

TRANS PEOPLE DO NOT
DISRUPT GENDERED SPACES
THE INVENTION OF GENDERED
BATHROOMS DISRUPTS
2SLGBTQIA+ PEOPLE

"Separating bodies by urinary capacities — real and imagined — is a way to ensure sexual difference when our bodies do not always lend themselves to absolute and exacting divisions by gender." (Cavanagh 2010, 30)

Segregating public bathrooms by gender correlates basic bodily functions with social roles. Separate bathrooms for men and women structurally validate cis/heteronormativity. Peeing and pooping are spatially removed from sexuality by assuming sex only happens between men and women, and that this is a biologically supported binary. Structural cis/heteronormativity continues to invalidate 2SLGBTQIA+ identities and politicizes how and where everyone may piss and have sex.

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