

RadFem Speak Out Against TERFs!

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Abstract

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At best, this is simply a poorly constructed byproduct of the aged-out argument that idealized beauties are expected to be voluptuous in ways white women can't achieve (Brazilian!) and skinny in a way that cis women can't achieve (transsexual!) simultaneously. It juxtaposes the hyperfeminized (big boobs!) and masculinized (skinny hips!) to demonstrate the absurdity and impossibility of beauty ideals.

Not surprisingly, some trans people didn't like this. Moore was apparently harassed quite a bit on Twitter and felt forced to delete her account. Julie Burchill to the "rescue!" I won't bother going into the specifics of the article, because it's all ugly. There's some stuff about bed-wetting and bad wigs and a hilariously sophomoric display of Burchill's feeble grasp of How Words Work. For example:

having recently discovered that their lot describe born women as 'Cis' - sounds like syph, cyst, cistern; all nasty stuff

Why but Burchill rhymes with Churchill, so if I call her Burchill, am I calling her a wrinkly old white guy who hates Lady Astor? What an idiot.

It was originally published in The Observer, but the editor didn't take long to realize their mistake and took it down. Of course, any editor worth their salt wouldn't have published it to begin with, but don't tell that to Toby Young! Why he was so offended at this "censorship" that he chose to republish this snot on The Telegraph, proving that British and American conservatives have at least one thing in common: they really have no grasp of the concept of censorship at all.

TERF?!?

Definition: Acronym for Trans-Exclusionary Radical Feminist. That group of feminists that claims that trans women aren't really women, as biological determinism is only a fallacy when used against them, not when they use it against others.

Usage: Isn't it mindboggling that the Royal College of Psychiatrists would invite a TERF like Julie Bindel to come talk at a study day on transgenderism and transsexuality? That's like inviting Fred Phelps to come deliver the keynote at a gay pride.

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