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Our First Amendment right is slowly being eroded over the past few years for stating views, comments and positions that might be different than the mainstream media and other news outlets. Mark Zuckerberg came out recently and admitted to suppressing certain information during the 2020 election campaign cycle. Differing opinions to include sex-based speech in the “public square” should be allowed and Meta should not be the arbitrators provided it abides by Community Standards. Sex-based speech (including videos) informs and protect women. And such sex-based speech is not harassment. The rights of transgender people should not take precedence over all Americans and our right to free speech!

Vic Nicholls

Why are womens' rights subject to mens' rights? Why is the truth stopped on your site? Lesbians and gays should not be shut down because they have rights also to the same areas.

Laura Lance

The elimination of free speech and free thought under any guise should be a non-stater. Eliminating free speech as a means to enfranchise an ideology while disenfranchising reality is what the book “1984” was all about. The intended consequences of muzzling women from even speaking of biological sex are bad enough. The outlawing of the very speech necessary to protecting their rights would bring women one step closer to their former status as second-class citizens, their rights yielded to male privilege at every turn. The unintended consequences are the stuff of a dystopian future where reality is rewritten and enforced by powerful entities; a future where $2+2=5$, and anyone who says otherwise becomes a criminal. I implore decision makers on this issue to err on the side of open dialogue and the free exchange of words and ideas, including those with whom some may disagree., which was always the point on free speech.

Resli Costabell

“I was raped. Everyone who has been raped needs support. Men do the raping, so we often need support in an environment with no men.

Facebook used to have women-only support groups. They're gone. They've been invaded by people with beards who use the group not for rape support, but to flirt, and to ask people to validate their femininity. Some are even more disturbing.

Chloe joined the women-only group. Chloe had obviously been through male puberty. The women would be discussing how rape left us feeling broken, suicidal, demolished. Chloe would respond with a flurry of selfies, usually wearing a cocktail dress and striking provocative poses. Chloe has a YouTube channel, featuring fantasies about kidnapping and torturing women.

Chloe's presence felt jarring and inappropriate. This was a person with a penis, showing up in what was supposed to be a safe space for women-only. Chloe pressed the women for validation, for compliments. The focus and tone of the group changed. Women gave up and left.

I raised the issue offline, with moderators. No response. Chloe popped up in the rape group again, once again posing in cocktail dresses. I asked something in the rape group about 'are you the Chloe who posts videos about kidnapping and torturing women?'

The result is that I was banned from the group, for making Chloe feel unsafe.

Please. We need to be able to talk about these things. We need to be able to talk about transgender people's needs, wants, feelings, and lives. We also need to be able to talk about women's needs, wants, feelings, and lives.

Please don't silence women when we try to talk about males in women-only spaces. This isn't a matter of politics or lobbyists or identities. This is a matter of how women need to be able to name and discuss sex-based issues."

Deborah Holland

"How can you take action against women.

I am a rape survivor and need to be protected from predatory men.

I will leave all mta platforms if this happens"

Philomena van Rijswijk

This censorship of women's speech is not new. It coincides with an international movement toward rightwing politics. Protecting women's rights is not regressive, but promoting those of men with identity neuroses above those of actual women is anathema in 2024. It seems that those in power (even still, men) might choose, as they have done throughout history, to gag the concerns and safety of women and children. Do not kid yourselves that trans identifying men are any "safer" in women's spaces! This only highlights the superficial grasp that men have of women. It is not a new concept that women have no souls or intellect. This cult is merely a new form of a very very old idea.

Cheryl Hartle

Everything isn't transphobia. Some of us believe in biology and free speech.

Dirk Bowen

There are males and females. Follow the science!! Don't censor the fact of life. Men make believing they are female have no place in women's spaces. Don't delete women.

Anna Bergman

I demand free speech. Defending our space is not hateful. Our opinions on identity are not hateful.

Louisa Laing

“Dear Meta,

Women are a protected sex class. We are not costumes for men to wear. Women have their own designated spaces to ensure their safety, dignity, & fairness.

It is important that women be able to use their own language to describe themselves & their experiences.

I believe if Meta should decide to censor sex-based speech, that it will be promoting a dangerous ideology which undermines the safety & dignity of women & girls.

I urge you to show your support of women & girls & step back from considering sex-based speech as harassment. It is not. Punishing women for using their own language is itself harassment.”

Melissa Ryan

“Meta, Do you think it’s fair for a racecar to be entered into a bicycle race? Of course, you don’t. That wouldn’t be fair to all the people who worked and trained so hard to become the best bicycle racers. Additionally, it would be dangerous for a race car to be running alongside people on bicycles.

So why in the world would you consider banning the free speech of people that are upset that women’s safety, accomplishments and hard work are being unceremoniously erased by men?

Come on Meta, you can do better than that.”

Vickie Moore

Please don’t erase our ability to discuss this debate about what it is to be female. Thank you.

Allison Niemi

Sex specific speech is not harassment. Terms such as male, female, transgender male, transgender female and non-binary are sufficient and clear. Please do not erode your integrity as a platform by not allowing free speech to protect the feelings of a minority group at the expense of reality for the vast majority.

Suzy Ireson

“Men can’t be women.

It’s impossible to change sex.

Sex matters.

Protect women's rights to single sex spaces.

Truth isn't hate speech and biology isn't bigotry.

Stop censoring women.”

Kim Sommers

this needs to be open for discussion. Shutting off a point of view is a violation of free speech. Men and Women are DIFFERENT and women have worked so hard to get where they are today. It is WRONG to allow men in women's sports, prisons, dressing and locker rooms. Why is it suppressed that this is my belief? How come you can believe and say it is ok to allow men in all these places but not say it is NOT ok? Common sense has lost its way. This is what is dividing our country today. How come no one cares what women think? you are setting women back centuries by allowing this. You say you cant tell a women what to do with her body when it comes to abortion but allowing men to take away scholarships and undress in locker rooms and make women uncomfortable and unsafe undressing in front of men. it is a one way street where the extreme small population is coddled to fit in even though you are making 90 percent of women uncomfortable. Common sense needs to be brought back. All people should be heard and excepted and not made to feel outcast but this is exactly what you are doing to women by allowing men in womens sports. The suppression on Meta and many other social media platforms is disgusting. who decides what is acceptable? I stay away from social media because it is very biased and cannot do the right thing and let all opinions be told. Suppressing certain information. It is so obvious in every aspect of opinions for polotics and social issues. Covid, Hunter Biden laptop. Why can you still google russia colusion and it says it happened in old articles why arent those articles highlighted as incorrect or see updates? Headlines are misleading. Fact checks are written differently from one group to the next. It will say false on something for trump that had one minor item but if Biden has a fact check it says misleading or mostly true with less truth in it. Example trump freed 56 hostages without exchanging money. fact check says false trump did free 56 hostages but some tarrifs were lifted for one person. To me that is mostly true but people quickly read false and move on with out looking at the context. dirty tricks. this is America lets stop acting like China and Russia with the suppression of information. Mark Z just admitted he was pressured by the white house to suppress things. What is wrong with the world? Why do you need to even survey this to find out opinions on this? It should be common sense that your opinion is not the only opinion and is not always the right opinion. Trying to only allow one point of view is wrong. I am sick of the media and social media for all of this. Why do you want to ruin this great country? Again you are concerned about the rights of the transgender people, What about the rights of women? Meta needs to hire a diverse group with all beliefs and hold discussions. Not have a commity that all thinks the same way or is too afraid to voice their true opinions because they are worried about backlash and losing jobs or if meta will lose followers by speaking and allowing truth and free speech.

Monica Compton

Forbidding posts about trans-identifying men in women's spaces is forbidding Americans from their First Amendment Constitutional Rights. Women who do not feel comfortable with trans-identifying men in their restrooms or locker rooms have the right to state their beliefs. Just as trans-identifying men have the right to state their opinions, women should have the same rights. We have seen trans-identifying men win contests in women's sports due to their biological makeup. Women's views on this subject should also be heard.

Michael Lebednik

Sex-based speech (NOT "gender-based" speech should be a characteristic that Meta can heartily endorse.

Warren Rosenbaum

Stop the nonsense, men are men and women are women as they are born. No changes, and KEEP MEN OUT OF WOMEN'S SPORTS.

Inga Thompson

As a 3X Olympian, it is important for women's voices to be able to tell the truth. No amount of testosterone suppression will even the playing field. Women deserve equal, fair opportunities in sports. The women before us fought for our rights to play sports. They did not fight for men with mental issues to play in women's sports

Terri Lipanovic

Facebook has continually blocked me for 30-day periods for making innocuous comments about, or reporting of actual events, about men demanding access to women's and children's safe spaces, sports teams, scholarships, refuges, prisons, assigned jobs, and bodies. These safe spaces are essential.

Rylie Mendez

Sex-based speech is not hateful. It is not designed to bully people or harass them. Trans-men have started to overrun women's spaces. Women should not have to be afraid to go to a public restroom or locker room because there may be a biological male inside peeping at us. Women should not have to feel like their right to participate in athletic programs is being violated. Protect women's spaces!! Xy/= xx

DEB Gross

Should not let men in womens sports Ever! Leads down a slippery slope of men in bathrooms and etc...girls and women need to feel safe.