

1. JR
judith Randell-Sly1 day agoPINNED
I am a folk dancer and a caller. As a woman, I often dance as a man, indicated by the wearing of a red band. I react to the men's calls, but it does not mean that I am trans, or want to use the men's cloakroom (heaven forbid). We also have a few pink bands at our club, for the odd occasion when we have a superfluity of men and one or two dance as ladies, which they do with good grace. I will give up calling if I am forced to use gender-free instructions.

2. **Comment by Brit In Ontario.**
BI
Brit In Ontario1 day agoPINNED
All pilots and flight attendants were told to use the term 'folks' instead of 'Ladies and Gentlemen' in Canada a couple of years ago. I ignored it. 'Ladies and Gentlemen' is a lovely expression, 'folks' isn't. 'Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome aboard flight.....' is how all flights should start. EDITED

3. **Comment by Struan MacGregor.**
SM
Struan MacGregor1 day agoPINNED
Is there anything more likely to destroy the traditional folk scene than detaching it from its culture and history.

By the time all of this nonsense is finished the actual link to the culture and traditions will no longer exist.

1. **Comment by J Coney.**

JC
J Coney1 hr ago
Stop this nonsense now

2. **Comment by Seamus Barnes.**

SB
Seamus Barnes1 hr ago
What a load of b#@£#&cks

3. **Comment by Lar Wynne.**

LW
Lar Wynne13 hrs ago
What if you are offended if the term ladies and gentleman was not used

4. **Comment by Stuart Oldham.**

SO
Stuart Oldham14 hrs ago
How about "Ladies and Gentleman and Those in Between"?

5. **Comment by Django Frog.**

DF
Django Frog17 hrs ago
"The term misgendered is used by non-binary and transgender people to mean that they have been described as a gender with which they no longer identify."

No, it's used by communists so they can lift a leg (the other c word was banned because the communists are already in charge) and urinate over the rest of society.

6. **Comment by Callum Doherty.**

CD
Callum Doherty17 hrs ago
People that want to be a different gender, or pretend they are a whole new one...are attention seeking, sometimes mentally ill. They yearn to be different, and think of themselves as progressive.

I don't think folk dancing comes into their progressive periphery.

7. **Comment by Michael Darby.**

MD

- Michael Darby**17 hrs ago
I find Sir in relation to Keir Starmer egregious in extreme.
8. Comment by Michael Darby.
MD
Michael Darby17 hrs ago
When it comes to the human race, there are no minority genders and there never have been and there never will be.
9. Comment by tim smith.
TS
tim smith17 hrs ago
I have no words....
- o Reply by Chris Edwards.
CE
Chris Edwards17 hrs ago
Oh I dunno, you managed four....
10. Comment by Chris Edwards.
CE
Chris Edwards17 hrs ago
Quite right too. There's nowt so queer as folk, as the saying goes.
- Incidentally , Who are those blokes in skirts? Asking for a friend..... EDITED
11. Comment by Molly The Dog.
MT
Molly The Dog18 hrs ago
Surely if you are transexual and are now a man (once a woman) you can't object to being called 'gentlemen' and are now a woman (once a man) you can't object to being called a 'lady' what ever stage you're are with the transition. If you're a sultry teenager or daft millenial who drones on about 'non-binary' or whatever, suck it up or go and sulk in your bedroom.
- o Reply by Phillip Baldock.
PB
Phillip Baldock18 hrs ago
My brain is going into meltdown!
12. Comment by Grant Brewster.
GB
Grant Brewster18 hrs ago
This nonsense is having a negative impact upon my mental health
13. Comment by Rod Craig.
RC
Rod Craig19 hrs ago
Yet another attempt for a miniscule minority to assume the vast majority of people must change on the off chance that one or two persons may be offended. Should never happen.
14. Comment by Margaret Anne Burton.
MA
Margaret Anne Burton20 hrs ago
More woke madness from generation X perhaps?
15. Comment by Bob Stevens.
BS
Bob Stevens20 hrs ago
Just tell them to folk off.....
16. Comment by Peter King.
PK
Peter King21 hrs ago
There is no right to be not offended.
17. Comment by Fisher Bloke.
FB
Fisher Bloke21 hrs ago

Ha ha! More red meat for the "anti-woke" to chow down on :)

18. Comment by Steve Butler.

SB

Steve Butler21 hrs ago

I wasn't aware folk dancing was a minority gender pass-time, Is there nowhere this rubbish won't try to penetrate ?

19. Comment by Eliza Trundle.

ET

Eliza Trundle21 hrs ago

Only XX and XY people are permitted as they are the majority.

20. Comment by Helen Glover.

HG

Helen Glover22 hrs ago

Oh FFS!

21. Comment by Eric Robson.

ER

Eric Robson22 hrs ago

The term used is 'minority'. Since when does a minority dictate and overrule what the majority want? As a majority person are my feelings not considered? I may be offended if I am not called a gentleman.

22. Comment by Susan J Bradley.

SJ

Susan J Bradley22 hrs ago

Oh, for heaven's sake. It's an age old formality! Have these nit-pickers nothing worthwhile to do but sit around all day waiting to be 'offended'. You're 'offended'? So what? It won't kill you. Get a life!

23. Comment by Paul Wells.

PW

Paul Wells22 hrs ago

Ladies, gentlemen and weirdos?

24. Comment by Allen Graham.

AG

Allen Graham22 hrs ago

I'm offended by folk dancers. Who do I see ?

25. Comment by John Wilson.

JW

John Wilson22 hrs ago

What absolute woke nonsense, not at all surprised to learn at the end of the article that the society was founded in Camden that well known bastion of such rubbish.

26. Comment by Davy Robertson.

DR

Davy Robertson23 hrs ago

I think the correct response is GAFY

27. Comment by Cassandra Cassandra.

CC

Cassandra Cassandra23 hrs ago

The Arts Council should be disbanded. How do I start a petition?

28. Comment by Richard Harris.

RH

Richard Harris23 hrs ago

"to make ceilidhs more inclusive" - oh just foxtrot oscar!

29. Comment by Nick Parker.

NP

Nick Parker23 hrs ago

The 1.6-2% of people who choose not to identify as male or female, could choose not to be offended and accept how 98% plus of the population want to be addressed. As offence can't be given, it can only be taken.

30. Comment by Neil Shave.

NS

Neil Shave23 hrs ago

I opened my mouth to comment but nothing came out.

○ Reply by Allen Graham.

AG

Allen Graham22 hrs ago

Try your other orifice. It should deliver the required response.

31. Comment by Mary Reed.

MR

Mary Reed23 hrs ago

If the folk dancing community cave to this maoist bs then they are fools but I think the people are made of stronger and more sensible stuff.

○ Reply by eirwen thomas.

ET

eirwen thomas22 hrs ago

I find the phrase ' folk dancing community' quite offensive to be honest.

32. Comment by Suzanne Bax.

SB

Suzanne Bax23 hrs ago

Madness with regards to offence-however leads and follows is helpful as often, 2 women are dancing together. I also think it's helpful for women(traditional follower) to take the lead role sometimes. Lead and follow is more sensible.

33. Comment by Nicholas Morley.

NM

Nicholas Morley23 hrs ago

Stop trying to think for trans people. I am sure they will happily adopt either of the pronouns that favours them. EDITED

○ Reply by Cheryl Hallett.

CH

Cheryl Hallett23 hrs ago

Or causes the maximum disruption in defense of their 'rights.'

34. Comment by Bab Boon.

BB

Bab Boon1 day ago

Saying 'ladies and gentlemen' is offensive, folk dancers told

As is saying (typo alert) Luck Off you woke bankers

& yet

both are completely valid

35. Comment by Margaret Chapman.

MC

Margaret Chapman1 day ago

Bad manners reigns! Nothing wrong with saying swing your partner and promenade. How ridiculous. Pandering to the vocal minority.

36. Comment by Chris Davison.

CD

Chris Davison1 day ago

Yet another case of "The Devil making work for idle hands".

37. Comment by Nicholas Redding.

NR

Nicholas Redding 1 day ago

What about the rights of the majority to a sane society?

38. Comment by Nicholas Redding.

NR

Nicholas Redding 1 day ago

Woke cretins.

39. Comment by St Ranger.

SR

St Ranger 1 day ago

two genders, the rest are mental illnesses.

11 older reply

SHOW OLDER REPLIES

○ Reply by Chris Davison.

CD

Chris Davison 1 day ago

I'd grant three: Male, Female and Confused.

○ Reply by eirwen thomas.

ET

eirwen thomas 22 hrs ago

Dandy fashion was all the go, Louis XIV with his ridiculous wig (to hide his baldness) onwards, painted on moles, castrato singers, Beau Brummell ,different tomes but also court dress was not for the peasants it was a class indicator.

40. Comment by Fred Flintstone.

FF

Fred Flintstone 1 day ago

There are two genders. A proportion of each are also delusional. That's their problem, not the rest of us.

○ Reply by Grump Grump.

GG

Grump Grump 1 day ago

There weren't two genders in certain classes for generations, though in-breeding possibly confused those classes.

41. Comment by Grump Grump.

GG

Grump Grump 1 day ago

Lots of centuries-own tradition isn't necessarily a good thing. Women in restrictive garments, elite c abusers, etc.

○ Reply by Grump Grump.

GG


Grump Grump 1 day ago

Calling women ladies can be patronising and dated. Suggests people lah-de-dah.

42. Comment by Penelope Blackburn.

PB

Penelope Blackburn 1 day ago

Oh my gosh!! I've Wo-Ken up in a parallel universe.....

43. Comment by James Holt.

JH

James Holt 1 day ago

Is this another case of a few useful idiots succumbing to the latest tiny minority view. Did they not know that BLM are committed to family breakdown and all based on the death of a drug addled violent criminal. The BLM craze was engendered during Covid lockdowns and was an excuse for the trapped at home to blame someone. Instead of China they chose white people.

○ Reply by Grump Grump.

GG

Grump Grump 1 day ago

But was it formed by a white human rights protester? Such groups often were.

44. Comment by Peter Bates.

PB

Peter Bates 1 day ago

God help us. Insanity rules

45. Comment by Peter Bates.

PB

Peter Bates 1 day ago

God help us ! Insanity rules.

46. Comment by Nick Nack.

NN

Nick Nack 1 day ago

Dont give these people oxygen

o Reply by eirwen thomas.

ET

eirwen thomas 22 hrs ago

Or drums, had enough of their tuneless drumming women.

47. Comment by Terry Alford.

TA

Terry Alford 1 day ago

But there ARE only female and male human beings. Some female humans like to believe they're a cat or something other than what they actually are, but they're still a female human. Likewise with males. They can pretend all they like but they can't alter their state.

48. Comment by Chris Dawson.

CD

Chris Dawson 1 day ago

Second word is off!!!

49. Comment by susan pearce.

SP

susan pearce 1 day ago

As stated to avoid offending a minority, tough the majority don't care.

o Reply by Patrick Meehan.

PM

Patrick Meehan 1 day ago

You're suggesting that callers take on that role and use "L & G" principally to offend a small number of Highly Sensitive Souls? You must be joking.

If H S Souls are offended perhaps they should be excluded or stay away of their own volition; do they have a right to change years and years of normality and tradition?

50. Comment by Mark Cooper.

MC

Mark Cooper 1 day ago

It is remarkable how thoroughly the malignant trans nonsense has taken over every single organisation in the land, especially those in receipt of taxpayer funding. The solution is, as always, first tell them to foxtrot oscar and then withdraw all their funding.

The Vaughan Williams library is important, but can be funded separately and fairly easily.

51. Comment by Thomas James.

TJ

Thomas James 1 day ago

No way am I ever stopping saying ladies and gentlemen. I don't see that it offends anyone.

11 older reply

SHOW OLDER REPLIES

o Reply by Patrick Meehan.

PM

Patrick Meehan 1 day ago

- Mankind's biggest enemy - Man and Woman. EDITED
 - Reply by Grump Grump.
 - GG
 - Grump Grump**1 day ago
 - Text book talking?
- 52. Comment by Finian Manson.
- FM
- Finian Manson**1 day ago
- Utter woke and pc nonsense!
- 53. Comment by Doody Doody-Doody.
- DD
- Doody Doody-Doody**1 day ago
- F
- 54. Comment by Doody Doody-Doody.
- DD
- Doody Doody-Doody**1 day ago
- S
- 55. Comment by William Timkey.
- WT
- William Timkey**1 day ago
- North Germany-the radio newsreader said "good evening ladies and gentlemen"as she had for years, then apologised for the mistake....
- 56. Comment by Ian Perry.
- IP
- Ian Perry**1 day ago
- How about "Ladies, Gentlemen, and self-important, thin-skinned delusionals"?
- Reply by CE Hartridge.
- CH
- CE Hartridge**1 day ago
- Or, Ladies, Gentlemen and imposters?
- Reply by Patrick Meehan.
- PM
- Patrick Meehan**1 day ago
- Good game. L & G and Those Confused.
- 57. Comment by J O'Sullivan.
- JO
- J O'Sullivan**1 day ago
- I take it the new requirement was one of the boxes they had to tick to obtain Arts Council funding.
- 58. Comment by Tad Stone.
- TS
- Tad Stone**1 day ago
- I'm sorry Ladies and Gentlemen but the EFDSS is bonkers.
- 59. Comment by John Hill.
- JH
- John Hill**1 day ago
- Oh stop this nonsense.
- 60. Comment by Iy Mcfarlane.
- IM
- Iy Mcfarlane**1 day ago
- It didn't happen.

Remove it.

Hands over ears.

Not listening.

You are upsetting me

61. Comment by Iy Mcfarlane.

IM

Iy Mcfarlane 1 day ago

What about

D---s

And

Fa----s

62. Comment by Max Power.

MP

Max Power 1 day ago

Trying to cancel traditional British greetings is deeply offensive, EFDSS.

63. Comment by Trish ..

T.

Trish .1 day ago

I thought English folk dancing would be a great thing for the kids. I tried a few celidhs but we stopped. In London at least it seems to be appropriated by "LGBTQ+" new agers who despise it's very origins in culture. EDITED

64. Comment by Stephen Usherwood.

SU

Stephen Usherwood 1 day ago

How about saying, Gentlemen and Ladies?

o Reply by CE Hartridge.

CH

CE Hartridge 1 day ago

The French do!

65. Comment by HC Chappell.

HC

HC Chappell 1 day ago

There are only two biological genders. The rest are sexes

66. Comment by chris danson.

CD

chris danson 1 day ago

Not sure that regulating language is a good thing.

o Reply by Patrick Meehan.

PM

Patrick Meehan 1 day ago

You're not sure?

67. Comment by Jonathan Jacobson.

JJ

Jonathan Jacobson 1 day ago

How about "Ladies, Gentlemen and others"?

68. Comment by Sheh Foo.

SF

Sheh Foo 1 day ago

What a load of rubbish. Please continue with 'ladies and gentlemen'.

69. Comment by Tim Lamb.

TL

Tim Lamb 1 day ago

Originally I thought If some one wants to join a dance group give them a document telling them age old traditional terms that are used so they have the opportunity to give it a miss however I then realized they would go straight to the police social service telling them they are not wanted the owner will be arrested and the dance club sued. What a world we live in how did it come to this.

70. Comment by j leitch.

JL

j leitch1 day ago

Nothing to stop Dolly Mixtures organising their own puff-and-fluff parties/ceilidhs

71. Comment by Denis Keating.

DK

Denis Keating1 day ago

fools and idiots EDITED

72. Comment by John Bradley.

JB

John Bradley1 day ago

What a load of cobblers.

73. Comment by RU Serieux.

RS

RU Serieux1 day ago

Woke is over so do give over.

74. Comment by Robin Jones.

RJ

Robin Jones1 day ago

These people are morons

75. Comment by Graham Tuer.

GT

Graham Tuer1 day ago

The wokeraties should folk off.

○ Reply by RU Serieux.

RS

RU Serieux1 day ago

Hahaha.

76. Comment by Paisly Print.

PP

Paisly Print1 day ago

they don't need to change anything.

the arts council is obviously taking advice on a few 'they' who go around ruining everything. So they don't indentify as either, but then why can't any individual who is non binary, if the situation ever arises, simply assume a gender for the purpose of the dance? That need not offend them. they could understand that it's just a dance and as a non binary identifying person they are free to pick a side. there is only ladies, or gentlemen or variations of. there is no 'it or they' in the dance, so they just pick a team for the purpose of the dance. If you can turn on a light switch you have the capacity to assume a sex gender for the dance, even if they use larks and wrens, or stripes or spots, the person who is neither still has to choose a side don't they. they shouldn't ruin it for everyone else, and as they are not a lark or a wren they still have to decide to take a side and assume they are that which would include males or females..... like the lady in pinned comment said, she's not a male or a gentleman but assumes the role. not hard. EDITED

Read more

○ Reply by Patrick Meehan.

PM

Patrick Meehan1 day ago

"Non-binary" etc are figments of the imagination.

77. Comment by Paul Stevenson.

PS

Paul Stevenson1 day ago

We're heading towards civil war.

78. Comment by John Smith.

JS

John Smith 1 day ago

This rag along with the rest of the media is getting offensive

79. Comment by Chris Buckman.

CB

Chris Buckman 1 day ago

Talk of the tail wagging the dog!!

80. Comment by Joanne Russell.

JR

Joanne Russell 1 day ago

Have they nothing better to do?

81. Comment by Kate Turn.

KT

Kate Turn 1 day ago

You couldn't make it up 🤖🤖

82. Comment by John Hampson.

JH

John Hampson 1 day ago

Strewth!

83. Comment by Margaret Robinson.

MR

Margaret Robinson 1 day ago

Why is it in this benighted country that the indigenous majority are required to assimilate with the tiny minorities rather than the other way round?

Why are the powers that be, whoever they may be, so keen to undermine and ultimately destroy our culture, our nation?

Will someone PLEASE make them explain?

84. Comment by Michele Cameron.

MC

Michele Cameron 1 day ago

Ladies and Gentlemen. What do you think of this silliness?

85. Comment by PETRA CLARE.

PC

PETRA CLARE 1 day ago

I have always found ladies and gentlemen very courteous. EDITED

86. Comment by Lego Land.

LL

Lego Land 1 day ago

Judging by the number of skirts in the photo this is an all female space. Its quite difficult to spot the differences in gender amongst the Caledonians. A bit like robins in the back garden.

○ Reply by Paisly Print.

PP

Paisly Print 1 day ago

a kilt is not a skirt sir Lego, just like a caftan is not a 'dress' and leggings are not pants. wearing a kilt is a mighty sexy thing for a man to do if he has good legs I'll have you know.

○ Reply by Kate Wydra.

KW

Kate Wydra 1 day ago

And healthier, erm, downstairs.

87. Comment by Michael Dale.

MD

Michael Dale1 day ago

EFDSS repudiates its own founder, "he held some offensive opinions, and his writings identify him to have expressed racist views". He was living pre WW1 for goodness sake.

On this basis we need to repudiate our parents, grandparents, great grandparents etc. ad infinitum as I'm sure they were also guilty of similar indiscretions.

This is Orwell being proven to be 100% correct in his 1984 prophecy as to where Marxism leads us - in this case the Asylum.

88. Comment by Ashley Rhodes.

AR

Ashley Rhodes1 day ago

How truly depressing. My sympathies to Ceilidh dancers for having to put up with this woke garbage.

89. Comment by John Adams.

JA

John Adams1 day ago

Minority Genders? What the actual fluke? Honestly, not only are they creating their own nonsense vernacular, they've also missed the memo that we're over this BS now, thanks to Trump.

90. Comment by Duncan McDougall.

DM

Duncan McDougall1 day ago

I see a picture of a lot of lads in kilts at the bar.

Bet you that means the ladies are all partnering each other because the young men are too embarrassed to go on the floor. I've seen it plenty of times.

91. Comment by Helen McG.

HM

Helen McG1 day ago

The Woke are doubling down. Let's hope it's the death throes.

o Reply by Michael Dale.

MD

Michael Dale1 day ago

I think they've just missed the last bus and are now commencing the long march home.

92. Comment by john carberry.

JC

john carberry1 day ago

Best just ignore the idiots, Ladies and Gentlemen is a perfectly acceptable way of introduction.

93. Comment by Basil Smooth.

BS

Basil Smooth1 day ago

Bovine excreta springs to mind.

94. Comment by Felicity Fisher.

FF

Felicity Fisher1 day ago

Ladies and gentlemen might be offended if they're not referred to as such.

95. Comment by Ray Collins.

RC

Ray Collins1 day ago

We are changing this for 0.55% of the population! This is why the left culture wars will fail because normal everyday people see this stuff and think "idiots".

Ladies and Gentlemen has been used for centuries so let it stand as 99.45% of the population support it!

96. Comment by Denis Hayes.

DH

Denis Hayes1 day ago

What utter nonsense. Full stop.

97. Comment by Em Cor.

EC

Em Cor1 day ago

Ignore them, who do they think they are ...the thought police ??

98. Comment by Antonio Molina.

AM

Antonio Molina1 day ago

The dumbing down of society.

99. Comment by jon anon.

JA

jon anon1 day ago

So be offended. Then get over it.

100. Comment by Ian Rubie.

IR

Ian Rubie1 day ago

It's obvious really: "Clowns to the left of me, jokers to the right" should do.

101. Comment by Jane Bernhardt.

JB

Jane Bernhardt1 day ago

And they're doing this in the hope more people will take part?

○ Reply by Mary Humphreys.

MH

Mary Humphreys1 day ago

Cecil Sharp House, the HQ of the English Folk Dance and Song Society (EFDSS) costs a massive amount in upkeep, which means that the organisers have to spend a great deal of time applying for grants from the Arts Council and other funding bodies, all of which have DEI policies embedded.

It is unsurprising that any article designed to make the EFDSS more relevant and visible will publicise its policies concerning gender equality.

This article may make some people more likely to dip a toe in the water of ceilidh dancing. I hope it does.

I would prefer to see more emphasis on including disabled people (blind, hearing impaired, and physically disabled) into dancing, for their health's sake. I suspect there is a bigger proportion of disabled people in the population than gender distressed.

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○ Reply by Duncan McDougall.

DM

Duncan McDougall1 day ago

I have seen one or two people in wheelchairs taking the floor (you need to give them a bit more room on turns, otherwise no problem). But how do you do you deal with somebody who's partially sighted (poor peripheral vision may be an issue) or who is deaf?

Trust me, we have enough issues with people who couldn't hear the caller (or plain weren't listening) without including people who are physically unable to do so.

102. Comment by Lesley Brown.

LB

Lesley Brown1 day ago

Ceilidhs and folk dances are quite different beasts. Ceilidhs dances are rarely called, there are often not enough men so women dance together and a woman in the men's side is totally unremarkable. You're lucky if one pair in a set of 4 pairs actually know the dance. All is chaos.

Reinventing the wheel by using Bands and Bares, Leads and Follows etc sounds twee, patronising and much more offensive than the straightforward Ladies and Gentlemen.

- Reply by Duncan McDougall.

DM

Duncan McDougall1 day ago

I must admit that over the past 30-odd years, the ceilidhs I've been to at least included a walk-through. People knew what they were letting themselves in for before the music started.

As to "one pair in a set" knowing the dance - absolutely not true. Most of the ones I've been to had well over half knowing the dances, and most knowing the basic moves. It doesn't take a lot of experience to do a right hand star or to cast out at the top.

- Reply by Lesley Brown.

LB

Lesley Brown15 hrs ago

We have clearly attended different ceilidhs! Sure there are many disciplined and well behaved ones, serious even, and then there are the rest.

103. Comment by Valerie Currie.

VC

Valerie Currie1 day ago

I really don't understand why people who choose to join a microscopic group of a different gender cannot accept that they are different, that the world doesn't revolve around them, and just try to fit in where they can. No-one presumably wants to go out of their way to give offence to this minority, so why be so sensitive? Grow a backbone.

- Reply by Alan Thomas.

AT

Alan Thomas1 day ago

Apparently because Black Lives Matter say so.. weird.

- Reply by jon anon.

JA

jon anon1 day ago

Or a pair of huge man balls.

104. Comment by Michael Jordan.

MJ

Michael Jordan1 day ago

Ladies to the left, gentlemen to the right, anyone who isn't sure what they are, just make a f...ing mess in the middle. How the hell can you dance like that?

105. Comment by Alan Thomas.

AT

Alan Thomas1 day ago

It will definitely offend majority genders..

106. Comment by Mark Woolley.

MW

Mark Woolley1 day ago

Ladies and Gents is fine. The woke liberals can take a running jump.

107. Comment by Linda Graves.

LG

Linda Graves1 day ago

What's wrong with ladies and gentlemen or boys and girls. I was under the impression that even the trans community consider themselves ladies, gentlemen, boys and girls according to what gender they identify as. There are so any people in this world that just aren't capable of thinking.

- Reply by Deborah Carr.

DC

Deborah Carr1 day ago

Exactly!

108. Comment by Deborah Carr.

DC

Deborah Carr 1 day ago

EH??

So...A trans woman, who therefore identifies as a woman, would feel offended at being called 'lady'?

And... a trans man, who therefore identifies as a man, would feel offended at being called 'gentleman'?

And... a single person who happily attends the dance without a partner, would feel offended by the mention of the word 'partner'?

Have these people had a logic bypass? 'Woke' be blowed! Half asleep bordering on catatonic, more like!

109. Comment by Andrew Bremer.

AB

Andrew Bremer 1 day ago

Truly pathetic

110. Comment by Arqu' Atim.

AA

Arqu' Atim 1 day ago

What does the The Village Green Preservation Society have to say on this matter?

o Reply by Alan Thomas.

AT

Alan Thomas 1 day ago

Preserving the old ways from being abused..

111. Comment by Erithacus Rubecula.

ER

Erithacus Rubecula 1 day ago

The powers that be in this country are so afraid of offending a minority.

They have failed! I feel as if I'm in a minority and I AM offended by this dictat.

112. Comment by christopher hook.

CH

christopher hook 1 day ago

The perversion of normality. Thankfully the tide is changing, we'll look back on this nonsense in disbelief.

113. Comment by C V.

CV

C V 1 day ago

“ The charity has also repudiated its own founder, Cecil Sharp, a leading Edwardian collector of folk songs, because he “held some offensive opinions, and his writings identify him to have expressed racist views”.

“The past is a foreign country they did things differently there.”

I despise this cultural revolution 2.0

114. Comment by Arqu' Atim.

AA

Arqu' Atim 1 day ago

Just tell them to F off.

115. Comment by Erithacus Rubecula.

ER

Erithacus Rubecula 1 day ago

Not saying 'Ladies and Gentlemen' is highly offensive!

116. Comment by Sally Dabb.

SD

Sally Dabb 1 day ago

At the start of every dance perhaps a vote could be held. 'All those in favour of Ladies and Gentlemen please raise you hands.' Pretty sure each vote would be 100% in favour.

o Reply by Mimi Goacher.

MG

Mimi Goacher 1 day ago

Surely it is a private matter what/who people want to identify as ?

What IS important is to be respectful to the individual?

117. Comment by PC Copper.

PC

PC Copper 1 day ago

They really don't look like a gang of transmisics. If that's not what an "ally" looks like then I don't know who does.

118. Comment by George Shelr.

GS

George Shelr 1 day ago

Based in Camden. Says it all.

119. Comment by Sensus Communem.

SC

Sensus Communem 1 day ago

Jesus H Christ. The more they talk, the more they tie themselves up in knots. Just wake up to what you're doing people. Laduesxand gents will be fine as it has been gor hundreds of years. The fear of offending a tiny minority, and they are tiny, means the vast majority are now disadvantaged. I am a gent, full stop. If a trans whatever can be called whatever they want, so can I. I AM MALE SO CALL ME A GENT.....PLEASE!

120. Comment by Freddy Lefrog.

FL

Freddy Lefrog 1 day ago

c'mon folk.....song and dance about nothing.....since when did 0.00001% get to call the tune for everyone else.....

121. Comment by Kerry Puryer.

KP

Kerry Puryer 1 day ago

What a load of BS. Plus if someone single is there on their own why would they worry? They wouldn't be there if it was going to upset them. Stop trying to second guess people's feelings and thoughts. Stop policing our lives and activities. In fact, just wind your neck in and go away!!!

122. Comment by Vought Crusader.

VC

Vought Crusader 1 day ago

Sounds to me boys and girls that you are in cuckoo land, not that many would be interested so bulls and cows, stags and doe's, its, things.....oh and yes the one that nails it.....wierdo's. Jog on

123. Comment by I Eglin.

IE

I Eglin 1 day ago

Don't let them bully you with their woke nonsense.

124. Comment by Lorde Late.

LL

Lorde Late 1 day ago

I wonder what mr Musk would say about it all? Ah yes, go f...

125. Comment by Peter Smith.

PS

Peter Smith 1 day ago

Perhaps they should say, ladies, gentlemen and others then
126. Comment by Penelope Kimber.

PK

Penelope Kimber1 day ago

What are minority genders? Llamas?

127. Comment by alan brown.

AB

alan brown1 day ago

Surely these alternative terms are not llama inclusive and may be banned in the near future to comply with views of our new minister

128. Comment by Robert Leonard.

RL

Robert Leonard1 day ago

Cecil Sharp collected my favourite Cornish folk song, The West Country Way.

Twas sad as what happened to my cousin Jim,

Now somebody threw a tomato at him,

Tomatoes are soft and they don't bruise the skin,

But this ***** did, it was still in the tin.

129. Comment by Capt Kidd.

CK

Capt Kidd1 day ago

People and peoplee ?

130. Comment by nigel hedley.

NH

nigel hedley1 day ago

... how to adapt the Highland sword dance for disabled dancers ... can I imagine wheelchair Morris dancing?

131. Comment by Richard Hardy.

RH

Richard Hardy1 day ago

Warning - don't anyone mention the Gay Gordons!

o Reply by nigel hedley.

NH

nigel hedley1 day ago

... strip the willow could be problematic ...

132. Comment by M E Thompson.

ME

M E Thompson1 day ago

If this edict arises from the ENGLISH Folk Dance Society why are most of the men in the photos wearing skirts. No wonder it is all so confusing.

133. Comment by Morgan Tarn.

MT

Morgan Tarn1 day ago

"Saying 'ladies and gentlemen' is offensive". Good to know that, as I'll now be increasingly using the phrase at every and any opportunity, alongside my now recharged ability to be judgemental.

Life is Good!

134. Comment by Ian Lander.

IL

Ian Lander1 day ago

More PC rubbish. We need Trump over here to squash DIE clap trap.

135. Comment by Peter Shepherd.

PS

Peter Shepherd1 day ago

The Dashing White Sergeant - now a problem on so many levels.

136. Comment by John Menzies.

JM

John Menzies1 day ago

More woke rubbish, time to get real, there are only two sexes, suck it up for heavens sake.

137. Comment by Rob Kemp.

RK

Rob Kemp1 day ago

WHAT? Dear God this has gone too far now.

138. Comment by malcolm osman.

MO

malcolm osman1 day ago

Vaughan Williams would be rolling in his grave...

139. Comment by CJ Thompson.

CT

CJ Thompson1 day ago

For heaven's sake!

AT

140. Comment by Catherine Best.

CB

Catherine Best1 day ago

If they started this at an event I was attending I would ask for a refund and leave.

141. Comment by Graham Donnelly.

GD

Graham Donnelly1 day ago

Surely the very description of folk dancing implies a tradition dating back several generations, To dump on it all these weird safeguards of not using traditional language in case it upsets people seems both anachronistic and frankly bonkers. Perhaps the practitioners of folk dancing could form a new organisation which isn't driven by this madness.

142. Comment by Peter Cox.

PC

Peter Cox1 day ago

Er? If I'm a bloke and wish to identify as a woman - then surely I'd be happy to be called a lady.

This pandering to tiny minority groups, is not 'inclusion' it is 'exclusion'.

o Reply by Rob Kemp.

RK

Rob Kemp1 day ago

Well said Sir. Or have I misgendered you?

143. Comment by Frank Hackett.

FH

Frank Hackett1 day ago

SICK !!!

144. Comment by Grump Grump.

GG

Grump Grump1 day ago

Boom market? People will cancel membership. After all, Last of the Summer Wine is regularly on TV.

145. Comment by Grace Grant.

GG

Grace Grant1 day ago

I hope someone tells these bullies to get lost.

- Reply by john maling.

JM

john maling1 day ago

i bet they all have the surname Pratt.

146. Comment by Jay Randall.

JR

Jay Randall1 day ago

I am offended at the loss of 'Ladies and Gentlemen'.

It elevates all and (should) offend none.

Grow up!

22 older replies

[SHOW OLDER REPLIES](#)

- Reply by G Francis.

GF

G Francis1 day ago

Try telling that to the ladies down our golf club.....

- Reply by My Goodness.

MG

My Goodness1 day ago

This one thinks there is nothing wrong with ladies.

147. Comment by Ian Perry.

IP

Ian Perry1 day ago

"Folk dancing should drop terms like "ladies and gentlemen" to avoid "offending minority genders", a leading music organisation has said."

The presumption that we should bend over backwards to avoid offending "minority genders"* is itself extremely offensive to anyone who understands basic biology and sociability. Why do these twassocks insist on offending everyone else, in order to pander to the oddballs?

* whatever they are...

148. Comment by David Pritchard.

DP

David Pritchard1 day ago

Ladies and Gentlemen, and any other cross dressers or oddities out there...

Is that inclusive enough?

- Reply by Rob Kemp.

RK

Rob Kemp1 day ago

And other fairy tale creatures lol

149. Comment by Andrew Dale.

AD

Andrew Dale1 day ago

In NeoMarxism-diseased Britain it is deemed acceptable to identify as a llama.

150. Comment by Douglas Triddley.

DT

Douglas Triddley1 day ago

Lads and Lasses then, or Cocks and Hens.

151. Comment by John Watson.

JW

John Watson1 day ago

What utter claptrap. IGNORE any instruction to comply.

152. Comment by Andrew Denley.

AD

Andrew Denley 1 day ago

Will this madness never end? I'm offended by anyone who is offended by my male gender!

153. Comment by Gerald Kay.

GK

Gerald Kay 1 day ago

What happened to "my Lords, ladies and gentlemen".

Discriminatory if you ask me.

Mrs. Kay EDITED

○ Reply by Grump Grump.

GG

Grump Grump 1 day ago

Knackers

154. Comment by Cringeworthington Phlerb.

CP

Cringeworthington Phlerb 1 day ago

How about "ladies, gentlemen and p*r*e*ts"

155. Comment by Robert Morgan.

RM

Robert Morgan 1 day ago

Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, Non-Gender Specifics, Ladies that Identify as Men, Men that Identify as Ladies, People that Identify as non-humans take your partners by the hand

○ Reply by Geraldine Leale.

GL

Geraldine Leale 1 day ago

er hang on, not everyone has hands... differently abled etc... partner is non inclusive to single people... take is exploitive and oppressive...

○ Reply by Grace Grant.

GG

Grace Grant 1 day ago

You forgot the Llamas.

They'll show their displeasure by spitting at you! So best include them.

156. Comment by peter tanner.

PT

peter tanner 1 day ago

FFS give it a rest its as if these people are children. Its polite and it's etiquette.

157. Comment by Geraldine Leale.

GL

Geraldine Leale 1 day ago

For God's sake...

158. Comment by Dora Beatriz Ridgway.

DB

Dora Beatriz Ridgway 1 day ago

What a load of nonsense! There are ladies and there are gentlemen and even those who think they are in the wrong body want to belong to one of those categories! Trans women want to be treated like women and trans men want to be treated like men. And those who are even more confused want to belong to both... So "Ladies and Gentlemen" covers everyone !!!

Unless there are any llamas in the group, in which case it doesn't matter because llamas are not bothered by such matters.

159. Comment by Mark Stevens.

MS

Mark Stevens 1 day ago

Ladies and gentlemen, guys and gals: Jim'll Fix It

160. Comment by Aerial View.

AV

Aerial View 1 day ago

Where did it all go wrong?

○ Reply by Jay sandoval.

JS

Jay sandoval 1 day ago

It started in the schools, now the children brainwash program is complete and will spread until every part of the fabric of our society is whitewashed.

○ Reply by Ian Tugwell.

IT

Ian Tugwell 1 day ago

Adam and Eve, with two male children - oops God.

161. Comment by MICHELLE Lewis.

ML

MICHELLE Lewis 1 day ago

Just Keep calm and carry on, @ Telegraph, why do you focus on divisive articles, why not author a real engaging, useful and thoughtful news piece, tut tut.

○ Reply by Grump Grump.

GG

Grump Grump 1 day ago

Yes, the readership they're trying to lure largely doesn't exist today.

○ Reply by Frank Hackett.

FH

Frank Hackett 1 day ago

You obviously have no manners and are totally ignorant of etiquette !!!

162. Comment by John Woodgate.

JW

John Woodgate 1 day ago

I recall being in a dog-themed pub, where the loos were marked 'Setters' and 'Pointers'.

163. Comment by Elizabeth Loome.

EL

Elizabeth Loome 1 day ago

I suppose sticking one finger up to EFDSS will also be offensive ?

164. Comment by A and A Wild.

AA

A and A Wild 1 day ago

Aaaaaaargggh! Ladies, Gentlemen and Alphabet People doesn't have the same ring to it!

165. Comment by John Bolwell.

JB

John Bolwell 1 day ago

Stop this NONSENSE!

166. Comment by Francis Jarvis.

FJ

Francis Jarvis 1 day ago

I'm extremely offended by people disrespecting ladies and gentlemen.

167. Comment by Lord Balfour.

LB

Lord Balfour 1 day ago

The UK goes barmier and barmier. Never mind Sharia law will change all that!

168. Comment by Elaine Macfarlane.

EM

Elaine Macfarlane 1 day ago

Well, as someone who has attended many charitable dancing events over decades, all I can say is that there are a lot of charities that will miss out on contributions when people stay away because of this new guidance.

169. Comment by Philip Whittington.

PW

Philip Whittington 1 day ago

More BS to ignore.

170. Comment by John Shaw.

JS

John Shaw 1 day ago

Talk about making a song and dance about something...

171. Comment by M Burns.

MB

M Burns 1 day ago

EFDSS based in Camden - no surprises there.

172. Comment by Clive Brooks.

CB

Clive Brooks 1 day ago

Other than idiots who identify as hedgehogs and other animals, members of the human race are either born male or female. Everybody can therefore be addressed as Ladies and Gentlemen or Boys and Girls. Even the folk who wish to change gender cannot possibly be 'offended' by the terminology (whichever sex they choose to be). The decision to trumpet this idiocy by the English Folk Dance and Song Society (EFDSS) is not attempting to make centuries-old traditions more "inclusive". It is attempting to publicise its existence as the majority of the population have never heard of it. Come to think of it - we never want to hear of it again!

173. Comment by Grand Panjandrum.

GP

Grand Panjandrum 1 day ago

As a one time Morris dancer, all I can say is the person is a cuckoo's nest.

174. Comment by Robert Carter.

RC

Robert Carter 1 day ago

Woke gone mad. I'm lost for words

175. Comment by Spirit of Thatcher.

SO

Spirit of Thatcher 1 day ago

Benefit claiming weirdos, mentally unbalanced and harbourers of false and constructed victimhood, welcome! EDITED

176. Comment by Bristol Ted.

BT

Bristol Ted 1 day ago

The Arts Council clearly need even fewer breadsticks if they can afford utter waste like this.

(™ Yes, Prime Minister)

177. Comment by Chris Marshall.

CM

Chris Marshall 1 day ago

rollocks

178. Comment by Alison Parsons.

AP

Alison Parsons 1 day ago

Never heard such rubbish in my life

179. Comment by Ron Mutch.

RM

Ron Mutch 1 day ago

Seriously, these people need to get a life (perhaps a real job) don't they have anything better to do than try and emulate BLM which has been removed from cultures everywhere. I find them offensive and should be shut down.

180. Comment by Chris Bolt.

CB

Chris Bolt 1 day ago

Sir, Madam, or Thing!

181. Comment by Pamela Morrison.

PM

Pamela Morrison 1 day ago

This is insane.

182. Comment by Jo Robertson.

JR

Jo Robertson 1 day ago

How about F.O. EDITED

○ Reply by Charles de Freitas.

CD

Charles de Freitas 1 day ago

Those are my pronouns.

183. Comment by PAUL MARTIN.

PM

PAUL MARTIN 1 day ago

Utter cr-p. Ignore the idiots.

184. Comment by BS Whitworth.

BW

BS Whitworth 1 day ago

"to avoid "offending minority genders", Can I have an explanation about these minority genders?

○ Reply by Northern Butterfly.

NB

Northern Butterfly 1 day ago

Well it offends me I am a woman and like to be called lady !

185. Comment by Elsa Renwick.

ER

Elsa Renwick 1 day ago

So just say 'Ladies, Gentlemen and Things'. See how that goes down.

186. Comment by Sir Galahad.

SG

Sir Galahad 1 day ago

If the caller has to name every sex, gender, non binary, asexual etc there would be no time for dancing ffs. This is our culture at risk.

187. Comment by Ted Crilley.

TC

Ted Crilley 1 day ago

Crazy people cancer everywhere!

188. Comment by Steven Haartles.

SH

Steven Haartles 1 day ago

Noted and ignored.

189. Comment by Steven Haartles.

SH

Steven Haartles 1 day ago

Do they have to say Ladies, Gentlemen and (the word that would get this post banned) EDITED

190. Comment by Able Bodies.

AB

Able Bodies 1 day ago

Don't be daft, there is only 'Ladies and Gentlemen'. Anything else is a figment of someone's imagination.

191. Comment by M Halliday.

MH

M Halliday1 day ago

Just how inclusive is dancing anyway?

192. Comment by Alistair Mackay.

AM

Alistair Mackay1 day ago

How have these woke idiots ever got into a position where they can make these announcements?

It's time the majority took back control and allowed sanity to return. EDITED

193. Comment by Trevor Hayes.

TH

Trevor Hayes1 day ago

What ridiculous nonsense.

194. Comment by Cheryl Hallett.

CH

Cheryl Hallett1 day ago

Is b.l.cks offensive also?

195. Comment by John Beswick.

JB

John Beswick1 day ago

What is the country coming to. Complete BS.

196. Comment by alison nelson.

AN

alison nelson1 day ago

Why dont they just folk off

197. Comment by Andrew Jon.

AJ

Andrew Jon1 day ago

The EFDSS can EFOFF

198. Comment by Chris Overill.

CO

Chris Overill1 day ago

So is "folk dancers". Should be "mammalian terpsichorists".

199. Comment by Deja Vu.

DV

Deja Vu1 day ago

they can stick their 'guidance' where the sun doesn't shine and better they create "safe spaces" for easily offended people to meet others likewise - I am sure they will have a ball

200. Comment by Happy Warrior.

HW

Happy Warrior1 day ago

They're making a song and dance over it

201. Comment by Graham Hall.

GH

Graham Hall1 day ago

What role does the The English Folk Dance and Song Society have in Scotland?

202. Comment by Derek Clews.

DC

Derek Clews1 day ago

Who exactly is it offensive to? And why are such idiots?

203. Comment by Kevin James Peel.

KJ

Kevin James Peel1 day ago

Really? Wow ,woke gone crazy. Don't they read the news any more XX = Male ,YY = Female ,Y Y Y Delia.

204. Comment by Pamela Wakeling.

PW

Pamela Wakeling1 day ago

I AM A LADY , FEMALE , WOMAN

205. Comment by Graham Hall.

GH

Graham Hall1 day ago

I feel terribly sorry if non binary people can't be flexible enough to adjust to Ladies and Gentlemen - they've heard the phrase throughout the childhood and adult life.

○ Reply by Deja Vu.

DV

Deja Vu1 day ago

they are offensively arrogantly assuming we all need to bend to their whims, this is passive aggression and we all should be mightily offended

206. Comment by Gillian Grant.

GG

Gillian Grant1 day ago

How about plonkers and non-plonkers, oh sorry that will confuse them even more

207. Comment by Pedro Henry.

PH

Pedro Henry1 day ago

Why are we giving time to the people who want to tell us what to do? Its a simple case of Yankee Foxtrot Oscar.

208. Comment by Graham Hall.

GH

Graham Hall1 day ago

how about trousers and non trousers - that would work well i think!

11 older reply

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○ Reply by Graham Hall.

GH

Graham Hall1 day ago

it would mix them up well though!

○ Reply by Peter Fraser.

PF

Peter Fraser1 day ago

Or in Scots - "Breeks and Nae Breeks"...

209. Comment by Malcolm Sargent.

MS

Malcolm Sargent1 day ago

So it's ok to offend the majority of the only 2 real genders but not a plonker who wants to identify as a llama EDITED

210. Comment by Paul Kiver.

PK

Paul Kiver1 day ago

'based in Camden' tells you all you need to know; possibly the highest proportion of woke weirdos per head of population with the exception of Brighton.

○ Reply by W Sewell.

WS

W Sewell1 day ago

Ah, London on Sea! Avoid at all costs. They have to take us screaming to the main hospital there, we all try to stay at the local hospitals.

211. Comment by Stewart Knight.

SK

Stewart Knight1 day ago

This is the problem, you bend the knee once and they expect you to everytime. Ladies and Gentleman is not offensive and if you're offended you need to grow up.

- Reply by Paul Kiver.

PK

Paul Kiver1 day ago

If you are offended - be offended.

212. Comment by W Sewell.

WS

W Sewell1 day ago

And there are lots of folk in niqabs dancing around the highlands ?

213. Comment by Dave Yates.

DY

Dave Yates1 day ago

What a load of unadulterated b##**x. Centuries of tradition being pushed to one side to accommodate a tiny minority who seemingly dont know their a**e from their elbow.

214. Comment by Richard Willis.

RW

Richard Willis1 day ago

Wokery will fall!

215. Comment by Gilbert Hall.

GH

Gilbert Hall1 day ago

Have the EFDSS been pushed into this by the Arts Council? I wouldn't be surprised.

216. Comment by David Jamieson.

DJ

David Jamieson1 day ago

I am sick to death of all this woke nonsense

217. Comment by W Sewell.

WS

W Sewell1 day ago

Foxtrot Oscar! It is English greeting even in Scotland . Ignore these arrogant Stasi and just carry on!

218. Comment by Dev Ad.

DA

Dev Ad1 day ago

Safe space definition: An enclosed area where everybody agrees and enthusiastically participates in quasi- religious gender ideology. Any mention of reality is strictly forbidden due to the severe danger it poses.

219. Comment by Roy Stall.

RS

Roy Stall1 day ago

What next - the Royal Mail being renamed the Royal Persons??

220. Comment by David Archer.

DA

David Archer1 day ago

Ladies and gentlemen i announce the world has gone barking mad

221. Comment by Paul Kiver.

PK

Paul Kiver1 day ago

For a minority of how many? Is there a Gaelic equivalent of the old English FO that these idiots would understand?

222. Comment by M Gudenian.

MG

M Gudenian1 day ago

"Ladies and gentleman" has been used for centuries, has a polite, well-mannered ring to it, and I for one shall always use it.

223. Comment by Richard Williams.

RW

Richard Williams1 day ago

Yet again the utter stupidity is cloaked in anonymity, The report that " A leading music organisation has said" is incorrect someone has said or written . So exactly who did so?

With almost daily examples of moronic woke edicts the DT always fails to identify those responsible , allowing it to continue unchecked, .

224. Comment by The Thunderer.

TT

The Thunderer1 day ago

These people just aren't very bright, so humour them.

o Reply by Jill Davidson.

JD

Jill Davidson1 day ago

I think that's what they want. We'd best ignore them as hard as we can.

225. Comment by Robert Catesby.

RC

Robert Catesby1 day ago

Remove funding and charitable status from EFDSS. They are a disgrace.

226. Comment by Pauline Williams.

PW

Pauline Williams1 day ago

This country is getting worse each day

227. Comment by James Procter.

JP

James Procter1 day ago

when will this BS end- its so fing tedious

228. Comment by Diego Breuer.

DB

Diego Breuer1 day ago

I am surprised that an intelligent newspaper like the Telegraph wastes any page space talking about these idiots.

229. Comment by Ivor Stuart.

IS

Ivor Stuart1 day ago

It isn't to me. A pox on this woke stuff and the fragile snowflakes who are chronically offended.

There are two pronouns to me (with their respective declensions). [Edit: 3, if you include 'it'] EDITED

230. Comment by Simon Warde.

SW

Simon Warde1 day ago

Ensuring the death of tradition

o Reply by Ivor Stuart.

IS

Ivor Stuart1 day ago

There'll be a backlash sooner or later.

231. Comment by Ronald Barnes.

RB

Ronald Barnes1 day ago

Why would a gentleman who identifies as a lady object?

232. Comment by Jayne Charles.

JC

Jayne Charles1 day ago

Crikey stop the world, I want to get off.

233. Comment by Jill Davidson.

JD

Jill Davidson1 day ago

What a load of old codswallop.

234. Comment by Grenville Gifford.

GG

Grenville Gifford1 day ago

Just out of interest does the society have a safeguarding officer on a five-figure salary and a diversity and equality lead on similar salary?

235. Comment by Denis Ovan.

DO

Denis Ovan1 day ago

It's "guidance". Ignore it!

236. Comment by Steve Dyson.

SD

Steve Dyson1 day ago

Ladies, gentlemen and transvestites. job done.

○ Reply by Pat KIng.

PK

Pat KIng1 day ago

Or as written into a Dr Who episode 20 years ago

Ladies, gentlemen, mixed sex, undecided and robots

What foresight that script writer had

237. Comment by C Erskine.

CE

C Erskine1 day ago

I do care if people are offended by "Ladies and gentlemen". I want them to be offended. I want them to be hurt and disappear up their...

238. Comment by Liz Allen.

LA

Liz Allen1 day ago

What a load of rubbish. Why must we always cater for the minority?

○ Reply by Paul Kiver.

PK

Paul Kiver1 day ago

Don't. They either comply with the majority or sling their hooks.

239. Comment by Bruce Squires.

BS

Bruce Squires1 day ago

Dancers should be prepared to accept no as an answer to a request to dance, good god If i had been upset at the number of girls that refused me prior to marriage i should by now be a screaming lunatic

240. Comment by Zig Zag.

ZZ

Zig Zag1 day ago

I really couldn't care less if someone's offended at the use of ladies and gentlemen

241. Comment by Robert Leonard.

RL

Robert Leonard1 day ago

I know I haven't been paying attention but to hear Cecil Sharp has been cancelled is a bit of a jolt. Cecil Sharp house was the centre of middle class leftie right-on wokeness back in the sixties.

242. Comment by Ian Woodier.

IW

Ian Woodier 1 day ago

Let the 'others' self-identify as ladies or gentlemen. If they walk out they'll not be missed.

243. Comment by James Lerche.

JL

James Lerche 1 day ago

Now come on ladies and gentlemen let's calm down here. More idiocy from idiots. The individuals who are calling for this can do what they like but I won't be dictated to or influenced by such nonsense.

244. Comment by Steve Brown.

SB

Steve Brown 1 day ago

I suspect much of this lunacy is driven by subsidised organisations like dance groups desperately trying to think up ways to meet the 'diversity' requirements of the taxpayer funded bodies like the Arts Council which hand out their grants. EDITED

245. Comment by Oliver Cromwell.

OC

Oliver Cromwell 1 day ago

You couldn't make this up.

o Reply by William Doran.

WD

William Doran 1 day ago

You don't have to as others are turning the make believe into reality !

246. Comment by Peter Jarman.

PJ

Peter Jarman 1 day ago

Just ignore the advice and carry on as usual. If anyone does start this nonsense walk out.

247. Comment by Grenville Gifford.

GG

Grenville Gifford 1 day ago

I wonder how inclusive they are towards wheelchair users and people with dementia to name just two miniorities the society seem to have overlook?

248. Comment by roger macey.

RM

roger macey 1 day ago

What a pile of woke rubbish - how stupid can these idiots be !

249. Comment by Kevin Hampson.

KH

Kevin Hampson 1 day ago

More EDI madness. Traditions should not be thrown away to apease a mentally ill minority.

250. Comment by Do Bre.

DB

Do Bre 1 day ago

This line of thought has long since been replaced with common sense!

251. Comment by Scott Po.

SP

Scott Po 1 day ago

I find this utter woke bollards offensive!

252. Comment by Aero Ads.

AA

Aero Ads 1 day ago

The best would be to just stop this activity entirely - you'll not be able to not offend someone. Plain bonkers!

253. Comment by R oden.

RO

R oden 1 day ago

Once again there's no call for this (no pun intended) yet it has come from where exactly and by whom?

Seems unlikely the EFDSS thought of it themselves. EDITED

254. Comment by Elizabeth McKenzie.

EM

Elizabeth McKenzie 1 day ago

Oh my god what is wrong with these people 😞

255. Comment by Neil Burr.

NB

Neil Burr 1 day ago

Yawn..

256. Comment by Not Woke.

NW

Not Woke 1 day ago

F fs I thought this woke drivel was on its way out,oh yeah I forgot I live in kneeler's world not the Donald's.

257. Comment by William Johnson.

WJ

William Johnson 1 day ago

Once again another load of absolutely b.o.ola.cks

258. Comment by Feather Head.

FH

Feather Head 1 day ago

Who was it said that you should try everything once except incest and folk dancing?

259. Comment by Roger Spencer.

RS

Roger Spencer 1 day ago

There are no such things as 'minority genders' to be offended.

260. Comment by R Falconer.

RF

R Falconer 1 day ago

I don't get. If you are a man who thinks your a woman you won't mind being called a lady. The same if you are a woman who thinks you're a man you will love being called a gentleman. Ladies, gentlemen win win.

261. Comment by Lindsay Davis.

LD

Lindsay Davis 1 day ago

FGS... ignore the Lunatics!!!

Carry on using " Ladies and Gentlemen"... you know it makes sense!! Stand up for what you instinctively know is right .

The Faceless Maniacs have no right to tell the rest of us what to say and do,

...and the sooner they realise that, the better.

262. Comment by Feather Head.

FH

Feather Head 1 day ago

I'd love to say that this wasn't predictable but unfortunately....they have already insisted that Border Morris Teams use different colours on their faces rather than black in case it offends, and, of course all racist terms have been removed from folk songs (which seems justified in this day and age) just heaven forbid if women object to songs about violence to women such as Twa Magicians (rape), Shepherd's Daughter (rape and forced marriage to rapist) and Lucy Wan (incest and murder), then we are trying to tamper with tradition and have no sense of humour. If they are

going to keep these songs, they should also keep 'blacked up' morris teams and ladies and gentlemen for calling. And why on earth Larks and Robins and which is supposed to be which of those?

- Reply by Mary Humphreys.

MH

Mary Humphreys 1 day ago

But we do have ample cross-dressing in the Female Drummer, the Female Cabinboy and , in the other direction, The Duke of Athol's Nurse.

263. Comment by emma maiden.

EM

emma maiden 1 day ago

I thought this gender nonsense was on the way out?

- Reply by Not Woke.

NW

Not Woke 1 day ago

Not in kneeler's world.

264. Comment by Bob Allen.

BA

Bob Allen 1 day ago

Britain still suffering from the cancer that is "trans".

- Reply by Anthony Baron.

AB

Anthony Baron 1 day ago

Look at the article. "Arts Council", "Camden" etc tell you all you need to know.

Blessed are those who live outside the M25.

265. Comment by concerned citizen.

CC

concerned citizen 1 day ago

you couldn't write it. It will take years but all these people whom have embraced the woke virus and are trying dictate this nonsense, need to be removed from whatever role of power they have. Whether in Charities, public or private companies/organisations. They are trying to impose an ideology on the vast majority which is dangerous as well as stark raving mad. For that, none of them should be trusted to have power again.

266. Comment by M M Arnold.

MM

M M Arnold 1 day ago

What a load of woke codswallop! Do we also include those who are physically, visionary and audibly impaired too. Notwithstanding, I would be offended by not addressing the vast majority of people who they should be respectfully addressed, as ladies & gentlemen - but then in this woke world, the majority don't get a look in; they can be easily offended and if so - tough on them!



267. Comment by Nicola Everitt.

NE

Nicola Everitt 1 day ago

There is a simple solution, just ignore it and carry on as before. The sooner we call out this nonsense, the sooner it will disappear.

268. Comment by Freeze Peach.

FP

Freeze Peach 1 day ago

What about 'gorgeous' or 'sweetheart?'.

269. Comment by Ver Cr.

VC

Ver Cr 1 day ago

I can see why the bureaucrats are confused. The chaps are wearing skirts and the women sometimes wear trousers.

Awfully difficult to tick the right box when the guidance is so fluid

270. Comment by robert hope.

RH

robert hope1 day ago

This has to be one of the wokeist of woke organisations. Stated 'recent activities' on their website includes:

"Providing vocal opposition to attempts by white supremacists to appropriate folk dance for their racist agenda".

I do not normally associate white supremacists with folk dancing. Maybe I need to get out more.

○ Reply by Feather Head.

FH

Feather Head1 day ago

Why do you think it's called the efdSS?

○ Reply by Glyn Luff.

GL

Glyn Luff1 day ago

Is it worn on the collar?

271. Comment by Glyn Luff.

GL

Glyn Luff1 day ago

I think they miss the point! If dancing they either take the male or the female part as is the Folk custom. The call thus indicates who goes where and is thus directional. Obscure or late call will eventually void the dance. Come on chaps grow up and just dance.

272. Comment by Liz Oldfield.

LO

Liz Oldfield1 day ago

In years to come, there will be people sitting with their grandchildren, telling them really funny things about sort of the things that happened when they were young. "And at one point, there were even some really weird people who said that it was rude to call poeple ladies and gentlemen!!!" "Granny you have got to be joking - did that honestly happen?" "Yes, honestly, it really did." "What happened to them?" "Well, in the end they realised they were just being silly and they shut up."

273. Comment by The Old Brigadier.

TO

The Old Brigadier1 day ago

At some point I'm not actually going to know what people are talking about, or what I may or not say.

○ Reply by Glyn Luff.

GL

Glyn Luff1 day ago

This old Corporal has already arrived on that parade!

274. Comment by Giles Morgan.

GM

Giles Morgan1 day ago

Would telling the EFDSS to Folk Off be considered rude?

275. Comment by Jim Scarratt.

JS

Jim Scarratt1 day ago

Can you hear that? It's the sound of laughter at this nonsense. Get a grip!

276. Comment by Jimmy Bizzo.

JB

Jimmy Bizzo1 day ago

More boIlocks brought to us by the perpetually wrong.

277. Comment by Jan Ware.

JW

Jan Ware1 day ago

Mr.W.: Donald/ Donna , where's yer troosers?"

278. Comment by Tim Gustard.

TG

Tim Gustard1 day ago

Surely if someone identifies as a trans man he wants to be called a man or a gentleman and vice versa.

279. Comment by Alex Carnes.

AC

Alex Carnes1 day ago

I thought we were stopping this nonsense?

280. Comment by William Taylor.

WT

William Taylor1 day ago

Then saying 'Hi Guys' when my husband and I walk into a pub/restaurant etc. (he wear a dress and I don't look like a man) doesn't matter if we are 'offended'?

Mrs WJT

○ Reply by William Taylor.

WT

William Taylor1 day ago

Oops my husband does not wear a dress!

Mrs WJT

281. Comment by Malcolm Sargent.

MS

Malcolm Sargent1 day ago

What the chuff is a minority gender. There are but two genders and they are generally equally split

○ Reply by Ver Cr.

VC

Ver Cr1 day ago

I believe it relates to some sort of amoeba

282. Comment by Michael Cooke.

MC

Michael Cooke1 day ago

Offence is taken not given - what about considering the overwhelming majority

283. Comment by Ver Cr.

VC

Ver Cr1 day ago

I find the term "Arts Council" offensive.

For one it rarely covers arts and for second the term council suggests collaboration and a considered view. The increasing propensity to reflect the view of the minority obviates the term council.

Please use the term "Human Non-Productive Activity Results Directives" in future

284. Comment by Mariette Hubert.

MH

Mariette Hubert1 day ago

Really???? Well, it's not offensive to me!

285. Comment by Robert Thomson.

RT

Robert Thomson1 day ago

Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boy covers the full range of diversty.

- Reply by Brian Green.

BG

Brian Green1 day ago

Ah but are you a lady or a gentleman? More questions than answers

286. Comment by My Goodness.

MG

My Goodness1 day ago

6 Jan 2023 — 48,000 (0.10%) identified as a trans man. 48,000 (0.10%) identified as a trans woman. 30,000 (0.06%) identified as non-binary. 18,000 (0.04).

So we are supposed to pander to 0.26% of the population.

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- Reply by Robert Thomson.

RT

Robert Thomson1 day ago

It seems that Conservative and Socialist governments find it easier to legislate for the 0.2% than to deal with the major issues facing the 99.8%.

- Reply by Brian Green.

BG

Brian Green1 day ago

Or are you a red or a blue, city or united etc etc

287. Comment by Liz Ford.

LF

Liz Ford1 day ago

Good grief. Talk about squeezing any last ounce of pleasure out of a once fun and innocent activity. Oops - am I allowed to say "fun" and "innocent"?

- Reply by Mariette Hubert.

MH

Mariette Hubert1 day ago

No. The police will be arriving to lead you away in cuffs.

288. Comment by Richard Freer.

RF

Richard Freer1 day ago

I had to laugh at the alternative titles suggested instead of ladies and gentlemen, in particular "leads and follows"! Can you imagine the wall of sound from the sisterhood if anyone dared assume they followed a man's lead? Hilarious...

289. Comment by Jan Ware.

JW

Jan Ware1 day ago

Mr.W.: Some people really need to get a life. What a load of nonsense.

290. Comment by Liz Oldfield.

LO

Liz Oldfield1 day ago

Last time I attended a ceilidh there were not that many trans people there from what I recall. If they carry on with this stupidity there soon won't be any heterosexual people either.

291. Comment by Susan Lundie.

SL

Susan Lundie1 day ago

Awa an boil yer heed!

As sane sensible Scots would say.

Stupid fools!

292. Comment by Lester Jester.

LJ

Lester Jester1 day ago

From the photos they look like a pretty progressive lot to me...The blokes are wearing skirts.

293. Comment by Angry people click.

AP

Angry people click1 day ago

Ooh that will bring them/hes/shes flocking in...

294. Comment by Paul Kersey.

PK

Paul Kersey1 day ago

Perhaps the only way to stop this nonsense is for taxpayer funding to be cut for any organisation that pursues these woke agendas. Trouble is the government agencies dishing out the money are of the same mindset.

o Reply by Tony Griffiths.

TG

Tony Griffiths1 day ago

For that we have to vote Reform - or become part of the USA.

295. Comment by My Goodness.

MG

My Goodness1 day ago

Don't trans folk of either persuasion refer to themselves and ladies and gentlemen? I bet Dr Upton refers to himself as a lady!

o Reply by Mariette Hubert.

MH

Mariette Hubert1 day ago

Perish the thought. A lady he is not.

296. Comment by Martin Mitchell.

MM

Martin Mitchell1 day ago

Check out the EFDSS homepage.

<https://www.efdss.org/>

You might assume from it the E stands for Ethiopia or Ecuador.

297. Comment by Barbara Murphy.

BM

Barbara Murphy1 day ago

I would ignore this woke rubbish. Nothing wrong with Ladies and Gentlemen. If you are offended sod off.

298. Comment by Hilary Deighton.

HD

Hilary Deighton1 day ago

What would replace the courteous standard of 'Ladies and Gentlemen'? It is dignified, pleasant and correct - given that there will only be men and women present, because those are the standard models human beings come in, unless someone brings a tolerant dog. Anything else would certainly EXclude me.

299. Comment by Phil Boyce.

PB

Phil Boyce1 day ago

Ladies and Gentlemen...the rest can do one!

300. Comment by Another Subscriber.

AS

Another Subscriber1 day ago

I'm offended by this assumption that some weirdos may be offended by polite talk. More woke idiots whose best course of action would have been to do nothing but who now looks like complete morons. EDITED

301. Comment by My Goodness.
MG
My Goodness 1 day ago
Is there any evidence whatsoever that anyone has ever been offended by the terms that have been used for centuries?
302. Comment by Derick Sutton.
DS
Derick Sutton 1 day ago
This world gets crazier by the day. All those who think that they may be offended at these gatherings should stay away so that the rest of the 99.9% of the population can have a great time. What do you think “ladies and gentlemen?”
303. Comment by Tony Griffiths.
TG
Tony Griffiths 1 day ago
You know, sometimes, just sometimes, I wish Putin was in charge here if only to watch the agony of these fools who think that there is such a thing as "minority genders". The English Folk Dance and Song Society (EFDSS) sounds as though it considers it would be a lot safer if dances were just not held at all. EDITED
304. Comment by Graham Willis.
GW
Graham Willis 1 day ago
I think there is a good chance that this advice could get ignored
305. Comment by Henry Zhang.
HZ
Henry Zhang 1 day ago
“Larks and Robins” somehow sounds far more offensive, if “ladies and gentlemen” should be offensive at all. There was a time when parents would say “birds and bee”... oops
306. Comment by David Quinn.
DQ
David Quinn 1 day ago
The sooner I can retire to a desert island the better.
307. Comment by John Kenyon.
JK
John Kenyon 1 day ago
Nobody gives a damn how offended I am about this.
- Reply by Hilary Deighton.
HD
Hilary Deighton 1 day ago
We do!
 - Reply by John Kenyon.
JK
John Kenyon 1 day ago
Ah, thank you :-)
308. Comment by Mark Elliott.
ME
Mark Elliott 1 day ago
Following the Dr Who path of how to alienate and irritate people. What proportion of their enthusiasts are gender deluded or coloured?
309. Comment by Stephen Cox.
SC
Stephen Cox 1 day ago
😄👉 You couldn't make it up.
310. Comment by Andy Smith.
AS
Andy Smith 1 day ago
Oh please f o with this nonsense.

311. Comment by Lord Evil Nasty Plum.

LE

Lord Evil Nasty Plum1 day ago

When will this crap end?

312. Comment by Colin Chapman.

CC

Colin Chapman1 day ago

The English Folk Dance and Song Society (EFDSS) is attempting to make centuries-old traditions more "inclusive"...why, ya wallies! EDITED

313. Comment by ronald scotchbrook.

RS

ronald scotchbrook1 day ago

Just ignore this nonsense.

314. Comment by Jay Park.

JP

Jay Park1 day ago

OK

How about this...

My wife and I are offended by your decision, what is your plan to address our distress.

315. Comment by Maddog Bullerbits.

MB

Maddog Bullerbits1 day ago

Rather declare 'War on Weird' like they have in the US. You'll get more takers.

316. Comment by M Ross.

MR

M Ross1 day ago

Just as an aside it is the English Folf Dance and Song Society and, unless it has recently changed its emblem is a form of cross made out of wooden swords as used in a particular form of dance tradition. (sorry, I know the emblem and the dance have specific names which I cannot remember)

My point is, why is every photo used here showing an obvious Scottish gathering.?

o Reply by KayGee Bee.

KB

KayGee Bee1 day ago

Maybe they are all Ladeez!

317. Comment by Beth Dutton.

BD

Beth Dutton1 day ago

Here's an idea. How about including 99.99% of the population?

318. Comment by Rob Paton.

RP

Rob Paton1 day ago

Who are these people producing this nonsense? You know we can all just say no right? What's going to happen?

319. Comment by Dixie Normous.

DN

Dixie Normous1 day ago

"Welcome everyone, happy holidays"

What's wrong with that.

lol

320. Comment by Frankie Caton.

FC

Frankie Caton 1 day ago

As a pilot, I've been welcoming people on board with the phrase "Ladies and Gentlemen" for over 30 years. No plans to change that any time soon. (P.S. I don't work for British Airways or Virgin) EDITED

○ Reply by M Ross.

MR

M Ross 1 day ago

Great to hear Frankie. Please don't change

○ Reply by David Keen.

DK

David Keen 1 day ago

On our many holiday flights, the opening words to welcome folk are "Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls". And it has always set a good tone for the flight, whether given by pilots or by cabin crew.

321. Comment by Peter Mac.

PM

Peter Mac 1 day ago

"Take your partners, Dos a Dos,

Lift your Kilts and

Whaddah you know !" 18th C, attrib.

322. Comment by Simon Lucas.

SL

Simon Lucas 1 day ago

Oh please, how can saying ladies and gentlemen offend anyone unless they are actively looking to be offended. Give all this woke nonsense a break.

323. Comment by Emlyn Jay.

EJ

Emlyn Jay 1 day ago

How about "Ladies and Gentlemen, and any other people' ?

○ Reply by Neil Martin.

NM

Neil Martin 1 day ago

Any other things?

324. Comment by Rodrigo Ribeiro Nascimento.

RR

Rodrigo Ribeiro Nascimento 1 day ago

Britain's becoming the spot for these people! lucky the Americans who elected Trump! go on Farage

325. Comment by P A TURNER.

PA

P A TURNER 1 day ago

EFDSS "advice" was written by who? Was it a po-faced, holier than thou, snooping racial/gender activist with a social problem? Possibly. EDITED

326. Comment by Brian Davies.

BD

Brian Davies 1 day ago

Why am I not allowed to be offended when they use gender free language?

I am old. I belong to the generation when only family and close friends used your Christian name. Usually I am pretty relaxed about how I am addressed but when I read this nonsense I immediately revert type.

So, English Folk Dance and Song Society, Speak to me politely or hold your peace (another term from a bygone age).

327. Comment by John Cartlidge.

JC

John Cartlidge 1 day ago

What a bunch of 'wokey' snowflakes !

328. Comment by Bill Hinge.

BH

Bill Hinge 1 day ago

Are they still allowed to dance the Gay Gordons or is something else now?

329. Comment by Richard Morgan.

RM

Richard Morgan 1 day ago

Liz Morgan, I am getting really really tired of this joyless po faced nonsense. No wonder young people are miserable.

o Reply by Dixie Normous.

DN

Dixie Normous 1 day ago

Who's Liz Morgan by the way?

330. Comment by Ken Hodcroft.

KH

Ken Hodcroft 1 day ago

Good evening XX and YY Chromosomes .(?)

331. Comment by Jay Harper.

JH

Jay Harper 1 day ago

What a load of rollox.

o Reply by Fraser Dodds.

FD

Fraser Dodds 1 day ago

you beat me to it, by one minute!!

332. Comment by Echo Delta.

ED

Echo Delta 1 day ago

They are a minority so irrelevant. Should the minority view overrule the majority?

333. Comment by Dixie Normous.

DN

Dixie Normous 1 day ago

I think the world has reached "peak woke".

Hopefully things will improve from now on EDITED

334. Comment by Peter Jackson.

PJ

Peter Jackson 1 day ago

Woke twaddle

335. Comment by Dixie Normous.

DN

Dixie Normous 1 day ago

This is just a wind up...

... isn't it?

336. Comment by Joe Bangles.

JB

Joe Bangles 1 day ago

And with such pronouncements, watch folk music die. To be honest it died with the awful Mumford & Sons and similar bowler hat and waistcoat nu-folk bands 15 years ago.

337. Comment by Paul Butler.

PB

Paul Butler 1 day ago

Madness.

338. Comment by Jeremy Hobbs.

JH

Jeremy Hobbs 1 day ago

Is there no end to this woke nightmare ?

○ Reply by Cynthia Sherborne.

CS

Cynthia Sherborne 1 day ago

No, the bossy self righteous prigs will always be with us.

○ Reply by William McManus.

WM

William McManus 1 day ago

There is. Just don't engage with in. Why change your beliefs because of a minority? No one can force you to use a pronouns etc.

Mrs Mc

339. Comment by Ken Hodcroft.

KH

Ken Hodcroft 1 day ago

Crap

340. Comment by William McManus.

WM

William McManus 1 day ago

More woke nonsense 🤔. Just keep saying 'Ladies & Gentlemen' if they don't like it, they can folk off!!

Mrs Mc

341. Comment by David Holden.

DH

David Holden 1 day ago

Good evening XXs and XYs.

342. Comment by K C Ludwig.

KC

K C Ludwig 1 day ago

Well Ladies and Gentlemen. Please ignore this complete and utter twaddle from the usual no-hopers.

343. Comment by Andrew Isherwood.

AI

Andrew Isherwood 1 day ago

Dumb. Dumb. Dumb.

344. Comment by Mark One.

MO

Mark One 1 day ago

Im very offended that they are trying to ban saying Ladies and Gents. No one cares about the majority.

345. Comment by Beth Dutton.

BD

Beth Dutton 1 day ago

Offensive to who? More inclusive for whom?

346. Comment by Katherine Carr.

KC

Katherine Carr 1 day ago

(Edward Carr)

Oh for goodness sake; every day that goes by this gets more and more stupid. If you take offence at this then you are so sensitive that you need wrapping in cotton wool and locking away for your own self protection The world is a harsh and unforgiving place; get used to it.

347. Comment by peter delamothe.

PD

peter delamothe 1 day ago

Those desperate to ruin a fun evening and the rest?

348. Comment by Annie Thorne.

AT

Annie Thorne 1 day ago

What a load of Keep saying ladies and gentlemen.

349. Comment by The Crusader.

TC

The Crusader 1 day ago

Time to stop this nonsense. Frankly it's getting all rather boring. People should be able to say what they want and to whom they want. If people wish to take offence, that's up to them. Unless violence or other crime is incited, there the matter should rest.

350. Comment by Brian Hunt.

BH

Brian Hunt 1 day ago

Folk off to that. Folk music and dance comes from working people, not Islington wokesters.

351. Comment by M Halliday.

MH

M Halliday 1 day ago

Trousers and skirts?

o Reply by Canute Turner.

CT

Canute Turner 1 day ago

Since the accompanying picture shows men in kilts, you can see that's not going to fly.

(and before any Scots take offence, they are not wearing trousers) EDITED

352. Comment by Canute Turner.

CT

Canute Turner 1 day ago

What's wrong with ladies and gentlemen? People who feel their genetic gender doesn't tally with their psychological gender can just assume they are being referred to by the label they like.

353. Comment by Nihil Aeternum.

NA

Nihil Aeternum 1 day ago

Sheer nonsense.

354. Comment by John BR.

JB

John BR 1 day ago

OK. Let's use IMs and Ers

355.

356. Comment by Rod Hunt.

RH

Rod Hunt 1 day ago

....and they wonder why people take the piss about their activities.

357. Comment by George STEEL.

GS

- George STEEL** 1 day ago
Utter and absolute BS.
358. Comment by Andy Lee.
AL
Andy Lee 1 day ago
Again, pandering to a minority
- Reply by Holger Hartmann.
HH
Holger Hartmann 1 day ago
Offensive to pandas.
359. Comment by Derek shepherd.
DS
Derek shepherd 1 day ago
What a load of rubbish Ladies and Gentlemen ALWAYS
360. Comment by Alison Brown.
AB
Alison Brown 1 day ago
Time to start a new club then, because it works both ways.
361. Comment by Holger Hartmann.
HH
Holger Hartmann 1 day ago
Surely 'Comrades' accompanied by a clenched fist salute could offend no one?
- Reply by Canute Turner.
CT
Canute Turner 1 day ago
It would get you a thick ear in quite a few places.
362. Comment by Ian Hammerton.
IH
Ian Hammerton 1 day ago
Oh dear, I suppose I'd better stop calling ladies of my acquaintance Love, lover or darling
- Reply by Canute Turner.
CT
Canute Turner 1 day ago
About 30 years ago.
 - Reply by Ian Hammerton.
IH
Ian Hammerton 1 day ago
Today actually
363. Comment by Xander Bell.
XB
Xander Bell 1 day ago
Good evening things.
364. Comment by Roger Melly.
RM
Roger Melly 1 day ago
How about telling the woke brigade to FO and let the majority of sane rational people use the terms they are comfortable with based on biological fact.
365. Comment by AA Lucas.
AL
AA Lucas 1 day ago
Good evening ladies, gentlemen and the others.
366. Comment by Bobby Blanchflower.
BB
Bobby Blanchflower 1 day ago
I'm a scientist, there are only two genders, there, I've dared state it.

What vitriol will be heaped upon me, I wonder?

367. Comment by Michael Bacon.

MB

Michael Bacon 1 day ago

"Ladies and Gentlemen." There, I've said it. Anyone offended? Thought not!

○ Reply by Rebecca Hunter.

RH

Rebecca Hunter 1 day ago

you forgot the "and all those in between" ;)

○ Reply by Michael Bacon.

MB

Michael Bacon 1 day ago

I didn't forget!

368. Comment by Sean Sharkey.

SS

Sean Sharkey 1 day ago

These sad people. Never had any friends, social status, respect or anything else that normal people have. Their only recourse is to identify likeminded idiots and then some minority group who they think needs saving from normal behaviour. They ought to be pitied really.

369. Comment by Catherine Iselin.

CI

Catherine Iselin 1 day ago

Madness, before common sense is restored.

370. Comment by Glen Jansen.

GJ

Glen Jansen 1 day ago

Another DT article designed to invoke anger and bemusement. Oh and sell advertising space! 😊

371. Comment by Vat Smith.

VS

Vat Smith 1 day ago

Ah, it's a trans story, that's why both photos show men in skirts! (It would be really silly to show Scotsmen in kilts to illustrate a story about the English Folk Song and Dance Society!)

372. Comment by Ian Wright.

IW

Ian Wright 1 day ago

What a sick country

373. Comment by S Jones.

SJ

S Jones 1 day ago

Oh, please, enough!

374. Comment by Guy Privilege.

GP

Guy Privilege 1 day ago

Promotion of folk dance is a great aim. If someone wants to dance as a woman when he clearly isn't (or vice versa) then tolerant London society would be quite accepting without the need to be dictated to about what words they should use. Today's woke movement need to learn some tolerance themselves and let people use whatever words they are comfortable with.

375. Comment by J Turnbull.

JT

J Turnbull 1 day ago

I've lost the will to live. Utterly ridiculous

376. Comment by Brian McCune.

BM

Brian McCune 1 day ago

Is this paper deliberately trying to wind me up and drive me crazy. Who in the name of god worries about these words being used. Our descent into madness is accelerating despite being given a talking to by JD. Pathetic.

- Reply by Ian Hardy.

IH

Ian Hardy1 day ago

Unfortunately there is a very vocal minority who expect the majority to conform to their daft preferences..I don't care is someone thinks they are a cat but don't expect me to go along with it.

- Reply by Michael Bacon.

MB

Michael Bacon1 day ago

Give them a bowl of milk, a plate of Whiskers and a litter-tray.

377. Comment by Constance Waring.

CW

Constance Waring1 day ago

Ladies and gentlemen is already all-inclusive.

378. Comment by Ian Hardy.

IH

Ian Hardy1 day ago

Can anyone be more stupid. I'm offended if anyone refers to me other "Sir", "Gentleman" or other such male terms because I'm a bloke. How do you get round "Ladies on one side, Gentlemen on the other " or do you say "if you are not sure then please yourself". Utter cobbler

379. Comment by Paul Sayers.

PS

Paul Sayers1 day ago

How about Ladies, gentlemen and those yet to make up their minds?

380. Comment by Michael Walker.

MW

Michael Walker1 day ago

The last paragraph says it all. These clowns have 'repudiated' the bloke who started the organisation.

381. Comment by Richard Scott.

RS

Richard Scott1 day ago

Why, if the men who want to be called ladies and the ladies who want to be called men are in a group of ladies and gentlemen, who are ladies and gentlemen, and they're all dancing together, would anyone be offended?

382. Comment by NJ Ratnieks.

NR

NJ Ratnieks1 day ago

The EFDSS pledged to "foster a new, more diverse folk scene suited to our multicultural, 21st-century landscape".

Are you going to promote Rap music and techno and dump traditional folk music from England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland? Beyond idiotic The BLM train hit the buffers at top speed a while back.

383. Comment by Andrew Clark.

AC

Andrew Clark1 day ago

I thought they stopped this idiocy.

I try to boycott any organisation that has stopped saying "Ladies and Gentlemen"

There are no "minority genders".

384. Comment by Ivor Godfrey-Davies.

IG

Ivor Godfrey-Davies 1 day ago

He, she, it. That's all there is.

385. Comment by Bob johnson.

BJ

Bob johnson 1 day ago

Oh bore off!

386. Comment by Mark Sullivan.

MS

Mark Sullivan 1 day ago

EFDSS, yet another organisation of publicly funded half-wits in thrall to ideological gibberish. There's a lot of madness out there!

387. Comment by C I M Clarke.

CI

C I M Clarke 1 day ago

The alternatives are ridiculous. and in the case of Leaders and Followers, the Leaders just happen to be the dancers who would traditionally have stood on the side called 'men' and the Followers on the side traditionally called 'women'. I think not.

388. Comment by Gwen Shannon.

GS

Gwen Shannon 1 day ago

It feels like these nutters are on on their last trip around the houses. Most people now feel confident enough to openly ridicule this absurd liberal posturing, which is merely a cover for sly bullying.

(Mr S) EDITED

389. Comment by Stephen Thornton.

ST

Stephen Thornton 1 day ago

"...and prevents people, usually women and minority genders." A strange half sentence. However, anything that prevents 'minority genders' has my full support.

390. Comment by H M Mathias.

HM

H M Mathias 1 day ago

Clearly another overpaid woke kill joy pretending to work whilst at home. Sack them and make them work like the rest of us.

391. Comment by Baggy Trousers.

BT

Baggy Trousers 1 day ago

Wtf is a "minority gender"? And didn't Sophie Ellis Bextor have a top-10 hit (twice) with "Misgendered on the Dance Floor"? 😄😄

392. Comment by Alexander AM.

AA

Alexander AM 1 day ago

oh the irony - so in order to be inclusive they have just excluded the Ladies and Gentlemen... should reduce their participation even more... pathetic...

393. Comment by Marlene Bradbury.

MB

Marlene Bradbury 1 day ago

Laughable!!!

394. Comment by J Troughton.

JT

J Troughton 1 day ago

Obviously, we need a few more Crocodile Dundeos on the dance floor!

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- Reply by J Troughton.
JT
J Troughton1 day ago
Oh I like that Steve well done great sense of humour.
 - Reply by Steve Proud.
SP
Steve Proud1 day ago
A scene never to be forgotten!
 - 395. Comment by Sandra Saunders.
SS
Sandra Saunders1 day ago
For goodness sake get a life. How can it offend anyone to say Ladies and Gentlemen. If trans-men want to identify as female and trans-women want to identify as male, what is the problem.
 - 396. Comment by John Galt The First.
JG
John Galt The First1 day ago
Ladies and Gentlemen on this thread; please join me in telling these deranged woke speech fascists to 'go forth and never return'.
 - Reply by Sandra Saunders.
SS
Sandra Saunders1 day ago
Agreed, John Galt The First.
 - 397. Comment by Non Person.
NP
Non Person1 day ago
Just don't use coloured sashes either, as they could be misconstrued.....
 - Reply by Gwen Shannon.
GS
Gwen Shannon1 day ago
Please: sashes of colour, if you will!
- (Mr S)
- 398. Comment by Rob McAuley.
RM
Rob McAuley1 day ago
These decision makers should be in straitjackets.
 - 399. Comment by Simon Castleman.
SC
Simon Castleman1 day ago
I now preface public speaking with "Ladies & Gentlemen & those of you who don't know or can't decide" that usually covers it.
 - Reply by Steve Proud.
SP
Steve Proud1 day ago
You beat me to it, though "Ladies, Gentlemen & the undecided" is a little shorter. EDITED
 - Reply by Sandra Saunders.
SS
Sandra Saunders1 day ago
Well said, Simon Castleman
 - 400. Comment by Matt Williamson.
MW
Matt Williamson1 day ago
The EFDSS said the guidelines will "provide a framework for building safer spaces within the social folk dance world". Hahahahahahah you just couldn't make it up!!
 - 401. Comment by Non Person.

NP

Non Person1 day ago

You could use "X" and "Y" to describe the sides.

402. Comment by Yvonne Twiss.

YT

Yvonne Twiss1 day ago

Oh FFS. Haven't these people realised their reign of terror on the majority is over? No one is interested in their 'virtue' so they really should just take a long walk off a short plank and shut the X up.

403. Comment by Peter Leach.

PL

Peter Leach1 day ago

I think all Ladies & Gentlemen who want this term and similar to continue in use should stop any affiliation and subscriptions to this society. I imagine if only those few offended by these terms are left to subscribe the society will quickly have to change its mind or cease to exist, and good riddance.

404. Comment by Dean Goodchild.

DG

Dean Goodchild1 day ago

The EFDSS is funded by you and I. as follows, from their 2023-2024 annual report:

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Scop Arts Trust £7,500* National Folk Music Fund £2,167

Do we want our hard earned cash going to fund misinformation?

o Reply by Phillip Baldock.

PB

Phillip Baldock1 day ago

No No !

405. Comment by Andrew Winyard.

AW

Andrew Winyard1 day ago

There are only two genders male and female anything else is nota gender so they are perfectly correct

406. Comment by Frank Fahey.

FF

Frank Fahey1 day ago

Oh please puck off ☐

407. Comment by Seed Eater.

SE

Seed Eater1 day ago

"Ladies and Gentlemen" is a courtesy, a civilised expression of welcome and inclusivity. Finding it offensive, on the other hand, is barbaric, devoid of humanity and marks out a cultural vandalism which goes beyond grotesque.

408. Comment by Paul Dover.

PD

Paul Dover1 day ago

How many more people will now come to these events? None.

But some of the existing people might stop going.

409. Comment by David Broughton.

DB

David Broughton1 day ago

Saying "Ladies and gentlemen " will not offend minority genders.

There are two sexes, minority genders don't exist, so can't be offended.

410. Comment by Freya Howell.

FH

Freya Howell1 day ago

Haven't we had enough of this nonsense?

411. Comment by Daily Sceptic.

DS

Daily Sceptic1 day ago

So, if it's my "belief" (!!) that there's only 2 genders - male & female - can I likewise take offence if someone uses language which implies that my belief is wrong?

I was under the impression that knowing that there's only male & female was - in itself - a "protected" position...

412. Comment by Robert MacMillan.

RM

Robert MacMillan1 day ago

Tell the EFDSS to take a hike and to make it a very long one!

413. Comment by Open Eye.

OE

Open Eye1 day ago

Or individuals wishing to join and contribute to an existing group compromise and adapt instead of insisting their unreasonable need for validation overrules biological facts & reality

414. Comment by Frances Craddock.

FC

Frances Craddock1 day ago

I'm starting to wonder whether the human race can actually survive this nonsense

o Reply by Flora Dora.

FD

Flora Dora1 day ago

I'm starting to wonder if this is all a carefully crafted plot by Elon Musk to eliminate the human race and eventually people the planet with his offspring

415. Comment by Steven Cross.

SC

Steven Cross1 day ago

... seriously, JFO.

416. Comment by Lesley Snell.

LS

Lesley Snell1 day ago

Well it doesn't offend me you numpties

417. Comment by Kate Thompson.

KT

Kate Thompson1 day ago

Ladies and gentlemen, ignore the above advice.

418. Comment by William Downey.

WD

William Downey1 day ago

Charities. They just keep on giving (and taking taxpayers money).

419. Comment by chris prentice.

CP

chris prentice1 day ago

I fear a large increase in the number of collisions on the dance floor resulting in serious injury.

420. Comment by Phillip Baldock.

PB

Phillip Baldock1 day ago

With all the kilts around who cares.

○ Reply by William Downey.

WD

William Downey1 day ago

Well, no getting away from biology with kilt wearers.

○ Reply by chris prentice.

CP

chris prentice1 day ago

Everyone will be polishing their glassy kids.

421. Comment by John Maud.

JM

John Maud1 day ago

"Ladies, gentlemen and others"?

422. Comment by Simon MacPhisto.

SM

Simon MacPhisto1 day ago

Happy April Fool's Day everyone. Oh wait... EDITED

423. Comment by David Powell.

DP

David Powell1 day ago

I'm so glad I'm nearly eighty and not eighteen!

○ Reply by chris prentice.

CP

chris prentice1 day ago

Likewise David.

○ Reply by M Lucking.

ML

M Lucking1 day ago

Ditto.

424. Comment by David West.

DW

David West1 day ago

Heaven help us !! Which tediously boring editor commissioned or allowed this non story to be published. This paper should not be pandering to this nonsense.

○ Reply by Phillip Baldock.

PB

Phillip Baldock1 day ago

Nothing important going on in UK and the World?

○ Reply by L Knowles.

LK

L Knowles1 day ago

It's the usual 'click bait' DT article for this week.

425. Comment by Steve Adams.

SA

Steve Adams1 day ago

Minority genders? There is no such thing.

Equality and diversity. Which is it go to be? We either have equality and are the same; or we have diversity and we are different. We cannot be the same and different.

426. Comment by Roger Roger.

RR

Roger Roger1 day ago

Never ending madness, spreading like a disease.

427. Comment by David Keeling.

DK

David Keeling1 day ago

This poison seems to have infiltrated all UK charities. Before donating to any charity one should check how woke it is. They will change their tune when people stop giving them money.

○ Reply by El Bodgeo.

EB

El Bodgeo1 day ago

I've stopped for that exact reason. Stuff em. Charity now begins at home.

○ Reply by Phillip Baldock.

PB

Phillip Baldock1 day ago

I have stopped giving to, RNLI, Red Cross and Christian Aid. I only now give to ex- forces charities. I am sure I am not the only one.

428. Comment by John McCreadie.

JM

John McCreadie1 day ago

Utter CRAP!

429. Comment by David Tozer.

DT

David Tozer1 day ago

Avoid the trans community

They are looking for offence as a way of reinforcing their identity

They bring nothing but discord and problems to ordinary people's lives

430. Comment by Patrick Hunt.

PH

Patrick Hunt1 day ago

More socialist garbage

431. Comment by caroline bist.

CB

caroline bist1 day ago

remember offence is not given , it is taken , so some of these people need to take a long look in the mirror !!! they might be offended .

432. Comment by Martin Bennett.

MB

Martin Bennett1 day ago

So they want to make folk dancing more inclusive? i would have thought that it was (like all hobbies and interests) self selecting. Are we to be conscripted and forced to dance so as to tick the inclusion boxes? Should Chess be made easier so that those who may be mentally challenged can play against a Grand Master - by the way would a female Chess Tournament Winner be a Grand Mistress? Should a 20 stone person use a tennis racket 8 times the normal size to create some form of equality? Madness!

433. Comment by Oi Oi.

OO

Oi Oi1 day ago

Help, call me an ambulance, I think I've lost the plot!

434. Comment by Anne Ferguson.

AF

Anne Ferguson1 day ago

Strictly had better watch out.... and Blah -de-balh with their PARTNER [insert celeb name]...

I wonder if the bbc are convening a meeting as asap to discuss this terrible word.

Maybe partner dancing will be banned?

435. Comment by caroline bist.

CB

caroline bist1 day ago

no it is not, so totter off !

436. Comment by Charlie Farnes-Barnes.

CF

Charlie Farnes-Barnes1 day ago

What a load of rubbish.

437. Comment by Starr Mann.

SM

Starr Mann1 day ago

Absolutely tragic... 🙄🙄

438. Comment by Jack Smith.

JS

Jack Smith1 day ago

Get rid of whoever decided to speak this.

It's been Ladies and Gentlemen ever since the phrase was coined.

Leave well alone

439. Comment by brian rice.

BR

brian rice1 day ago

I like Ladies and Gentlemen, what's wrong with it? Go and promote your stupid pronouns elsewhere DT

440. Comment by Colin Brownlee.

CB

Colin Brownlee1 day ago

The more this nonsense is spouted, the more I shall delight in welcoming 'Ladies & Gentlemen' to events that I introduce.

441. Comment by Ian Wilkinson.

IW

Ian Wilkinson1 day ago

So , it should be

Ladies, gentlemen, and weirdos.

442. Comment by Liz Mayee.

LM

Liz Mayee1 day ago

Oh do please f awf

○ Reply by Mary Humphreys.

MH

Mary Humphreys1 day ago

Utterly idiotic suggestion from an organisation that has been eaten alive by Stonewall & the luvvie brigade.

443. Comment by Michael Ewart.

ME

Michael Ewart1 day ago

Dear oh dear

444. Comment by Lateral Perspective.

LP

Lateral Perspective1 day ago

- So how about "Ladies, gentlemen and deluded biology deniers"?
 - **Reply by brian rice.**
BR
brian rice1 day ago
Or Ladies, Gentrlem and Neuters.
 - **Reply by Lateral Perspective.**
LP
Lateral Perspective1 day ago
That's too kind
- 445. **Comment by jennifer harrison.**
JH
jennifer harrison1 day ago
These dances were unvented to be danced by men and women so f g s call them by their traditional names . If you are uncertain of your gender, don't join in EDITED
- 446. **Comment by African Expat.**
AE
African Expat1 day ago
My employer told me to stop writing 'Dear Sir or Madam' as it does not cover people who identify as something else. I tried various alternatives but have found in Africa (which is still more formal than most places) a well drafted email or letter with the Dear Sir or Madam salutation is the most likely to elicit a response when msking an enquiry.
- 447. **Comment by eileen Isaacs.**
EI
eileen Isaacs1 day ago
FFS indeed , where will it end , will we all be forced to wear name badges indicating what is acceptable .
- 448. **Comment by Lateral Perspective.**
LP
Lateral Perspective1 day ago
The photos in this article indicate this folk-dancing malarkey has always been ahead of the times - look at all the blokes wearing a skirt <ducks for cover> EDITED
- 449. **Comment by Anthony Plowright.**
AP
Anthony Plowright1 day ago
Tell the imbeciles to folk off.
- 450. **Comment by J Troughton.**
JT
J Troughton1 day ago
Please can we just return to normality and use our basic commonsense and manners. At the rate we are going, no one will be able to speak to anyone else for fear of upsetting them. Nothing wrong whatsoever with Ladies and Gentlemen - it is a mark of respect. I for one will not be uttering anything else just to appease someone's wokeism. EDITED
- 451. **Comment by Aberrant Apostrophe.**
AA
Aberrant Apostrophe1 day ago
Reminds me of the classic Two Ronnies dance sketch. "So doff your hat..."
- 452. **Comment by M Ross.**
MR
M Ross1 day ago
I fully agree with Giles (below). There are two sexes and only two. If somebody assumes another sex abide by the pronoun you have chosen. If you don't like it, don't attend the event. If I was addressed as a Robin, a band or a lead I would definitely be wondering what the caller was on about.. The EFDSS has no need to come into the so called ' inclusive world'

Pandering to this sort of idiocy is going to ensure English Folk Dancing is going to rapidly die.

- 453. **Comment by Malcolm Falconer.**

MF

Malcolm Falconer 1 day ago

FFS

454. Comment by Jez Kicks.

JK

Jez Kicks 1 day ago

FFS ☐

455. Comment by First Light.

FL

First Light 1 day ago

Only male and female. Ladies and gentlemen is appropriate. Everything else is fiction. Discuss.

456. Comment by Julie McCaughey.

JM

Julie McCaughey 1 day ago

Does ladies, gentlemen and all others work?

457. Comment by Tom G.

TG

Tom G 1 day ago

It's not offensive. It's having a basic level of courtesy.

458. Comment by Peter Wakeman.

PW

Peter Wakeman 1 day ago

There aren't any minority genders. About 50% men and 50% women, with a vanishingly small percentage of people with DSD who may not be sure. A small number of activists should not subvert well-established folk traditions for their own self-importance. If you don't want to side with either sex in a dance, please go and find another hobby where your mistaken views don't impinge on everyone else's fun. (Mrs W)

459. Comment by Julie McCaughey.

JM

Julie McCaughey 1 day ago

Can the government please supply me with a comprehensive list, in bullet point form, to tell me what I can and can not say. Life is getting very difficult knowing right from wrong. My parents were obviously very wrong in their teachings.

○ Reply by Anthony Daly.

AD

Anthony Daly 1 day ago

Ignorance is bliss.

○ Reply by Julie McCaughey.

JM

Julie McCaughey 1 day ago

Yes but getting dangerous

460. Comment by Paul Lavin.

PL

Paul Lavin 1 day ago

So if we end up on the Titanic there's none of this women first then?

○ Reply by Lateral Perspective.

LP

Lateral Perspective 1 day ago

Yes, that's part of this huge Darwinian fail - its alphabet people first and the blazes with the rest of us

461. Comment by Michael Jones.

MJ

Michael Jones 1 day ago

God save us from these woke clowns.

462. Comment by Anthony Daly.

AD

Anthony Daly 1 day ago

Just tell everyone at the start of the evening that they have to identify as a lady or a gentleman, or the whole thing won't work.

463. Comment by Son of Albion.

SO

Son of Albion 1 day ago

I agree. It's offensive to men to recognise women.

Joking obviously!

464. Comment by Heuchter MacTeuchter.

HM

Heuchter MacTeuchter 1 day ago

Get lost. Shower of clowns. Parp!

465. Comment by Roland Crimp.

RC

Roland Crimp 1 day ago

How do these people keep getting themselves onto these boards?

466. Comment by Neil McEvoy.

NM

Neil McEvoy 1 day ago

Is this all about those funny northern chaps in skirts and no knickers?

o Reply by Catherine Woodman.

CW

Catherine Woodman 1 day ago

All I know is that if it's a quarter-pounder, it's a McDonald's.

467. Comment by Mark Newman.

MN

Mark Newman 1 day ago

'Ladies, gentlemen, and anyone confused'?

468. Comment by David Hartley.

DH

David Hartley 1 day ago

There's no such thing as a 'minority gender'. Get real.

469. Comment by Pete Marsh.

PM

Pete Marsh 1 day ago

"in some circumstances, gendered calling can be more accessible to some people. In all circumstances call with your dance community in mind"

When the dancers are humans, male and female are sufficient.

470. Comment by Andrew Bremer.

AB

Andrew Bremer 1 day ago

Yet more woke madness

471. Comment by Tarquin Peebles.

TP

Tarquin Peebles 1 day ago

Oh give it a break!

Anyone not fitting in to those two classifications should be well adjusted enough to understand that this age old terminology is not intended to be offensive. EDITED

472. Comment by GWR AFPS Seventy-Five.

GA

GWR AFPS Seventy-Five 1 day ago

Another load of woke crap!

Call out and shame this cult of idiots!

Trump, Musk; rescue us from this lunacy!

473. Comment by Naomi Carter.

NC

Naomi Carter 1 day ago

Offensive wokeness to the overwhelming majority of ladies and gentlemen, whether single or paired up in whatever combination. The EFDSS would not even exist without Cecil Sharp. How long before the "English" in their title gets cancelled? Deeply, deeply offensive.

○ Reply by Anne Ferguson.

AF

Anne Ferguson 1 day ago

Nb they don't mention English country dancing- in this article anyway.

474. Comment by Catherine Woodman.

CW

Catherine Woodman 1 day ago

What's going to happen to th Gay Gordon's?

○ Reply by Religion of Peas.

RO

Religion of Peas 1 day ago

He's off to Lord Alli's with Two Tier for a fling.

○ Reply by Julie McCaughey.

JM

Julie McCaughey 1 day ago

Looks like it will have to be renamed

475. Comment by Julie McCaughey.

JM

Julie McCaughey 1 day ago

Maybe these minority groups could mange themselves known so that they can be accommodated?

There really is no end to this.

○ Reply by Julie McCaughey.

JM

Julie McCaughey 1 day ago

Manage should read make ☐

476. Comment by Nick Smith.

NS

Nick Smith 1 day ago

Inclusivty and diversity = exclusivity and division.

Woke reminds me of Michael Palin's character in 'A Fish Called Wanda' - the more animals he tried to save, the more he ended up killing.

○ Reply by Nick Smith.

NS

Nick Smith 1 day ago

Well said. Great film too.

477. Comment by John Barry.

JB

John Barry 1 day ago

Why can't these people just crawl under their own rock of unhappiness.

478. Comment by Nigel Algar.

NA

Nigel Algar 1 day ago

What gender is this elephant in the room?

479. Comment by Yvonne Whyte.

YW

Yvonne Whyte 1 day ago

Why don't they just Foxtrot Oscar?

480. Comment by S D Shields.

SD

S D Shields 1 day ago

What a lot of nonsense.

481. Comment by Catherine Woodman.

CW

Catherine Woodman 1 day ago

Foxtrot off.

482. Comment by Gary Halstead.

GH

Gary Halstead 1 day ago

There are females and males.

That is those with XX Chromosomes and those with XY Chromosomes.

That's it.

483. Comment by Anne Ferguson.

AF

Anne Ferguson 1 day ago

Are the writers here aware that barn dancing and Scottish country dancing are not the only ones- that English country dancing exists?

Given its the English folk dancing group saying this stuff, why no mention of English country dancing?

I'm actually more concerned about the washing away of anything English than the pronouns blah.

484. Comment by Peter Keeling.

PK

Peter Keeling 1 day ago

Should we all have our gender pronoun tattooed on our upper inner thigh?

485. Comment by Giles Wadsworth.

GW

Giles Wadsworth 1 day ago

Why does the English Folk Dance and Song Society (EFDSS) think it's an expert on whether women have male appendages or not? They can go away.....

o Reply by Yvonne Whyte.

YW

Yvonne Whyte 1 day ago

Yes ask the doctor!!

486. Comment by Matthew Lennard.

ML

Matthew Lennard 1 day ago

Utter garbage.

ALWAYS say ladies and gentlemen.

There only TWO sex.

487. Comment by Joanna Gardner.


JG

Joanna Gardner 1 day ago

Folk off

o Reply by Matthew Lennard.

ML

- Matthew Lennard** 1 day ago
Exactly
488. Comment by **Marcus Telford**.
MT
Marcus Telford 1 day ago
Ladies and gentlemen is uber inclusive. Some ladies have willies, some gentlemen have wombs.
489. Comment by **michael kelland**.
MK
michael kelland 1 day ago
If we have more "ladies" than "men" the ones to take the man role wear a sash.
490. Comment by **Asa Brick**.
AB
Asa Brick 1 day ago
Enough.
491. Comment by **Anthony Daly**.
AD
Anthony Daly 1 day ago
Why be so sensitive when everyone is wearing skirts anyway?
492. Comment by **Simon Kenny**.
SK
Simon Kenny 1 day ago
Backed by the Arts Council, afraid my prejudices kicked in there and read no further
493. Comment by **Richard Jenkins**.
RJ
Richard Jenkins 1 day ago
Now I'm feeling excluded.....
- Reply by **Heather Farquharson**.
HF
Heather Farquharson 1 day ago
Reminds me of the old joke "They're all out of step but our Jimmy." If everybody is excluded for one reason or another, who is left?
494. Comment by **Cia Hug**.
CH
Cia Hug 1 day ago
By the time you've gone through all the options the song will have long finished.
- Reply by **Anne Ferguson**.
AF
Anne Ferguson 1 day ago

495. Comment by **Jeff Hirons**.
JH
Jeff Hirons 1 day ago
EFDSS offends me.
496. Comment by **John Lamb**.
JL
John Lamb 1 day ago
What a load of total bo***cks!
497. Comment by **Stephen Matic**.
SM
Stephen Matic 1 day ago
I prefer my gender to be acknowledge as a trout, basically because everytime I go folkedancing I feel like a fish out of water.
498. Comment by **Edmund O'Connell**.
EO
Edmund O'Connell 1 day ago

The backlash against the woketards attempting to utterly destroy our country is coming,,

499. Comment by WA Clark.

WC

WA Clark 1 day ago

To the ladies and gentlemen of the EFDSS, please just grow up, you are late to the intolerant DIE party and this woke nonsense is no longer in favour.

500. Comment by Haz Bean.

HB

Haz Bean 1 day ago

If we look hard enough most people can find something that offends them. I'm sure plenty of members of these minority groups aren't too bothered if they are addressed in a slightly inappropriate way - it's just the noisy ones who cause a disproportionate amount of trouble.

501. Comment by Emma Dixon.

ED

Emma Dixon 1 day ago

EFDSS founded in Camden. Say no more. The assumption that single people are so fragile they cope with the word 'partner' is extremely patronising. Everyone who's ever been to a ceilidh knows you don't dance all night with your own partner - single people are not excluded. As for the directive on misgendering-my opinion is unprintable.

502. Comment by Malcolm Fraser.

MF

Malcolm Fraser 1 day ago

Good afternoon Ladies, Gentlemen and wierdo's.

503. Comment by tracey frost.

TF

tracey frost 1 day ago

Guess "oy you" could become more popular 🙄🙄🙄

504. Comment by David Cross.

DC

David Cross 1 day ago

Growing up in Edinburgh we went to our fair share of ceilidhs which were often full of language school beauties. When the inevitable "what does a true Scotsman wear under his kilt" was asked, the approach was to look her in the eyes and reply "lipstick".

505. Comment by Paul Lavin.

PL

Paul Lavin 1 day ago

How is it that the 1 percent who claim to be inclusive are so offended?

506. Comment by Miss Janet W Nelson.

MJ

Miss Janet W Nelson 1 day ago

If these traditional groups want their events to be even less well attended just keep going with this nonsense. I'm definitely off the dancefloor now!

507. Comment by Keith Ford.

KF

Keith Ford 1 day ago

Well now, Ladies and Gentlemen of the EFDSS, have you ever considered your pronouncements (see what I did there) are a nonsensical waste of time and space.

508. Comment by John Pearson.

JP

John Pearson 1 day ago

I'm sorry EFDSS but looking through the readers comments it will remain "ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, men and women". These folk are not for fantasy gendering.

509. Comment by Ulysses jefferson.

UJ

Ulysses jefferson 1 day ago

Ha Ha, Anything for a laugh, eh?

510. Comment by John Fellows.
JF
John Fellows1 day ago
More arrant nonsense.
511. Comment by Barry Welford.
BW
Barry Welford1 day ago
Foxtrot Oscar - and yes it is SUPPOSED to be offensive. EDITED
512. Comment by Mike Shipway.
MS
Mike Shipway1 day ago
There are only men and women. The others are cross dressers
- Reply by Anne Ferguson.
AF
Anne Ferguson1 day ago
Not really because I don't associate my female-ness with some of what, say, drag queens wear. It's an interpretation that they're welcome to but not necessarily representing all women.
513. Comment by Stephen Matic.
SM
Stephen Matic1 day ago
When it comes to pronouns, there should be a rule that excludes everyone over the age of 30 years from having to acknowledge the different pretend genders. All I was educated to accept was male and female. In biology the books showed the difference between male and female. Show me the medical biology books able to define scientifically any additional/different genders types to the male and female.
514. Comment by Malcolm Fraser.
MF
Malcolm Fraser1 day ago
Oi, you lot!
- I'm ahead of the game here.
515. Comment by David Cross.
DC
David Cross1 day ago
Sausages and clams?
- Reply by Tony Michaels.
TM
Tony Michaels1 day ago
Oooohh Matron!
516. Comment by Robert Pennell.
RP
Robert Pennell1 day ago
So what if it is offensive?
-
517. Comment by Peter Keeling.
PK
Peter Keeling1 day ago
Is dad dancing acceptable?
518. Comment by DJ Dorset.
DD
DJ Dorset1 day ago
DEI is dead - someone had better tell them.
519. Comment by Lin Fifield.
LF
Lin Fifield1 day ago

Shut up and dance!

520. Comment by Yawn Yawn.

YY

Yawn Yawn1 day ago

Did you hear about the professor giving a lecture to an audience in Hungary? It was all translated and ready to go when he realised he had left out the initial honorifics. Being a clever chap, he popped out to the loos and copied "Ladies" and "Gentlemen" off the doors. His talk, usually well received, was met with a frosty silence. Are you surprised, asked his host, when you address your audience as "urinals" and "water closets".

521. Comment by Deyre Twa As in Up Helly Aa.

DT

Deyre Twa As in Up Helly Aa1 day ago

Could they not just say, "Ladies, gentlemen and weirdo perverts," instead?

That would surely satisfy everyone present that they had been included.

522. Comment by Auclan McIntyre.

AM

Auclan McIntyre1 day ago

And for the next dance, blokes and nancies, please step up for...The Llama!

523. Comment by les parfitt.

LP

les parfitt1 day ago

Totally delusional.....

524. Comment by Leigh Jefford.

LJ

Leigh Jefford1 day ago

What a load of cobblers.

525. Comment by Auclan McIntyre.

AM

Auclan McIntyre1 day ago

"The English Folk Dance and Song Society" have made themselves irrelevant. Another bunch of useless woke-infested cretins.

Grow up and get a spine. And stop being so thick. Idiots.

526. Comment by Lynne Carlisle.

LC

Lynne Carlisle1 day ago

Don't strip the willow or you will be had up for tree abuse...

527. Comment by Rosemary Goodenough.

RG

Rosemary Goodenough1 day ago

What a load of absolute tosh!

528. Comment by Sidney James.

SJ

Sidney James1 day ago

Ladies and gentlemen, fairies and fruitcakes.

○ Reply by Simon Silve.

SS

Simon Silve1 day ago

Brilliant.

529. Comment by Simon Silve.

SS

Simon Silve1 day ago

Stop it. 2 genders, can't be changed. Stop aiding deluded people. EDITED

530. Comment by Cliff Booth.

CB

Cliff Booth 1 day ago

I find the music and dance society's position and views highly offence.

I expect them to apologise to me immediately and change them to avoid further offence.

Otherwise I may well report a non crime hate incident to police.

531. Comment by John Reeve.

JR

John Reeve 1 day ago

I'll wager nobody has complained, it's all posturing nonsense. Mrs R.

532. Comment by Gary Nelson.

GN

Gary Nelson 1 day ago

There are NO "minority genders", there is male and female; all else is fantasy

533. Comment by Sidney James.

SJ

Sidney James 1 day ago

Gaydies and mentalmen.

534. Comment by IAN HAY.

IH

IAN HAY 1 day ago

Total hogwash. I don't accept you stupid ideAs

535. Comment by Mark oo.

MO

Mark oo 1 day ago

Katie Hopkins has something to say on this topic, along the lines of you can tell me you are identifying as whatever you like, I don't have to accept or take note of the same

536. Comment by John Etheridge.

JE

John Etheridge 1 day ago

Dozee doh and around we go!

537. Comment by Kelly Knight.

KK

Kelly Knight 1 day ago

Vote Reform and join Reform

Then watch drivel like this die out

538. Comment by Bill Gates.

BG

Bill Gates 1 day ago

Is calling a reform voter geriatric still okay?

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○ Reply by Brenden Dyke.

BD

Brenden Dyke 1 day ago

You should get out more. Prehistoric is not the same as geriatric.

○ Reply by Bill Gates.

BG

Bill Gates 1 day ago

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/1379439/uk-election-polls-by-age/>

539. Comment by Brenden Dyke.

BD

Brenden Dyke 1 day ago

I would urge them to use 'ladies and gentlemen' or 'men and women' because that is all there is.

Anything else is just made up fantasy nonsense.

540. Comment by John S Greenwood.
 JS
John S Greenwood1 day ago
 FFS
541. Comment by Michael Brewer.
 MB
Michael Brewer1 day ago
 Just carry on as before. If anyone is offended let them be offended. Nothing happens.
542. Comment by Bob Wood.
 BW
Bob Wood1 day ago
 The English Folk Dance and Song Society making a song and dance about what exactly. Years of tradition.
- Reply by martin lovegrove.
 ML
martin lovegrove1 day ago
 Of course these days the minorities in our society are intent on rewriting history
543. Comment by martin lovegrove.
 ML
martin lovegrove1 day ago
 Time to stop all of this nonsense. There are women and men who politely can be called lady and gentleman.
544. Comment by Hansome Cab.
 HC
Hansome Cab1 day ago
 could offend “minority genders”

 “misgendered on the dance floor”.

 What the devil is going on? There are Ladies and Gentlemen and that is it.
545. Comment by Selwyn Petterson.
 SP
Selwyn Petterson1 day ago
 IGNORE !!!!
546. Comment by AC AC.
 AA
AC AC1 day ago
 Offensive to who and, regardless, so what?
547. Comment by James Challinor.
 JC
James Challinor1 day ago
 Who are the loon who come up with this dribble, I feel offended as I don't know who these loons are
548. Comment by Amanda Ingram.
 AI
Amanda Ingram1 day ago
 It is I guess not problem for trans people who "know" their gender, even if others may disagree... it is about the non-binaries. As folk/country dancing is a very sex based then I guess you will not find many non binary people taking part...
- Reply by AC AC.
 AA
AC AC1 day ago
 So?
549. Comment by Natalie Barry.
 NB

Natalie Barry 1 day ago

Why is the utter nonsense still happening?

- Reply by Robert Gardner.

RG

Robert Gardner 1 day ago

Because President Donald Trump has the woke on retreat.

550. Comment by Phil Founds.

PF

Phil Founds 1 day ago

I wish we had leadership like Trump

- Reply by Jean Eggett.

JE

Jean Eggett 1 day ago

So do I but we will have at next Election - Vote Reform.

551. Comment by Christine Szymanski.

CS

Christine Szymanski 1 day ago

I really have seen it all now - this decade will go down in history as the time when common sense disappeared. Pendulums swing, this woke stupidity is already on its way out, but some organisations are just too blind to notice the tide has changed!

552. Comment by Michael Browning.

MB

Michael Browning 1 day ago

I am fed up with these people who think it offensive to use words that have been in the English language since the year dot. We are in Great Britain and we speak the King's English.

Next I won't be able to call a spade a spade but a 'digging implement' or some other such nonsense someone wants to dream up.

So, Ladies and Gentlemen of the English Dance & Song Society shame on you trying to rewrite the English language

553. Comment by T Wilkinson.

TW

T Wilkinson 1 day ago

Quite right, it should be Lords, ladies and gentlemen. Or if you prefer, "guys"

554. Comment by Kelly Hayes.

KH

Kelly Hayes 1 day ago

Daft. I went to country dance classes as a teenager and since there were more women than men, some women danced the man's role. It didn't hurt anyone's precious identity feelings when they were addressed as 'gentlemen' because they knew it was pretend!

Anyone actually offended by 'ladies and gentlemen' needs help to get some perspective. Not pandering.

555. Comment by Katie Blount.

KB

Katie Blount 1 day ago

And this is why, ladies and gentlemen, far right parties are winning elections.

556. Comment by Linda Edwards.

LE

Linda Edwards 1 day ago

I've always thought that ladies and gentlemen was more a call for conduct (manners, courtesy) than a gender sorting. I used use it with students when I wanted them to behave better,

This is utter nonsense! I find "lead and follower" much more offensive. EDITED

557. Comment by Phil Founds.

PF

Phil Founds 1 day ago

There are two sexes and purported 'minority genders' are just delusions. They should carry on saying 'Ladies and gentlemen' etc.

558. Comment by Bullet Baxter.

BB

Bullet Baxter 1 day ago

Yet another woke infestation. They need rooting out and ridiculed.

559. Comment by Jean Eggett.

JE

Jean Eggett 1 day ago

Kwackers!!!!

560. Comment by Bruce Chalmers.

BC

Bruce Chalmers 1 day ago

If I were a trans woman- which I'm not- I think I'd be delighted to be addressed as a lady. Surely this is what they want?

Mrs C

○ Reply by Kelly Hayes.

KH

Kelly Hayes 1 day ago

It's the ones for whom that isn't special enough. The ones who claim that because they don't perfectly fit in with and like either masculine or feminine gender role stereotypes, they are neither male nor female.

561. Comment by John Peacock.

JP

John Peacock 1 day ago

What the hell is happening to this country?

Common sense has almost disappeared now when I read nonsense like this, and that ridiculous situation last year when LNER issued a grovelling apology to a passenger who also objected to the term 'ladies and gentlemen' being used by one of the train crew.

It really is getting out of hand & if it wasn't so serious it would be laughable.

562. Comment by Catherine Woodman.

CW

Catherine Woodman 1 day ago

Will Morris Dancing be renamed? Suggestions please...

○ Reply by matthew keating.

MK

matthew keating 1 day ago

Bell dancing

○ Reply by Tony Michaels.

TM

Tony Michaels 1 day ago

Bell End dancing?

563. Comment by Eddiebaby Trump.

ET

Eddiebaby Trump 1 day ago

What next? And on the dancefloor right now : mixed gender couple

Swanee Swan and An Elk.

564. Comment by David Pearson.

DP

David Pearson 1 day ago

It's not offensive to me.

565. Comment by Chris Chris.

CC

Chris Chris 1 day ago

I actually like articles like this. More of them galvanise more people to vote for Reform UK, who are the only party who will take us out of the ECHR and end the woke nonsense. More articles like this please = more votes for Reform. We WILL take our country back and re-install common sense.

○ Reply by Mona Sood.

MS

Mona Sood 1 day ago

Its click-bait, no more than that.

566. Comment by Steve Steve.

SS

Steve Steve 1 day ago

Ladies and gentlemen

567. Comment by Tony Michaels.

TM

Tony Michaels 1 day ago

EFDSS rules forbid circumcised applicants from joining.

You have to be a complete **P**rick to become a member.

568. Comment by S Thomas.

ST

S Thomas 1 day ago

Oh grown up and stop wasting time and money.

569. Comment by Robert Gardner.

RG

Robert Gardner 1 day ago

Go away and stop being extremely patronising and silly. Our language, not yours.

570. Comment by Alfie Capone.

AC

Alfie Capone 1 day ago

I don't see the problem, if a Trans person identifies as male or female, saying ladies and gentlemen shouldn't cause any offence, other than that, who the hell cares.

571.

572. Comment by Singapore Sling.

SS

Singapore Sling 1 day ago

Inclusive, inclusive of what/who exactly - the alphabet/offended people. Pathetic.

573. Comment by Phil Richards.

PR

Phil Richards 1 day ago

What a load of tosh, DT you must name names

574. Comment by G Porter.

GP

G Porter 1 day ago

Tell these lefty woke fools to go forth and multiply, just when you think you've heard it all

○ Reply by B Lamb.

BL

B Lamb 1 day ago

As if there aren't enough of them!!

575. Comment by Wigan Lancastrian.

WL

Wigan Lancastrian 1 day ago

Ladies and Gentlemen should be immediately replaced with Ladies and Gentlemen. Stop funding this absolute tripe, it's divisive not inclusive !

576. Comment by John Thomas.

JT

John Thomas 1 day ago

It won't offend the ladies and gentlemen in the audience, which is probably over 99%.

577. Comment by Caroline Brennan.

CB

Caroline Brennan 1 day ago

'The charity, which is backed by the Arts Council'

There's your problem right there.

578. Comment by Neil Hibbert.

NH

Neil Hibbert 1 day ago

Literal bo**ocks.

579. Comment by Achim Gussgen-Ackva.

AG

Achim Gussgen-Ackva 1 day ago

Vice-President Vance was so very right in his Munich speech. Europe seems to be lost!

580. Comment by Bruno Anderson.

BA

Bruno Anderson 1 day ago

What happens when the mention of a social gender offends the men and women present?

581. Comment by Tim Thornton-Jones.

TT

Tim Thornton-Jones 1 day ago

This yet another example of weak and feeble organisations disregarding the enjoyment of traditional British activity by changing the status quo for the appeasement of a small minority. We must refuse this nonsense and be clear that people who subscribe to this ideology will simply have to make their own adjustments if they want to participate!!

582. Comment by Raymond Dunn.

RD

Raymond Dunn 1 day ago

Tell them to get stuffed

o Reply by Mona Sood.

MS

Mona Sood 1 day ago

No, stick to do-si-do. Yeeha!

583. Comment by Michael Hodson.

MH

Michael Hodson 1 day ago

Oh, fog off

584. Comment by PROUD REMOANER.

PR

PROUD REMOANER 1 day ago

How about changing it to:

“Ladies, Gentleman, Infantilised Freaks”

585. Comment by Paul Grange.

PG

Paul Grange 1 day ago

This absolutely didn't happen.

586. Comment by S Brook.

SB

S Brook1 day ago

Now I know the lunatics are running the asylum!!!

587. Comment by Norman Wilson.

NW

Norman Wilson1 day ago

Just ignore them Ladies and Gentlemen.

588. Comment by David Willis.

DW

David Willis1 day ago

Ladies and Gentlemen it has always been.

Ladies and Gentlemen it will always be.

Any one who is offended by this, that's just too bad.

589. Comment by Catherine Woodman.

CW

Catherine Woodman1 day ago

Look at all those blokes in skirts. It's a disgrace!

○ Reply by Michael Ryde.

MR

Michael Ryde1 day ago

I go by the pronouns bloke/chap

○ Reply by Mona Sood.

MS

Mona Sood1 day ago

It might be chilly.

590. Comment by Les Holloway.

LH

Les Holloway1 day ago

Perhaps if all members of the society who don't agree with this were to resign en masse, or threaten to, the management might get the message.

591. Comment by Michael Plant.

MP

Michael Plant1 day ago

Just when you think it can't get sillier!

592. Comment by Roland Crimp.

RC

Roland Crimp1 day ago

How do you get appointed to the EFDSS?

593. Comment by Metro Gnome.

MG

Metro Gnome1 day ago

Thank God for Donald J. Trump: just two genders, like nature intended.

594. Comment by Don Pasquale.

DP

Don Pasquale1 day ago

Feels a bit weird. Ladies and gentleman seems to cover any trans people as presumably they identify as one or other regardless of birth sex. I know some may not have a defined gender but I don't see why they would be offended. Ladies and gentlemen marks the extremes of gender in all cases.

595. Comment by David Morse.

DM

David Morse1 day ago

What complete and utter nonsense

Actually they probably wouldn't know a true Lady or Gentleman if they met one

It is a polite term often used on those who are NOT either

596. Comment by Tracy Campbell.

TC

Tracy Campbell 1 day ago

WWIII about to start on the eastern border of Europe and people are still hung up about language?

Those the gods would destroy.....

597. Comment by Struan MacGregor.

SM

Struan MacGregor 1 day ago

Ladies and Gentlemen the fun must stop so that others can analyse and set rules to stop any spontaneity.

So any traditional folk dancing must not reflect, well, traditional folk.

Traditional culture must be erased and replaced with dances that reflect no culture.

Ladies and Gentlemen, no touching, no smiling, no micro aggressions, you are officially erased.

Enjoy the dance.

598. Comment by K Bowyer.

KB

K Bowyer 1 day ago

F F S

599. Comment by Barb Dalton.

BD

Barb Dalton 1 day ago

This is all getting beyond a joke! I will not bow down to the minority, there are male and female, ladies and gentlemen. End of!

600. Comment by Alex Porter.

AP

Alex Porter 1 day ago

Ensure these groups are receiving zero charity funding or grants of any kind

601. Comment by Steve Phillips.

SP

Steve Phillips 1 day ago

My response would be to tell them to "go forth, be fruitful and multiply"!

But in fruitier terms.

602. Comment by Peter McMahon.

PM

Peter McMahon 1 day ago

It is not offensive.

Some people might choose to take offence, but that's their problem.

Keep saying it

o Reply by Habeas Corpus.

HC

Habeas Corpus 1 day ago

4th attempt at passing the DT algo....

Precisely. Offence is in the mind of the recipient. One can choose to ignore and not be emotionally impacted.

Might Eleanor Roosevelt's well worn saying be hijacked, to ' No one can make you feel offended, that is your your decision, your choice, not a result of the words spoken.' ?

603. Comment by Roberta Beachcroft.

RB

Roberta Beachcroft 1 day ago

No, will not, we do not kow-tow to minorities' fantasies about being able to change sex. Each of us is male or female at a cellular level. Suck it up or go forth.

604. Comment by Alison Suitters.

AS

Alison Suitters 1 day ago

What a load of rubbish from an organisation that allows men to wear skirts. There are only 2 genders- male & female - so to say " ladies & gentlemen " is absolutely fine by me

605. Comment by Dixie Dean.

DD

Dixie Dean 1 day ago

Idiots. No wonder it's dying out.

606. Comment by John Bolton.

JB

John Bolton 1 day ago

The gender split is around 50/50. Where are the minority genders?

607. Comment by Janice Lanning.

JL

Janice Lanning 1 day ago

Well if people are that sensitive they should stay at home

608. Comment by Wat Tyler.

WT

Wat Tyler 1 day ago

Don't you just love liberals and their wokeness.....not!

609. Comment by Harry Hornet.

HH

Harry Hornet 1 day ago

What sort of person chooses to attend meetings of the English Folk Song and Dance Society?

Pulse eating Vegans with beards, left wing obsessives?

○ Reply by Stuart Cliff.

SC

Stuart Cliff 1 day ago

Been to a Labour Party conference then! Hahahaha...

610. Comment by Suzanne Peters.

SP

Suzanne Peters 1 day ago

LOL

611. Comment by Stu Whisson.

SW

Stu Whisson 1 day ago

Oh do shut up.

○ Reply by Eyeore Donkey.

ED

Eyeore Donkey 1 day ago

What he said

612. Comment by David Beck.

DB

David Beck 1 day ago

Here e go again, so let's upset all the ladies and gentleman

613. Comment by Alan Cox.

AC

Alan Cox1 day ago

The complete cringe worthy stupidity of these virtue signalling buffoons never fails to amaze

614. Comment by Ian Harriss.

IH

Ian Harriss1 day ago

Sick of these zealots trying to suck the joy out of every aspect of life. They are the puritans of the 21st century.

615. Comment by Winston Smith.

WS

Winston Smith1 day ago

Just stop it. We still have some freedom of speech use it and be done with these clowns

616. Comment by Telegraph Sam.

TS

Telegraph Sam1 day ago

Just say "good evening mutants".....

617. Comment by Michael Gavaghan.

MG

Michael Gavaghan1 day ago

There's tripe and there's and tripe and this must be the biggest load of tripe story today. God help us.

618. Comment by Simon Spall.

SS

Simon Spall1 day ago

.....'offending minor genders'.....?

Lets just get this straight, there are only two genders, male and female - that's it..!

○ Reply by P Sutherland.

PS

P Sutherland1 day ago

Not genders, sexes.

○ Reply by Simon Spall.

SS

Simon Spall1 day ago

Apologies, but I think you know what I meant..

619. Comment by Keith Phair.

KP

Keith Phair1 day ago

How about "Ladies, Gentlemen and weirdos"?

620. Comment by Captain Blanc.

CB

Captain Blanc1 day ago

How about not speaking, dancing or playing music, Maybe wearing blindfolds as well. That should keep the minorities happy.

621. Comment by Andrew Smith.

AS

Andrew Smith1 day ago

So, what should it be?

Ladies with penises, ladies without penises, and gentlemen?

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○ Reply by P Sutherland.

PS

P Sutherland1 day ago

I suppose it will make elimination dances more interesting. It used to be just things like "all gentlemen with a spotted tie..."

- Reply by Brenden Dyke.

BD

Brenden Dyke 1 day ago

No such thing exists. Gentleman with surgically created pretence of a vagina would be more accurate.

622. Comment by NIGEL BROMWICH.

NB

NIGEL BROMWICH 1 day ago

WTF

623. Comment by Stuart Richards.

SR

Stuart Richards 1 day ago

They can folk off.

624. Comment by Andrew James.

AJ

Andrew James 1 day ago

No it's not. End of ...

625. Comment by Bill Palmer.

BP

Bill Palmer 1 day ago

Oh micturate off!! EDITED

626. Comment by Stina Ipsen.

SI

Stina Ipsen 1 day ago

Not to me.....keep saying it!

627. Comment by Kate Bero.

KB

Kate Bero 1 day ago

Ignore them, we've moved on.

628. Comment by Murray Downes.

MD

Murray Downes 1 day ago

Yet another foolish gesture towards a fake and insignificant subset of society.

629. Comment by Paul Watts.

PW

Paul Watts 1 day ago

A re release of "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest" ?

- Reply by Alex Porter.

AP

Alex Porter 1 day ago

No! You are confused!

630. Comment by Angus Kimbolton.

AK

Angus Kimbolton 1 day ago

I think they got off lightly. On the radio this morning it was announced that in America, the new production of Jesus Christ Superstar is to have a black queer woman playing the part of himself! EDITED

- Reply by Aelfwynn Erin.

AE

Aelfwynn Erin 1 day ago

Surely that's racist, antisemitic, sexist, cultural appropriation and misgendering, all in one go?

That's quite a few boxes to tick on the deranged Left's own Finding Offence in Everything bingo card

- Reply by P Sutherland.

PS

P Sutherland 1 day ago

"I don't know how to love him" will be even more appropriate.

- 631. Comment by William Lawrence.

WL

William Lawrence 1 day ago

Utter nonsense from the EFDSS. The pronoun debate is binary: it's he or she; him or her; his or hers.

If anyone wants to use a non-binary pronoun (whatever that means), he or she should use the neuter pronoun "it" to describe themselves.

The word "neuter" in Latin means "neither one thing nor the other" i. e. neither masculine nor feminine; so, the pronoun "it" correctly describes those who claim to be non-binary.

They should make use of a pronoun which is their very own.

- 632. Comment by Anna L Jones.

AL

Anna L Jones 1 day ago

What is it with these leftist, woke societies and organisations? They are completely bonkers. If people don't like it, either grow thicker skins or don't join. Why should the majority give in to minorities? When oh when is this complete nonsense and idocy going to stop?

- 633. Comment by Who Dat.

WD

Who Dat 1 day ago

"I'm not assuming your pronouns, I'm stating biological facts."

- 634. Comment by Keith Searle.

KS

Keith Searle 1 day ago

"Folk dancing should drop terms like "ladies and gentlemen" to avoid "offending minority genders"."

I do not give too hoots to the "offending minority" braindead genders.

11 older reply

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- Reply by Telegraph Sam.

TS

Telegraph Sam 1 day ago

Get yer coat!

- Reply by Keith Searle.

KS

Keith Searle 1 day ago

Yep! That as well, mine will be the big winter coat over here in Finland to keep me toasty.

- 635. Comment by Elizabeth Kirkby.

EK

Elizabeth Kirkby 1 day ago

What complete and utter nonsense from this organisation - when is this woke idiocy/twaddle going to stop? It is more than time for it to be completely eradicated. The Ladies and Gentlemen of this "charity" should learn to use that much maligned thing called common sense - as well as common decency, Whoever is responsible for issuing this farcical advice should be sacked. EDITED

- Reply by andrew wright.

AW

andrew wright 1 day ago

It is indeed becoming a parody of itself. The good news is that the tide is now running strongly against this nonsense. The more perceptive of those pushing it are already jumping ship.

636. Comment by John Robinson.

JR

John Robinson 1 day ago

Best just to ignore ridiculous advice and not give their misguided notions any oxygen...it only encourages them.

637. Comment by Andrew Wright.

AW

Andrew Wright 1 day ago

Bunch of stupid f wits. Total chuffing idiots.

638. Comment by Peter Ian Staker.

PI

Peter Ian Staker 1 day ago

It's only offensive to freaks, odd-balls and weirdos.

639. Comment by Peter Walton.

PW

Peter Walton 1 day ago

What a complete and utter stupid request. Nobody cares

640. Comment by Sheila Cooksey.

SC

Sheila Cooksey 1 day ago

What can be more inclusive than "Ladies and Gentlemen"? Ah, oh yes I see.. ...

641. Comment by Michael Northey.

MN

Michael Northey 1 day ago

Whom the gods wish to destroy they first drive mad.

642. Comment by Paul Walsh.

PW

Paul Walsh 1 day ago

I notice best actress and best actor are still used for acting awards.

643. Comment by Angus Kimbolton.

AK

Angus Kimbolton 1 day ago

Please President Trump - come and invade us..

○ Reply by Peter Smith.

PS

Peter Smith 1 day ago

Trump is not unfamiliar with Ladies and Gentlemen activities.

○ Reply by Angus Kimbolton.

AK

Angus Kimbolton 1 day ago

All the better !

644. Comment by Jerry Hart.

JH

Jerry Hart 1 day ago

Ladies and Gentlemen of the EFDSS:

Foxtrot Oscar - permanently.

645. Comment by Os deJ.

OD

Os deJ 1 day ago

So, reading between the lines, our woke Art Council threatens to withdraw funding from the EFDSS unless it cleans up its act. One imagines that on the dance floors we will continue to hear shouts of Ladies and Gentleman, girls and boys.

As for Cecil Sharp, wiki tells me his political views were to the left and that he was a supporter of the early labour party, so on that front I have to agree his views are offensive! The other "offensive" views he was said to have related to the origins of folk songs!

646. Comment by Joe Blow.

JB

Joe Blow1 day ago

If you're neither then you're not welcome. It's quite clear.

Anyone else go home and watch Dr Who.

o Reply by Os deJ.

OD

Os deJ1 day ago

They are quite welcome to come along, but not sure they will appreciate the caller shouting out "Ladies and Gentleman, girls and boys and the confused one over there"

647. Comment by Angus Kimbolton.

AK

Angus Kimbolton1 day ago

The EFDSS can go where the sun never shines.

648. Comment by David Lane.

DL

David Lane1 day ago

I'm a member of a village club which believe it or not has a thriving membership of LGBGQTI..... members/guests.

The Bar is in 2025 and the lounge is in the 1970's where us old farts sit, it seems to work very well.

In fact the LGBTQIZ... lot join us in the lounge quite often for a good laugh.

649. Comment by Andrew Plater.

AP

Andrew Plater1 day ago

The term asylum seeker is offensive without the word ILLEGAL .

That is a greater issue

o Reply by Cecil Rhodes.

CR

Cecil Rhodes1 day ago

Well said

650. Comment by Harry Bloke.

HB

Harry Bloke1 day ago

And, ladies and gentlemen, communism is called anything but these days. Sometimes DEI, sometimes climate activism, occasionally trans rights.

It's all tosh and goes in the bin.

651. Comment by Cecil Rhodes.

CR

Cecil Rhodes1 day ago

Ladies and gentlemen! Kindly tell these woke creeps to foxtrot Oscar!

652. Comment by David Geary.

DG

David Geary1 day ago

With all these guys wearing skirts who knows which way they lean!!

653. Comment by Federico Garcia Lorca.

FG

Federico Garcia Lorca 1 day ago

Really ? I mean REALLY ?

654. Comment by H Jones.

HJ

H Jones 1 day ago

Utterly pathetic. These people need to get a life.

655. Comment by Mrs Marples.

MM

Mrs Marples 1 day ago

Maybe Putin's missiles overhead might refocus these idiots - but no guarantee.

656. Comment by Mark Lockett.

ML

Mark Lockett 1 day ago

I will be increasing my use of "ladies and gentlemen" in the hope that these clowns are Offended.
Clearly attention seeking idiots.

o Reply by John Munday.

JM

John Munday 1 day ago

It will be fun watching them flee the building, gibbering and tearful.

657. Comment by Pamela Roberts.

PR

Pamela Roberts 1 day ago

"...building safer spaces..." Wow, I never realised folk dancing was dangerous.

658. Comment by that man.

TM

that man 1 day ago

"...to avoid anyone being "misgendered on the dance floor"...."

Absolutely —would probably require an ambulance to be called.

659. Comment by Mark Bryan.

MB

Mark Bryan 1 day ago

Ladies & Gentlemen : Watch a load of activist tosh.

660. Comment by Tim Cole.

TC

Tim Cole 1 day ago

I am heartily sick of all this .

661. Comment by Watching Brief.

WB

Watching Brief 1 day ago

Completely ridiculous

662. Comment by Terrence Fawthrop.

TF

Terrence Fawthrop 1 day ago

I am a man I identify as a man therefore I want to be addressed as a man and no5 anything else. I presume I have rights as well as the crankies

663. Comment by Elizabeth Winter.

EW

Elizabeth Winter 1 day ago

Afraid this minority were all born to a lady and gentlemen, irrigardless of what they deem to now refer to themselves... They weren't hatched from eggs, had a mother and father, so pandering to these activists...

664. Comment by John McGibbon.

JM

John McGibbon 1 day ago

I don't blame the music society for this. Many such societies rely on fundraising and grants, the grant sector in particular e.g. Arts Council will not even consider a grant application as worthy unless all sorts of diversity boxes are ticked. So I'm desperation, societies will promise all sorts, to decolonialise, to pretend human sex doesn't exist, to eradicate the term "woman", to accept that their hundreds of years history need to be rewritten to reflect someone's great uncle bought some sugar from the West Indies and this benefited from slavery.

It's the likes of the Arts Council we should be upset at, not financially straightened voluntary groups seeking a few pounds in funding.

- Reply by John Munday.

JM

John Munday 1 day ago

If folk dancing were my hobby I'd be happy to pay for it myself. Why should our tax pay for people's hobbies? It's a bit like the bloke who used to sell raffle tickets in my local to buy strip for the youth rugby team. Why don't the parent's pay for it? I've always paid for my own sports - and racing motorbikes in mud can be very expensive.

I know Starmer doesn't like to buy his own trousers but he should be the exception not the rule.

- Reply by Os deJ.

OD

Os deJ 1 day ago

No similarity at all. The Arts Council gives out OUR taxes. The rugby chap is selling tickets with the possibility that you win a prize. You are not forced to buy any tickets if you don't want to. You have to pay your taxes.

665. Comment by gordondb54.

GO

gordondb54 1 day ago

What a Load of Tosh. (Rubbish)

666. Comment by Dominic Evans.

DE

Dominic Evans 1 day ago

So you can call a trans person a robin but you can't say lady or gentlemen absolutely crazy .

667. Comment by Donald Gilbert.

DG

Donald Gilbert 1 day ago

This gender BS has spread its malevolent tentacles into every walk of life. If a person wants to delude himself/ herself into believing they are the opposite sex to which they were born, that is fine by me, but PLEASE do not expect me to go along with their fantasy.

668. Comment by David Spalding.

DS

David Spalding 1 day ago

Press 1 for sales, 2 for repairs or if you have been misgendered, press 3.

669. Comment by that man.

TM

that man 1 day ago

"The English Folk Dance and Song Society (EFDSS)..."

I can think of other titles to fit the EFDSS abbreviation —but my comment would not be inclusive.....

670. Comment by Aelfwynn Erin.

AE

Aelfwynn Erin 1 day ago

"Saying 'ladies and gentlemen' is offensive, folk dancers told"

Who by? Stonewall, Gendered Intelligence, Mermaids etc perhaps?

The 97%+ of the population, who are still sane and don't subscribe to their deranged gender ideology cult, should politely invite the activists peddling this nonsense to shove it up their rainbow.

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671. Comment by E Kemp.

EK

E Kemp 1 day ago

Start with the caller asking if anyone will be offended. Anyone saying yes can be told to leave. Simple

672. Comment by John Munday.

JM

John Munday 1 day ago

This shouty minority has also assumed a different meaning to the word gender to the rest of us.

○ Reply by colin Carroll.

CC

colin Carroll 1 day ago

In my day, if you misgendered someone, the Latin teacher would make you write out the whole 4th declension of the noun in question.

673. Comment by colin Carroll.

CC

colin Carroll 1 day ago

"🎵 (It's) Misgendered on the Dance Floor 🎵". Wasn't that Sophie Ellis Bextor?

○ Reply by Mark Lockett.

ML

Mark Lockett 1 day ago

Yes, a very catchy tune from that "lady".

674. Comment by big ronnie.

BR

big ronnie 1 day ago

🤔🤔🤔 this is a joke right ?

675. Comment by Ray Price.

RP

Ray Price 1 day ago

I refuse to bow down to an insignificant, tiny speck of a minority group however much they might be upset by being called a lady or gentleman.

676. Comment by John Munday.

JM

John Munday 1 day ago

'The term misgendered is used by non-binary and transgender people to mean that they have been described as a gender with which they no longer identify.'

An alternative definition would be 'a person has refused to go along with my delusion'.

677. Comment by Robert Brown.

RB

Robert Brown 1 day ago

May I say that I would take "Not" referring to my wife as a Lady as an insult ? It's about time this ridiculous charade was ended.

678. Comment by -Patricia Davies.

-D

-Patricia Davies 1 day ago

Oh for heavens sake sake, will everyone please GROW UP!!

679. Comment by Cutton Paste.

CP

Cutton Paste 1 day ago

English Folk Dance and Song Society (EFDSS) - I'm afraid folks all this nonsense is yesterdays news. Trump is in - and men are men and women are women. No one is interested anymore in your make believe B .L. CKS!

680. Comment by Tim Ledbury.

TL

Tim Ledbury1 day ago

Just pipe down, you snivelling cretins. Surely every trans identifying man would LOVE to be called a lady? Isn't that what they want? (Mrs I) EDITED

681. Comment by David Spalding.

DS

David Spalding1 day ago

There are no minority genders!!!

682. Comment by Bernard Kennedy.

BK

Bernard Kennedy1 day ago

What a joke!

683. Comment by that man.

TM

that man1 day ago

Saying 'ladies and gentlemen' is offensive

—is offensive.

684. Comment by Victor Meldrew.

VM

Victor Meldrew1 day ago

Misgendered on the dance floor?

This is beyond ridiculous.

Mrs M

685. Comment by Yalla Imshi.

YI

Yalla Imshi1 day ago

just set up a new non-woke society

686. Comment by Graham Corfield.

GC

Graham Corfield1 day ago

Stop going everyone sound a bunch of lunatics to me

687. Comment by Alex Woolley.

AW

Alex Woolley1 day ago

Well thanks my barn dancing days over!

688. Comment by Nick Russell.

NR

Nick Russell1 day ago

What is offence? If I say, or write something and A is offended and B is not (why does this sound like a line from Gilbert & Sullivan?), then the problem must, logically, lie with A and not with what I have said or written.

o Reply by colin Carroll.

CC

colin Carroll1 day ago

G&S?

"🎵 And the folks that change their gender, That I'd rather didn't exist.

I've got 'em on the list, I've got 'em on the list 🎵 "

689. Comment by Marie Gerrard.

MG

Marie Gerrard 1 day ago

Was at a barn dance recently, in Bristol. Mainly young people, some of whom would have been very happy with this nonsense. Result- chaos

690.

691. Comment by Lady Sula.

LS

Lady Sula 1 day ago

This isn't worth mentioning

692. Comment by James France.

JF

James France 1 day ago

Can't these rainbow people get enough attention?