

Programme: BBC Radio 4 Analysis 'Beyond Binary' broadcast on May 23.

With no definition of the term 'gender' and no attempt to distinguish gender from biological sex, this episode gave the impression that anyone who challenges gender stereotypes must be transgender. People who had gone through various degrees of 'transition' - from chest-binding to surgery - described themselves as 'non-binary' with no challenge. The expressed belief in fixed gender stereotypes underpinning the interviewees' 'choice' to transition was neither recognised nor challenged.

The indoctrination of young people into transgender ideology on Tumblr was presented as an overwhelmingly positive development, rather than a worrying issue which is affecting the lives of young people, especially teenage girls. There was no mention of the young people who later regret being influenced by Tumblr politics, but find themselves having to cope with the irreversible effects of hormone injections and/or surgery.

The BBC's Editorial Guidelines specify the duty to apply impartiality on all subjects, with particular requirements for controversial subjects: 'we must ensure a wide range of significant views and perspectives are given due weight and prominence, particularly when the controversy is active. Opinion should be clearly distinguished from fact.'

Your coverage of transgender issues implies there is no controversy in this area at all, a gross misrepresentation of the facts. This subject involves medical intervention on children's healthy bodies, with life-time medication and associated risks, including sterility. To present the issue as a progressive and harmless lifestyle choice is irresponsible, and makes the BBC the spokesperson for Tumblr 'experts' and activists. The failure to invite on anyone critical of transgender theory, or anyone with knowledge of the serious health risks to young people who take this path, results in partial and biased coverage of the subject and is in contravention of BBC written policy.