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To the small group of women, many of whom have platforms to protect, who are intent on throwing other women under the bus.

1. That a small number of transitioned trans women have been using women's spaces for a long time is not the same as the impact of a new rights movement

> To the small group of cis women worried about sharing spaces with trans women: you\u2019ve almost certainly already been doing so for most of ur life. The online trend of anti-trans hysteria is new, not trans women existing in th world we all share (under patriarchy we all experience)
>
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that demands that *anybody is a women only on the basis of self-declaration* and explicitly includes cross-dressers under the trans umbrella. There was less than 5000 people who received a GRC. The estimates of the numbers of cross-dressers in the male population is around 4%.

THAT is a MASSIVE difference.

2. Therefore, any comments you make re: women's current resistance are irrelevant. We are not responding to the same thing.

3. Calling women's concerns about the number of males who may now have access to their intimate spaces 'hysteria'

immediately discredits you as a feminist. (Hello Judy!)

4. Female people are socialised into the rapeable class. They are subjected to objectification and violation from childhood, and especially from their early teens. This has a massive impact on their

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> The world can be scary for women: we are at risk of violence from men we know and men we don\u2019t, we can be ridiculed and ignored in health settings, mocked in popular culture, excluded from opportunities for leadership and power. Cis women share all these experiences w trans women

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mental health and sense of their own personhood. Many of us experience being female as fucking traumatic. We *do not* share this experience with people who go through childhood and puberty as males, and whose impression of what 'being female' means is informed by patriarchal

projection not lived experience.

5. Yes, that's right, when colonising or enslaving powers rape women en masse it has nothing to do with who is female or not and they're doing to enforce cisnormative ideas of who constitutes a 'real woman'.

JFC.

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> Over history, ideas of who is a Real Woman/who is not has been weaponised to justify slavery, forced sterilisation, rape, genocide.
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> Feminism rejects oppressive definitions of women. Womanhood is no longer only afforded to bodies that are white, wealthy, fertile, appealing to men
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6. Women being female *is not oppressive.* What is oppressive is *how the world treats female people.* If you want to change the first while essentialising the second you are a frickin idiot.

7. Womanhood is not a thing. It's a vague gendery idea that people arguing your side

use all the time because 'gatekeeping womanhood' sounds half-reasonable while 'deciding who is female on the basis of my say so' sounds ridiculous.

8. The only criteria of being female is being female. Being female is not restricted by race, ethnicity, creed, nationality, wealth

status or fertility. Female people are female. People who are not female are not female. That's it. The rest is smoke, mirrors and bullshit.

9. I urge people intent on throwing women under the bus to stop patronising us and treating us like a bunch of

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> I urge this small group of cis women to consider whether they actually know any trans women, or whether they are basing their worry on clickbaity viral videos and the mass panic within online groups that organise solely around a shared belief re trans women.
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redneck hicks who has never met a trans person and would go into some kind of moral panic if we did. We know trans people. Most of them don't agree with you but hey...

10. I urge you also to understand that we *have done a lot of research and know what we're talking about* and