



David M. Keil

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Though I don't belong to the National Black Caucus, I'm posting this statement, issued a few days ago by that caucus, because it has important comments on a current crisis situation in the GPUS. I appreciate the statement's encouragement of us to go forward.

Concerning the Georgia Green Party and the Transgender specific related issues.

The National Black Caucus of the Green Party of the United states (NBC-GP) considers its role and relationships with other marginalized people and our allies to be a cornerstone in our work. We value discourse and reflective inquiry to resolve conflicts and the many pressing issues in our society today. As such we do not, yet, support expulsion of any affiliated state or caucus, on the issues of languaging around Women's rights, Children's rights, and Transperson's rights. We are stating without reservation all of these are human rights and need to be taken seriously. To this end we are aware that there are issues on many sides of these issues that need to have serious consideration. We are talking about real people with real issues and their concerns cannot be taken lightly.

In times like these we need to be the Party that leads. We cannot dig into silos and demand that others meet us where we are; but we need to be willing to meet each other in a space where honesty and integrity can be found. Where we recognize that we may not always get it right, we may not always use the right phrase, or the terminology but what we will always get right is the intention to live in harmony and promote the best possible change to advance progressive causes and human rights.

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Kerri L. Smith Bruss Thanks for posting, David! I am also encouraged by this balanced statement by the NBC. It appears to align with the Greens for Dialogue Not Expulsion statement/petition with it's defense of free speech, call to respect the diverse points of view of all stakeholders, and encouragement of democratically resolving differences when they arise.

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Giving Hugh all this attention is what he wants. He wants to show that he is persecuted for his moralistic crusade. This makes him feel as though he is on the cutting edge. When confronted Hugh retreats to the more gray area questions about biology and sex. This is manipulation, not unlike the way pro-lifers retreat into discussions about when life begins to pull at people's heartstrings and muddy the waters away from the realities of our society and a true analysis of POWER and patriarchy. This way he can play victim as if he is being attacked by the "trans agenda" or whatever. On this topic he sounds no different than a neocon. This is pure manipulation. We do not have to all have to agree on the exact same sociological or medical definition of sex vs gender in order to unconditionally support trans rights. The fact is that Hugh and a handful of people claiming to represent the greater interests of the GAGP voted to endorse a document contains even more vile language than NC onerous HB2. This document not only erases the existence of Female-to-male or non binary trans persons because they do not fit into their victimization agenda of trans rights somehow eroding feminism but the document also makes trans people sound like predators.

This is EXACTLY the kind of language that tens of thousands of North Carolinians took to streets and occupied schools to defeat in HB2. Hugh and his friends are using the GAGP name to promote his anti-trans agenda in a time when we need to be uniting. He has brought great harm upon the image of our party and his views are strongly denounced by the vast majority of youth of all backgrounds, ethnicity, and even major religions.

I don't support expulsion at this time. I think a far better solution is to implore those who are interested in the Green Party and who live in GA and who deplore this move by the GAGP to meet, to organize and to overturn it. If we can't organize well enough to get 20 people in a room then we have much bigger problems than the GAGP resolution.

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Antonio Ndege Noah

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Noah Martin Seems to me it would be easier to get those 20 people in a room if the seven reactionaries aren't already there to sow discord. I don't know anyone in Georgia: the best thing I can do is put pressure on the outside and, if necessary, dismantle the state party so people can start over without distractions.

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Brian Setzler Antonio Ndege I think it would be pretty easy to find 20.

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Shannel Pittman Antonio Ndege weak isn't not the word I would use. I'm confused by it because it doesn't say anything one way or another, I'm really disappointed at lack of "while we understand people have personal opinions, the platform of the Green party requires and recognizes that such beliefs not bleed into a Greens political organizing " EVEN. It feels like a slap in my face that this was even damn typed but because it says nothing

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Sam Esther Antonio Ndege this demonizing of Hugh and feminists in the Georgia Green Party and elsewhere is based on complete misunderstanding and misinformation. Supporting the sex based rights of the female half of humanity in the face of institutionalized sexism is the exact opposite of reactionary. Let's not forget that patriarchy is fundamentally about the oppression of those of us born female based on our sex by male dominated society. As a gender non conforming lesbian who has fought for gay rights since the time of Harvey Milk and a long time Green and Socialist, I stand with the Georgia Green Party. Let's have a real discussion without the smears.

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Lou Novak holding people responsible for their words and actions are not 'smears'.

This is just more of the reactionary responses to any criticism of the Georgia 9's endorsement and support for a transphobic statement.

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Brian Setzler Sam Esther what sex-based rights are you talking about? And how are they undermined by supporting the trans community?



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Paula Densnow Brian Setzler

...is a list of the Human Rights of Women that transactivism is eliminating. No one is saying trans-identified individuals should not have rights (civil protections such as housing, employment, etc.), but what IS wrong is that transactivists are erasing females as a protected sex class and erasing the sex-based protections of women and girls. Read this list—and wonder. And then, get angry. Here is the list, prepared by Galus Mag, a blogger and writer in the women's community...

- Removing the legal right of women to organize politically against sex-based oppression by males
- Removing the legal right of women to assemble outside the presence of men
- Removing the legal right of women to educational programs created for women outside the presence of men
- Eliminating data collection of sex-based inequalities in areas where females are underrepresented
- Elimination of sex-based crime statistics
- Eliminating athletic programs and sports competition for women and girls
- Removing the legal right of women to be free from the presence of men in areas of public accommodation where nudity occurs
- Elimination of grants, scholarships, board and trustee designations, representative positions, and affirmative programs for women
- Removing the legal right of women to create reproductive clinics, rape crisis services, support groups, or any organizations for females
- Eliminating media and all public discourse specific to females
- Removal of the right of journalists to report the sex, and history, of subjects
- Eliminating the legal right of lesbians to congregate publicly
- Elimination of lesbian-specific organizations and advocacy groups
- Removing the legal right of women to free speech related to sex roles and gender
- Elimination of the legal right of women to protection from state-enforced sex roles (appearance/behavior/height)
- Elimination of the legal right of girls to protection from state-enforced sex-roles in public education
- Elimination of the patient right of dependent females to hospital/facility bed assignments separate from males
- Elimination of the right of dependent females to prefer female providers for their intimate personal care requirements
- Elimination of the human-right of female prisoners under state confinement to be housed separately from male prisoners

Unlike any other social justice movement in history, the contemporary push for "transgender rights" (which is currently being played out) are unique in that they are based on eliminating the sex-based rights and protections of women and girls." - M



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Brian Setzler Paula Densnow

Some of the items are reasonable and others are clearly designed to target trans women. The items that are reasonable are not at risk.

You write and share those words to justify the exclusion of trans women. I'm not going to say you can't have your little exclusionary group who meets for coffee. Who could stop you or prevent that?

However, rights exist only as social constructs and I'm going to stand up for the rights of women, trans women, and children to be equal participants in an inclusive society. I think that's the a Green way and I am sorry if that feels oppressive coming from a man.



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Paula Densnow You can't stand up for the rights of women and children AND the rights of trans. I think that the LC has shown that very graphically, when they reacted to Georgia's standing up for the rights of women and children so stridently, even calling for the disbandment of the state party. And STILL you can't see that? If trans rights can co-exist with the rights of women and children, why is the Lavender Caucus so excised?



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Rose Roby Antonio Ndege what you say here is EXACTLY

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Rose Roby Antonio Ndege what you say here is EXACTLY how I feel about this. We will never be able to find an administrative solution to an organizing problem and if we're not strong enough to out-organize bigots in GA, then we have bigger problems and we'll always be vulnerable to reactionary forces. Don't mourn, out-organize!

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Paula Densnow When women speak up and say that the rights the trans are demanding are an infringement on the rights of women and children, their lackeys fall all over themselves screaming "Rights are not like pie!!" When the trans say that women's and children's rights are an infringement on their rights, do their lackeys reassess their thinking? Do they experience cognitive dissonance? Do they recognize the illogic of holding both positions? No, they don't. They seem incapable of thinking or analysis of their positions. And then they scream that a caucus should be able to shut down a State Party, because...."women's and children's rights interfere with trans rights, and so should not be allowed to be advocated for".

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Mary Rose Paula Densnow Well said, it would seem they want to have their cake and eat it, too. At great expense to womens' rights, and the safety of women and children.

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Robin Laurain I believe that we all know folks in Georgia and the LC should go down to Atlanta together and do some partying, recruiting, and Green Party activism. I am up to it as soon as we are off lock down. That famous guy from Atlanta said something like..."The silence of our friends is as harmful as the voice of our enemies." This hurts that the Party doesn't back up it's own platform. #greenshame

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LeRoy A Bartell Jr Beautiful. This makes me so proud to be a Green

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David M. Keil The National Black Caucus states that "Women's rights. Children's rights. and Transperson's rights ... are human

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David M. Keil The National Black Caucus states that "Women's rights, Children's rights, and Transperson's rights ... are human rights and need to be taken seriously. To this end we are aware that there are issues on many sides of these issues that need to have serious consideration." This statement advocates discussion. Does this party have a medium for discussion that is more serious than Facebook? If not, let's set one up. I have yet to read a detailed critique of the position adopted by the Georgia GP and I have yet to see a detailed development of the Lavender Caucus's position. Does the Green Party have comprehensive resolutions on women's rights, children's rights, or trans people's rights? These may take years to develop in consensus draft form and we are likely to be discussing the issues for years. The NBC seems to be asking us to coexist and get used to each other.

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David M. Keil Antonio Ndege If the GP GA (not an individual leader of it), or anyone else, wished to launch an internal struggle in the GPUS, then they would do so by challenging the accreditation of the Lavender Caucus and other bodies that have adopted autocratic positions on organization. When a GPUS unit advocates expulsion of members and accredited state parties for their ideas, isn't it worth asking whether that unit is run democratically itself?

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Paula Densnow It is extremely arrogant and entitled for a caucus to demand that a State Party be disbanded because of a difference of political stances. The fact that so many Green Party members are fine with these kind of totalitarian demands, lack of open debate and shutting down of free speech is disheartening. Free speech and open debate are integral to democracy. Shutting them down because you know that your political stance is indefensible should not be tolerated in the GPUS

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Paula Densnow Actually, shutting down debate should be intolerable no matter what your motives

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Declaration on Women's Sex-Based Rights - Women's Human...



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Kerri L. Smith Bruss



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Paula Densnow And yes, the GP has sections on children's and women's rights, which are diametrically opposed to the demands of the LC, such as medical experimentation on children, telling children that they are in the "wrong body", and, of course, telling women that we are a feeling, not a biological reality, and that any man can claim to "feel like a woman", and Poof! He is a woman!



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Kyle Hogan David M. Keil

So TERFs are just supposed to be accepted?

Green Party is just accepting bigots and telling the rest to suck it up?

Is that the party's current stance?

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Mary Rose Paula Densnow I don't know how it's even possible to uphold this section, and also be pro-big pharma, as the LC appears to be.

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Kerri L. Smith Bruss Defending the sex-based rights of women and girls is not bigotry no matter how many times some insist that it is.

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Mary Rose Get on board with the Democrats er I mean Green Party, people! Men are women! EVERYONE who's anyone is saying it. $2+2=5$.

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Paula Densnow What the acolytes insist on calling "human rights" are not the same as any other human right, such as free speech, or to not be discriminated against in housing or employment.

No, the acolytes are supporting the "right" of trans to force everyone else to accept their body dysphoria and to pretend that we see them as they present themselves, and to change our language to accommodate their dysphoria and to support medical experimentation on young children.

THAT is why the trans and their acolytes are throwing such a huge fit over Georgia's reaffirmation of the rights of women and children.

You cannot support both "trans rights" (the right to force other to comply with your delusion and to allow men into women's spaces) and women's rights (the rights to have separate sex-based spaces for privacy, sports and set-asides) and children's rights (the right to grow and develop in a healthy body with no medical experimentation before the age of consent).

You just can't. And the LC knows it, which is why they are demanding that Georgia be kicked out for the thought crime of standing up for women and children.

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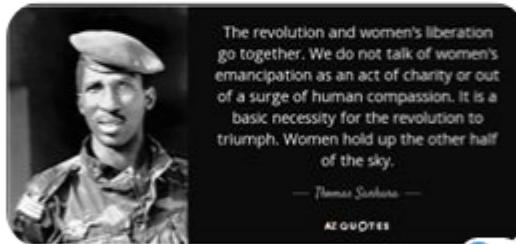
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Mary Rose Kyle Hogan Does abusing women on social media make you feel like a big man?






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 **Kyle Hogan** 🖐️ **Mary Rose**
Defending women does


You are the one who seems to have a problem with women weirdo

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 **Mary Rose** This is great. Thank you, NBC! It is refreshing to see womens' sex-based rights as a main concern for a change. It is always disappointing, though, that whenever women's issues are being focused on, the trans agenda supporters come out of the woodwork to namecall, harass, abuse and dox women. The GP should have a policy against this.

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 **Mary Rose** Oh, more violence. Color me surprised.

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 **Paula Densnow** **Mary Rose** I guess he only has that one violent meme. Must be new at the game.


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 **Mary Rose** **Paula Densnow** I have more in my collection than that. These MRAs are so unoriginal.



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 **Kyle Hogan** 🖐️ **Mary Rose**
Leave the party we don't want you





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 **Paula Densnow** What? Plastic bags? What a shitty Green. Oh, wait, he already proved that.



 


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 **Mary Rose** What sort of man follows women around shouting abuse at them? Only sociopaths, far as I know, creepers, incels, AGPs... mostly MRAs.

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 **Mary Rose** Oh Paula, look, he has a new mantra!

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 **Mary Rose** This much desperation for female attention is pretty disturbing as well.

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 **Kyle Hogan**  **Mary Rose**
I get plenty of female and male attention thank you very much
I have no need for a bigots attention



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Kerri L. Smith Bruss Exactly, **Paula Densnow**. Many on the Lavender Caucus' and TRA side of this debate are quick to reference the party platform sections that relate specifically to 'gender identity' in defense of their position, however the fact that conflicting planks in that platform exist seems to be all too often ignored. I am specifically speaking to the social justice planks referencing support for women's rights that also acknowledge women as an oppressed class, as well as those that speak to the education and health and welfare of children.

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There's no conflict as women's rights, children's rights, and trans rights can all exist together

Again trans women are women

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Your opinion has value
Your opinion has value

Damn you're right it's not working

Trans women are women and that's just a fact not a chant

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Dahlia Blackthorn Paula Densnow has asserted that the Lavender Caucus has threatened her and TERFs with violence. The Lavender Caucus has done so such thing and we reject the slanderous accusation with prejudice.

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