We do not need gender!

One topic that has gained attention in the traditional media, but above all on various social media platforms, is the debate about the usage of gender and what it constitutes of. Even though the topic of gender equality and feminism has been gaining attention for decades, the topic of gender has been boiling up again and again recently. But some very important questions are often consciously or unconsciously omitted: "Is gender necessary anymore?" "Do we need gender in our society?" "Is life with gender easier or more difficult to cope with?". There are clear differences in how gender is valued and applied in real life and on social media. While in real life the variety of genders is limited to a binary system (man and woman) and is sometimes supplemented by a third gender, online on social media you can find the most diverse forms of gender. Take a restroom, for example: here you have to decide whether to go to the restroom for women or for men. For people who cannot or do not want to decide in this case, there is, in the best case, the option of going to a third restroom (a restroom for people with a different identification). Usually though there is not much variation or choice in these situations. In contrast to social media. Taking Facebook as an example: if you register here, you get 60 different genders to choose from. The list ranges from agender over non-binary to two-spirit. But regardless of whether its the expansion from two to three restrooms or the choice of 60 genders on Facebook: people do not seem to be happy with it! Nevertheless, complaints are always brought up about that not enough is being done or people do not feel integrated. But why do these people feel not integrated? Do they want to be something special, point out a grievance or do these people, who are against thinking in pigeonholes, not see themselves represented by all this and cannot feel assigned to the genders themselves because they do not correspond to this pigeonhole? But if we are not satisfied with the genders anyway, if they no longer have any meaning in society and the economy due to gender equality, if we cannot assign ourselves to them anymore because we do not want to be pigeonholed, then why do we need gender at all?



