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Turn Your Profile Pic Red?

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Abstract

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The APA joins other organizations, including the American Medical Association and the American Psychological Association, in endorsing strong policy statements deploring the discrimination experienced by gender variant and transgender individuals and calling for laws to protect their civil rights.

While marriage equality is great, REAL equality is better. If you're going red, please consider this option to remind people that equality is about so much more than just marriage:

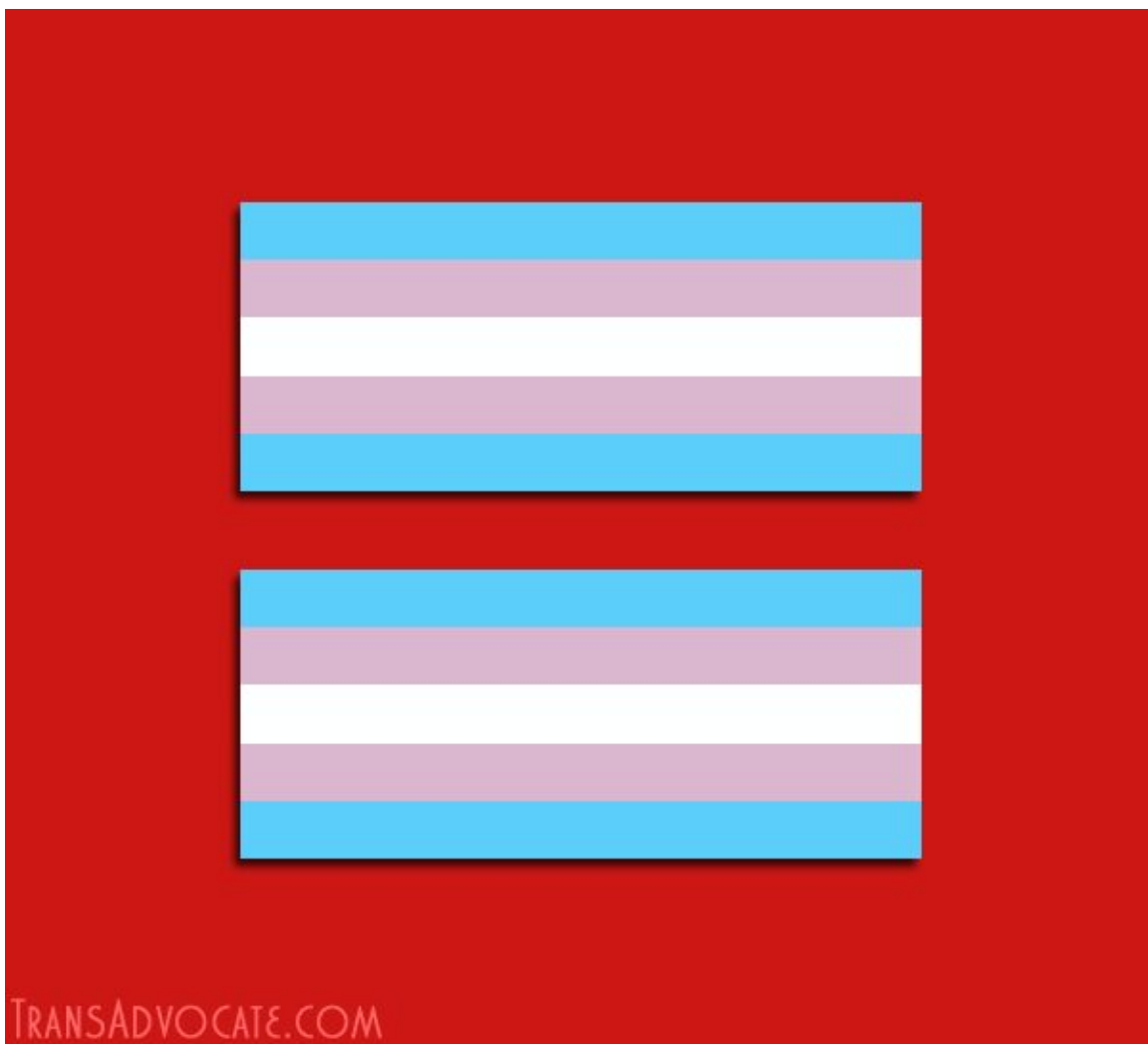


Figure 1. equality

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