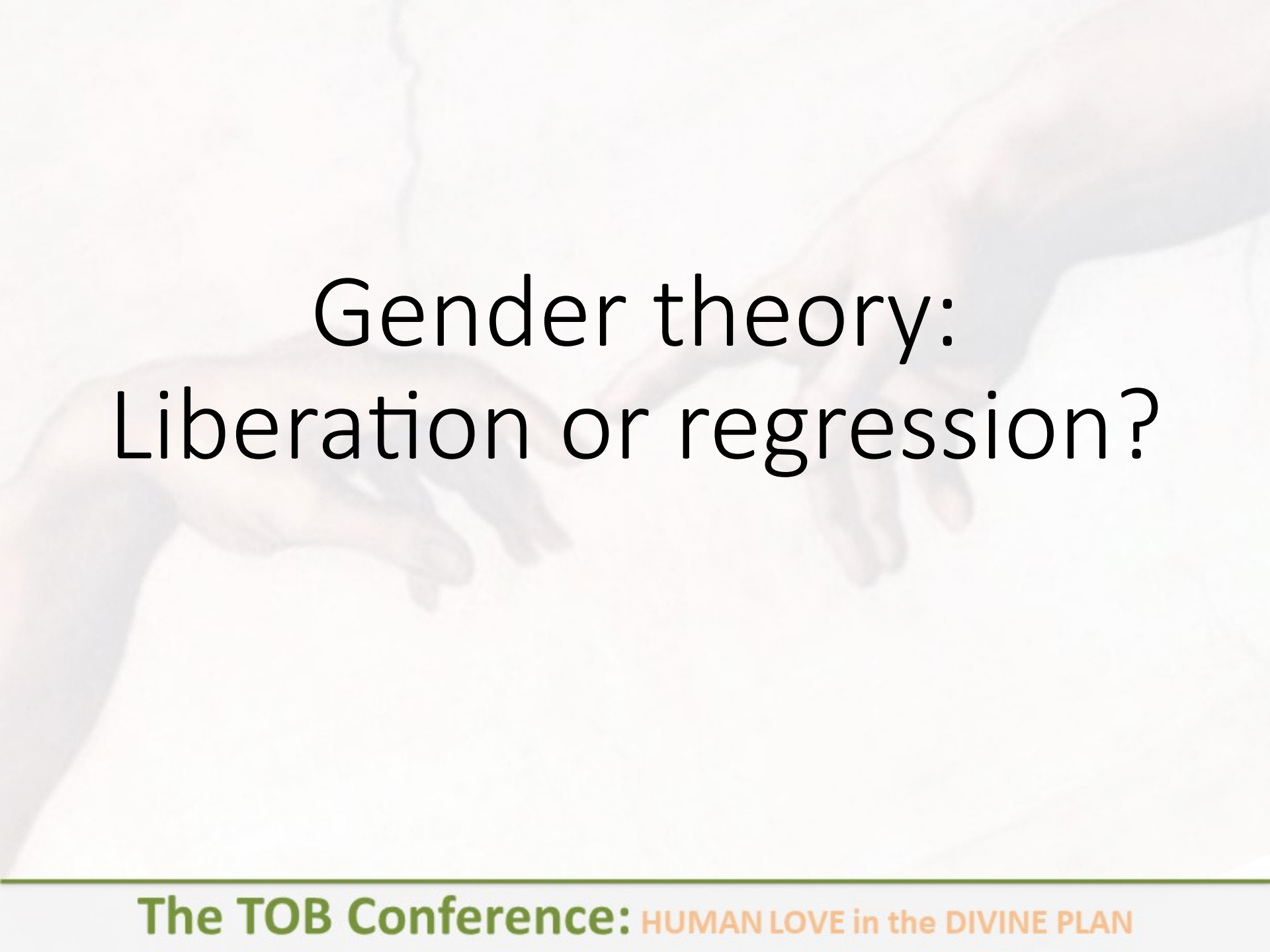


A background image showing several hands of different skin tones reaching towards each other in a gesture of unity or support. The hands are positioned in a circle, with fingers slightly curled as if about to clasp or hold each other. The lighting is soft and even, highlighting the textures of the skin.

Gender theory: Liberation or regression?

From Knowyourmeme.com



Ma'am could you please calm d-

>DID YOU JUST ASSUME MY GENDER?!?

Outline

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- Understanding the premises of gender theory through movies

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- What the Church teaches and concluding reality tests

Part one – Introducing Gender Theory

Biological sex

- XY, XX chromosomes. Verifiable facts.
- Essential information for understanding a person as male or female.
- Without it, identity becomes confusing.

What is gender then?

- It is the cultural-social aspect of personal identity.
- Personal identity is formed through an interdependence of biological sex and cultural-social norms.

What does gender theory say?

- That gender is purely determined by society or the individual, independent of biological sex.

What does gender ideology seek?

- Freedom from biological sex.
- Freedom from the rules of our nature.
- Freedom to do as we wish with our sexuality.

Understanding Gender theory through two movies

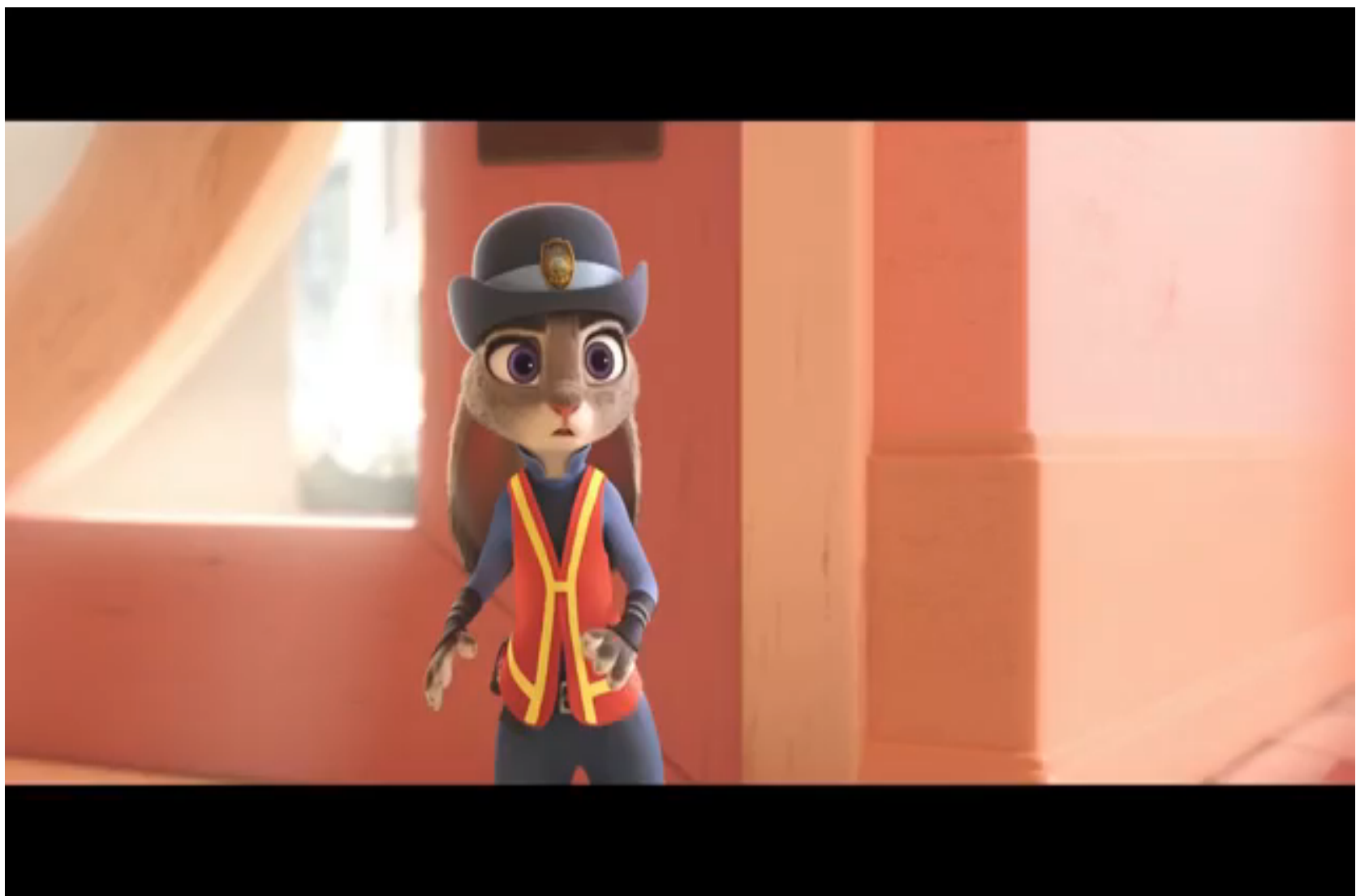


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Main premises of “life of Brian”

- “It’s every man’s right to have babies if he wants them. Don’t you oppress me.”
- **“I am not oppressing you Stan, you haven’t got a womb!”**
- “Suppose you agree that he can’t have babies because he hasn’t got a womb because its nobody’s fault, not even the Romans, but that he has the right to have babies.”
- **What’s the point of fighting for his right to have babies when he can’t have babies!**



Main premises of “Zootopia”

- Loves all things elephant, wants to be one when he grows up. Who am I to crush his little dreams?
- If you want to be an elephant, be an elephant... because this is zootopia, anyone can be anything.



Shift in mindset.

Comparison Criteria	<i>Life of Brian</i>	<i>Zootopia</i>
The body	<i>Reality which “speaks”. Offers clues/norms for correct behavior.</i>	<i>Does not “speak” Offers no norms for correct behavior.</i>
Rights	<i>Against oppression. But physical reality is not oppression.</i>	<i>Against oppression. Physical reality can sometimes be oppressive if it gets in the way of your will/ desire.</i>
Achieving Happiness	<i>Harmonising desires with the language of your body.</i>	<i>Manipulating your body to harmonise with your desires.</i>

Part two – Critically Examining Gender Theory

Dear Mr. President...



LGBTQ

Do you know the theories behind them?

Homosexual theory

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Gay genes: “born with it” =
unchangeable



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'I am gay – but I wasn't born this way'

Is sexuality purely the result of our biology? Brandon Ambrosino argues that simplistic explanations have ignored the fluid, shape-shifting nature of our desires.

By Brandon Ambrosino / Images by Ignacio Lehmann

28 June 2016

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Q ueer theory

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“Gender” is fluid (changeable); limitless spectrum (not only male-female)

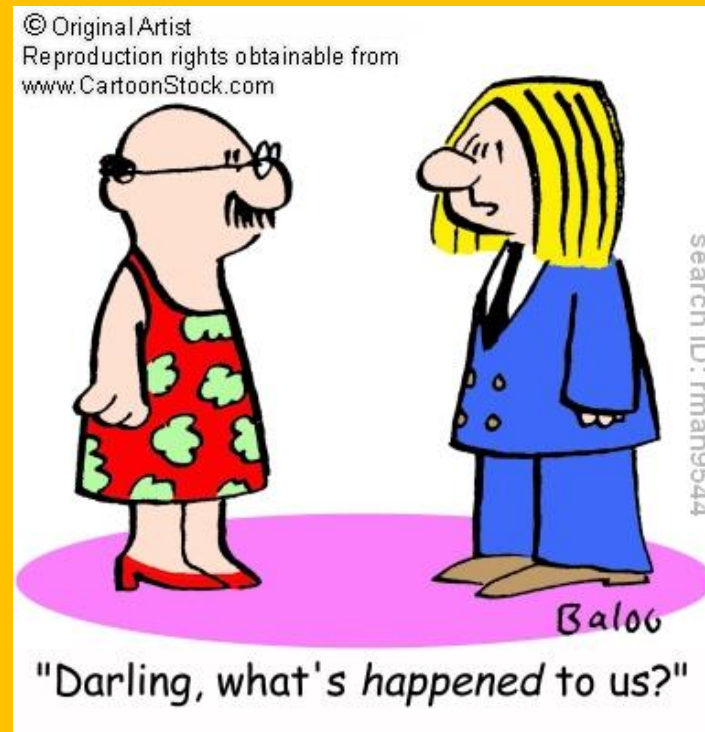


Transgender theory

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Woman trapped in a male body = sex change.

Inevitable conclusion:
Gender is binary (male-female), not fluid.



LGBTQ theory has many contradictory claims



- a. Homosexual theory – sexual attraction is in-born and ***unchangeable***
- b. Queer theory - Gender is ***fluid***, exists on a ***spectrum*** and is not only male-female
- c. Transgender theory – there are ***2 genders*** (male/female), ***no spectrum***

Martina Navratilova criticised over 'cheating' trans women comments

Former tennis player says trans athletes competing in women's tournaments is 'insane'



▲ Martina Navratilova's comments were labelled 'disturbing, upsetting, and deeply transphobic'. Photograph: Jonathan Ford/Jonathan Ford/BBC

- Navratilova has identified as lesbian

“To put the argument at its most basic: a man can decide to be female, take hormones if required by whatever sporting organisation is concerned, win everything in sight and perhaps earn a small fortune, and then reverse his decision and go back to making babies if he so desires.

“It’s insane and it’s cheating. I am happy to address a transgender woman in whatever form she prefers, but I would not be happy to compete against her. It would not be fair.”

Rachel McKinnon, trans woman cyclist world champion





“You can free things from alien or accidental laws, but not from the laws of their own nature. You may, if you like, free a tiger from his bars; but do not free him from his stripes. Do not free a camel of the burden of his hump: you may be freeing him from being a camel. Do not go about as a demagogue, encouraging triangles to break out of the prison of their three sides. If a triangle breaks out of its three sides, its life comes to a lamentable end.”

G. K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*

So, where on the gender spectrum *will* you belong?

Analogy: If it is up to you, how many marks will you score yourself for a math test?



Part three - Liberation or regression?

Liberation or regression? The coherence test - Is the view proposed internally coherent or are there internal contradictions?

<i>Gender Theory</i>	<i>Theology of the Body</i>
<i>Incoherent</i> <i>Queer theory</i> <i>Gay theory</i> <i>Trans theory</i> <i>are at odds with each other.</i> <i>Eg: Martina Navratilova (Lesbian tennis champion vs Trans athletes)</i>	<i>Grammar of creation</i> - <i>As the eco system possess a language we ought to respect and work with and not against so as to truly flourish, so too does the human person, male and female.</i> “The natural environment is more than raw material to be manipulated at our pleasure; it is a wondrous work of the Creator containing a “grammar” which sets forth ends and criteria for its wise use, not its reckless exploitation.” Pope Benedict XVI “Caritas in Veritate” no 48

Liberation or regression? The Falsifiability test - Can the view proposed be shown to be true in a public manner or is everything reduced only to private feelings?

<i>Gender Theory</i>	<i>Theology of the Body</i>
<i>Who you are is reducible to personal feelings regardless of objective tests.</i> “The ideal postmodern could be heterosexual in the morning, homosexual after lunch and bisexual in the evening.” – Tracey Rowland “Natural law: From neo scholasticism to nuptial mysticism” https://www.communio-icr.com/files/rowland35-3.pdf	<i>Male and female he created them.</i> <i>Verified by chromosomal, and physiological tests.</i>

Logical consequences test: If theory gains widespread acceptance, what does it logically entail?

<i>Gender Theory</i>	<i>Theology of the Body</i>
<i>Combat gender stereotypes by separating the concepts of sex and gender and creating new problems.</i>	<i>Combat gender stereotypes by affirming that there are different ways to be male and female.</i>
How many different genders are there in 2019? ▾	<i>Eg: A male ballet dancer, a female MMA fighter.</i>
How many genders are there 2017? ▾	
<i>Eg: German parliamentarian's greeting</i>	

Logical consequences test: If theory gains widespread acceptance, what does it logically entail?

Gender Theory

Parents forced to allow babies/children to chose their gender, if not they risk “misgendering” their babies.

Raising them as “theybaby”



Theology of the Body

Parents simply raise their child according to what nature has determined, conscious of avoiding stereotypes.

Logical consequences test: If theory gains widespread acceptance, what does it logically entail?

<i>Gender Theory</i>	<i>Theology of the Body</i>
<u><i>Children</i></u> <i>Children may be given hormone treatment and surgically mutilated etc if they seem to stray from gender stereotypes”</i>	<u><i>Children</i></u> <i>If a child behaves in a non-stereotypical way, there is nothing necessarily wrong. If necessary, it is still possible to explore hidden family dynamics which may have contributed to this.</i>

Concluding video



“Congratulations,
it’s a boy!”

Pope Francis on Gender theory

- It is a source of concern that some ideologies of this sort, which seek to respond to what are at times understandable aspirations, manage to assert themselves as absolute and unquestionable, even dictating how children should be raised. It needs to be emphasized that “biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated”.



Pope Francis on Gender theory

- It is one thing to be understanding of human weakness and the complexities of life, and another to accept ideologies that attempt to sunder what are inseparable aspects of reality. Let us not fall into the sin of trying to replace the Creator. **We are creatures, and not omnipotent. Creation is prior to us and must be received as a gift.** At the same time, we are called to protect our humanity, and this means, in the first place, accepting it and respecting it as it was created. – Pope Francis *Amoris Laetitia* no.56



1. What is gender theory?

The idea that gender is purely determined by society or the individual, independent of biological sex.



2. What is gender, really?

Gender is the cultural-social aspect of identity. Identity is formed through an interdependence of biological sex and cultural-social norms.

Recap



3. What is biological sex?

It is determined by the XX or XY chromosomes. It is a verifiable fact.

4. Why is biological sex important?

It gives essential information for understanding a person as male or female. Without it, identity becomes confusing.

Recap



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Thank you!