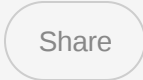
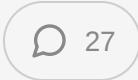
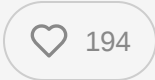


"Biological Clothing" - Dress Codes Espoused By UK TERFs, US Conservatives

In a Sex Matters event in the Manchester, England, "Gender Critical" activists espoused gendered dress codes. The same is being pushed by US conservatives. Here's how these policies affect us all.



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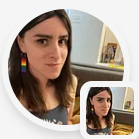
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“Sex based uniforms are also lawful,” a slide proclaimed at a Sex Matters event in Manchester, England. “Children’s actual sex must be known by everyone in the school environment.” Meanwhile, in the United States, Harrison County School District made headlines when it announced that students would be forced to dress in clothing

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red by ardent campaigners among the aims of the ects women’s rights.” its attendees: “Be the ch Doesn’t Burn – or your s of purple, green, and g the presentation, Maya nd sandals. Behind her, a sition for trans people in

schools. The restrictions espoused included “Sex-based rules” relating to restroom usage, pronouns, and attire, even barring students from donning “the uniform of the opposite sex.”



Photo credit to Women's Rights Network greater Manchester, as posted by Mallory Moore @Chican3ry



Dress code

Be the billboard for sex-based rights (Adult Human Female; This Witch Doesn't Burn – or your own favourite take); channel the Suffragettes in purple, green and white; **or wear whatever you like.**

Organizers advocating for people to “wear whatever they would like”

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Meanwhile in the U.S., a flurry of gender-conformity laws and policies have emerged, seemingly in response to the rising visibility of transgender people. Earlier this year in

Mississippi, a transgender girl was told **she would be barred** from her own graduation walk because she desired to wear the same dress the other girls were wearing. On graduation day, a cisgender girl met a similar fate, this time for her decision to wear pants. In the midst of this, her grandmother voiced her anguish: "I don't understand how a moment this important can be taken away from a child that's worked 12 years to get here." The district has since solidified its **clothing policies**, stating that all students must wear clothing "consistent with their biological sex."

Increasingly, policies that were originally aimed at transgender people are now being aimed at all of society. Major influencers in the modern anti-trans panic such as Ben Shapiro have advocated for **local laws** dictating what men and women can wear in public. PragerU, recently contracted out to major school districts, **advocates for gendered dress codes**. Yet, this shift isn't confined to dress codes alone.

Pronoun and name change bans are also recently coming into effect in school districts across the United States and worldwide. In the United States, **11 states have policies** that will lead to the forced outing of transgender people if they change their name and pronouns. In Iowa, Senator Bennett posted a message from a school district stating that in accordance with a recent law passed there, the teacher **needed parental permission** to start calling a student Joe rather than Joseph. In Canada, **similar policies** are being enacted.

**Senator Liz Bennett**

@LizBennettIowa

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"Yes, hello, are these the parents of Kimberly Reynolds? We are required to tell you that your child has requested to use the gender neutral nickname of 'Kim.'"

Dear **S** "Family"

In accordance with [Senate File 496](#), we are required to inform you of students who are requesting to go by a nickname or name that is something other than what is listed in Infinite Campus.

Today, Joseph requested that he be called Joe in class.

However, because that nickname was not provided in Infinite Campus, we need your permission in order to grant the request. Please [complete this form to grant consent](#) and get the correct nickname approved.

Thank you for your support,

2:45 PM · 8/25/23 from Earth · **4,756** Views

[Post about school nickname policy, credit @LizBennettIowa](#)

Increasingly too, the same people that have advocated for gender affirming care bans and dress codes are pushing for gender conformity more overtly. Matt Walsh [calls for](#)

“traditional masculinity” while chastising “childless women.” Michael Knowles attacked the UN Council on Women for indicating that boys can cry. These appeals to a “more traditional masculinity” are often echoed directly, such as in the recent DeSantis anti-trans political ad with superimposed images of muscular chests and the Governor’s face.

The distance between these views and those who call themselves “gender critical” is increasingly growing narrower. Just this week, a widely mocked tweet from one gender critical activist proclaimed that “girls need blouses and skirts” for biological reasons:

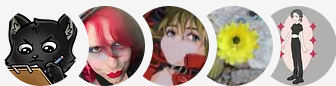


Post by gender critical activist responding to pictures of the Sex Matters event

Increasingly, many are questioning whether advocacy for gendered dress codes can genuinely be labeled as "gender critical" or even "feminist." When the organizers of the Sex Matters event championed policies like sex-segregated classes, they faced sharp criticism from those highlighting the contradictions in their platform. This incongruity isn't new, though. It continues to cast doubt on whether "gender critical" activists truly seek to dismantle, rather than entrench, gender stereotypes.

The Sex Matters event illuminated how opposition to transgender individuals can eventually affect everyone. The concept of "biological clothing" lacks historical grounding—centuries ago, men donned dresses and baby boys were dressed in white and pink. Imposing limitations not just on an individual's right to transition, but also on people's freedom to express themselves, might be more than what was bargained for; nevertheless, it is an easy extension of attacks on transgender people allowed to go on unchecked.

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Wren Writes Wren Dreams of Revolution 16 hrs ago

That tweet by Gender Critic though..... just..... ew.

Seriously.

EW.

Also, is it just me or is this movement spiralling out of the control of its creators. Legitimate feminists should be absolutely screaming about "gendered clothing" given how hard the original groups fought for their right to dress as they please and present as they please. And talentless hacks like Forstater should be crucified for their betrayal of their own by the population at large. I cannot see how the general populace can see these proclamations as anything but a joke, as it reads far too deep into just absurdist satire.

Although I do invite all GCs to debate and protest my choice of light, flowy dresses at their leisure. My responses will be on the forms of quips, japes, mockery, and (if necessary to defend myself from the violent assault these goons like to endorse) 115 grain jacketed hollow points.

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Karen Kaffenberger 15 hrs ago · *edited 15 hrs ago*

I am old enough to remember (the 60s) when my Midwest school forced girls to wear either dresses or skirts. Even in freezing weather, we were not allowed to wear pants, but eventually, due to pressure from the moms, they let us wear pants underneath that had to be taken off once we were in the school bldg. It was absolutely ridiculous then, and it's even more ridiculous now. I will never give in to these conservative fascists. I'll wear what I please and encourage others to do so. I will not go back!

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