

A Challenge to GallusMag, Editor of GenderTrender

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GallusMag's MO is to rely upon insults while making ad hominem attacks as a puerile substitution for actual debate. Instead of thoughtfully responding to specific criticism I've made of TERF ideology she, of course, held true to her demonstrable abilities.

According to GallusMag I, in addition to my actual Reddit account, troll reddit under various names including GroovemasterGeneral and I'mNotanMRABut. Does she cite any evidence to support her fact assertion? Nope. All the world is apparently expected to accept her fact assertion of on faith alone.

For the record, my Reddit account is Two- and it's not like I've made that a secret. Are the other two accounts mine? Nope. Can I prove that they're not? Nope. I could suggest that rational folks look up the accounts and compare writing styles, but is that enough to definitively disprove her fact assertion? Nope. I could point out that I have a long history of being direct about my opinions while having the courage to own them without hiding behind a fake identity GallusMag-style. However, that's not enough to definitively disprove her fact assertion either, is it? Nope - and I'm sure that she knows it.

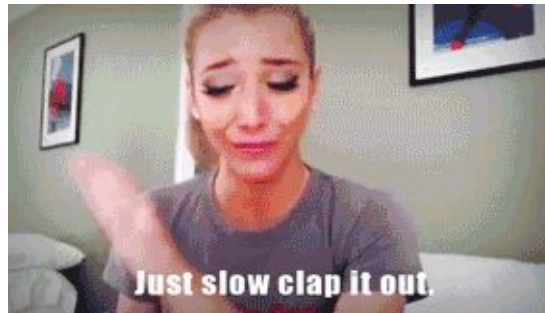


Figure 1. the ol' disproving a negative routine

That GallusMag's evidence-free fact assertions can't be disproven is useful to her narrative. Should someone on Reddit say something about TERFs, GallusMag can simply attribute those posts to me and never have to deal with any criticism I actually make. Not only does she get to pretend that she has awesome investigative skills which exposed me with laser-like precision, she gets to do it in such a way that can never be definitively disproved.



Figure 2. It came out of GM's head so it must be true!

GallusMag seems to think that strawman arguments, misrepresentations of fact and strongly made assertions makes her right. If I had to guess, I'd bet that GallusMag thinks that's how normal people behave. I'd also guess that GallusMag thinks that making baseless accusations is the way reasonable adults support their debate positions in the marketplace of ideas.

Personally, I think it's cowardly and dishonest. I think it's what simple people do when they don't possess the ability to rationally respond. Moreover, I think this is probably why GallusMag's opinions don't get to count to anyone of consequence - not even to the likes of TERF-extraordinaire, Cathy Brennan:

Recently, in a fit of whatever rageful demons motivate her, the pseudoanonymous blogger Gallus Mag ad hominemed me relentlessly on Twitter ("coincidentally" after my lawyer sent her a letter telling her never to contact me again)... Haters hate, trolls troll, Gallus galls... So thanks Gallus! You are a bona fide lunatic, but you have inspired hours of LOLs. - Cathy Brennan

As for me and MRAs, I've made my thoughts about them clear and MRAs don't seem to like what I have

to say about them.

My Challenge to GallusMag:

If you actually possesses the courage of your convictions, I'll gladly publicly debate you live on a Google Hangout so that everyone can enjoy watching you display your own special view of reality. Let's debate the criticisms that you've failed to actually address. If you feel that you need to advantage yourself by publicly hiding during the debate, you could always use an avatar on camera while I own my public words with my real identity. Debate me live so that all your supporters can watch you articulate your points in that very special way you're known for. Be their champion, GallusMag.

Let us be free to debate transgenderism without being accused of 'hate speech' - GallusMag's Blog in 2012

Yes, let us be free to debate transgender '-ism.' I'll agree to not refer to your debate rhetoric as hate speech, you'll get to continue to hide while spewing whatever foulness you like and I will debate you honestly and openly. I know that you must be really busy, so I'll be happy to move my schedule around to accommodate yours.

**[countup date=2013/05/24-21:26:00] So far, GallusMag has been ducking an honest debate about transgender'-ism' for [timer].
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Will you fail to live up to your supposed convictions and if so, I wonder what excuse you'll use that will be most pleasing to your audience. Will you pretend that rejecting my challenge is the radically feminist to do because debates are somehow male-centric? Maybe you'll say that you're too offended by my open challenge. Maybe you'll pretend that the reason you're backing out is a lack of trust, logistics or any other reason you can think of that will allow you to save face while you abandon your supposed convictions. Maybe you'll just pretend to ignore this debate challenge.

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-- cristanwilliams (@cristanwilliams) May 25, 2013*

My debate invitation will remain open to you. If at some point you work up the courage to stand firm upon your convictions and face me live (even if you have to hide behind an avatar to do it), I'll be happy to allow you to prove just how clever you believe yourself to be. Think of it. You'll get to hide behind a fake face and fake identity while publicly putting me in my place in front of a live audience - all while I'm forced to own my words, actions and views by publicly debating you live.

What have you got to lose, GallusMag? So, how about it?

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