

[UPDATED] #RadFem2013 Lies, London Irish Centre Truth + a Preview of Sheila Jeffreys' New TERF Book!

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Abstract

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Cathy Brennan @bugbrennan

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Autumn, getting your balls cut off doesn't make you qualified to talk about feminism #radfem2013 @AutumnSandeem @transadvocate

Figure 1. RadFem 2013 organizer, Cathy Brennan responds to this post in a totally rational, non-hateful way.

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For the second year in a row, the TERF hate leadership is claiming to be victims of a conspiracy. Last year it was a transgender conspiracy and this year it's a so-called "Men's Rights" conspiracy:

Here's why the TERF's claim they're being booted from their venue:

The reality is that the men's rights activists have behaved unacceptably in their harassment of staff at the venue, as they have to feminists organising the conference. The London Irish Centre should be standing strong with the women of the world who suffer male violence, silencing, bullying, threats and harassment on a daily basis because we are standing up and saying, "no." Organisers of Radfem 2013 have gone out of our way to help the centre and it's staff with criminal investigations.

Yes, it's just one big conspiracy, isn't it? Remember the conspiracy angle. I'll come back to that in a moment.

The TERF hyperbole goes on to get a little more strange:

The London Irish Centre may be unlawfully and unjustifiably considering cancelling our booking but this will not stop us from holding our event and standing our ground. The repercussions on our movement for liberation are too great if we allow ourselves to be bullied out of our rightful booking.

We do not accept the London Irish Centre's unjustifiable rejection of our booking. We have done nothing wrong and we will not accept being punished because of MRA's using terror tactics.

They then assert that the venue can't give them the boot and that they'll have their conference at the venue no matter what:

We will have our conference. It will be at the London Irish Centre from the 8th - 9th of June. We are standing strong with our sisters around the world for our liberation. We will not be moved.

So, is it all really a conspiracy?

Let's cut through the TERF lies and see what the venue itself says about their reasons for booting RadFem 2013 from the venue:

Quite a few of the complaints were from the transgender community and then a men's group came along the other day and handed out leaflets about why the event shouldn't be held here.

We did some research into RadFem and discovered certain language was used and some statements were made about transgender people that would go against our equalities and diversity policy.

- David Barlow, The Irish Center's Director

There you have it. Trans folk were the ones mostly complaining about endorsing TERF hate and then a couple of guys from the TERF equivalent of a men's group handed out some fliers but that's not why RadFem 2013 got the boot. The venue itself researched the TERF movement and concluded for itself that RadFem 2013 is an anti-trans hate group with which it did not wish to associate.

TERFs did this to themselves. There's no conspiracy. That's a lie (or perhaps delusion). The reality is that the movement's own hate rhetoric led to their expulsion from the venue.

Speaking of conspiracies. Sheila Jeffreys was going to be a speaker at RadFem 2013. Certain trans folks have gotten hold of advanced copies of her new book and OMG! It's wackier than any TERF conspiracy theory ever! Here's the gist of Jeffreys' new book:

There's an anti-woman, trans instigated eugenics conspiracy going on behind the scenes and fortunately for all, Jeffreys has been able to punch through the veil of secrecy and expose the evil that lies at the heart of the conspiracy. Can you guess what that evil is? Yup. It's transwomen. Of course.

You thought Janice Raymond's Transsexual Empire was obtuse? Sheila Jeffreys' soon to be published book is about to top it! You see, kids who are assigned female at birth are being systematically absorbed into the patriarchy by a Joseph Mengele-like medical technological apparatus which identifies young butch lesbians and forces them to transition as children into men so that they can become obedient pawns of the patriarchy. Whose fault is it for creating this medical technological apparatus? Transwomen. Yup, you see, this conspiracy would not have been able to take place had it not been for transwomen who, acting as agents of the patriarchy, both invented and pioneered the narrative and credibility for the conspiracy to take place under the very nose of the American populous! Won't you think about the childrenTM!?! It's a female holocaust and it's all made possible by the existence of transwomen!

And the TERF wonder why they're being labeled as a hate group?



Figure 2. RadFem opinion leader and attorney Catherine (Cathy) Brennan, Partner at Hudson Cook LLP

This was sent to the TransAdvocate by one of the RadFem 2013 event organizers, Cathy Brennan.

Yes, it's all just one big ol' conspiracy, isn't it? TERFs are innocent women suffering under the boot-heel of the man (ie, transwomen), right? TERFs aren't the hate group, it's everyone else that's the hate group. You see, TERFs are brave warrior women who have special knowledge and it's their job to spread this knowledge in the form of cut-out dolls on twitter.

They create unfalsifiable conspiracy narratives which feature themselves as both the victim and humanity's savior. All of their venomous obloquy is inherently good because the ends justify the means. Any evidence which is given that questions that delusion suddenly becomes evidence supporting the reality of a vast conspiracy against them. The TERF leadership is playing tennis without a net. All of the TERF conspiracy theories are impervious to fact checking; instead, they must be taken on faith alone and if you're too skeptical, well then, that's just evidence of your involvement with the conspiracy against them.

There's a reason TERFs of the 1980s found common ideological ground with racist leaders in their successful bid to have trans health care removed from health plans. There's a reason TERF leaders often quote far right-wing blogs when making their point. Both ideologies are circular, self-sustaining solipsistic constructs which feature the players as both victim and savior. There's a reason both of

these groups are regarded as hate movements (by everyone except the SPLC). Unfortunately for humanity, they are the only ones incapable of seeing what's so painfully obvious to everyone else:



Figure 3. TRANS POC

HUGE THANKS to Caprica for staying on top of this story and bringing it to my attention(!!!!):



Ann Tagonist
@radscummery

#radfem2013 transactivists, MRA's and 3rd wave 'feminists' are all batting for the same team.

3 DAYS AGO REPLY RETWEET FAVORITE



Sister Trinity
@SisterTrinity

I have written to the London Irish Centre to ask them to stand with us against these misogynists' terrorist tactics. Please do the same.

3 DAYS AGO REPLY RETWEET FAVORITE



Rhys Morgan
@rhysmorgan

#radfem2013 are delusional if they think just MRAs despise their way of thinking.

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Figure 4. RF1

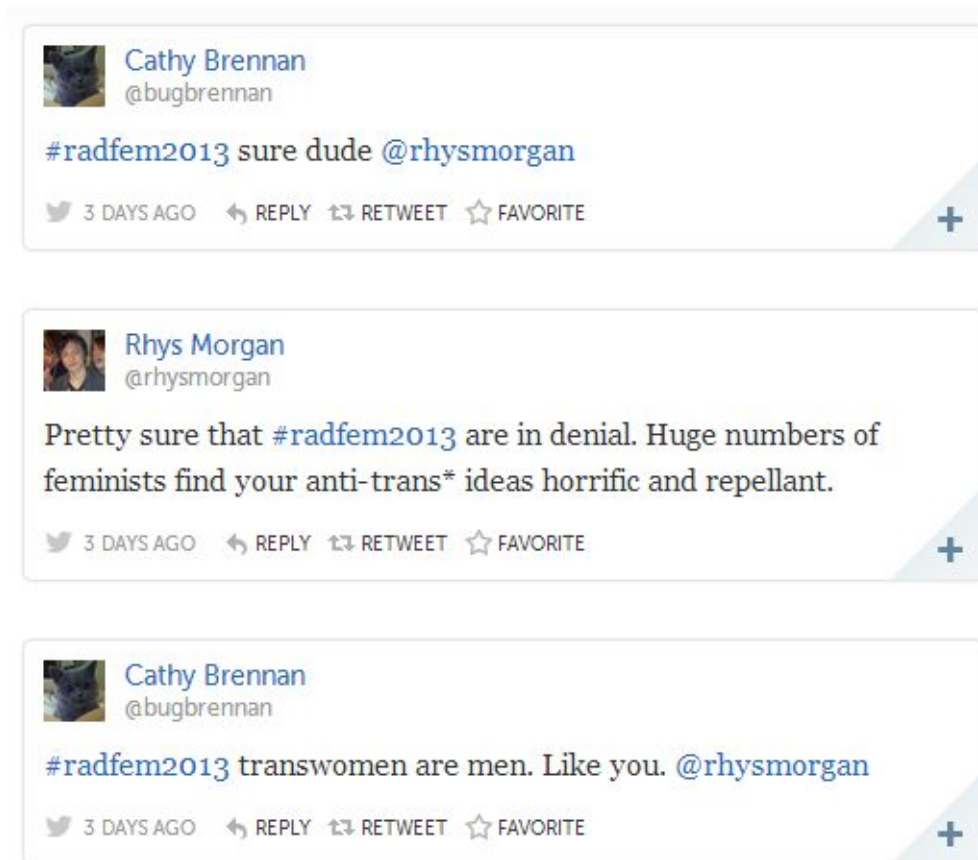


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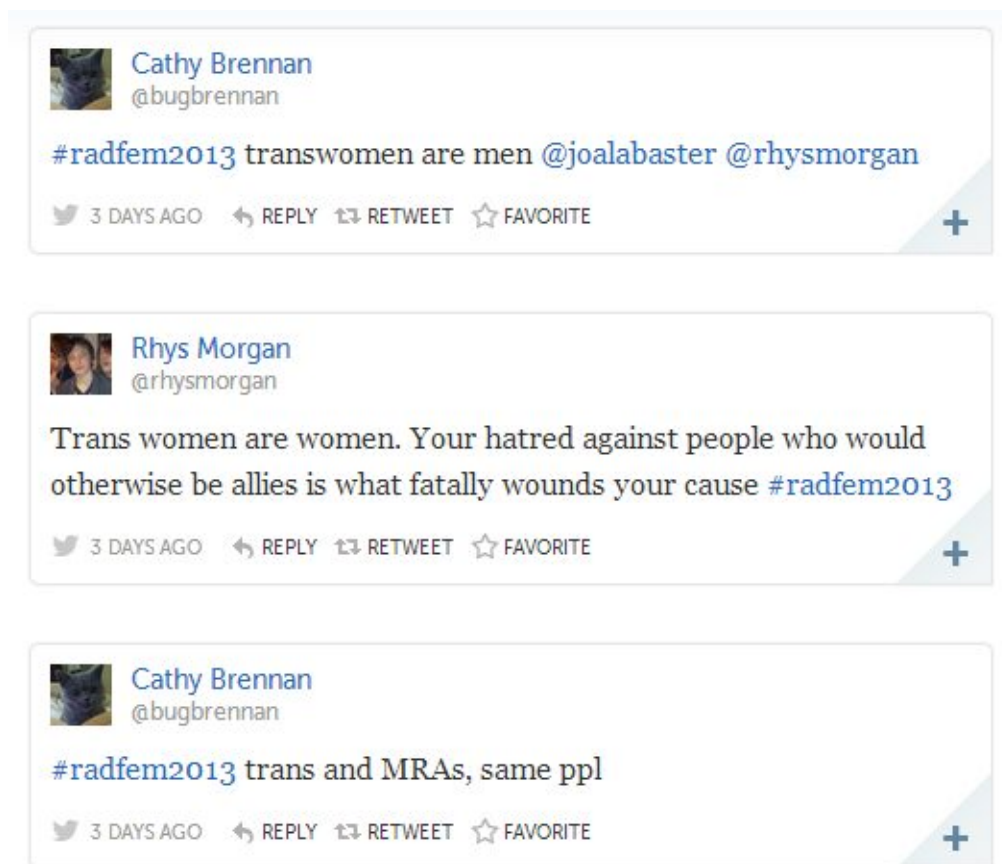


Figure 6. RF3



Cathy Brennan
@bugbrennan

#radfem2013 you are an 18 year old rapist @rhysmorgan

3 DAYS AGO REPLY RETWEET FAVORITE



This looks like libel to me. I hope he contacts his lawyer.



Rhys Morgan
@rhysmorgan

And that is diluting the meaning of a word. Also libel.

“@bugbrennan: #radfem2013 you are an 18 year old rapist
@rhysmorgan”

3 DAYS AGO REPLY RETWEET FAVORITE



Cathy Brennan
@bugbrennan

#radfem2013 rapists violate boundaries @rhysmorgan
facebook.com/rhys.morgancha...

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Figure 7. RF4

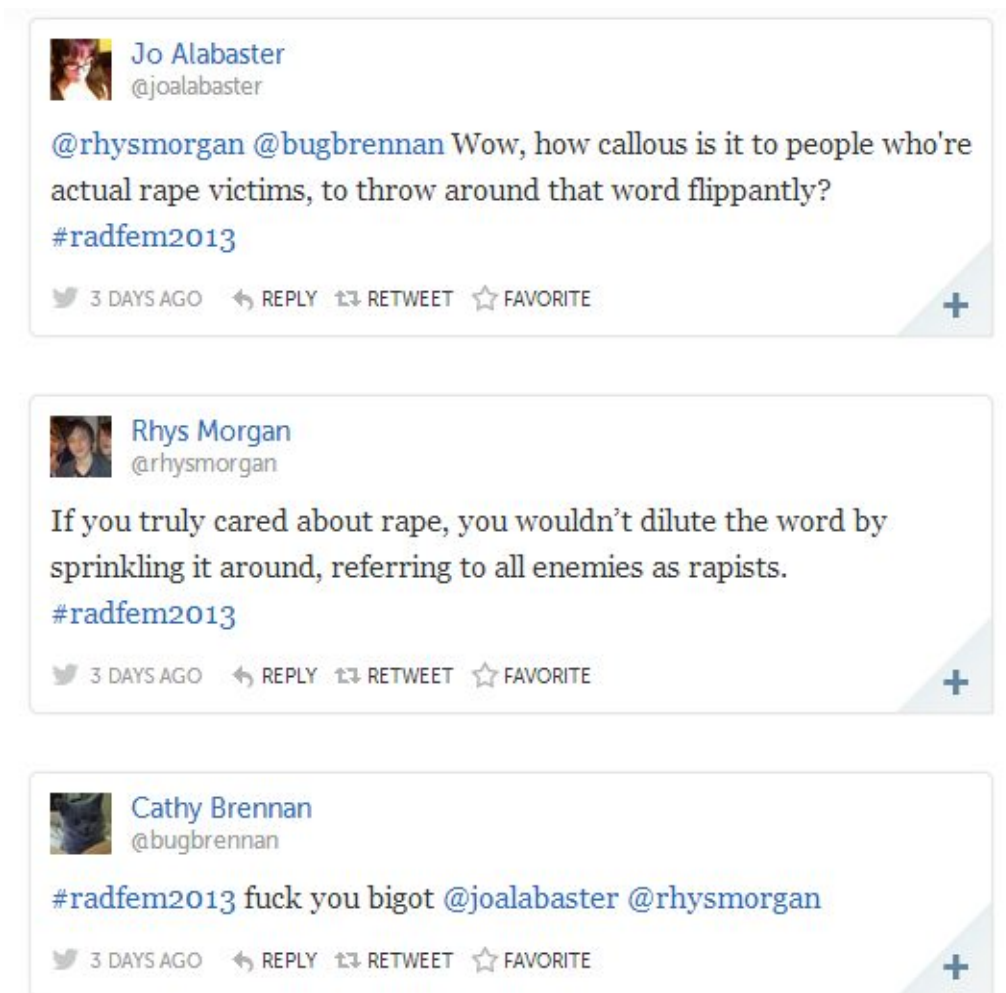


Figure 8. RF5

See above for this "harassment".

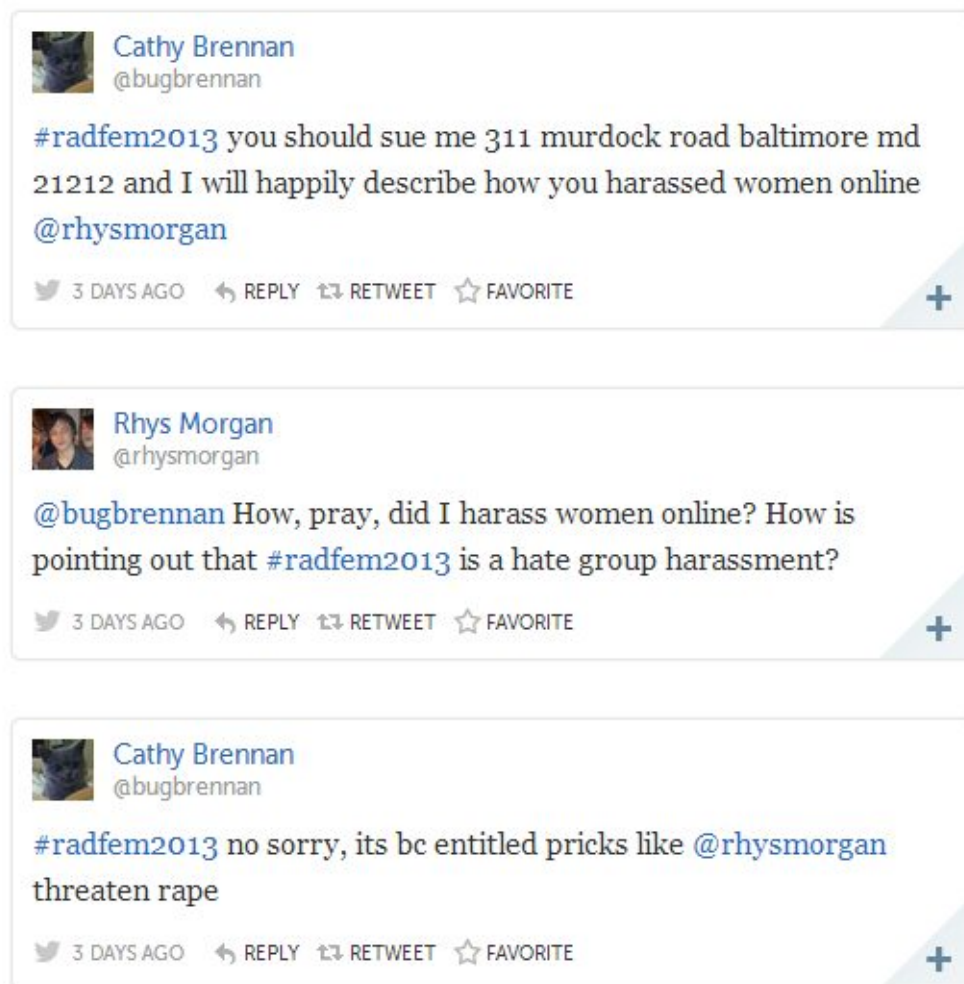
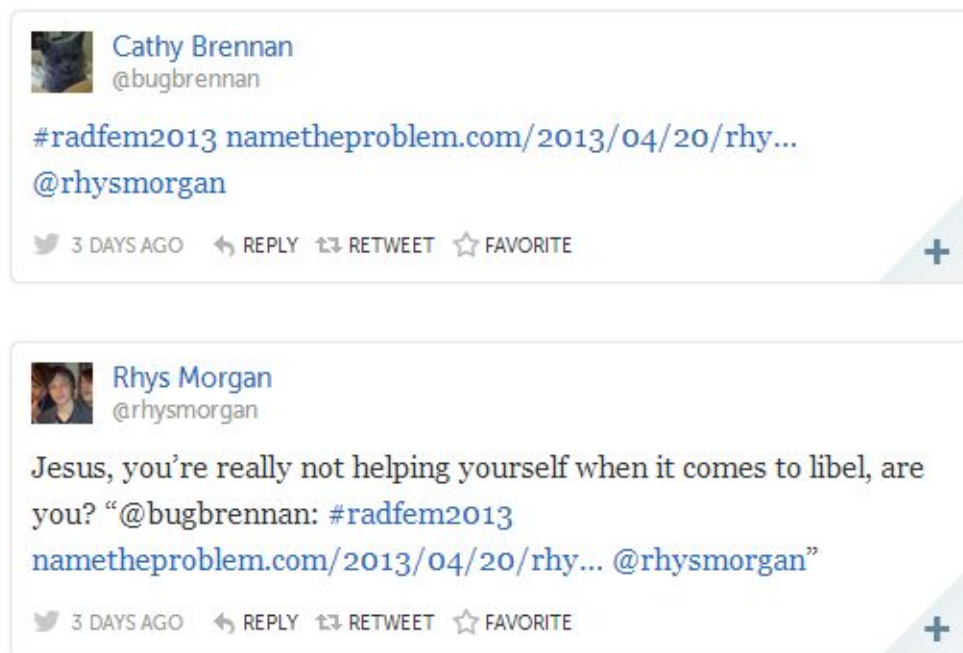


Figure 9. RF6



Does Brennan really think she could sue Rhys? She is a lawyer and I am sure she realizes Rhys didn't harass her!

Figure 10. RF7

A question that needs that needs to be answered is why does the Southern Poverty Law Center endorse Cathy Brennan as being their voice of reason? You should probably go over to the SPLC's website, FaceBook and/or twitter (or call them at 334-956-8200) and ask them about that!

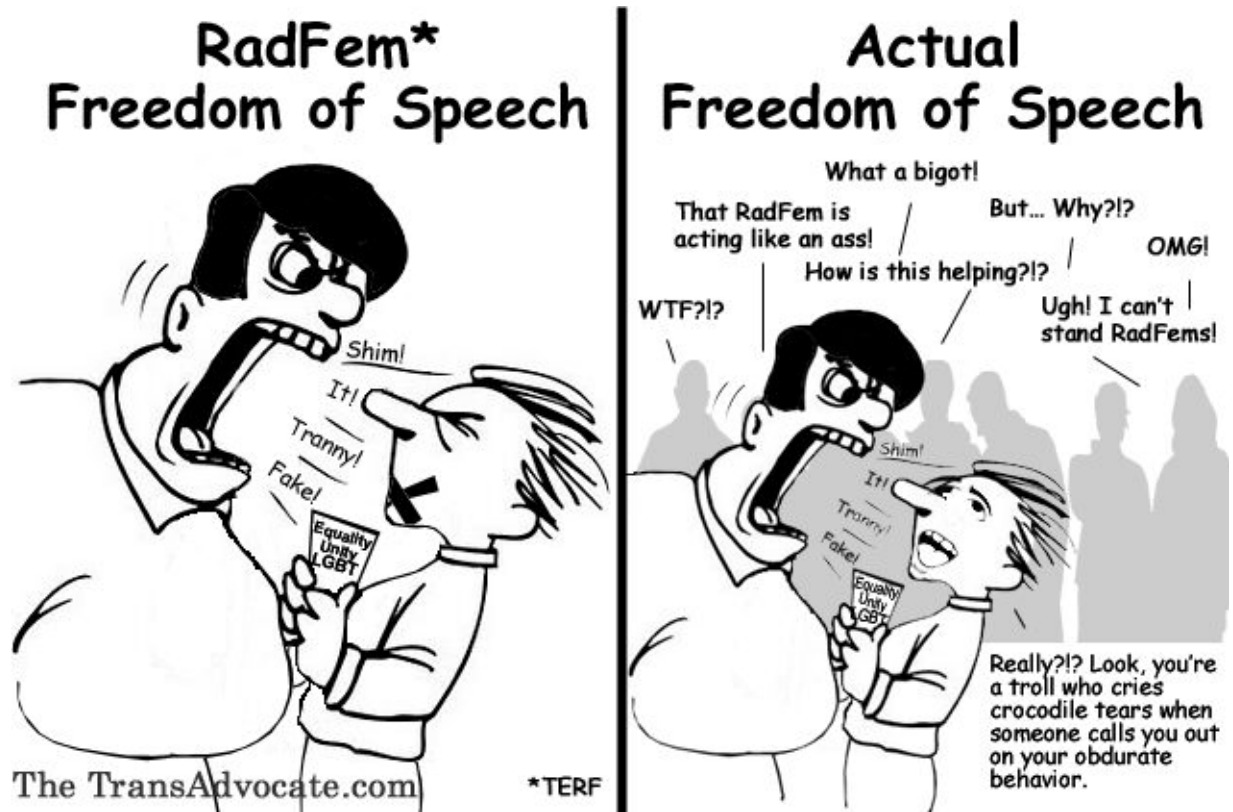


Figure 11. freespeech

UPDATED 4/23/13 @ 6:31: 1.) Event organizer responds to this story with the usual Pavlovian TERF hate; and, 2.) it looks like RadFem 2013 has taken to recruiting unsuspecting participants to their drama at heath venues. Why do you think they would want women with no real knowledge about the group's history showing up at the ousted event? Surely they wouldn't be so crass as to use naive women for a publicity stunt, right?

Shameful someone still putting up #radfem2013 posters at #uhealth2013 today highlighted this with standing orders committee

-- Tara Hewitt (@Tara_Hewitt) April 23, 2013

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