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also not likely today. But if there is anything distressing you can contact switchboard on 1 800 1845 to 7. Well opened up today with the Saints.

It's a Brisbane baseband because well Brisbane and Queensland leading the way last night labor re-elected up there and one nation and Parma United have disappeared down a big sinkhole or something. Hoorah. And well, that's one that run think to celebrate coming back closer to home. It's been a busy week on the rainbow and rainbow ish fronts intersex awareness day last Monday the 25th. We're at the end of Ace week and today is transparent.

And I have a guest who's very much been involved in our communities for many many years to join me to discuss that and issues and point surrounding it. And that's the wonderful. Dr. Garvey and Sarah who is a poly cultural psychotherapist and clinical educator living on Sovereign born war on country in the corn Nations and for 19 years Garvey has provided therapeutic support policy guidance and advocacy internationally to challenge oppression and marginalization of people with

In binary and binary trans lived experience and people with additional forms of gender diversity Garvey is an associate editor of the international Journal of trans-health received American Psychological award transgender research award for original significant research and the University of Surrey University of Surrey vice-chancellors alumni Achievement Award for outstanding contributions to international human rights and social justice and there's plenty more we could talk about lots of other Awards, but I think the best thing to do is

At Garvey on the proverbial line Garvey welcome to 3cr.

Thank you so much Sally. I also want to acknowledge that I'm coming from the stolen Sovereign lands of the bone around people the coordinations and also want to acknowledge ongoing colonization and systemic racism including the very recent and devastating destruction of the Sacred trees of the judge our own people by both Federal and Victorian state government, and I understand this is being legally contested. So I send my solidarity to the juddering people for an ethical outcome in the Colonial Court. Well, absolutely.

At least so in the midst of various positive things in the last week for the queer communities and up in Queensland. We do need to very very much around mention that so bring night. And well I suppose I better be careful and remain restraint given that we're broadcasting. But all I can do really is send my solidarity as well this time, although if we weren't on are I'd be saying a lot more and I don't think you do. Yeah and we very much

Acknowledge diversity and intersectionality across the land and acknowledge that of course, there's been lots of ways to express an identified gender all around the world for many years including on some land on this continent sister girls and brother boys. So very very much Social Justice and being together, but let's zero in a bit transparent day. This has been going since 2014. We were just having a chat of a few weeks ago now and thinking we should do.

Something about this. So perhaps let's just get the brought the sort of broad brushstrokes going first. Tell us a little about transparent day and what it's set up to do.

Well Sally, I think I think one of the important things about transparent day to think about particularly when people talk about having a particular day to commemorate a certain thing or or a certain type of relationship. I think it's important to say this is the life that people live every day a so for some people this is everyday life and I think sometimes what the important thing of a day is actually to create an awareness that centered around this is in case the first Sunday in November was established.

In 2009, the idea was to celebrate life and love between parents who'd been marginalized for their genders and their children and also children of trans and non-binary experience and children with various kinds of gender diversity and their parents and I think it's an important day. It's a day when we can take stock of how well as a community we're doing and supporting parents and I mean broader Community not just trans and non-binary and gender diversity communities.

But I think there's also a real need to remind people that this isn't just a news story or a day or a sensational ABC News special but this is regular people's everyday lives and I think the situation certainly that I'm familiar with in community and in my various roles, they really show a lack of awareness and understanding that people exist at all. I think

it's something I've heard you talk about a lot about biracial. I think even in spaces where the

Cept of people being non binary and binary trans people or people having various kinds of gender diversity is is welcome and understood the idea that people could also be parents like you talked about intersectionality is still not on many people's radar screen. So when they talk about this, they're primarily assuming that if someone has a family member who is non binary and binary or binary trans or there. They have gender diversity that that person is automatically going to be for child in the family not the parent and that also comes from a bit of an infantilizing.

Paternalistic perspective in general particularly in medical and Mental Health Professions. There is this sort of condescending paternalistic attitude of sort of I know better than you. It's my job to make sure you're really who you say you are and I think that feeds into this idea that a parent is someone who does make decisions about other people's lives and has a tremendous amount of responsibility couldn't possibly be a trans person and I don't think that that's something that's explicitly stated. I think that's an implicit bias that people have but I noticed that in many contexts where

Attempting to be inclusive and yet they're really not making space for allowing that a parent might have a lived experience of gender that's different from the clinicians most most of the clinicians are not people who have lived experience ourselves. And even the ones who sometimes have come to have provided supervision for people and said, oh I didn't realize that parent had that lived experience. I was thinking it was one of the children. So again, I think it hasn't been until recently that

We've really started to question that kind of exclusionary attitude where it's assumed that if someone is a person of non-binary or binary trans experience or some form of gender diversity that's marginalized. They couldn't possibly be a parent and I think looking at the strength and benefits of those parents as well as looking at the challenges people face is really important and what we can do to minimize those challenges. Yeah. I think you've raised some really good points there, you know writer and you know, whether it's conscious

Saw unconscious bias, perhaps doesn't matter but all saying. Yes, I think there'd be lots of people of all sorts of backgrounds. They're out there who feel pathologize that times by various health professionals both mental and physical and you know, this whole medical supremacist sort of attitude can be really frustrating but you know, and that's a that's a huge one to get through but that people don't even think about it or

Just sort of on a similar pathologize a note one thing that came to mind as I was listening to you and you know sort that just clicked in as someone who facilitates a group for parents or family members including parents of trans people something that happens on the pathologizing front and I almost feel like son content warning for pathologizing and transphobia here is a low to medium level that parents get asked things about let's say they have an assigned male child who wants to be FEMA will didn't you give you enough

All trucks child enough trucks to play with or something and I'm sort of doing that denial laughter there as you can here because it's just so bizarre that we can even pathologize cisgender parents of trans young people and all those sorts of things as well. So that pathologize ation can run sadly very deep that's true and and given that many people's exposure to this topic is a television show called transparent that many people with lived experience.

Koreans have actually criticized, you know, and yet people who don't have lived experience seem to think this is such an amazing show and will recommend it to every single parent who discloses that they have a trans lived experience or some form of gender diversity. I think that it's really important to look at that is you know, what do people think about the representations of parents because I think that some people have said look, you know, it's a huge problem that you've got an actor who some people have said like looks very sensational.

Alized looks like there weren't there doing drag and and this sort of the way that the family deals with it. There are one hand some people are so grateful that there's even a representation at all. And I hear that this sort of dilemma that there's mixed reactions to it that people have come to therapy or people I know in community have said to me, you know, this is so wonderful to see us represented and yet how awful they've said that that this representation just

This has so much and why I didn't they have why couldn't they have an actor that actually has lived experience that that's a common concern there. So few roles for actors with lived experience. Why did they need to have an actor who actually is a man and that that really does make a difference to those people with lived experience who are watching that show. I also think it's something that people often let themselves off the hook where they say. Oh, I watched the show transparent that makes me a supporter and Ally I get it and what's really interesting is how that

And translate into actual differences in behavior in many cases the want to talk about that right now, but I guess to say there are very specific challenges that people are going through that are not reflected in dilemmas represented on the show. So although there's a lot of valuable content in the show that people do resonate with there's a lot of things that people found troubling and there wasn't really much room for people to raise that in a balanced way where they could say look overall. It's great to have some representation better than nothing but here are the challenges and I think I think that

People didn't listen as much to community. There wasn't as much input from Community about that. Well, yeah often what's the saying the road to hell is paved with good intentions and people might have been won't enter. Of course type. First of all totally agreed to have a cisgender male playing a trans woman is problematic. And for that matter had it been the character being a trans man, and I've been played by this woman could have been problematic and where does that leave non-binary people?

All those things but you know, I think that a lot of the time you know that there isn't this input from trans people. There's a really good article actually in the guardian a couple of weeks ago about when people who are cisgender try to write Trent speak from the first person as a trans character in a book there's this new book, I think it's honeybee, and it may not be a bad book and I can't serve read it. But is it really something that they can do and get the nuances right? I mean as an educator I can speak, you know.

Speak to my lived expertise for Trans and by acknowledging that's one story. But if I'm doing say all of lgbtiq a plus I have to make it clear that I can't speak for intersex for example, and so we really need that lived expertise and you know, the thing that always gets me and I'd be interested in your thoughts on this although just to get them in your

own words is we all know that if we if we have input into a system because we know what's worked and what hasn't and how we can fix the what hasn't worked G it gets up to become a better system.

Surprise surprise, so it might be surprised to say why isn't it that we're having that input into issues that affect that affect transparent day whether you are a transgender parent or a parent of a trans person.

I think it's about really acknowledging privilege because if you don't acknowledge privilege, you'll get into a situation similar to one that I recently encountered where I was in a professional development training and it was about ethical behavior. And one of the people who's in a leadership position nationally regarding ethical practice actually said that disclosing lived experience was unethical and a lot of people were trying to raise the point that if

Have a particular marginalised lived experience. There are certain things that you do not want to leave to Chance in terms of them understanding the range of experience in the language and not having to explain yourself as much and play educator to somebody and this person's attitude was that empathy is enough? I just understand and you just listen to people and really struck me there is unexamined privilege that this person does not understand doesn't actually have the empathy to

First and how in this case her privilege affected her ability to determine whether or not she was appropriate. She didn't understand that she had a whole lot of CIS privilege and that her lived experience afforded her a different way of moving through the world if there were so many questions. She wouldn't know to ask because she hadn't questioned any of these things. I think it does give you lived experience gives you an informed intuition. It doesn't automatically mean you'll get it because everyone's different but it means you know, what kinds of things

Might be going on and it means you know, what kinds of questions to ask and you have a sense of which things are going to be offensive without necessarily having to be told where someone who doesn't have lived experience is going to have to work harder to do that. There are different challenges and someone with lived experience might have to remember that their own experience of that thing isn't identical to someone else who

might have the same label of the same Community membership, but somebody who doesn't have lived experiences really going to have to remember how many privileges they have in constantly examine those

And I think that's where I see a lot of the failures is people wanting to take a box wanting to learn the list of facts and then claim competence or claim expertise. I can remember something. I found really appalling that there was a therapist going around saying describing themselves as as a spokesperson for the trans Community, but this person I'm not saying a gender on purpose because I don't want to call any particular person out because there's some a wide

Problem than any one person but calling yourself a spokesperson for community that you're not personally part of of people have a lived experience that you haven't personally had I find that morally repugnant. I think it takes away space are going back to that article in the guardian if that's the Alex Gallagher article that you're talking about sure if that's the one yeah, I'm because one of the points of that is that there are so many toward the end Alex makes the point that there are so many great manuscripts and works by authors of trans non-binary engine to diverse lived experience.

Since who just don't have access to the same system, they don't have this this privilege to be published. And so people are taking up space writing about people without them and yet they're not lifting people up. So I think one of the things that is important to say is it's not about centering yourself. I mean, it's a little bit equivalent to the fact that people are giving so much space to a white woman rub and Angelo and yet not as much to dr. Debra Max Kennedy who does have lived experience of being targeted for

Racism, you know in terms of talking about white privilege, you know, who's dominating the discourse? So when you're talking about no trans representation non binary representation gender diversity representation, you know, who's doing the representing his consulted? You know, there's that saying from the South African Disability Rights Movement that's been used in all sorts of contexts. Globally now nothing about us without us is for us if this is supposed to be quote unquote for us for a particular Community that's being marginalized.

Aged, well who determines that who decides if that representation is one of the many representations that feels accurate and authentic to people and I think there's not even that question and I'll forget the issue of okay. Are you only talking to white non-binary people versus you know, original brother girls and sister boys. Are you talking you know, who are you talking to within that range, but there's not even any talking to people of lived experience. It's in many cases. So I mean in terms

The situations that people face the whole range of common situations that I certainly encounter everyday and Community spaces in pastoral care and as a therapist that I just don't see represented or if I do I see them represented very poorly from a dominant oppressive perspective and not from the perspective of a person with lived experience. Yeah, so what can people do to be let's get it towed knowledge. Totally what you said there. What can

People do whether their therapists the proverbial, you know everyday citizen in inverted commas. Any anyone any general or specific things that people can do to be better allies to transfer to child just keeps referring to transparents given the data are given the day what can people do that would be positive lifting make things improve things. Thank you, Sally and and just recognizing that we're really talking about

Out a range of parents not just those who would identify as trans. So I do want people who don't think the term trans applies to their lived experience to also know that I'm including you in this when I say it may be called transparent day, but perhaps eventually it will be called trans non-binary and you know people with gender diversity lived Experience day, but I think one thing that I think is key is cultural humility, which is a concept that is often used in cultural diversity spaces, and I think

It is relevant here because if you haven't had a particular lived experience, even if you're a binary person of trans experience and you're not non-binary, you have binary privilege, you have a humility certainly as a binary person. I have a humility about not claiming expertise about someone else's lived experience. So I think realizing it's an ongoing process of learning. You never get it. You'll never ask an expert you might specialize in the topic or a certain lived experience that you never an expert.

Someone else's lived experience. And with that there's this really important point of valuing and prioritizing the feelings and needs of people whose gender lived experiences and have been marginalized or completely exclude it so I can think of a number of situations where that devaluing and D prioritizing plays out and just one example is there's a number of people in a particular spiritual community that I was once part of who consider themselves allies because they watch

Watch the show transparent on television and would talk about it and would have various forums about it and publicly, you know, give presentations about it and it doesn't seem as if they even consulted actual people of lived experience in most of these cases, but I can remember that people often prided themselves on how inclusive they were. This is very common phenomenon of virtue signaling. I know that this is an ideal thing to be or I think it's an ideal thing to be so I'm going to claim to be that as a way of improving my social status in certain

Sex whereas in other contexts where it wasn't as socially acceptable they didn't challenge the point. They weren't Defenders of people's rights, but it was when it was considered to be beneficial to them. They had the privilege to kind of switch to become very silent and not say anything in places where it wouldn't be well received but to say it in spaces where it would increase their social capital was very interesting though. Was that the same people several of them repeatedly became hostile and antagonistic when they were asked to take a

Actions it would actually align with these supposedly inclusive ideas. So when I would raise issues about non-binary people and their families feeling excluded or even someone publicly misgendered someone and when I tried to privately one-on-one in a much less distressing environment than these big public forum at which this person had misgendered someone repeatedly, I privately said look, you know his what happened and I even gave them a he's how you can make it, right?

This person started crying and it became all about me responding to that person's feeling so their feelings became prioritize their needs became prioritized and in fact at no time did any of my suggestions for how to fix it happen. So I think one thing is to say there's a difference between safety which people who are marginalized and oppressed.

Need need people with various kinds of privilege in a situation to help make possible and the beneficial discomfort of people who are privileged being called on their enactment of Oppression. And so in this case, I was calling someone on enacting oppressive Behavior, but it became all about them all the time and that's that's a repeated experience that I've had when raising concerns like that and you see this throughout relationship selling and you probably have experiences of your own butt

Just thinking of how many people I've worked with who are in relationships and families where their gender being respected and expressed is treated as a matter of opinion for people to disagree with or not. So so everybody else gets respected as who they are but that person is seen as rocking the boat, you know, they're seen as creating a conflict just by trying to self express themselves in a way that allows them to have a meaningful life and that maintaining the status quo with which all the other family members are comfortable is seen as

Prioritized in not that person's experience. Everyone else gets to be who they are. But that person doesn't because it's seen as a family matter. Well, if you do that, you're hurting me and yet no one else is gender and way of expressing themselves is up for grabs. So this is the kind of toxic compromise people make to ensure that other people are comfortable. I can think of one very painful experience where I worked with a woman who she had been assigned male at Birth and she was really working hard to accept her and

Darren had decided to affirm her gender and then she found out from the partner. She was with that that partner who had a child was not comfortable with her having that role and she agreed to kind of accept this deal this deal to have a public role as a stepfather and to be misgendered by the partner to all the other people because I'd partner was uncomfortable with how other people in this small rural community might react to her being dented as a woman. She was very tall she for various reasons did

Want to go on hormones and so you know, she she was going to be challenged on her gender expression because of other people's prejudices about her visual appearance. And so she would frequently bring distress to therapy. She and identified the situation by the way, so it's specific details are a bit different than what I've said, but she would

bring distress to therapy and she was constantly suicidal, but she had to keep this to herself to preserve the status quo.

That relationship. So in terms of people's limits, I would say you can't compromise on being yourself without tremendous cost and I think that if people who claim to love people understood the damage that they were causing and made it safe for people to express the damage that are causing. I don't think you'd see that same kind of behavior and that's and that's really around children people have this idea that it's inappropriate, you know to be trans or non-binary or have gender diversity around children.

And and and yet children seem very comfortable children adapt very quickly. In fact, in this case. The children were already respecting this person's gender. It was the partner and the partners family deeply religious family who were not comfortable with it. And so I mean I even had one person who who he had a parent as well as a partner who were both trans and this person in the sessions would insist. It was okay to misgender the parent because the parent was supposedly fine with it.

The other partner laid a disclose that the parent wasn't fine with it and had just accepted this Behavior to maintain the relationship with with their own child. But this person use that claim to then bully his own partner into being misgendered by him to say. Oh, well, my parents are okay with it. So, you know, you should be okay with it too. So this is a sense of not really understanding the magnitude of harm that's done. And I know that that's that's very much about people affirming agenda rather than people who decide they want to become parents.

It's or come parents whether they decided or not, you know after after they've affirm their gender and then they have an issue with how much they just closed at their history because because obviously small children want to know and they asked a lots of detailed questions and they start to get curious about bodies and people don't want to lie to their children and on the other hand. They also don't want in situation where their privacy is violated or they have unwanted as close as two people who might not accept it outside the family and this

Where the current climate of schools is an and spiritual and cultural communities is so crucial because those environments can be places where it's okay to have the family you have and where parents can feel safe childcare gig

But primary caregivers of children can really can only find acceptance and inclusion, but that's not often happening. And sometimes that actually creates conflict between partners in a family. So I think I think there's so many different ways that that people need support and not because there's anything wrong with them but because of all of the stigma and oppression and exclusion that still exists

Yep, a lots and lots in there and it's this whole you know, it's so hard for cisgender people who have known someone affirming the gender in the first name will say in the first part of life. All that sort of thing. Well, it's of course a lot harder for Trans people which I think leads into something that's really important. Every human has wonderful strengths and in terms of you're working with Tran transparents and acknowledging that

What you said about that that label doesn't cover everyone but it's there is a degree of play on words, which is always good. Seriously. What do you think of the the strengths the positives that transparents bring to or say any table so to speak because I think that's really important to note. Look. I think it does depend on the parent but I think what the lived experience of being non-binary or trans or having some fun with gender diversity does give person if they have in fact

Really come to a meaningful examination of life and people have told them who they were and then they've said no that's not who I am. I'm something else which doesn't happen in all cultures Right In some cultures people just grow up as who they are and in the word trans wouldn't necessarily apply to their gender diversity, but for let's say in across Australia in many communities. Certainly, I think one of the benefits is that people have really examined themselves and there's this term

We use in therapy called congruence with basically just means who I say I am is who I understand myself to be and who I want to be is who I act as in the world and I think there's a particular type of congruence that in particular parents with these lived experiences can have that are harder to come by for a lot of other parents when you

have to examine something so fundamental that people take for granted as your this or you're that in terms of gender and how gender is such an it's not in every

Society but in this particular country or set of countries within Australia certainly but in the dominant Colonial Australia, certainly there really is this idea that we every it's a fundamental building block of society what gender people are I mean, even the terms people use the sexuality have embedded in them as I know you've critiqued in the past a lot of them have embedded within them these assumptions about gender of partner. We're for some people that's not even the primary thing that they look for in a partner.

There might not be even one of the main factors and yet it's such such a pivotal way that people relate to each other. I mean just a quick example is people who've said look it was perfectly fine when they were being perceived as a woman to smile at a baby on a bus or to smiled a little child and yet as soon as they started being read by other people as a man or as transmasculine all of a sudden that was seen as a suspect Behavior as a potentially predatory behavior, and so just thinking about

How different gender looks when you talk about assumptions about how people are around children. I think one of the benefits is that parents who have examined something as fundamental in this society as gender are much more open to having Frank conversations with their kids about other things. And so I what I think I have noticed is that not all parents are comfortable with their gender and some parents are in deep stealth, but for those parents who are open in the family particular about hey, they

And I have a trans and non-binary lived experience. And that's something that they are embracing and talking openly with the children about it actually has opened up other conversations for the kids where they sort of extrapolate in a lot of cases and go. Oh, well if my parents is open about that particular topic then I guess talking about this other particular topic would be okay. And so I see a lot more Frank open discussions and where people are really young people are really encouraged to investigate who they are and not just assume to be somebody I think this is a group of parents who

Seemed and again, we can't stereotype because everyone's different but one of the things that I have noticed there's a real difference is that more parents with this lived experience than other groups of parents seem very aware of how problematic it is to live

vicariously through your child. That is to say well, I'm at this so I want you to be there so I never got to do this. I want you to do this and much more careful about not imposing their own selves and I think that's that's because going through that experience has helped them to be something that in therapy times would call well-differentiated.

Which just means I can see that I met and you're you and the way that we can do intimacy is to understand that true intimacy isn't let's connect around where we're clones of each other or let me turn you into a clone of me. It's let me understand that we're fundamentally different people and let's connect around those differences and I see these group of parents as being particularly skilled at doing that because of what they've done in their own lives. Yeah. No look absolutely.

Early, so I think that trans regardless of label or No Label at all. I'm transgender diverse. Non-binary people do have a sense of openness and open ball sake, you know, there's less barriers in their mind. So to speak if they can be themselves and the creativity definitely opens up I could also well there's a digression in there. I'm going to go I'll go with my gut here. I'd sometimes wonder whether some cisgender people are jealous of that and that

That causes some of the hostility to transgender diverse non-binary similar people but I suppose we could we'd need another five shows to debate that so it's a really it is a really critical point that when we can be ourselves and I've seen this so many times that once it's you can get on with these being able to be your gender identity expression body sexual and romantic.

Orientation all those sorts of things the rest of Life can start flowing more hugely. So sort of I think that there's a lot that we've covered their tell you what we might just have a quick breather and I'll just have have another Brisbane base check opened up with the Saints. I'm stranded from an album called songs of Salvation, which was a 1988 compilation of the Saints up.

To let time in honor of the Queensland election result. Let's have another classic Australian band being the go-between to also formed in Brisbane. And I'm one of the Pas possibly one of their bit most well-known tracks the streets of your town 3cr 855 am 3cr Digital 3cr Dot org dot EU and 3cr on-demand out of the pan with Sally.

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I'm the truth. And the truth is what this country's most fearful of in particular indigenous truths until history is told by the vanquished lens, which is our people telling our story our way and have the right to be able to incorporate that into a system of learning while people are always going to be denied that Truth by deceit and lies when you look at the type of psychological warfare spiritual warfare.

That Aboriginal people according it's not just in the sense of military when they talk about weapons of mass destruction, but you're right. It's in terms of the media and the industry of media is our Warfare against our people and so is religion. I believed in the western sense. Then they're all weapons of mass destruction against our our people we need to keep radical voices on air subscribe now go to 3cr dot org dot a you forward slash subscribe or call the

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And well, I think has effect Way Beyond one country no prizes for guessing what that is, but something that is underway is the Melbourne Fringe Festival with a lot of events

online this year, which is really worth noting and well someone has to I'm Yours Truly is going to be part of an event called. Let me get something off my chest where Advocate as it says tune in for a one raucous night of pole polemical Rants and right.

Aegis queer Rage, that's Thursday the 12th of November at 8 p.m. And so definitely tune in for that. And of course last week some fabulous dare. I say ice guest Jackie pillar is on in tardy, which doesn't I think come up to a for a few weeks if it wants to come up in the search here it will but yeah and say, yeah.

Chicken hop onto the Melbourne Fringe website and make sure you check that out. But well, it's a busy week. I'm tardy ready isn't disabled it is and yeah busy week coming up and yet from tardy premieres on Saturday the 21st just after Trends day of remembrance. So yeah busy month and lots more happening for intersex as well. But let's sort of Link the two into

World events. I'm going to have a chat to Garvey your came to talk about a couple of things that we need to sort of just really mention. We can't avoid and Garvey one is well the horrendous Bill put before the New South Wales Parliament, which I almost feel like saying content warning forward that we even have to mention it. And of course well currently we have the 45th president POTUS in office as one of our loyal listeners.

Eskalene refers to that person is and its really critical what happens? Well Tuesday local local sort of us time and be about Wednesday morning middle of the day before we'll know something in eastern Australia eastern part of this continent. Let's start will say closer to home and you're someone of Faith which is why I think your perspective is really important here the bill that Mark Latham has put before the New South Wales Parliament.

And if I can just have one light moment try not to use too many impolite words about it. Yes, that's right. I think one of the problems has been the hijacking of people of faith in our communities to try to support very oppressive things that actually go against the principles of many faiths. And I think this is a Swindle that has been done by certain nefarious actors in government. So I think

It's interesting. There's a protect us Soul statement protect us Old.com Dot a you which is a statement against the slave and Bill that has now been signed by 91 different organizations including the Australian Association of Social Workers, including a couple of places related to people of Faith uniting New South Wales and act the Australian Association of Buddhist counselors and psychotherapists. So there are some notable absences there which are damning by their absence, but you can take a look at

This all.com to a you regarding that I think one of the most Insidious things is the way that this pits people against their own ethical values and morals whether they're professionals or people of Faith or both because what it basically does is to say people are completely erased from school context whether you are a parent of trans non-binary or gender diversity experience whether you are a student whether you're a teacher whether you're just

To cover human diversity you're completely erased and this has particular racist connotations as well that I haven't seen any of the white Anglo people raising awareness about this really prioritize, but certainly it erases the existence further of brother boys and sister girls, you've experienced colonization and of other genders in societies that do have more than two genders. Those are completely erase their be banned in schools. And I think one of the Insidious things about this is given that we've had increased numbers of suicides.

Eyotality ring reported especially with the pandemic school can be a real place where young people can get the soul supportive response to them if they're in families or communities where they're not getting that support. So I think that one of the things we'll see is if this legislation this disastrous legislation does pass, I think we're going to see an increase in suicides and it's very predictable and and unfortunately, I think

Is this is a challenge for Australia? Where although this has do you said although this is technically a New South Wales piece of legislation. I think we've seen that when hate speech becomes normalized and when bigotry becomes institutionalized

As it actually has been but this would further institutionalize it then we see the harm that that causes to actual people and their loved ones. So there's sort of this focus on ideology gender ideology and the language that they keep using his really Insidious. It's

been even language that's been picked up by some people in community who don't realize the shift that's that's being enacted, which is people are using the phrase gender fluidity as a gloss to describe all people of non-binary and

Trans experience and people with gender diversity make no mistake gender fluidity is a very particular kind of gender diversity. However, there are many people with fixed stable and abiding religious identities and experiences. So what it's trying to do is destabilize the notion that anyone can actually know that gender and it could be different from what someone else decided it should be and if you are it's just a phase. It's fluid. Well, I don't know about you Sally but many of the people that we love and know

This is not about fluidity, you know people it's about knowing who you are and it's about being able to Define who you are without someone else who doesn't know you a state Authority deciding and dictating for you who you're going to be look absolutely so very quickly because we are sort of getting being to run out of time on the show. I'll ask one more question on this and then we we will talk about number 45 as he's called as he's called in a mirror.

USA but has there been a position yet? Obviously from the to will say lar numerically larger parties in the New South Wales Parliament, the will say liberals and or Nationals and then labor on their stance on this bill. Have they publicly declared anything?

Well, I'm not the best person to ask about that. Specifically. I think I mean Mark Latham, as you know was a member of Labor before he joined One Nation. So I know that there are individual people who have challenged this but I know that he's not well liked within labor, but I'm not what I'm what I've been more focused on actually is the behavior of behavior of people in professional bodies.

Who really have hesitated to come out against this and there's a number of them that have been a number of them that haven't again you can take a look at whose names are represented and you can draw your own conclusions, but it's really shocking just how many people consider this a politically sensitive issue. When what we're really talking about is the lives of young people and their families and the safety of schools. So, I think I think there are lots of different permutations of this I mean

Look, I think I think politically it's it's something that a lot of people don't seem to understand just how dangerous it is. So, I don't know Sally. Are you aware of any statements against the bill by labor I&p, not at this stage. So yeah, we hopefully that will be the case and I think with the disintegration of influence of one nation last night that is all the more reason for certainly labor, but obviously we prefer

Ln p as well to just totally reject this bill out right in the fact that Alex Greenwich although admittedly. He's in the lower House of the New South Wales Parliament got a motion supporting trans people one would hope that is a good sign but look we are just love getting close to the end only a few minutes left. And so I do when we did say, I know it's such a huge topic to fit into two or three minutes, which is all we've got the time we have left but the situation in the u.s. of course this

Day in American time which would become a roughly Wednesday morning ish. Give or take in most of the lands on this continent the u.s. Elections not just president. But of course there to legislature houses God, where do we start trying to go through the implications of this not just of course for lgbti, but so many other things climate and other things, but I'm interested to get your thoughts very very quickly.

Well, I don't know if you were remember this but there was a point in around around this time in 2018 when there was a move by the US Administration and to erase the definition of transgender altogether from federal programs. Are you yeah, so this is not even just there was a whole lot of discrimination that happened people were banned from military service. So all sorts of other things that happened.

There was demonization of people there was hate speech but in particular there was this attempt to redefine sex in civil rights laws so that it would remove the anti-discrimination protections that people had gained and so this that even the American Psychological Association of the time had come out against this to say, you know, there's Decades of research that show that this this is going to harm people don't do it, but they've redefined that and

Interesting enough some of the US efforts to reduce people's rights have used a similar language of gender fluidity basically trying to position this just as an ideology really

divorcing it dehumanizing. It's similar to what we see where people use words like homosexuality and not actually talk about real people and real relationships that that they're really trying to dehumanize people of trans non-binary and gender diversity experience rather than actually explain that this has real impact on

On people's lives. I think if the election goes one way, you'll see certainly Joe Biden and come. Let me come alive. Harris came under Fire because at one point she was directly responsible for making it impossible for women of trans experience in the prison system to access gender affirmation medically to access hormones and surgeries and she since apologized for that and she now includes her pronouns and on her Twitter handle and things like that. I think she may have learned her lesson. Joe Biden is certainly has

Made a lot of comments that are strongly supportive of people of trans experience non-binary experience and with gender diversity. I do think a lot of the rhetoric coming out of the campaign is very binary as opposed to some of the Obama campaign stuff was a bit less binary in some places, but still there's a long way to go but it certainly it is more favorable. We're talking really there about levels of understanding but there's a commitment to inclusive practice and principle whereas we don't see that with the current Administration. So if the current Administration is elected, there will be definitely

Only a further erosion of Rights and a pandering to some of the most vile forms of bigotry against us and I should say when we're talking about the Latham issue. Look there have been a couple of statements by labor that I was able to track down do I think they go far enough now? I don't and I think the people as you've said it's unfortunate. There's been a couple of greens politicians who've gone a bit farther. I think we're it's we need to understand this is not a political issue whether you're a conservative whether you're a left whether

Right would it would regardless of which party you do? I don't support this is not a political issue. And certainly we see that there are people in the LMP who have been supporters of people's rights. Not staying that that is the current government. Certainly Scott Morrison has had vile attacks on young people particular trans young people in the media which are vile and inappropriate and same with the Lord mayor and Perth as

well. We're some hateful comments recently, but I would say this this crosses across political parties what we're talking.

About is something that perhaps there are different values among conservatives than among progressives people who call themselves by those terms or moderates and yet there are principles that each has in common that they might call by different names that really that really are important. So from a conservative perspective someone might say well it's the right to having a private life to not be interfered with by government things like that the typical conservative values and I think that's where you could make a conservative case for supporting young people's rights here, but

Goddess of regardless of what your political orientation is. It's this is not a greens issue. Not a labor issue. Not a an Ellen Pierce you this is a human rights issue, which people from all sorts of perspectives. I hope will take seriously which is that ultimately we need to make our schools safe places for people because if we don't then we damaged all of society. We're all affected right looked at. We have to leave it there really out of time. Thank you so much for all your thoughts on the show today. There's plenty more we could discuss might have to grab you in it.

Some other time down the track. Thanks so much for everything. And yeah, it's for your time on this Sunday. Take it out quickly today is we are at just past the end of a squeak. Just wanted to give a few seconds to attract by Richard Clapton and remember hearts and not just for sexual and romantic attraction there how you love in the broadest sense of the word. Let's have a track from Richard Clapton's live album and this is Ace of Hearts. Thanks for tuning in to out of the pan. I'm Sally Goldner catch ya next week.