

I've Got The Power!

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Abstract

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Reading that made me search out this: The Male Privilege Checklist. I think Heart's assertion that women born women (wbw) don't have power over transwomen is patently absurd. Isn't power hierarchical? If it is, I believe wbw do have power over trans-women. If I had to do a WBW Checklist, I'd include:

1. The odds of me being hired for a job, when competing against trans-women applicants, are probably skewed in my favor.
2. If I am incarcerated my odds of being raped are low.

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3. I am less likely than a transwoman to face being raped, beaten, murdered, ridiculed, harassed, taunted, threatened, abused by a domestic partner, fired from my job, or expelled from my home. - Sabrina

- 4) I am less likely than a transperson to be ostracized by my family and peers for expressing gender in ways that feel comfortable to me. - StacyMI'll add em as they come to me but what would you include on this list?

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