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Minus My Humanity

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Abstract

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To a person that isn’t trans, it may be hard to understand why the semantics at play here are important. I agree with Rush Limbaugh, words do mean things. Writing this way will dehumanize Kamaruzaman Bin Mohamed Noor. Stripping away a person’s humanity makes it easier to hate them.

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