



“ I support transgender people, but I won't use someone's pronoun if it's political.”

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Everyone has a gender pronoun preference. Saying another person's preference is 'political' is basically telling them they should look more 'like a man' or 'like a woman.' That is extremely unsupportive of transgender people.

EXPLANATION

How do you know whether someone's gender pronoun preference is 'political' or not? Some people's preferences are obvious and others aren't. When something isn't obvious it stands out because it takes more thought. Some transgender people stand out because they don't look like what we think a man or a woman should look like. Maybe they don't identify that way, or maybe they don't have the money or support to access hormones, surgeries, or new clothes. Some pronoun sceptics feel like it's too much to ask that they expend a little extra effort because 'it should be easy' to know which pronoun someone uses. But it's only 'easy to know' when someone looks exactly like what you want them to look like in the gender department. Needing a transgender person to look a certain way in order to use their pronoun isn't being supportive of transgender people.