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I'm Trans, and I Don't Like or Use the Trans Flag

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Abstract

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“I’ll never use the trans flag on my photo or in any context.

It's anti-feminist, not one flavor of feminism wants to continue codefying baby pink for baby girls and baby blue for baby boys. In a culture where we so many are trying to undo the pink = girl and blue = boys thing it just seem completely regressive and out of touch. As a parent, I work hard against this slow drip of gender as vector oppression, as sex stereotype.

It's not just pink and blue, it was designed as "baby pink" and "baby blue." So at any event people literally buy streamers and balloons from the baby section of a party store. It feels infantile. That's an association I'd like to leave behind with those colors.

Anti-feminist and infantile. That's our symbol? I get that people like flags and in the absence of anything else this one soldiers on -"

I tend to agree with this. Your thoughts?

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