

Title: The Importance, Purpose, and Application of Trans-Inclusive Teaching

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The goal of my research is to shed light on and educate about transgender issues, specifically pertaining to creating an inclusive educational environment in which transgender individuals can feel welcome and comfortable. In this paper, I mention recent controversies related to laws that have been passed banning transgender individuals from serving in the military and banning most abortions in Alabama. Gender and sex do not have the same meaning and that they both illustrate wide spectrums of diversity, and while it is important to acknowledge that diversity in gender exists, it's even more important to discourage the idea of a binary gender system by using language that does just that. The reason why it is important to do this is to be inclusive towards transgender individuals and to not negate their experiences. To do this in the most effective way, I believe that gender diversity should be taught to the youth of our nation. Learning about diversity in gender at a young age would lead to a more inclusive and respectful cultural climate and less discrimination of individuals that are not cisgender or heterosexual because of the fact that young persons are often more perceptive of learning new concepts. I focused specifically on instances where an open and inclusive teaching environment directly affected a student or group of students. The American educational system as it currently stands often excludes the existence and experiences of the transgender community and the correction of this could lead to less discrimination.

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