

The German feminists movement and the defense of women's sex based rights.

On Saturday March 26, 2022 in Berlin, a Demonstration mainly organised by lesbian radical feminists was held to assure the feminist agenda in Germany, to show that it is still intact and to be able to say it loud and clear in front of more than eighty women.

This demonstration brought together women from different parts of the world, activists, artists, writers, students, etc. It was a march organized by <u>Radfem Berlin</u> (RFB) with the support of other feminists to show that the transactivist agenda dictated by the German government does not have the approval of the general public and even less from women and feminists.

The women raised their voices to make clear that they will continue in the pursue for our rights based on sex and to stop the re-branded "conversion therapies" for lesbians. While the demonstration was happening and different feminists were holding the speech for the Manifest, different women passing by stopped and wanted to be part of this. We found out that some feminists from the second wave were afraid first to come but when they saw that there was a Security protocol designed by RFB together with the police, these women felt safe to come and be part of the demonstration too.

The location of the demonstration in front of the Reichstag was in fact very significant because last year in the same place, a handful of women gathered together to try to demonstrate against the formal presentation in the Bundestag of the SelfID laws. Now, they are not a handful of women anymore, they are starting a movement.

For the Demo, the RFB group asked the participants not to bring logos of associations, or anything that might divert the attention to just focus on the feminist agenda and their messages and demands. They sought to reinforce the idea that it was a demonstration by and for women interested in the commitment to defend our rights.

The demonstration took several months to organize, according to Ana Julia Di Lisio, the founder of RadFem Berlin, a German radical feminist group. The group wrote a very clear and powerful <u>manifest</u> that was translated from German into English, Spanish, Portuguese and French. During the demonstration it was read in English and German and the feminists while reading it showed that women can organize and fight together against this transactivist advance in german politics.

It was particularly important to carry it out in Berlin, because it is a city that has already been infiltrated by trans activist policies without any social consensus, for example, in <u>Berlin any man who</u> identifies as a woman can ask to have access a women's prison.

Two days before the demonstration, the threats from the trans-activist groups did not wait and they expressed on social media that they were going to attack the feminists and they even planned a counter-march the same day at the same time at the same place as the feminist march. They have been openly showing how the prostitution lobby would also join to support them and what it is known, is that they are very aggressive and last time in a demonstration against prostitution they threw bottles and stones to the activists there. Moreover, this lobby turned out to be the same group of people who held an act for "sex work" recruiting war refugees arriving from Ukraine.

While the demonstration was taking place in a peaceful and vibrant atmosphere for the present women, a man from the countermarch tried to cross the demonstration because he said that he

"had the right to move wherever he wanted". The man in question came from one side to cross in front of the women who, at that moment, were reading the manifesto, the feminists in charge of the security, activated the protocols and asked him to please avoid going through there because an event was taking place and this was a space only for women, he insisted trying to push himself through and it was then that the police monitoring the place came fast and escorted the man out without major problems. Nonetheless, this man made a full disclosure full of lies that were quickly refuted by the videos that the women had.

In the review of the video material, it is perfectly clear how the security protocols were carried out in order and with total efficiency, however the transactivists misrepresented that interaction alleging that the feminists were violent and that the guy was assaulted. Manipulated and edited videos circulate on social media that only show that at all times it was the members of the counter-march who were trying to infiltrate the feminist demonstration and that it was them who tried to destabilize the harmony of a peaceful meeting where women were sharing readings of feminists books and the reality in their countries, for example a refugee woman from Ukraine was asking for help not to end up in a burdel, a woman from Mexico spoke about the femicides there and a woman from East Asia referred to the struggle lesbians have there since the push for the transactivist agenda.

Even now, after a week of the event, the women continue to react positively to the action, they claim that this motivated them to lose the fear and to trust that women are capable of working together achieving goals. The event was also published by different feminists asociations and some even wrote and published articles about it. The feminists got worldwode support through the social media channels and the <u>video of the manifest turned out to have near to 51K+ interactions only in</u> <u>Twitter</u>. Due to the interest of many different feminists that coulnd't make it to Berlin the RFB group is already working on the next demonstration to which they are sure even more feminist will join.