

So, I hear trans people recently invented this whole cis/trans thing...

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Abstract

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[Figure] From the Transgender Archive, Houston, TX

Some context: The above comes in the context of a sexology book from the beginning of the last century when it was popular to scrutinize (and sometimes overly-so) a great deal of human behavior through a psychosexual lens. Thus, whether one was dressing in a manner consistent with their sex assigned at birth or in a manner inconsistent with their sex assigned at birth, the vestments were viewed as sexual symbols that were distinguished through the cis/trans binary.

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