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Herstory - In the UK our foremothers fought for the services and spaces necessary for women to take our rightful place in public life², alongside men. Many women across the world still do not have these basic services³.

Meanings - From the language we use to public policy and legislation, the definition of 'woman' is being changed⁴. Proposals to allow people to 'self-identify' their gender are designed to be inclusive of those who have the bodies and life experiences of one sex but identify as the other. In practice 80% of those who identify as transwomen have neither had, nor do they intend to seek, any medical treatment⁵(i.e. surgery and hormones). Transgender people deserve to be treated with respect and humanity, but their experiences are different from those for whom their sex is a material reality, not an identity.

Female Future? - Research suggests that male patterns of criminality do not change when a person identifies as a woman⁶. Being inclusive of those who identify as women sounds great, but effectively it will mean that 'women' will cease to exist as a legal category— single sex services will be open to all of those who 'identify' as women.

For more info on our campaign to put women first please visit www.criticalsisters.co.uk & @criticalsisters



1 <https://www.pop.org/63-million-women-india-missing-11-million-missing-due-sex-selective-abortion/>

2 <https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/discover/womens-right-work-toilet-bathroom-victorian-london-wwi-factory-protest>

3 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-asia-28761363/india-lack-of-toilets-increase-rape-attacks-on-women>

4 <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reform-of-the-gender-recognition-act-2004>

5 <https://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/women-and-equalities-committee/transgender-equality/written/19292.pdf>

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