

Sarah Lindquist

"I am very alarmed to hear that Meta's Oversight Board is considering removing two videos that currently abide by Community Standards: one of a trans-identifying male in a women's bathroom and another of a male winning a women's athletic competition, upsetting many participants and their parents.

Free speech about male and female scientific differences as well men's and women's experiences, needs, strengths, and vulnerabilities should not be constrained from being discussed on Meta. Women have and are facing danger and abuse as our rights and opportunities are crumbling before our eyes, especially in sports. Without the ability to discuss the danger of males in female prisons and women's shelters, Meta would be participating in repression much like censorship I observed firsthand when visiting China. I was instructed which topics I must never ask about and saw TV news interrupted by censors. A nation does not gain strength or freedom by prohibiting discussion, covering up current events, and mandating that everyone only express 'correct ideas'.

How will our country figure out how to protect rights and also make room for trans individuals in a reasonable manner without being able to widely discuss the issue and know what is happening?

XX or XY chromosomes cannot be changed. Speaking accurately about the sex of an individual is not hateful. It is just unchangeable reality much like what age I am. Parents must be free to discuss how secretive social transitioning at school is widespread and how it impacted their children. Detransitioners need to be free to speak about why they regret surgery and hormones. Medical professionals need to be free to discuss how they recommend treating patients with gender dysphoria. Coaches and researchers need to be able to discuss male vs. female physicality and research. As a women, I find it appalling that in conversation with female family members, we were wondering aloud how we would use public bathrooms, changing rooms at stores, or pools anymore. We should never have to even consider this! We should be able to keep going to those places, not be hindered and stop because those places have been made unsafe and uncomfortable by males in our private areas. Why are rights and opportunities of Saudi women expanding as they are contracting for American women? And the Oversight Board would consider censoring appropriate videos on the topic that affects half the population?"

David Hartwig

Please keep women in sports to be women and not men transgenders. Male have a physical advantage over women in sports and should not be allowed to play in women sports, even if they claim to be transgender or a women. God made us as two sexes only, male or woman.

Susan Gustafson

Men are men and women are women. All other genders are based on feelings alone. And just having “feelings” of an opposite gender does not make it so. As a woman I am deeply offended by this absurd idiocy permeating society today. It is a slap in the face to women to allow men to compete against women in women’s sports. Any one with an iota of common sense knows this! If you have to put a “trans” in front of your declaration of womanhood, that in itself negates your claim.

Nancy Re

Why is it not acceptable to declare biological facts? Why is it not acceptable to want to feel safe in what should be single sex spaces? Why should someone who has been abused be faced with the opposite biological sex in what should be a safe space. Why should biological women have to fight to maintain safe private spaces? We should not. Make a unisex space for those others. We are entitled to a safe space.

Jedda Lingmar

I’m a trans identified individual [transman]. Too often I see legitimate commentary made by biological women who feel that their rights and safety are being intruded upon by transwomen. These same women are then accused of hate speech, bullying and harassment for speaking out against being bullied and harassed themselves. Sadly, I note it is always the biological women who are being silenced/penalised as a result. I’ve seen some truly horrific commentary made by transwomen and many of the supporters, but they never seem to be held accountable for their cruel commentary. As a transman [biologically female born], my commentary calling out the hypocrisy of the current situation tends to be lumped in with the attacks that are made on other women, by means of my receiving death threats, demands that I should die and insults like being called a TERF. These hateful comments are NOT coming from women, but from transwomen and alleged allies..... simply because I do not agree with the anti-science they choose to espouse.

Michael Wells

“Hello,

I believe that protecting the ability to speak freely is such an important thing for fostering understanding and knowledge. I personally almost learn nothing unless I am able to see opposing viewpoints and information and then decide for myself what I believe.

I believe removing the ability of others to actually voice those opinions is a big mistake and will severely limit the actual knowledge and understanding of others.

The matter at hand—all the events around the transgender community—is such a divisive and new subject. I don’t think it is fair to remove all of the opinions of one side. Many countries around the world are moving away from the procedures and methods that are being used in the United States. There are professionals on both sides of the issues. Why should a board of

meta employees decide which of those professionals can speak and which cannot. Let's foster understanding and kindness by letting everyone speak. Restricting that might help in the short term to make someone feel less hurt, however it removes the ability in the long term for critical thinking and self reflection.

Please do not restrict speech from one side, even if it is something you don't agree with. I believe in each persons autonomy as long as it doesn't restrict my autonomy. The issue at hand does restrict the autonomy of those around them, when one persons reality forces another reality on someone else.

Thanks."

Janice Flowers

"Open discussions about sex differences are not harassment but vital truth-telling.

Trans-gender males should not be allowed in women's bathrooms or sports."

Kay Weeks

"Dear Meta Oversight Board,

Our country is experiencing a divisiveness not seen in recent times. Women as a sex have been cancelled, belittled and undermined by gender ideology. Women are women and Men need to be men. Women need to play sports with women, not men identifying as women. It's about safety, fairness and the rights of women. Likewise men need to play sports with men and not with women identifying as men. Again, it's about safety, fairness and the rights of men. The same holds true for membership in Sororities and Fraternities and prisons. Safety and respect are not difficult concepts. I believe in free speech under the provisions of the constitution of the United States. A publicly traded company should not be espousing politics, left or right. Get back to your core business Meta!"

Dan Passer

Meta is not the arbiter, or judge, of truth. People are of different opinions on a whole gamut of issues. Censorship of Judeo-Christian values is destructive to western civilization. A bio-man who has his penis surgically removed remains a bio-man—without a penis—a complete eunuch—he does not become a woman because he has had his penis surgically removed. Similarly, a bio-man who takes female hormones remains just that—a bio-man who takes female hormones. He does not become a woman because he takes female hormones. Men born as males who want themselves to be considered as women should certainly be able to have their own competition categories in order to be able to compete against other men born as males who also want themselves to be considered as women. It could be entertaining to watch them compete—and it would be fair to all the competitors. Alternatively, they should also be able to compete against bio-males, because they are still forever bio-males. However, it is inherently unfair to allow bio-males who claim to be women to compete against bio-women. An athletic woman who wants to claim she is a male to be able to compete against males—which indeed

is very rare—would generally be most welcome to strip naked in front of her “fellow” male athletes in a shared locker room, due to the overall innate sexual differences between bio-males and bio-females. Bio-women are naturally more fat based, less muscle based, and generally have a different bone design, designed for facilitating giving birth to children. Bio-women have a uterus, a birth canal, etc. Bio-women are of a different biological design than are bio-males. Vive la difference!

Paula Fitzsimmons

I urge you not to remove two videos calling out men who compete in women’s sports. Women should be permitted to have discussions about womanhood and how it’s being eroded.

Heather Forrest

Sex based verbal and physical abuse is a crime. Women (not men pretending to be women) will leave your platforms or, more likely create code to bypass your ignorance. Misogyny is never acceptable and those who practice sex based silence lay their colours on the mast regarding their sexual perversions in supporting men who are usually violent towards women and wear inappropriate clothing—which women generally do not wear.

Brigid Cherry

It seems like an extremely regressive and reactionary thing to effectively ban mention of biological facts and debate. It is censorship of the worst kind and will shut down the voices of, especially, women’s rights activists and people of faith. Truth should be preserved at all costs, and debate allowed whatever viewpoint is being expressed.

Marsha Jarvis

If truthful, real-life discussions about biological sex are banned from Meta, the uniqueness of womanhood, not to mention the progress of women, will be eroded. A speech-prohibitive policy would cripple any large-scale movement to protect women’s sports, domestic abuse shelters, prisons, or overnight camps. But censoring the truth has consequences far beyond this. Threatening the reality of sex works to dissolve the very fabric of our society.

Ciara Carruthers

“To Meta’s Oversight Board,

I ask you to please think of the little girls in the world, and those that have yet to be born, who, increasingly in this world, are being forced to override their own innate instincts in the presence of danger, by gaslighting them into telling themselves that when they see a man, they in fact see a woman.

This leaves them open to a deluge of dangerous situations. I myself, as an adult female, have kept myself out of such situations by constantly assessing who is male and who isn’t: when getting off the bus at night, I check to see who is behind me; when walking along at night, I

am alert to see whether the person approaching me from out of a dark alley is male or female; mothers are alert to constantly monitor whether the stranger speaking to her daughter is a man or woman. These moments are vital. We MUST be able to state what we see.

Trans rights can be addressed separately, but NEVER at the overriding of the safety of girls and women.

Do the right thing.”

Michelle Loew

The 1st Amendment to the US Constitution --freedom of speech- is the basis for all other constitutional rights. If I am prohibited from making use of my most basic right on Facebook, I will delete the app.

Sherri Ingrey

Women are a sex class and a biological reality. To promote .5% of the population over and above 52% of the population is not protecting anyone. It is erasing the class and biology of those who gave birth to every human being on earth.

Susan Allison

“I have three young daughters who have been raised in a Christian home and have a healthy self esteem. They value thier uniqueness (as women) and conduct themselfves with integrity and modesty. These are values we cherrish as a family. I must tell you they are mortified and humiliated by the actions of the transgender movement... the inclusion of biological males being forced in sports, meant just for women, and especially thier private spaces. It is unacceptable and wrong to make them endure this invasion of privacy for the sake of not offending delusional men, pretending to be women! There should be a seperate catagory in sports and in locker rooms and public bathrooms for anyone who is confused about their God given gender. It is not fair to young girls or grown women to expect us to welcome boys and men into our private spaces without our consent. It is equally wrong to allow men to STEAL womens athletic opportunity in sports.

While I agree we should support anyone who is confused about thier sexual identity with mental health care we should NOT ENABLE or accept this unfair and unjust behaviour. Their insistance to push women aside may seem to be a small minority now, but it is still wrong! Those who want to force all women to accomodate them are blindly selfish. Women need to be honored and respected!

People must not be muzzeled!!! Our opinons must not be censored! Freedom of speech is our right! Meta may not agree with everyones position on this issue, however, they must respect our right to express them. FREEDOM of speech is in our constitution!”