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Pro-Choice is Pro-Trans

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I’ve come to realize over the years that a woman’s right to choose isn’t just about reproductive choice. At its core, it’s about who should be sovereign over your body. If the state can choose who can decide who has an abortion or who has access to birth control, is it that much of a leap to think the state won’t try to stop me from modifying my own body?

My own statement, that I’d never have an abortion, misses the point entirely. I’m sure many people would never have sexual reassignment surgery, but that doesn’t mean that they shouldn’t have the right to do so.

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