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**GLOSSARY**

Affirmed sex/gender; self-affirmed sex/gender: the sex/gender one self-defines as

Affirming healthcare; gender-affirming healthcare; trans-affirming healthcare: any combination of hormone blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgery to achieve physical consistency with one's self-defined sex/gender, and/or mental health support to address the negative consequences of trans oppression

Agender: a descriptor for a person who does not identify according to sex/gender systems; includes nonbinary gender identities and not identifying with the gender system at all

Aosexual: people for whom sexual pleasure is a solitary pursuit, if indeed it is pursued at all

Asexual: someone who does not experience sexual arousal/attraction

Assemblage: a sociohistorical convergence of hierarchy and oppression

Assigned sex/gender at birth: a doctor's medical pronouncement that "it's a girl" or "it's a boy," which is the basis of legal sex identity, the binary-normative sex/gender category imposed on infants

Assimilation: the ability of a trans person to be read in social situations as cisgender (also see Stealth)

Binary normativity: the assumption that there are only two sexes and that these two sexes are markedly different

Binary sex/gender systems: sociopolitical and economic systems based on a binary view of sex

Binder/binding: the practice of using tensor bandages or customized compression garments to flatten breasts to create the impression of a more typically masculine chest structure

Biopolitics: the integration of biology with political power
BIOPOWER: the employment of population management for political ends; the political control of bodies
BLACK: racialized members of the African diaspora
BOTTOM SURGERY: removal of uterus (hysterectomy) and ovaries (ovariectomy) and surgical construction of a penis (phalloplasty) to create more typically male genitals; surgical removal of the penis and construction of the vagina (vaginoplasty) to create more typically female genitals
CHILDHOOD: a socially constructed stage of life from birth to young adulthood
CHILDREN: the demographic group from birth to age 15
CISGENDER: the state of correspondence between assigned sex/gender at birth and self-identity; a normative category
CIS-SEXISM: the assumption that congruence between assigned sex/gender at birth and self-identity is the norm
CONVERSION THERAPY; CORRECTIVE/REPARATIVE THERAPY: psychological/psychiatric treatment designed to “cure” gay, lesbian, and trans and gender-nonconforming people
CROSS-SEX HORMONES: hormones associated with the “opposite” sex/gender category that are sometimes employed by trans people to achieve greater physical consistency with their self-defined sex/gender or to reduce vulnerability to discrimination and violence
DEAD NAME: the inappropriately gendered name imposed on and subsequently repudiated by a trans person
DEMI-ROMANTIC: romantic attachment based on the prior establishment of emotional intimacy
DEMI-SEXUAL: sexual attraction based on the prior establishment of emotional intimacy
DIAGNOSTIC AND STATISTICAL MANUAL (DSM): the “bible” of the American Psychiatric Association; the central diagnostic and treatment resource for the psychiatric and psychological professions
EURO-AMERICAN: a person living in the United States who is racialized as white/has European ancestors
EURO-CANADIAN: a person living in Canada who is racialized as white/has European ancestors
EUROCENTRIC: institutions and/or belief systems that place people of European heritage who are racialized as white at the center of leadership, knowledge production, and importance; typically associated with a view of whiteness as consistent with civilization and dominant notions of rational progress
FEMALE TO MALE (FTM): a trans person assigned female at birth who has medically and/or socially transitioned to a male identity
GAY-StraIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA): clubs or student groups designed to reduce homo-negativity and support LGBT students, most typically at the high school level
GENDER CONFIRMATION SURGERY: surgical procedures that enable the body to conform to gender identity, including but not limited to chest reconstruction, genital reconstruction, and facial reconstruction; also referred to by the less preferred terminology of “sex reassignment surgery”
GENDER CONFORMING: consistent with normative binary sex/gender stereotypes or characteristics
GENDER DYSPHORIA (GD): the distress or dissonance that people of all ages may experience when their sex/gender identity is in conflict with the sex/gender identity they were assigned at birth or that their physical characteristics signal to others; a somewhat less pathologizing but still binary-oriented diagnosis that replaced GIDC (see below) in the fifth edition of the DSM in 2013
GENDER ESSENTIALISM: the assumption that biology plays a significant determining role in gender identity, which does not vary from one sociocultural context to another
GENDER FLUID: a descriptor for someone for whom gender varies over time or an identity that resists binary categorization
GENDER IDENTITY DISORDER IN CHILDREN (GIDC): a diagnosis whose inclusion in the third edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual in 1980 reflected the formal medicalization of gender nonconformity in children; a diagnosis whose focus is children who fail to conform to the sex/gender assigned to them at birth
GENDER LIMINAL: a descriptor for someone whose sex/gender identity is ambiguous (in the context of a sex/gender binary)
GENDER NEUTRAL: a descriptor for a person or place not organized according to sex/gender systems
GENDER NONCONFORMING: unwilling or unable to conform to binary sex/gender norms
GENDER QUEER; NONBINARY: someone who does not conform to binary sex/gender norms
GENDER SELF-DETERMINATION: the right of every person to know and be known according to an internal sense of gender identity
HETERNORMATIVE: people, spaces, and social practices organized on the basis of the centrality of the heterosexual couple
HOMONATIONALISM: homonormative nationalism; when privileged LGBT people express loyalty to the nation-state and/or when states position themselves as progressive on the basis of their inclusion of relatively privileged LGBT people
HOMONORMATIVITY: when more conservative/privileged LGBT people (white, wealthy, binary-gender conforming) experience social inclusion without troubling broader patterns of hierarchy and oppression
HOMOPHOBIA: fear and hatred of lesbian gay bisexual and queer people on the basis of an assumed norm of heterosexuality
HORMONE BLOCKERS: puberty-suppression therapy via medical intervention
HYPERANDROGENISM: a condition of women who are considered to have natural testosterone levels above the so-called normal female range
INDIGENOUS: the original inhabitants of a geographic territory; the preferred term for first peoples in general residing within the borders of the Canadian nation-state
INTERSEX: people whose genetic/reproductive traits defy simple binary sex categorization
LATINX: a gender-neutral ethnic descriptor for people of Latin heritage in the U.S. and Canada
MALE TO FEMALE (MTF): a trans person assigned male at birth who has medically and/or socially transitioned to a female identity
MICROAGGRESSIONS: "the death of 1,000 cuts"; daily and seemingly benign forms of oppression that, experienced collectively, produce trauma
MINORITY STRESS: the mental health consequences of oppression
MISGENDER: to apply a sex/gender descriptor or pronoun that is inconsistent with a person’s self-defined sex/gender identity
NATIVE AMERICAN: the preferred term for Indigenous/first peoples in general residing within the borders of the U.S. nation-state

NECROCAPITALISM: the relationship between death and capitalist relations of production
NECROPOLITICS: the relationship between death and political power
NEURODIVERSITY: the recognition that neurological variation among humans is normal, in opposition to a socially constructed mental state as the norm according to which variation is measured and pathologized
NONBINARY; TRANS NONBINARY: a descriptor for someone who identifies outside binary gender systems
PANSEXUAL: a descriptor for someone who is attracted to people regardless of sex/gender identity
PASSING: the ability to be intelligible to others in terms of one’s self-defined gender identity
PHALLOPLASTY: surgical construction of a penis from the patient’s own living tissue
POLYAMOROUS: being capable of or desiring intimate sexual relationships with more than one partner
POLYSEXUAL: typically refers to those who are attracted to trans, nonbinary, or genderqueer people but can also refer to people who are attracted to multiple genders
PRECARIOUSNESS; PRECARIETY: the fundamental vulnerability that is characteristic of human life and the ways in which this fundamental vulnerability is striated
PRONOUNS: the gendered nouns used to refer to specific persons
RACIALIZATION: the social and historical process whereby a more powerful group imposes a framework of biological inferiority onto another
SEX REALLOCATION SURGERY: see GENITAL CONFIRMATION SURGERY
SOCIAL TRANSITION: the process of beginning to live as the sex/gender that one self-defines as
STEALTH: descriptor for a transgender person who passes or for whom information about their transgender status is kept private
TANNER SCALE: a normative scale for measuring physiological development according to a Eurocentric binary sex model
TITLE IX: the 1972 U.S. legislation that requires all institutions receiving federal funds to maintain gender equity.

TRANS: short form for "transgender"
TRANS-EXCLUSIVE RADICAL FEMINISTS (TERFS): a conservative/trans-oppressive strain of radical feminism that views gender as essentialist terms, or as inevitably linked to the genitals one is born with, and that sees transgender women as men masquerading as women.
TRANSSEXUAL: a person who medically and socially transitions from their assigned sex at birth to their self-defined sex/gender

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

2. Serano, "Detransition, Distance, and Disinformation."
3. I rely on the theorizing of critical disability scholar Tobin Siebers, in Disability Theory, to use the term "disabled" to refer to the way in which built environments confer privilege on some people and act to disable others. I elaborate on this topic at greater length in chapter 1.
7. Spade, Normal Life, 32.
9. Thomas and Thomas, Child in America, 301.
12. Barbara Findlay deliberately spells her name without capitalization.
16. Stout, "Transgender Teen Awarded 675,000 in School Restroom Lawsuit."
17. Queer Voices, "California's Assembly Bill 1366 for Transgender Student Rights Signed."
18. For example, the San Francisco Unified School District in 2004, the Toronto School Board in 2012, the Edmonton School Board in 2011, and the Vancouver School Board in 2014.
19. The preferred identity term for the peoples who, for over 10,000 years, have occupied the continent they refer to as "Turtle Island," on which the Canadian and U.S. white settler states were established, on the Canadian side of the border is "Indigenous," while south of the border, Indigenous peoples tend to self-identify as "Native American."
20. "Latino" is a recently introduced gender-neutral term to describe persons of Latin American descent.
21. Most kids and parents use sex and gender terminology interchangeably; for example, it is not unusual for someone to define themselves as "male" in one.
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