

Elon Musk: 'Cis' And 'Cisgender' Considered Slurs on Twitter

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Twitter owner Elon Musk signaled that the words "cis" and "cisgender," often used by transgender advocates to denigrate and de-normalize normal people, will now be considered slurs on the platform.

Musk made this commitment in response to a tweet by writer and trainee psychotherapist James Esses, who said he received a barrage of tweets using "cis" as a term of abuse after he stated his wish not to be referred to

by it.

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"Repeated, targeted harassment against any account will cause the harassing accounts to receive, at minimum, temporary suspensions," said Musk in response.

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Musk's comment led to a flurry of interactions in the thread below. One

commenter, feminist writer Genevieve Gluck, highlighted the origins of the term "cisgender" — coined by German "sexologist" Volkmar Sigusch, who also conducted research into "child sexuality."

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Replying to @JamesEsses

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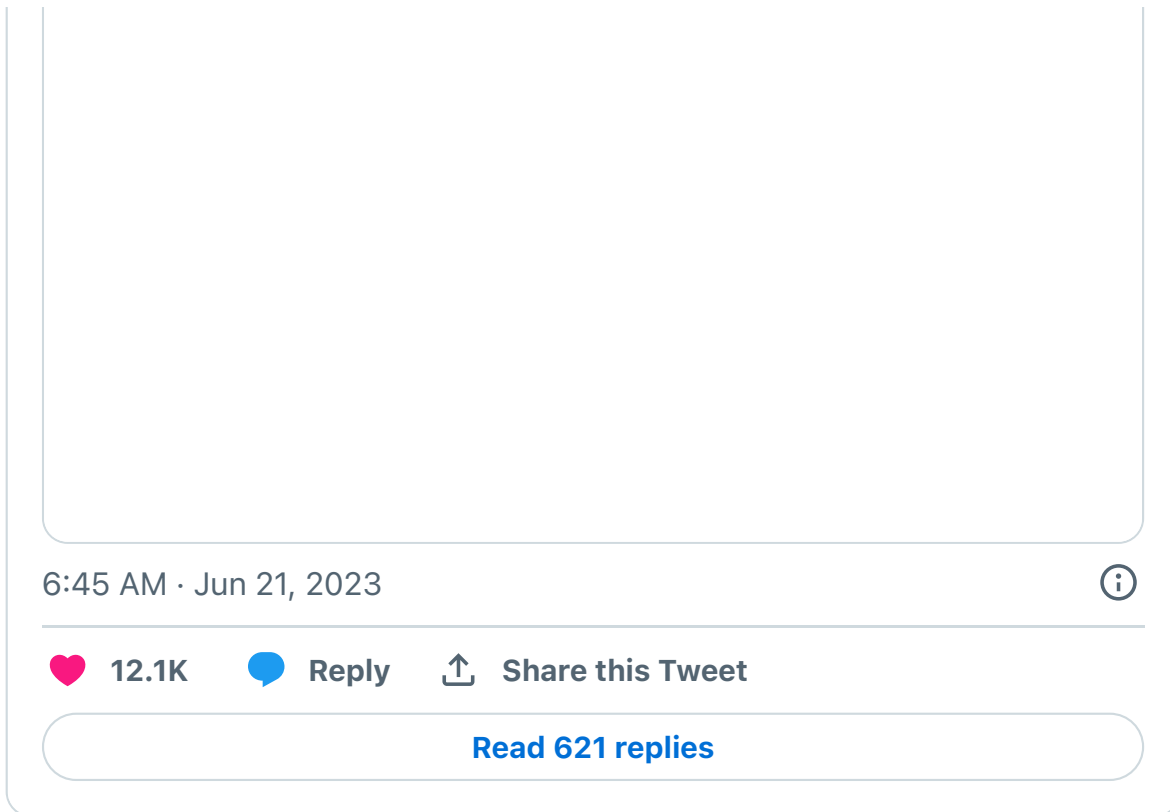
Thank you!

And for those who don't know, here is some background on the origin of "cisgender," as coined by German sexologist Volkmar Sigusch.

Genevieve Gluck  @WomenReadWomen

The term "cisgender" was coined by a German sexologist who also stated, "The sensuality that spontaneously unfolds between a child and an adult is something wonderful."

Volkmar Sigusch first used the terms "cisgender" and "cissexual" in a 1991 publication titled Transsexuals and...



From Gluck's [linked tweet](#):

According to Dagmar Herzog, author of *Sex after Fascism: Memory and Morality in Twentieth-Century Germany*, Volkmar Sigusch and his colleague Gunter Schmidt, with whom he published research on child sexuality in the 70's, also argued that exposing children to pornography – a well-known grooming tactic of pedophiles – was completely harmless.

"Volkmar Sigusch and Gunter Schmidt argued provocatively that the representation of sex, per se, did no damage to youth or children, and that the kind of pornography in which sex was 'represented without prejudices as a pleasure-filled social activity ... is exactly the kind that one could without worries give to children and adolescents,'" Herzog wrote.

If Twitter does indeed classify the term "cisgender" as a slur or term of abuse, it will be the first time that a mainstream term or talking point of the political left has been determined to be off-limits by a major social

media platform.

Previously, this has only occurred in relation to topics discussed by conservatives, including skepticism of official coronavirus policies and questions about fraud in the 2020 election.

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