

Pick a Side: Fantasy or Reality

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Abstract

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We simply do not want to be appropriated and treated like a voiceless colony.

We protest the way the truth is being disregarded and censored in this social engineered and problematic "transgender umbrella-ism reservation ideology" mandate that feels more like people with transsexualism being kidnapped and misused than voluntary consent.

No, we will not shut up and be assaulted like this.

We will strike back if we have to

Please... someone do an intervention on Ashley. NOW!

So, I replied...

| Answer the following 4 questions:

1. When did transgender become an umbrella term?
2. When did transsexual stop being an umbrella term?
3. Exactly how many decades has transgender referenced the transsexual experience?
4. Where did the term come from and does it mean today what it meant then?

You know how I know you don't actually know any of this? Because A.) you wouldn't have made this post to begin with had you known the answers to these questions; B.) you wouldn't be thinking about deleting this comment for the crime of challenging your reality; and, C.) you've never once back[ed] up anything you assert with any objective fact.

So, while I know you'll delete this comment, I'm going to at least answer the above questions so that you can no longer claim the excuse of ignorance...

1. When did transgender become an umbrella term?

In American and in Britain: 1974

2. When did transsexual stop being an umbrella term?

1980: Until then, a "Type 4 transsexual" lived only part time, didn't want surgery and may have have not wanted to take hormones.

3. Exactly how many decades has transgender referenced the transsexual experience?

Exactly 42 years now.

4. Where did the term come from and does it mean today what it meant then?

Throughout the 1970s, the term only ever meant transsexual or was used as an umbrella term.

Transgender was used in the 1990s in the [s]ame context that it was used in the 1970s.

So, to be clear: From this point forward, you and I will both know that you are purposefully misrepresenting reality to suit your own personal agenda.



From my past experience with Love, I'm apt to conclude that contradicting her beloved version of reality wherein she is both a brutalized victim AND heroic freedom fighter isn't exactly allowed. I therefore don't hold much hope that my comment will actually appear on her blog. Now... what was it that I predicted just weeks ago?

The Separatists who are left seem to represent the JustJennifer/RadFem/Nick

Chaleunphone/Ashley Love contingent. They are the remaining vanguard of a movement which now finds itself without a coherent narrative... So where do the TS Separatists go from here? I predict that if they choose to carry on, they will fall into 1 of 2 broad narrative factions:

1.) Deny! Deny! Deny! I-CAN'T-HEAR-YOU! LALALALALALA! Some will simply pretend that the truth is not the truth (I predict Ashley Love will take this course) and/or that any/all evidence which disproves their narrative will be asserted to have been faked... History - the centerpiece of all the TS Separatist arguments over the past 5 years - will now become somehow irrelevant. They'll argue that this is today, and today has nothing to do with yesterday; therefore, "transgender" is evil. How did it become evil? It just did. Why is it evil? Just because... that's why! The imagined horror of "transgender" will become a matter of faith and dogma.

"Transgender" means today what it meant in 1974. Love needs to get over herself. She's not a freedom fighter, she's not oppressed by a word and the transsexual community was most certainly not colonized. From hereon out, it can be asserted - with evidence - that Love is either willfully ignorant or that she is purposefully misrepresenting facts to suit her own purposes. To belabor the point, weeks ago I wrote, "History - the centerpiece of all the TS Separatist arguments over the past 5 years - will now become somehow irrelevant." Here's Ashley appealing to history just a couple of years ago:

The results of this colonization has been devastating to the progress of transsexual (TS) and intersex (IS) Americans. Look at the history, and the law books- it's all there. Ever since cross dressing men and transvestites co-opted the transsexual movement, TS folks have actually LOST already pre-existing rights.

- Ashley Love, 2010

Apparently history isn't that important to her anymore... and this is why the TS Separatism movement is dead.

So, pick a side:

- FANTASY WORLD -

"Look at the history, and the law books- it's all there. Ever since cross dressing men and transvestites co-opted the transsexual movement, TS folks have actually LOST already pre-existing rights." - Ashley "I'm colonized" Love

- VS -

Yes, let's look at "the history, and the law books"...

- REAL WORLD -

"There are numerous subjects who would want to change their sex identity in order to perpetrate crimes of homicide, rape, robbery, assault, etc."- Columbus v. Zanders, 266 N.E.2d 602, 604-06 (Ohio Mun. Ct. 1970)

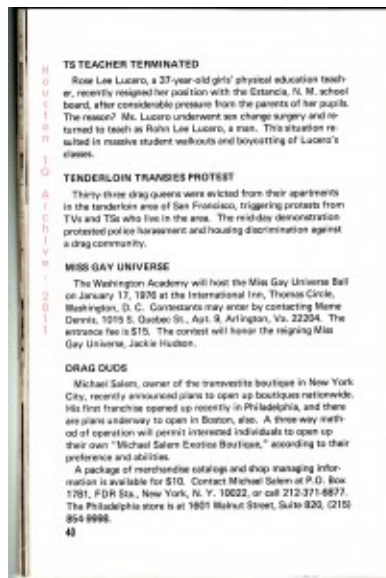
"Christine Jorgensen, 33-year-old ex-GI who underwent sex-switch operations, shows her diamond engagement ring as her fiancé, Howard J. Knox, 38, holds her hand in New York marriage bureau. Christine was refused a license to wed because her birth certificate listed her as a male."

Start of Jorgensen's problems: 4/1959 and the problems continue: 7/1959.

Apparently Ashley would rather YOU live in a world like the above rather than:

- HUD stops trans discrimination
- Failed Forecast of Doom #2: Trans Employment Equality = Doom
- EEOC moves to protect trans folk under Title VII
- Failed Forecast of Doom #1: TG = IRS Doom
- Right wing on wrong side of history: LGBT on the rise

Because stuff like having a Federal protections to ensure equal access to housing for all trans folk is bad and this...



Tenderloin Transies Protest

Thirty-three drag queens were evicted from their apartments in the Tenderloin area of San Francisco, triggering protests from TVs and TSs who live in that area. The mid-day demonstration protested police harassment and housing discrimination against the drag community.

... is somehow good. See, if we could all just return to this pre-”colonization” era, all would be well. *rolls eyes*

These are but a few objective refutations of the “everything was great before those mean ol’ crossdressers messed everything up for transsexuals” meme. Either crossdressers ruined the lives of transsexuals through a world-wide colonization of transsexualism by the term transgender in the mid-1990s or this is just a fact-free meme Separatists like to push. There is an objective truth to be known here and if one wants to live in reality one needs to understand that THERE IS NO EVIDENCE to objectively support Ashley Love’s version of reality.

Which will you choose: fantasy or reality? Ashley’s obviously made her choice.

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