



Women's rights are based on sex: Article 1 by Graziella Florimond

I would like to talk about Article 1, Reaffirming that the rights of women are based upon the category of sex. States should maintain the centrality of the category of sex, and not 'gender identity', in relation to women's and girls' right to be free from discrimination. Gender Identity is destroying our rights when the word gender is put into law. Gender Identity is destroying our rights because it is denying the reality of sex. The problem is that people are denying the reality of sex but to understand what they are thinking you just have to read the real definition you can find in the Yogyakarta Principles. We have to read this text because this text contains all we need to know about what they want to do with our rights. Gender identity, (they say) is our individual experience of gender and may or may not correspond with the sex assigned at birth including the personal sense of the body which may involve if freely chosen, modification of bodily appearance or function by medical, surgical or other means and also expression of gender including dress, speech or mannerisms.

This is their definition of gender identity but if you understood what I said maybe it's because I read badly, because it's not made to be understood.

Let's focus on the part which denies the reality of sex. "Sex assigned at birth." At birth means (implies) that we live in the Middle Ages and nobody can use an echography to check the sex of the baby before birth. It's denying the reality of progress in medicine. Secondly people who use surrogacy or need to have external fecundation, can choose the sex of their baby, they put a mark on the male sperm and they can choose their embryo based on the sex three days after the conception. Three days after the conception there no genitals to observe but saying that you can only check the sex of your baby at birth is a lie. It can be checked long before. Assigned means that people give you something in arbitrary way because it was not there before.

Sex in any living being means that you can produce gametes. If you are part of a species which can produce gametes you have a sex and nobody can impose it on you at birth. It's written in each cell of our body. If you produce small

gametes or sperm, you are male. If you produce large gametes, that means eggs, you are female and if your reproductive system does not work, that changes nothing about what you are. A sterile woman is still a woman because a motorbike with no gear is still a motorbike. So gender identity is based on a lie about biology, on a lie about progressive medicine and by erasing the reality of sex, they are erasing our rights because our rights are based on sex. It's women, of the female sex who fought for the right to vote and women, of the female sex who fought to get abortions.

The second point of Article one states that: 'States "shall take in all fields, in particular in the political, social, economic and cultural fields, all appropriate measures, including legislation, to ensure the full development and advancement of women, for the purpose of guaranteeing them the exercise and enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms. "Is it possible to say that we have the right to enjoy our body and especially our genitals? Our genitals have three purposes: reproduction, sexuality and disposal of body waste. By denying the reality of sex and promising happily ever-afters with top and bottom surgery, people are destroying our ability to enjoy our body.

Reproduction means that you can produce gametes. Cross-sex hormones kill gametes and with time make you sterile. Sexuality means you can share, give and receive pleasure but top and bottom surgery destroy the body's ability to feel pleasure. If you can watch some pictures of there are teen girls without breasts as they choose to have breasts removed with top surgery but breasts are an erogenous zone. They lose the ability to feel pleasure there. Secondly, in order to create new 'penises" the surgeons have to take part of the forearm or the thigh as you can see in the picture in the cover of the New York Times. They have no ability to have an erection or an ejaculation and they lose the ability to orgasm too and the worst part is that when they have bottom surgery, they have to change the place of the urethra and sometimes surgeons mess up and urethra has some holes so the urine instead of coming out stays in the body, causing a lot of complications. You can see the picture of a "trans" identified female who was a witness in a documentary and said that because of bottom surgery she has to wear a colostomy bag because she can't defecate normally. People do this because other people promise them: "you will affirm your gender, you will cure your gender dysphoria, you will have a happily after life because you will be your true self." So you they can't have a child, they can't enjoy their sexuality, they can't even urinate and defecate properly.

What about health? Our rights are based on sex because with sex we can enjoy our body.

Article 1 part d states that: "States should ensure that the words 'woman', the word 'girl', and the terms traditionally used to refer to women's body parts and bodily functions on the basis of sex continue to be those used in constitutional acts, legislation, in the provision of services, and in policy documents when referring to persons of the female sex."

I will use my race card just for one minute, when I was a little girl a dumb little white boy said to me: "Oh, my ancestors were human beings, your ancestors were monkeys", then he asked me if I wanted to become his girlfriend. I felt slurred, I felt demonised and I was angry. Of course, I said no. He slurred me before he asked me to go out with him.

I feel the same when I listen to people call us: "people with vaginas, who produce a uterus and fallopian tube and can produce cervical mucus and use our chest to give food to our child" because this vocabulary is available to every female mammal on earth. Every female mammal has a uterus, a vagina, can produce cervical mucus, and give milk to their baby with their chest. Cow, sow, female money...they all have the right to keep their words but we have to erase our human being words from our human being lives? I don't think so!

We are female human beings and we have words to describe us, woman or girl and we owe nothing to people who slur us. They are acting like this dumb little white boy who said to me: "yes, you come from monkeys, please go out with me.

And before I conclude I would like to share a feminist prayer I wrote because I think that feminism is our future. This is our text. "Little sister, remember you are perfect and you don't need to be pretty or feminine for that. You have the right to love who you want, how you want, the right to not love too and nobody has the right to despise you, slur you, threaten you or harm you because of that. You have the right to be selfish. You have the right to be vulnerable. You have the right to think about your comfort and your body first. You have the right to say no. You have the right to say no to whoever you want for whatever reason you want, wherever you want in whatever way you want and nobody has the right to blame you, to insult you, to burn you alive because of that. Our bodies are like our mother earth. Our bodies are gifts, They are female planets, unique irreplaceable and beautiful and I'd like it so

much if we could learn to love them and celebrate them for that because
sister, you are perfect and you don't need to be pretty or feminine for that.”
Our rights are based on sex and we deserve respect and respect of our rights.