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The hyper fixation on bathrooms and sports teams

There is so much more to the trans struggle



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Every single day, there is another story or ongoing story about a bathroom bill against trans people and the policing of trans participation on sports teams. The trans masculine community gets their heat but it pales to the threats faced by the trans feminine collective . I'll be honest that I don't follow those stories all that much. I did not pay much attention to the trans swimmer who caused all that chaos a few months back. I don't keep tab of the states that prohibit trans usage of bathrooms. My lack of attention is purely based off the fact that the trans community or should I say, communities have much larger problems than a sports team or a bathroom.

Trans people are fighting to simply be seen as people. Trans people are fighting to have our identities legitimized and secure our places as normal members of society. Too many of us are homeless, unemployed, dealing with mental illness, in poor health and dying prematurely to suicide and violent crimes. Too many of us are dying in a million different little ways that are stripping us of our vitality . Too many of us are suffering because we're still just "trannies" and not people to the majority of the world.

We need movements that address homelessness. We need movements that fight for trans people to be employed. We need movements that counter the agendas of the powers that be that seek to strip us of legitimacy of our identities. There are more than a few politicians looking to make being trans illegal across the country. These people are so damn obsessed with trans people that it is actually beyond terrifying, it is sad as fuck. What gives with the obsession with trans people? What is behind all of this energy that is seeking to demonize trans people as everything that is wrong with this country? The old, white power structures need to collapse. Everything that is wrong with this country is a direct result of these hypocritical, fake Christians who are invested in a faux sense of control and playing God. These people have way too many voices and way too much power.

In my opinion , people should be able to use the restroom that most correlates with their sense of self. That doesn't mean someone dressed in a three piece suit and a beard should just come in the women's restroom under the guise of *feeling like a woman*. But it does mean that someone who lives as and looks like a woman shouldn't be forced to use the men's

restroom either. I honestly never thought this would be such a huge deal. In the first place, who really wants to use a nasty ass public restroom? From my experience, it is never some pleasant wonderful thing to look forward to. It's a matter of desperation and overlooking the prominence of urine, feces and other bodily fluids to be surrounded by other humans doing their own act of desperation. It is not a noteworthy experience.

Sports again probably registers less to me because I am not an athlete. I hope to not be a traitor to my tribe but I have my own little issues with the sports thing. Most trans women are physically stronger than cis women. Most of us are certainly bigger and still have more denser muscle mass. That doesn't mean we're men even though they believe we are. It just means we're built differently. I don't know how trans people can be incorporated if at all in cis gendered sports in a way that is fair and respectful. The blatant discrimination is rough and I know how invalidating it is to have our gender denied in the public sphere. But everything isn't equal and many things in life come with asterisks.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, the public fixation and discourse on certain aspects of the trans struggle are not organic or pressing. You go to any urban area in this country where there is a congregation of trans individuals and I guarantee using a nasty public bathroom and playing on a sport team are not the highlights of our list. Trans people in general want to live our best trans lives with right to pursuit of happiness as much as anyone else. We no longer want to be over dominated in the unhoused, incarcerated and unemployed populations. We want help with our mental,

physical and emotional health. We want there to be less of a bloodlust for us out here in this world. Why do we always have to be threatened with our deaths? Why are so many of us driven to take our own lives? It is not being trans that causes our issues, it is the often requisite social and cultural edicts that cause our pain and problems.

In conclusion, there are bigger fish to fry. We need massive campaigns that affirm the humanity of trans people. We need the media to stop painting a vulture approach to our community that highlights the most nefarious amongst us and the most scandalous as representative of us all. We need the people who often hate their gender roles the most to stop waging campaigns against us for establishing our own.

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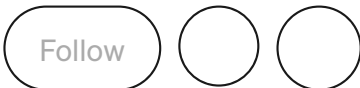
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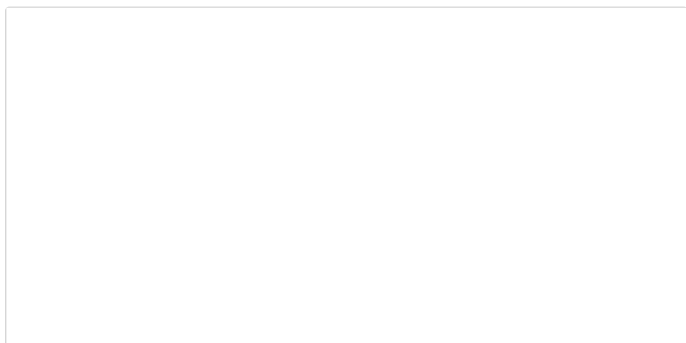
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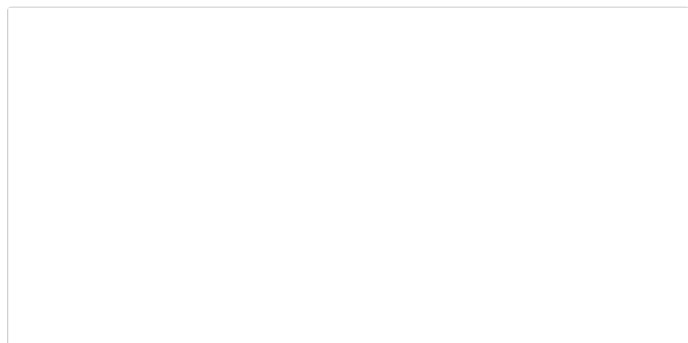
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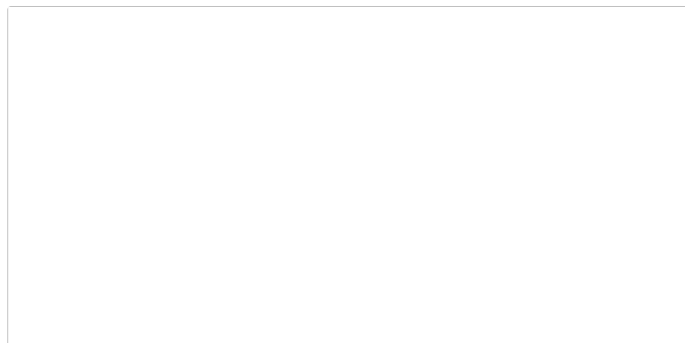
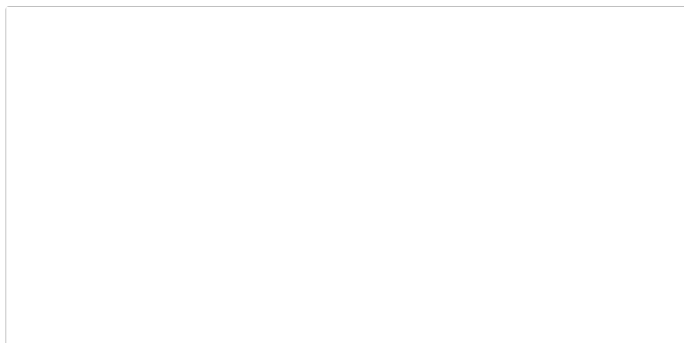
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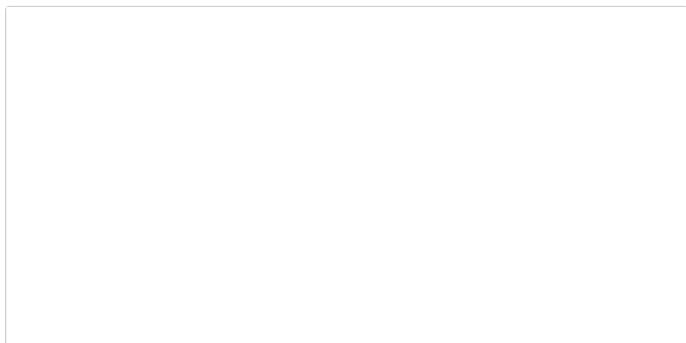
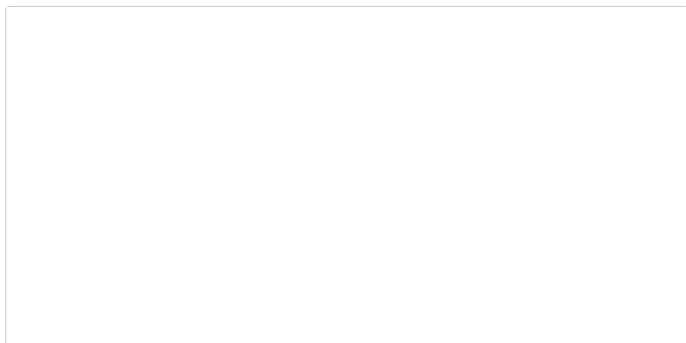
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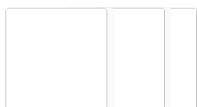
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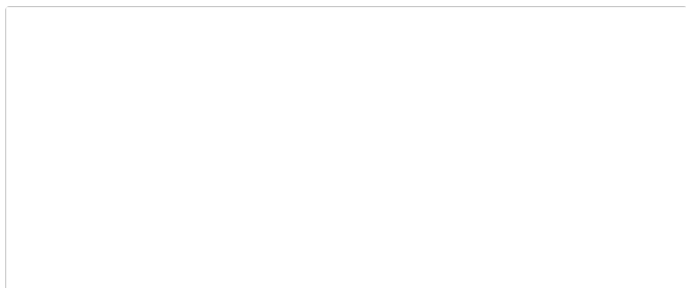
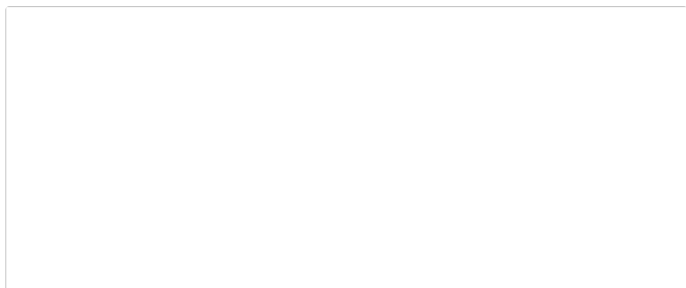
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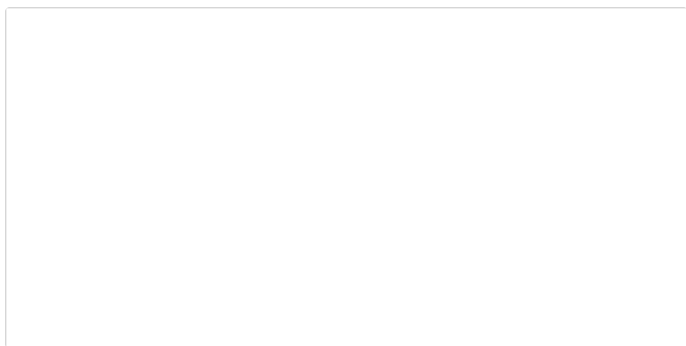
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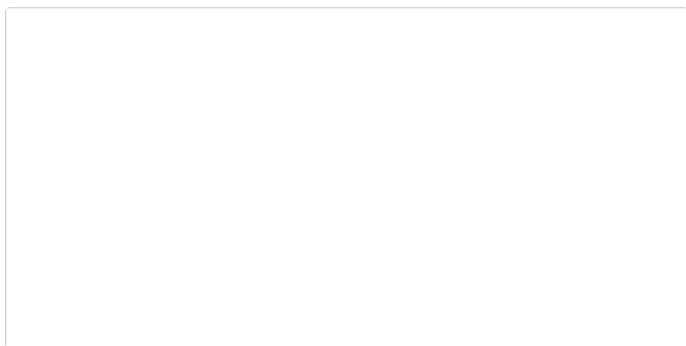
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