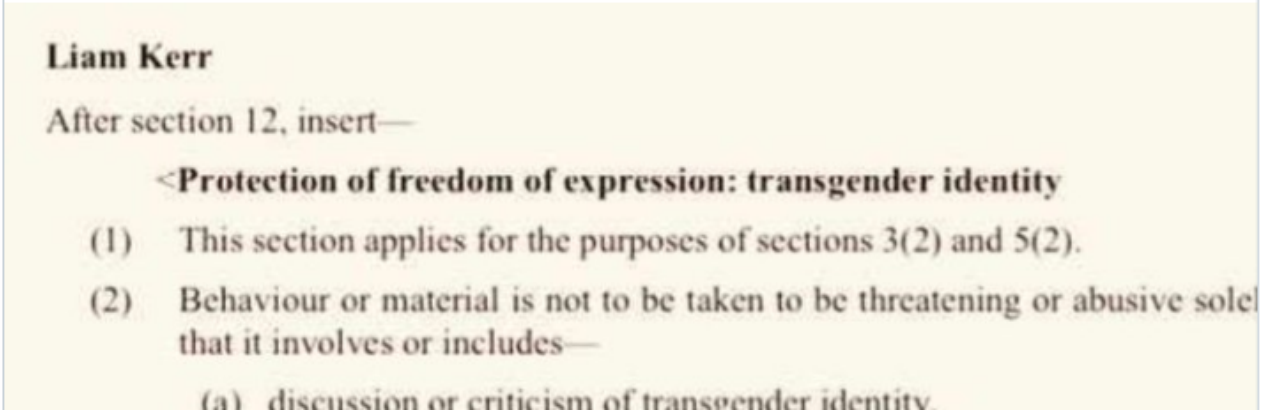
Apparently this means "transphobia is permitted". It's pronouns (again).

David Paisley ✓
@DavidPaisley

This amendment by Tory MSP Liam Kerr to allow conversion therapy for trans people could easily be modified to create a definition of transphobia.

-Criticism of transgender identity.
-Urging a person to modify their transgender identity.
-Refusing to use a person's name/pronouns.

> **End Conversion Therapy Scotland** @ECTScotland · 3h
> If there's any doubt that conversion therapy remains a threat to people in Scotland let that be laid to rest by Liam Kerr MSP.
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> Liam Kerr's suggested amendment to the Hate Crime act expressly argues in favour of conversion therapy being legal in Scotland (2.b).
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I realise the tone of this thread is flippant, but this is deadly serious. These individuals are furious that there might be any check on the legitimisation of their woman hatred.

This is the monster this bill has fed, and all MSPs should be very wary.

For more evidence, read the replies. People up in arms because @HumzaYousaf is not proposing to rip up #humanrights act & lock women up for misgendering or denying reality of 100 genders.

They want a new blasphemy law. At least the old one wasn't used!
https://t.co/01sMQWaawH

People have seemingly confused our amendment with Liam Kerr's amendment on Freedom of Expression clause in relation to Transgender Identity. For avoidance of doubt his amendment is not one Govt will be supporting

I believe our FoE clauses (all four of them) strike right balance

— Humza Yousaf (@HumzaYousaf) January 27, 2021