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S Sarah Dipalma 00:02

So I sent off the fax from hell, I read it. And this time I sent it off to all the queer media. And I made it real clear just would have thought. Guess who calls me the same day after she got three phone calls from the media saying, you know, this doesn't look too good for you? Well, that was a rather interesting conversation. And after she got through screaming and yelling, we finally got down to saying let's do some negotiations. And for a while it looked like maybe we were going to be able to work things out. Now remember, we're now talking about nine days before this rally is supposed to take place, rather nine day. Okay, so what were let's let's talk about what were what was in the demands that we wanted? What was it? What was it that we couldn't agree on the Lesbian Gay rights lobby in us? My first the first point that as read, our organizations recognize that we share many common allies and enemies. Thus, we agreed to work on common issues. Yeah. She refused to introduce it to the board of directors. What's wrong with that? She said, and I quote her Exactly. Now, if I introduce it to the board that have to have a long discussion about it. And I don't think I could get it approved. Now, I asked you, if if you can agree on something as simple as that, on what basis are we going to make a further discussion? Fine. Okay. And that I mean, that, that what you just read is pretty innocuous? Well, it is innocuous, and she said her exact words were, she could not offer the statement to the board, because it's unlikely they would be willing to commit to something like this on such short notice, and without more extensive discussion. Now, the ironic part to me, is that same day, I read on the internet, about how groups of the religious right had a big convention in Florida, and raised \$2,000,000.24 hours. Now, our political enemies, many of these religious right groups don't like one another, right. But they can work together, they can raise \$2 million. And we can't agree that we have common allies and enemies. What's going on here? Now that's and finally it's, it's now finally come home to me. There was never any intention to include us in this bill. And we could stand in our head and spit nickels, and we're not ever going to be included in this bill.

J Jimmy Carper 02:36

So what what the hell was all of this?

S Sarah Dipalma 02:38

Well, I'll tell you, when I found out what the real truth was the day of the protest in Austin, there is a story in the triangle in which they quote Dianne Hardy Garcia is saying to include us with cost them votes.

J Jimmy Carper 02:51

Ah, there we go.

S Sarah Dipalma 02:55

Finally, but remember, we started this in December. Yeah. And I never do hear this from her. I have to read it in the newspaper. Well, she's

J Jimmy Carper 03:03

not going to tell you that. Well,

S Sarah Dipalma 03:05

apparently not. Now, to her credit, one of the things that Diane had said she would do, she said that she would present a resolution to the board. And she would, she would ask that I be allowed to speak at the rally. And she kept her word. But I made it clear that what we wanted was a written resolution from the board, agreeing to work with us in the future on future hate crimes legislation. Why did we want it written? Well, because if there's anything that I have learned, in dealing with some organizations in the gay community, and I want to stress some, particularly some of the political organizations is what they tell you. And what they'll do is not the same thing. Yeah. When we were in Washington, DC, talking on end, they patted on the back and told us we were great. And when it came time, we weren't included in the bill. So by this time, I'm getting pretty smart a lesson here. Written honey, you never said it right. In and so that's why it was

J Jimmy Carper 04:10

a shame. That's a shame. This is this, especially Texas is the land of the handshake agreements.

S Sarah Dipalma 04:17

Well, honey, I got it. They told me the sky was blue. I'd have to go look. And you know, the ironic part about this in Colorado, Colorado is home to a lot of the political right organizations, particularly the religious group. Oh, yeah. Because Because lesbians, gays, bisexuals and

transgendered has those people in their face up there. Almost all those organizations are inclusive. They have all learned to work together, because they've had to, well, gee, you know, the 1996 elections not that far off. That's right. And you know what, they're gonna come get us. But somehow that hasn't gotten through. So Here's the situation that we're at now. Now the hate crimes bill is in the Senate. And I understand supposed to come up for a vote fairly soon. Whether it will get through the house or not, is pretty iffy. We've got a guy with your name

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Jimmy Carper 05:13

Warren Chisholm. Oh, yes, good ol war

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Sarah Dipalma 05:15

he, he has a lot of he pulls a lot of power. So I don't know whether I don't know whether the bills gonna go through or not. If it doesn't go through, for whatever reason, I promise you this, we will be back with our own legislation the next time, we will compete for the same votes, if that's what it takes. I learned a lesson from this. And that is I hate to say this, because this sounds, I don't mean to sound as negative. But the next time if this there is a next time, I'm going to do what it takes to get us included in nobody had ever better come to me again and say we'll include some of you because that isn't going to be enough. Period. And I hope folks from the LG are really listening as I meet it. One of the things that came up in we did our protest in Austin was wonderful. Tell me about the protests. There were several cross dressers who came out, which was very I didn't expect that. And honey, they came out in heels no less or a protest. And I asked what are you doing out here in heels? She said, The only shoes I own? Which and I'm sure it's true. I'm sure it's true. It's true. We had cross dressers, transsexuals, some people who just read about us in the paper and thought we were right in turned up. I guess altogether. We probably had 25 or 30 people. Good. We had a whole bunch of banners American flag Texas flag. More now

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Jimmy Carper 06:46

when you left here. You said you didn't want to be nasty, or No, we weren't. It was one of the bay. I can't

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Sarah Dipalma 06:51

tell you what it felt like we if you're familiar with Austin, we were near the stairs of the Capitol. So we're looking down the street. It 5000 to 7000 people coming straight. And as with your banners, it was a magnificent sight. But now I know how the people the Alamo felt. Because there's 35,000. But it was very friendly. As the people came through. We were talking to him and said, you know, you look great. And a lot of these people stopped in stood with us. They held up banners to support us, Benny, there's The Hogan Family. I don't know if you're familiar with them. They lost a brother he lives with in West Texas, he committed suicide after he was outed. And the Whovians came down in stood with us one held banners for us. Mel White, who was just a show. Yes, came down and gave our director from it's time San Antonio a big hug. When I was up on stage apparently picked me off the ground. He's a big man. You're a little

woman and well, yeah, I'm a heavy woman, but a little. But our support was terrific. And I want to say a special thank you to Ellen bourgeois spectrum. Oh, yes, Ellen bourgeois made a special point of coming over to find us to pick up our banners and waive it for everything he was worth. And that felt wonderful. I don't know how many people realize this. But Alan bourgeois has really stuck up for us. There was an incident here, and I can't say the name of the artists. But they were on the verge of landing a real big name artists perspective. And dispersed this, this particular artist said, Well, I'm willing to do it if it's for gays and lesbians, but not if the transgendered people are included, because I don't think that's a good career move. What now this is a person who probably could have sold eight 810 1000 tickets easy. And Alan bourgeois, to his everlasting credit, said, if we can't include the transgendered people, we don't need you. That's why he's gambling his money, folks. And he gambled his money because he thought that was the right thing to do. Yeah. So thank you, Alan. Thank you. And he was

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Jimmy Carper 09:02

on the show a couple of weeks ago, talking about spectrum 95. And we'll be talking about it later. Yeah.

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Sarah Dipalma 09:07

The rally itself was a big success. And I actually did end up getting to, to speak to the rally. And that was very nice. But the i We learned some lessons from this from all of this experience. And we've learned a couple of things. One is that we that we as transgendered people, it's a mistake for us to think in the future, that we can count on gay and lesbian political organizations to stand with us when the time counts. Now I talk with Ivan I mentioned earlier in the show, but a person named Jane Langley in Australia, and they've had the same experience with the gay and lesbian community down there. And she made the comment to me that when it comes to negotiating the first rights, they're willing to bargain away or the rights of the transgender. Sure. That has been our experience in Texas. I'm sorry that that's true. And it's disappointing. People that I

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Jimmy Carper 10:08

ran, and this is one of the better places to live, if you're transgendered

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Sarah Dipalma 10:12

people that I thought were my friends left us when when the time counted in, it's going to take me awhile to get over this. There was a lot of hurt. People felt Phyllis and I have been working for the gay lesbian community for more than 20 years. Yeah, why? No, so we didn't expect this. And we're gonna keep working for the gay lesbian community, because we still have a lot of friends here. Sure. But we have learned in what we've learned is, from now on, do what it takes. Now, there are going to be people in the gay lesbian community. If this had if we have to go through this again, a year, year and a half from now. There are going to be people who are

going to accuse us since coming to us and say, You're sabotaging our chances are you're going to cost us votes, or whatever the case may be. And I might as well tell you now, just include it. It's a lot simpler. Yes. I see. We got the q patrol on q

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Jimmy Carper 11:05

patrol was right out there. Yes. They flashed me.

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Sarah Dipalma 11:10

Hey, that's all right. So that's, I just I wanted to talk about that. Because we've hinted about this stuff. We've mentioned it in passing. But we've never really explained what was going on. And I really, I was a lot more comfortable talking about it now that it's over. It's the odd thing about this, is that an only or only a couple, only a few months from now, the election campaigns are going to start. Yes. And I fully expect that we're going to get some gay lesbian organizations who are going to come to us and say, Gee, would you be willing to contribute some money? And I can tell you what our answer is going to be? Sure we'll contribute money as long as you inclusive by us, include us and we'll contribute the money. It will be very interesting to see whether they'll be willing to do it. Because I guarantee you we're not putting any more money in unless we know we're involved. That's that's just the way it has to be. Gotcha. You ready to go to some music? Yeah, let's

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go to let's say I've got a piece of music by the other Melissa. Melissa Ferrick. came out recently and introduced the song a couple of weeks ago. It's called the happy song. It's on her first album. She's got a new one that should have come out this week. So check that out. Melissa Ferrick, f e r r i c k the happy song you are listening to after hours that continuing tradition right here on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM and keos College Station, Bryan 89.1. You just had a musical break there. And that was of course, Elton John's brand new one made in England. And there's a

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Sarah Dipalma 13:01

great one Bye. bought his lover. I didn't realize he had a lover. Oh yeah. That was news

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Jimmy Carper 13:05

to me. Yeah, yeah. Yeah. David who lives in Atlanta. And he lives in Atlanta. Yes. And so they have a townhouse in Atlanta and and Elton's house in London.

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Sarah Dipalma 13:17

He gets to see Elton John twice a year, bro.



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He goes on tour with them.



Sarah Dipalma 13:22

Yeah. That's interesting. So



Jimmy Carper 13:24

you heard that last week?



Sarah Dipalma 13:27

On the way back and for a little stopping how he how he



Jimmy Carper 13:30

thanked David Yeah, that the Academy Awards. And before that Melissa Ferrick, f e r r i c k with the happy song. And you're listening to Jimmy Carper. And in Sara dipalma, we're talking about transgendered issues tonight.



Sarah Dipalma 13:47

I want to talk about that. Before we go this interview. Let me talk about Martine Rothblatt. Martine Rothblatt is the author of the book called the apartheid of sex, and you're going to hear the interview with her in a couple of minutes. This interview was taped at the Texas tea party while I was in San Antonio. But I want to I want to read from her book a little bit because I think we started out talking about inclusion. Well, we are all included as human beings. And here's a here's how gender and transgender and sexual orientation here's how we all fit together. Okay? She says it birth, a cursory examination is made of a baby's genitals. If the doctor sees a small penis, the parents are told it's a boy, his small vagina, it's a girl. From this initial declaration, most people are sent off on two different tracks in life. And those tracks are called Gender development. And here's her definition of gender. Gender is the set of different behaviors that society expects of a person who gets labeled male or female. So you see she's saying the labeling comes first and then you apply the behaviors. And she says is the significance of being born with either a penis or a vagina so great that a person's future destiny should be dictated accordingly? Would we consider pre determining a person's life path? Because of the color of their skin? Or their color or their eyes? Or their hair texture? No, no. And that's exactly the point. She makes the point she makes the point several times in this interview, she compares sex to apartheid. And she makes the point over and over again. We're not allowed to get married if our jet if their partners genitals are the same as ours. Mm hmm. We're not allowed to do a lot of different things. Women are not allowed equal pay. Why? Because of their genitals.

Yeah, there's another thing and basically, and she makes the point over and over this society, and much of what society does, is based on this, and her question is, Is it really that important? You know, what, what, how, how is it that because you're born with a flap of flesh, or you're not, that your entire life gets set into a caste? And you're expected to obey all these behaviors? Isn't that weird? It doesn't. Weird.

J Jimmy Carper 16:16

It's something you don't don't think you think about until till you get a little bit older. Because it never occurred to me when I was a younger person

S Sarah Dipalma 16:26

when you started occurring to me early but but yeah, do about it. But

J Jimmy Carper 16:30

But how sad I have I've seen in my life very, very smart enable women who have been held back because they are women. And sadder still, is how some very inept men who have been pushed forward

S Sarah Dipalma 16:48

is the name Dan Quayle mean anything. So I'm, we're talking about NF men. Yeah. Well, she makes some points on this on this tape, which I'm not certain that I agree with. But she's very, very thought provoking. Because she, she challenges the whole concept of gender from the second that you're born. Now, unlike some people that I know who talk about gender, she's living this out. She's raising her own children this way. Oh, and she in fact, she was just recently on television. I wish I had taped it and made a terrific presentation. Now later, we're going to talk about another author that I also taped at the Texas tea party named Gordon McKenzie. In Gordian McKenzie will approach the same subject from a somewhat different angle. But as this interview goes forward, ask yourself if if, if, at birth, someone had said to you, you're neither male or female, you're simply a person. How would your life be different? Oh, gosh, and then then listen to it in that light. So we present Martine Rothblatt. Today we are in San Antonio, and we are speaking with Martine Rothblatt. And she is the author of the book called the apartheid of sex. Now, if you've been regular listener to our show, you've heard us quote from our teens book before, but I'd like to introduce her to you now, Martine, welcome to our show.

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Thank you very much there. I'm glad to be here. First

S Sarah Dipalma 18:20

 Sarah Dipalma 18:20

of all, the apartheid of sex now read through this, and I understand what you mean. But for our listeners who have not heard of the book, tell us tell them why sex and apartheid would have anything in common. Okay,

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well, apartheid, there is a legal separation of people into two absolute categories, based solely on their biology having nothing to do with the merits or abilities of the people. In this society, from the moment we're born, we're stamped with either a male or a female labeled, and from that point on, we are shunted off into two separate legal directions in life. Even when we reach adulthood, we can't even marry whom we want if they have a same label as us. So the apartheid of sex is the legal separation of people into two different categories based solely on their genitals.

 Sarah Dipalma 19:11

Now, you made it a point in the book here. I don't find exactly this minute. Here it is. You talked about the idea that we learn sex and gender in this country asked backwards, and I've used that quote before to make a point. And talk a little bit about what you mean by that?

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Well, by learning sex acts as backwards, what I mean is not to violate the sodomy laws. Although I think there was really nothing wrong with that, and but no, seriously speaking. In this country, we are stamped with a male or female they build upon birth. And from that point onward, all of our rest of our behaviors are forced to be consistent with that label. In other words, if we're a boy and we start playing with dolls were laughed at we're told no You can't play with dolls you're supposed to play with guns. If a girl plays only boys sports and refuses to engage in cooking or playing with dolls, the psychiatric community in this country today labels that person to have gender identity disorder of childhood, believe it or not, that's, that's true. And then not surprisingly, by the time we get to be 25, or 30, we can't imagine being any other way than the way we've been trained to be all our lives, namely either stereotypically male or stereotypically female. The proper way, the to live life, the way which is not as backwards is to give children a name, give children love, give children lots of stimulation and experiences, and let people select the activities that they want based on the natural expression of their own soul. Once they develop a set of activities, that set of activities can be labeled a gender and I point out in the book that genders aren't limited to male or female, there can be hundreds of different genders. But we should first develop all our behaviors and characteristics as they feel natural to us. And then if we want to label that with a label, male, female, what have you, we can instead, what we do today is all wrong, as we deprive ourselves of the freedom of personal development.

 Sarah Dipalma 21:21

When I go and I talk to classes, I will often explain to them they will want to know if I'm a male or female, and I'll ask them, why is that important? And they have no concept what that could

be their eyes, their eyes just absolutely glaze over. So let me ask you the question that question why is being male or female important in our society?



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The reason that's important is because the apartheid of sex is a state religion in this society. And accordingly, the first thing everyone wants to know is, Are you a believer? Or are you a heretic? And of course, it's scary to say you're a heretic, you can and all sorts of terrible things can come to you. So by saying I'm male, I'm female, you're saying I believe in the state religion.



Sarah Dipalma 22:04

Now, on our show, we've talked about gender. And we've talked about the idea that, well, we had Kate Bornstein on the show, and she talked about the idea that gender should be explored. And that's all well and good. But if you're the parent of a child in our society, how would you do that?



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Well, it's really quite simple. To start with there, you do not label people as male or female from birth, to give people names. And when people say, am I a boy, or I'm my girl, you say, you're a person, and I love you as a person. But I have a penis. Yes, you do. And it's a beautiful part of you. But I have a vagina. Yes, you do. And it's a lovely part of you. And that's the way we begin to break down these barriers. If some of your child says, I can't play with dolls, because that's only for girls can sit down and say, you know, Can I play with adults with you? And usually they'll want to. So it's of course very difficult Sarah to change the apartheid of sex as one individual and their kids starting alone. But revolutions, I believe are built one by one. Here in Texas, I talk about the story of the of the Houston paralegals who had to go to the bathroom during a concert. And she went into the male bathroom, she was agenda revolutionary. And those are the type of individual acts we have to do to turn around this apartheid of



Sarah Dipalma 23:31

let's talk about how the apartheid of sex plays out in society. And you brought that up. So let's start out with the potty issue.



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We interviewed several women from Dr. Cole's clinic on our last show, in every one of them talked about the problems they had at work with, where am I going to use the bathroom? Now, that's one of the opening shots in the apartheid of sex, isn't it? Well, the apartheid of sex, like the apartheid of race always draws a very rigid line at the toilet seat. And we may find this hard to believe, but only 30 years ago, which is a very, very short time ago. It was illegal in many states in this country for two people with different skin tone to go to the same party. And people were outraged. They would say well, I have nothing against people with that skin color.

But you know, I'm not going to share a toilet seat with them. That's, that's sacrilegious. That's terrible. Well, nowadays, we can say well, what stupid racist notions those were. But we apply those exact same notions in the area of sex, and the apartheid of sex book, I point out all of the different reasons why unisex bathrooms will cause no problem whatsoever. I get down to the nitty gritty of our wet toilet seats and sloppy shooters and all those sorts of things. And the entire chapter is called The bathroom bugaboo, because we have created this boogeyman of the bathroom. But you know, in countries throughout the world, Sarah people share the same bathrooms without any problems whatsoever. Criminal logical studies have shown over and over that rapists are attracted to women only spaces so in fact unisex bathrooms would be likely more safe for women. The Violence Against Women Act, which passed the last Democratic Congress authorized a more public funding for better lighting and places. Certainly if we put video cameras and surveillance monitors above ATM machines and 711 stores, our safety and washrooms would be just as justified. There was a time when people said well, we can't accommodate handicapped people, handicap toilets and and now differently abled people are able to go to the washroom because those accommodations have been made. I think that it's clear that we can practically take steps to make single lavatories accessible to all people without having a blanket whites only type of sign above every bathrooms male only or female only. That's just as disgusting as whites only are colored totally.

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Sarah Dipalma 25:55

No. Another area that I think all of our listeners are going to be able to identify with is the idea of male jobs in female jobs. I recently saw a tape that had been released from the Los Angeles Police Department. And the basic idea was to embarrass the women who had gone to apply for the job of firefighters. And it was the so called white male backlash, so to speak. We do have an apartheid of sex in the employment place, don't we?



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We absolutely do, Sarah and the reason why is because of the apartheid of sex of society. If we never asked people what their sex was, there would be no basis for discrimination in the first place. Many people you wouldn't even know what their genitals were, by the way they act and behaved if we didn't force people into gender typical roles. I point out the in the apartheid of sex book kind of chapter on the military and, and sex discrimination because that's a real apartheid of sex environment, that the military and every single test that they have ever conducted of people with vaginas, and people with penises, including the most demanding, dirtiest task in the military, which is some firing howitzers out of ditches. They found people with vaginas performed just as well as people with penises and every single job. people with vaginas had less time off from the military list, a wall of whatnot, despite the fact that the occasional pregnancy and whatnot. And I finally say, you know, if the military didn't ask and weren't told the sex of the recruits, nobody would be any worse off.

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Sarah Dipalma 27:27

Now, of course, according to Newt Gingrich, women get infections every 30 days, and men are genetically designed to hunt giraffes.



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Well, I think Newt Gingrich is an infection that America has caught, and he seems designed to hunt civil rights. Well, I



Sarah Dipalma 27:41

think a lot of people in our in our audience with live would agree with that, I'd like to talk a little bit about some of the other areas of the apartheid of sex. Now, one of the things that that I found really interesting was when you talked about justice, and gender. And, of course, I know Phil is probably very well aware, I'm associated with the law conference, and I know that you are too. So talk a little bit about the idea of justice and gender.



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Well, che it's one thing to to awaken everybody to the apartheid of sex, but changing it is going to be a long, arduous process. That doesn't mean that we don't undertake the revolution. Nothing worthwhile comes easy and overturning the apartheid of sex is Emily worthwhile, it's going to make millions and millions of people's lives more livable. But it will not be easy. And we are going to have to fight the battles one by one, we're going to have to start by demanding that the government not ask any information of a sex matter of any person. For example, when you're going for a marriage certificate, the government has no right to ask whether you're a male or a female. Instead, they should only ask are there two people presenting themselves? Are they of legal age? Are they not already married to someone else? And if the answer to those three questions is affirmative, then they must marry them. And this failure to marry people because they have the same genitals is just as disgusting and just as as steeped in apartheid as refusing to marry people because they have different skin tone.



Sarah Dipalma 29:10

So for the folks in the audience now understand that what we're talking about then is under this this setup, we this would legalize same sex marriages?



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Yes, except it definitely would. Sara, from a semantic standpoint, the apartheid of sex points out that there are 5 billion people in the world and 5 billion unique sexes. So I believe no two people are the same sex we are each sexually unique. This would authorize co genital marriage if you will. And I think we have to get used to talk them about penises and vaginas just like noses and hair. It is the heart of our problem is that we feel that these parts of our body are somehow sacrosanct and you can't talk about them and that leads to all types of problems in society. But yes, when you eliminate the apartheid of sex, you open up the freedom of marriage to people who you love Regardless of your genitals,



Sarah Dipalma 29:22

 Sarah Dipalma 30:02

Ken, let's talk about how this would play out in society. I know in New York City, they have been attempting to teach the idea that marriages regardless of whether they are bipolar setup or have of same sex marriages are perfectly fine. In the course, they're drawing all kinds of fire from the political right. So how would How would a society without the apartheid of sex How would it educate its children?

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Well, first of all, you have to expect that any revolution is going to draw a lot of a lot of flak from reactionaries. And I would point out that only 27 years ago, half the states in this country made it illegal for two people with different skin tone to get married. Still, public opinion polls taken by the Roper and Gallup organizations show one out of five people believe mixed race children should not exist. These are the these are the type of terrible attitudes which are out there. And you've got to realize that people who are steeped in the past, okay, are going to have great difficulty accepting the fact that two people with penises can be perfectly lovely parents, and can bring up children, boys, girls, whatever, in a perfectly normal way. In fact, that point out in the apartheid of sex, according to studies shows in Scientific American, already 10 million kids in this country are being brought up by gay and lesbian households. Nothing terrible has happened. Sarah, one thing I'm fond of saying is parenting requires love, not genetics, or genitals.

 Sarah Dipalma 31:40

Now, a good part of our audience is gay or lesbian, and many of you, I'm sure are parents. And so I'm certain that you can identify with what's just been said, Let's talk let's look at this from a little different perspective. Now, how do we get from where we are, to where you suggest

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we should go? Well, what we have to do is, I suggest three major broad courses of action in the apartheid of sex. The first one is to demand that the psychological community and the medical community which of which psychology is a part, admit to the limitless continuum of sex and to stop insisting that people must be either male or female. Now, this is a very important first step, Sarah, because the first step in the gay and lesbian rights movement was to D list, homosexuality as a mental disorder, which it was until 1973, I believe, and maybe 77. But until the 70s, homosexuality was a mental disorder, and that made it impossible for gay and lesbian people to obtain any rights, today being gender creative as a mental disorder, According to psychologists in the medical medical community. So if we bring up our children to be gender creative, then we can be thrown in jail because one would say, well, you're bringing up your children to be mentally disordered, and you're a bad parent. So step one is to demand that psychologists stop labeling people as male and female and admit to the limitless continuum of sex. I might point out a continuum that's so vast and so unbounded, that even at birth, the billions of neurons in our brains are not even connected enough for thought, much less for gender at birth. Okay, step two, is that we've got to demand that governments stop labeling people as male or female. A maleness and femaleness is a cultural choice available to each person to a greater or lesser extent, the government has no business slapping down our birth

certificates, on our marital applications on our school forms, etc. And step three are for information in our for message creators, namely, people in the entertainment industry, writers, publishers, educators, to begin presenting all of us in society with gender creative role models, to stop humiliating people who crossed the gender boundary, and begin celebrating gender freedom, gender creativity, just like we celebrate other forms of artistic creativity.

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Sarah Dipalma 34:12

Now, one of the things that's going to come up as people are going to say, Well, that sounds like a new form of political correctness. What do you what would you say to these folks?



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I would say that, you know, political correctness is really a fancy word. Most of the time for doing something which is common sensical and only fair. It's probably politically correct. Not to go up to a concentration camp survivor from World War Two, and call him a cake. Okay. And I think it's a pretty decent, decent rule to follow as well. So, you know, political correctness is just a label that people throw about. It is today, politically correct to call everybody male or female. Okay, so I think the political correctness argument really doesn't get you anywhere. What I'm talking about is finally standing up and admitting that the emperor has no clothes. We've been walking around in this world pretending that we are two separate species, male or female. By which we take one part of our anatomy, the genitals and glorify it as a singular difference point between people. That's like a naked emperor walking around, everyone's saying that, well, he has a fine to the clothes, someone's got to stand up and say people are people, sexes in our mind, genitals are no more relevant than your hair color, the size of your nose, the enzymes you may have in your body or your heights. And let's begin respecting people as people and to stop classifying, classifying, categorizing, and constraining people as jeans. Now, recently, ABC had a special about gender, I don't know if he had a chance to see it. And he spent a lot of time talking about brain sex. And I know you talk, you spend a lot of time in your book, basically blowing that whole theory apart. So if you will talk about that a little bit? Well, sir, it's very easy to blow apart. What's unfortunate is that gender scientists in this country have been serving as collaborators in the oppressive apartheid regime. And here's how they've been doing it, they conduct social studies, okay. And in these social studies, they find that some statistically significant percentage of people with penises behave differently, then a group of people with the China's okay, they have never found a test where everyone with penises behaves one way and everyone wants the China's behave another. Instead, they'll find Well, 60% of people with penises answered these questions more logically, and, and 40% of the people with penises answered them more emotionally. Therefore, on average, people with penises are more logical than people with vaginas, or, as quickly translate in the media. Men are more logical than women. What's drops out is the fact that the on average, and I make the big point in the book over and over again, that looks like the bell curve. And you don't understand and men are from Mars, Women are from Venus, are nothing but big, fat stereotypes. When you make a statement about a group of similar looking people, and you apply a statement to all similar looking people, despite the fact that this statement only applies to statistical percentage of them. You're engaging in a stereotype. And I explained over and over again, in the book that stereotypes are not science, a stereotype cannot be true, unless everyone who looks a certain way, acts that way. Well, none of these, you know, Tom Gerald's stories and whatnot have been able to show that instead, stereotypes sell copy stereotypes sell airtime, so they throw them

out there. But it is just as odious to say that men are more logical than women, as it is to say that African Americans are more athletic than a year old Americans. Both statements are wrong, are stereotypical. And finally, a point I want to add and then here's the tragedy of it all, Sarah, stereotypes are bad. Some people say, well, we need stereotypes to help us. But no, we don't need stereotypes. Stereotypes are bad. Stereotypes always mislead. They're usually malicious. And eventually they lead to genocide. And that's what happened over 1000s of years with women women have been the brunt of so much pain in society and murder in society. Because of the stereotype that we are less valued than men hit their head the first stereotype Jews is evil in order to kill them. The Europeans had his first stereotype African laborers in order to exploit them as slaves. We have now reached the point in time in society when we should be mature enough to say I'm not going to judge any book by its cover. I'm going to respect each person as an individual and not label them based on their body.



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