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I'm a teacher and parent of two kids. I live in Bangor. I was the only girl on the boy's varsity basketball team in school when I was younger. There was no women's team. This whole trans panic is just about denying some people access into public spaces. It doesn't protect cis women because trans women are women and not a threat to cis women. It's cis men that are statistically a threat to women in general. If you need info on that check the domestic violence stats.

Trans people are a tiny minority. They are not threat to anyone. They are scapegoat. And I cannot explain to people how stressful and frightening it is to be a younger person (or even an older person) and have the government and organized groups come after you or after whoever you love who is trans (friends, sibling, parents, etc.) Having rights stripped away and not being sure who you are safe around is really stressful. If we want to talk about young people's mental health, we need to think about how openly hostile things are right now.

Trans and binary people are a small group, but a part of humanity and nothing new. I can't believe how successful anti-trans activities have been as a wedge issue to get people on board with other fascist goals.

People are different. We do things differently. We live differently. That is okay. It's actually what makes humanity as group really wonderful. There is not one way to be human.

Let trans people be. Let trans young people play sports.

None of us have rights if people in power can just sudden decide a group of us doesn't have rights anymore.