

The Commonality of a Standard Paradigm

Call it 'privilege' if you will, but I don't believe that it is necessary to identify as 'cisgender' for the same reason I don't think most bread should be labeled as 'glutinous' or that most cars should be known as '4-wheel cars.' Yes, there is gluten-free bread and there are 3-wheeled cars, but it is okay to leave the qualifiers for the outliers and to acknowledge the commonality of a standard paradigm.

I don't mind that some people identify as 'gay' or 'transgender' or 'asexual' or any of the other terms that have come into existence, but I do mind when my identity is unnecessarily complicated in the misguided attempt to erase its recognized position as the customary assumption absent any qualifiers.