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Tweets from 2003: The Gender Recognition Bill

I'm going to tweet out a few of the illuminating comments from the debates that led to the GRA 2004, to save you all ploughing through Hansard.

One of the primary motivations (if not the foremost) for the bill was to avoid legalising same sex marriage. This featured VERY heavily in the discussions.

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The Government have stated many times, even in recent months when they knew that the Bill was about to be introduced, that they do not intend to legalise same-sex marriage. Indeed the Minister repeated that today. At Second Reading of the [Gender Recognition Bill](#), the noble Lord, Lord Filkin, said so, and at Report he said so and in response to a Question on 11 February this year he also said so. At that time he said: "The concept of same-sex marriage is a contradiction in terms, which is why our position is utterly clear: we are against it, and do not intend to promote it or allow it to take place".—[[Official Report, 11/02/04; col. 1094-95.](#)] This is clearly meant to be government policy.

It was, in the Govt's eyes, FAR preferable to convert a same sex couple into a heterosexual couple via 'sex change' than it was to make same sex marriage legal:

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Note how it was supposed to be only a 'small number'

Lord Filkin My Lords, the noble Lord, Lord Goodhart, puts his finger on the essential issue. Throughout the important and detailed scrutiny of the Bill, noble Lords in many parts of the House have probably recognised that at heart it is proper that the state give legal recognition to **the very small number** of people who suffer seriously because of the condition that they have experienced. To the extent that there have been significant differences, the arguments have been about peripheral rather than fundamental issues. As attested by the five Divisions that took place, most noble Lords have affirmed exactly the position that the noble Lord, Lord Goodhart, sets out.

Lord Renton My Lords, is not the expression "same-sex marriage" a contradiction in terms, in accordance with the traditions of our language? If two people of the same sex live together, should they not be described as being in cohabitation?

Lord Filkin My Lords, the noble Lord is absolutely right. The concept of same-sex marriage is a contradiction in terms, which is why our position is utterly clear: **we are against it, and do not intend to promote it or allow it to take place.**

And the justification of "if we allow sex to change we can sidestep same sex marriage" appeared over and over again...

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Gender Recognition

HL Deb 11 February 2004 vol 656 cc1093-5

1093

Lord Tebbit asked Her Majesty's Government:

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Whether they regard the marriage of two persons each possessing the chromosomes and sexual organs of the same sex as being a same-sex marriage.

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The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Constitutional Affairs (Lord Filkin)

§

My Lords, the Government believe that marriage should be possible only between people of opposite gender in law. The Gender Recognition Bill will enable transsexual people who have gained legal recognition in their acquired gender to marry someone of the opposite legal gender. Marriages contracted by transsexual people, once their change of gender has been legally recognised, will be valid marriages between a male and a female, not same-sex marriages.

and again

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One of the obvious flaws in the entire process was the deliberate confuscation of sex and gender. The govt admitted that the two concepts were NOT THE SAME

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Note the NO.

And then note the utter balderdash that follows. In this order:

1. Gender is not sex.
2. Govt will legally recognise gender
3. Gender should be legal sex
4. Acquired gender = legal sex
5. Something unexplained about man, woman and male and female
6. Sex = Gender

To recap, sex and gender are not the same, govt acknowledges, but we'd like to create a law that pretends they are, whilst still knowing they are not. Cool.

This paved the way for what we've now seen evidence for: that 'female' people with penises can commit rape.
As we now know, this happens

Tebbit anticipated it, and the Govt acknowledged this would happen.

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(What is even more disturbing is that long before the EA2010 was created, the Police were recording 'female rapists' by their preferred gender identity without them having a GRC. The Met started doing this in 2009)

It's like the GRA was just a foot in the door.

The govt doubled down on every opportunity to confirm that yes, criminals could compel everyone to pretend they were the opposite sex. It's not like nobody thought this through. The Govt saw the consequences and accepted them.

[#GRA2004](#)

(although again, this was ONLY EVER supposed to apply to that tiny number of legal transexuals that the GRA was meant to create)

How's that working out, do we reckon?

Several members pointed out that sex and gender were being hopelessly conflated and confused. They received answers like this one.

Nope, makes no sense to us either.

Each time someone raised concerns about prisoners and gender, they'd get a response like this one from Lammy.

Tiny number, hardly ever gonna happen, only certificated transsexuals.

Right.

Ann Widdecombe asked a pertinent question about what happens to children affected by the legal lie. Does a mother who becomes a man render a child motherless?

Check out the superb bodyswerve in this answer.

Anyone any the wiser?

Nor me.

There's one particular mention that stopped me in my tracks.

Read this comment from Tebbit. He references how easily Ian Huntley dodged justice by changing ID. Urging caution with the GRA.

This comment was made in 2003.

14 yrs *before* Huntley 'transitions'.

So much contradiction from Filkin, speaking for the govt.

"All I would point out is that the law is not seeking to change an individual's sex"
What happened to acquired gender becomes sex etc?

"we are not seeking to bring about a gender change as a consequence."

WHAT?

"That change of gender is, however, prospective only. The Bill does not rewrite history."

Tell that to the litigious lobby busy chucking harassment charges at citizens who reference that 'un-rewritten history'. [@Glinner](#) might have a few words on this.

Lets move on to sporting issues, shall we?
Prepare your hollow laughs....now

Yeah, that never happens

Lord Moynihan was an absolute trooper in making the case that this was a VeryBadMove for Sports.

In fact, Moynihan WARNED everyone that resorting to 'testosterone levels' instead of SEX was a truly crap idea

He makes the point that the numbers don't matter as much as the fact that it is BAD LAW.

The level of foresight was impressive.

Even he didn't anticipate that this would all be extrapolated way beyond his worst fears. Not just the GRC holders...everybody.

Moynihan really, really tried.

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Seems like a good point to remind ourselves that the govt kept telling everybody to cool their jets, because, seriously people, this was only ever going to involve 5000 people!

No Biggie!

Have some sense of proportion, folks!

[#GRA2004](#)

But Moynihan got it. He knows that this will change forever the definitions of male and female, affecting everyone. He attempts to get an exemption for sports.

Thanks for trying.

Oh, and look. One of the precursors of Self ID.
"My gender is what I say it is".

He understood.

A few other opinions from this particular day's debate (18/12/2003)

Lord Goodhart: "Of course, there are problems with the bill, some of which are relatively minor. The most substantial problem relates to existing marriages."

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Baroness Cathain got it.

She knew this would be a legal fiction.

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Cathain also realised that since you can't ask to see a GRC, you can't prove your entirely valid position of refusing someone on the grounds of sex. Leaving you open to being sued.

Sometimes whilst reading these comments, I feel queasy. Because where we are now is pretty much exactly where some people saw us going.

Cathain: "A basic human right for individuals to be free to believe fact rather than fiction"
"coerced, totalitarian-style law making"

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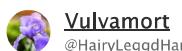
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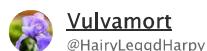
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He tells her he's a woman too He has a ladybrain He tells her his identity and hers; they are the same He tells her not to talk about her body; it's not fair her body is her privilege his own, a cross to bear 1/

He tells her that she cannot talk or otherwise allude to what her female body does It's nasty to exclude He says respect diversity except he would prefer that she would not point out the ways that he's diverse from her 2/

He tells her that biology does not impact her life she should

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THREAD: What's on your Medical Record: SEX or Gender? This is a long thread so here's the TLDR: Officially, your NHS medical record is SUPPOSED to hold your SEX. And, your gender identity *as well* IF YOU WANT. You'll have to read to the end to find out if it does though ;-)

1/ It's been disturbing recently to hear a subsection of apparent medics & scientists proclaiming that sex is a spectrum, a social construct, that there's no such thing as a female body, only a 'female brain'. Is this what the NHS

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If those who voted the GRA into law had known that 14 years later the EHRC would be lobbying to remove every criteria and safeguard the govt promised would keep the legal lie in check, this law would never have existed. The GRA only exists BECAUSE of these checks and balances.

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Okay here we go. Would massively appreciate some RTs on this thread about the #DUP and their stance on people like my fiancé and the love of my life and why they seem to hate us #DUP18

1977 – MP Rev Ian Paisley launches the ‘Save Ulster from Sodomy’ campaign in an effort to retain the ban on homosexuality in Northern Ireland. #DUP18

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And so, as much threatened, Tuesday Tweet mayhem as a I finally get to address points around the #GRA and why I think the Government is pushing ahead and is going to change the process. But first, it's time to clear up a few misconceptions—mostly T*RF-created... 1/n

misconceptions but also, weirdly, a misconception put out by the EHRC as well. So gather up your chairs, bean-bags, footstools, and pouffes (It's a Sin, I know) and sit awhile and listen, 'cos this is going to be a long one. So; misconception

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45 Days Of @ElvisCostello: a twitter megathread in anticipation of the Oct 12 release date of LOOK NOW, the new LP by Elvis Costello & The Imposters This is either a bright idea or a brilliant mistake, but this is only, this is only, this is only the beginning...

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#Gender #Identity (FCO since 2009) Mathematical Analysis of @MoJGovUK stats 30 June 2018 wrt sexual offences (99.1% #Male) #Male-pattern Sexual Offending shared by #Transwomen, 60 is just under half of 128 #female from total population of 30M in #England & #Wales.

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The national strategy for counterterrorism was just released. I'm just going to tweet out a few sections that I think are newsy/new. 1/x whitehouse.gov/wp-content/upl...

This section on National Action.

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So, Trump gave another interview on Fox & Friends today. That's a strong indicator that while he feels attacked, he does not feel threatened/endangered - he is more angry at the transgressions he perceives from the FBI than he is afraid of consequences right now.

Trump has basically three modes. One is when he's insecure and basically cowed into momentary submission: goes to ground, asks aides what he should do, lets them handle things. This is when he's least immediately dangerous.

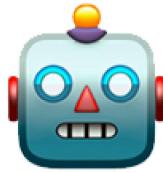
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