

Ms Ellingsen, will you have to go to prison?

Ellingsen: Who knows? This is completely new territory in Norway. I have been interrogated twice by the police - for a total of nine hours! I am waiting on one of three possible outcomes - either the case is dropped due to lack of evidence or dropped due to lack of criminal offence. Or I am charged with hate crimes and will go to court.

Which scenario do you think is the most likely?

Ellingsen: I think it is obvious that they have to drop the case - I have the right to reject a man's subjective convictions - especially men's convictions about women. But if they don't, we have a very, very serious situation. Because then campaigning for women's rights by participating in debate and in democratic processes, for example by taking part in a TV discussion, submitting hearings - would be a punishable crime in Norway.

What exactly are you accused of?

Ellingsen: I am under investigation for a so-called "hate crime", for having been in dialogue with an advisor in sex and sexuality employed at the Norwegian National Association for Lesbian and Homosexual Emancipation - FRI for short. The advisor is a man who claims to be a lesbian mother. But a fundamental requirement to be defined as a lesbian or a mother is to be female. To instill the idea the men can be women, girls, lesbian or mothers is a defined form of discrimination against women. Women and girls are female, which refers to biological sex. Men cannot be women, ever.

The advisor reported every interaction we have had since the new law came into effect January 1st 2021. Among them the question "Why does FRI teach that men could be lesbians? Isn't that conversion therapy?"

He also included segments from a joint television debate, where he attended even though he, unbeknownst to me, had already reported me to the police, as well as my submission to a public hearing on a proposal to ban conversion therapy.

Firstly, doesn't that fall under freedom of expression? Secondly, where is the "hate" in that?

Ellingsen: It should of course fall under freedom of expression and especially under women's right to political participation without persecution. But in Norway, gender theory has now found its way into criminal legislation. I criticised this change in the law in 2020, and told them it would inevitably be abused, especially against women, because transactivism has declared anyone who has a biological understanding of sex as being hateful. This is especially the case for women defending women's rights, as there had already been several incidents both in Norway and elsewhere where women are harassed for denouncing subjective definitions of sex. They didn't listen to me, of course, and here I am.

On the US channel Fox News you said that you could face up to three years in prison.

Ellingsen: That's right, it's the maximum sentence I could legally face in this case. Come to Norway, we are known for our beautiful fjords and comfortable prisons.

Apart from a possible indictment, you face massive hostility and are even publicly called a "fascist". Why is that?

Ellingsen: Accusations like these against women are just the latest iteration of the term "feminazi". Women who are concerned with women's rights have always been called derogatory names. Transactivism is simply good old fashion misogyny. In a bad wig and shitty shoes.

I am not prepared to abandon the principles of scientificity and I dare to speak biological realities - for example, that men are not women. However, I am not the first one to feel this way, because women who do this have had to endure accusations of this kind for years. Recently, a woman in London was visited by the police for having a sticker with the dictionary definition of the word woman in her window: woman= adult human female. This called the police into action, who not only ordered the woman to remove the stickers, but also demanded that she undergo some kind of reeducation, i.e. further training in gender theory.

We are experiencing systematic and extremely aggressive indoctrination by this ideology.

What exactly does it actually say?

Ellingsen: That not only social gender but also biological sex is a social construct - invented by male Christian colonisers 500 years ago to oppress indigenous people all over the world. I know, sounds crazy, but they are serious. Human rights lawyer, Yogyakarta-signatory and current special rapporteur to the UN on LGBT-issues, Victor Madrigal-Borloz, told the UN general assembly that women who are concerned about which impact the removal of biological sex as an identity marker would have on women's rights, was "showing colonial bias".

Colonisers? I thought it was an invention of the patriarchy to oppress women, homosexuals and transsexuals!?

Ellingsen: Colonialism is considered by many feminists as one of the expressions of the patriarchy. I don't find this perspective controversial. What is controversial is the proposal that it is biological sex, as opposed to social gender, that is the social construct. And to achieve what, exactly? The "right" for men to shower with girls or be housed in women's prisons?

The problem is that trans ideology imitates almost every social movement - whether that for the rights of indigenous peoples or that of homosexuals and especially the women's rights movement. Its intellectual basis, however, is quite different, and is both purely irrational and deeply misogynist. Their demands require that objectivity is replaced by subjectivity. This is something we have already experienced in the "science wars", that dispute in the nineties between analytical philosophy on the one hand and postmodernism and post-structuralism on the other, in which the basic principles of science and the validity of its findings were also attacked as "social constructs". Today's debate on gender theories is a renaissance of the "science wars", with the addition of the most heinous attacks directly aimed at the rights,

safety and dignity of women and girls. The attack on science is unfortunately being taken less seriously this time.

Why?

Ellingsen: Because the only ones who in actuality face the consequences of transideology is women and children. It is women who face the men who claim to be lesbian mothers, in women's changing rooms, in pregnancy support groups, on lesbian dating apps, in prison. It is teenage girls who are disproportionately undergoing irreversible medical experimentation due to the pseudoscientific idea that gender is an innate feeling and that biological sex is a social construct. Statistics show that men are increasingly opting out of medical intervention when they claim to be women - in Norway the vast majority have no wish to do any medical procedures. Which is fair enough, as these procedures are a hoax anyway. But teenage girls are still being coaxed to undergo them, and to propose other solutions to the unease many girls feel about their bodies is considered conversion therapy. Society will always ignore the safety and needs of women and girls over men's comfort, and nowhere is that more visible than in transideology.

But isn't transideology a continuation of feminism?

Ellingsen: No. Trans theories are nothing more than pseudo-scientific, aggressively totalitarian, homophobic and, above all, deeply misogynistic, capitalist, ultra-consumerist as well as ultra-libertarian ideology. Sure, there has been an intense surge of so-called "liberal feminism" over the last two decades, which tells women and girls that black is white, slavery is freedom, porn is empowering and sexual violence against women is pleasurable. "Liberal feminism" is not feminism, or liberal for that matter.

You think the trans movement is an invention of patriarchy to oppress women - am I understanding you correctly?

Ellingsen: That is the analysis of radical feminism that I agree with, yes. The patriarchy is a system where women's and children's reality and safety is considered negligible to men's comfort, and where men will allow any level of force against women whenever this status quo is ever challenged. The trans movement is the same old patriarchal crap - just repackaged. It too is about women being objectified and reduced to body parts. And it too, as is typical of patriarchy, is brutally enforced with threats, violence and a totalitarian attitude. The only beneficiaries are men. After a hundred years of struggle for women's rights, patriarchy thus succeeds in taking away our rights again.

What do you think of the statement that all this has nothing at all to do with men and women, but is rather a left-wing or liberal extremist movement which, like all extremist movements, is becoming more and more radicalised - especially when the bourgeois centre, social democrats, liberals, Christian democrats, capitulates to it willingly?

Ellingsen: I don't consider transactivism as compatible with left-wing issues in the slightest. The left is classically about recognising the material reality of labour, not about denying material reality. And in any case, there are clearly big economic incentives behind transactivism, as the excellent research of Jennifer Bilek shows. No left wing politics has ever

had all of fortune 500 declaring their support for their cause, such as the case is with transideology. Also, the replacement of biological sex with the concept "gender identity" has been realized during mostly conservative governments - this is at least the case in both Norway and the UK.

The left and also feminism have historically been concerned with differentiating through social analysis in order to reveal mechanisms of power and to distinguish between what is nature and what is in fact a social construct. Slavery is not nature, but a social construct, for instance. To deny women education is not nature, but a social construct, for instance. So the idea of social constructs might be considered left wing, maybe? But trans-ideology does the exact opposite: like patriarchy before it, it also tries to present social constructs as inherent. In doing so, it undoes the leftist, emancipatory differentiation.

Most resistance to the gender movement probably comes from classic heterosexual men - whose norms are in turn the main ideological target of the trans movement. Doesn't that diametrically contradict your interpretation?

Ellingsen: In my experience many men are simply criticising transideology as a proxy for criticising women. Some do not, of course. But to think that transideology in any way attacks men's rights is simply lazy. The concept of third genders, for instance, has always had a function to strengthen men's power and position in society, especially over women. It does this both by enforcing an idea that women are some kind of castrated non-men rather than being whole human beings on their own terms, and by directly enforcing a culture where women are not allowed any spaces where they are not supervised by men. The latter was the case in the many societies where castrated males have served a function as wardens for the harems and brothels for emperors or Kings. The indian writer and film maker Vaishnavi Sundar has written insightfully on this on the role of the hijra, for instance. In many hyper-masculine societies there exists some notion that a man can disqualify from his sex if he fails to sufficiently meet standards of masculinity. This enables the undisturbed continuation of certain traits among men, because men who fail to exercise these traits are simply pruned out. And to fail to be a man is in turn comparable to becoming a woman, because women are of course not their own category of a human being, but castrated non-men.

In any case, the patriarchy has become exceedingly generous towards men who hate women. They can heckle women the traditional way, claiming conservative values, or this latest version, claiming progressive values. Same thing different wrapping.

You were an interview guest with your case on the TV show of US right-winger Tucker Carlson - by your definition a representative of patriarchy at its purest. Why, if that is your enemy?

And why should he support you with his invitation - if you as a feminist were actually his main enemy and not the trans movement?

Ellingsen: You know women's rights are in trouble when the only main stream media that will give radical feminists a platform is Tucker Carlson. I am very thankful to have been given a segment on his show, and for his interviews with women fighting the same battle as I am - for the protection of women's sex-based rights and of children's right to safety. While I am sure there are many men who at the very least recognize the damage transideology is doing

to children, I am not under any disillusion or expectation that right wing men or media will recognize the damage being done to women's rights. But at least they don't deny biological reality. And as I said on Tucker Carlson - you can not defend women and girls if you cannot define what women and girls are. There exists no more efficient way to erase women's rights than the one being lobbied through by the trans movement. I want it to be documented that I said "no."

THE END / THANK YOU!