

# Miscellaneous Definitions

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Definitions, what do we mean when we talk about things? That is an ancient question highly reliant on who, where and when you are. The following definitions are highly subject to change and may mean different things to different people, these just seem like the best ones.

- Third gender: a traditional or ceremonial role held by someone who is not viewed as male or female by the society around them.
- Eunuch: blanket term for a third gender individual in an ancient near eastern society. The word eunuch is what is used in translations but this definition is what historians generally agree on.
- Sex: the thing on your birth certificate.
- Gender: whether someone identifies as male, female, neither, both, in between or something

else, may align with sex or may not. (can be argued as a social construct)

- Transgender: when someone's gender (what your brain perceives you as) does not align with their sex (what you were assigned at birth). (around 5% of the population, exact numbers are not known and different studies say different things, this also uses what the authors call the left handed theorem which uses the most recent generation as a basis for information on population trends).
- Cisgender: someone whose gender identity aligns with the gender they were assigned at birth.
- Nonbinary: someone who identifies as neither male nor female, can be used as an umbrella term for any non male or female person. (around 1.6 percent of the population, can also identify as Trans).
- Gender dysphoria: when someone experiences conflict between their own body and desired gender identity. If you were put into a body of the opposite sex and gender you would feel pretty awkward right?
- Intersex: (medically referred to as a condition called Developmental Sex Disorder or DSD) when someone has sex organs that differ from their sex assigned at birth, appears to have sex organs that differ from their sex assigned at birth, has chromosomes that differ from their sex assigned at birth (e.g. XXY or XYY), or has irregular hormone production for their sex assigned at birth. (around 2% of the population).
- Genderqueer: if male and female are boxes then genderqueer people are liquids that don't fit into those boxes, some nonbinary or trans people do not identify as genderqueer, some do.

# Organizing and Direct Action

By midnight

## What is direct action?

Direct action is any action that cuts out the middle man and solves problems directly. It doesn't petition the authorities or rely on external institutions, and it doesn't ask for permission.

## Why use direct action?

Absolute power corrupts absolutely. While there's no reason the strategies of voting and direct action can't both be applied together, the problem comes when people see voting as their *only* method of change. Voting will work for small, short-term change, but it doesn't have the power to significantly change the status quo. Government, despite appearances, is not actually open to significant change via voting - it's actually the opposite. Voting ensures that social change must be slow and gradual, working within the confines of the systems provided to us. Direct action allows for rapid, radical change that wouldn't be possible under purview of the state.

## How do you organize direct action?

Direct action isn't necessarily violent - and in our case, it probably shouldn't be. Any type of protest is direct action, whether that be picketing while on strike or marching against a new rule or law.

1. Figure out who you're working with.
  - It's almost always easier to organize when you have people to bounce ideas off of.
2. Figure out your plan of action.
  - What are you trying to do? Is it a protest? Are you trying to communicate new ideas?
  - Make backup plans. Things can always go wrong, or take a turn for the unexpected.
3. Figure out promotion
  - How will people find out about this?
    - Posters
    - Word of mouth
    - Newspapers
    - Other events

4. Do the event!

- Make sure to communicate with the people you're working with! Just because you got here doesn't mean you're home free yet.

5. Cleanup

- Physical cleanup
- Meet with your team to discuss what went well and what lessons can be learned