

Dismantling the Single Story: A Collection of Non-Cisgender Experiences



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Abstract

The limited research done on the non-cisgender community (i.e., those whose gender identity is different from the sex assigned at birth) has caused a lack of understanding of this community's experiences and potentially dangerous single-story narratives. Utilizing a feminist perspective, this thesis demonstrates the importance of highlighting non-cisgender experiences through fifteen qualitative interviews and emphasizing the importance of storytelling. Throughout the research, two main themes were explored: community and social support systems, and gender perception and performance. Through these topics, interviewees discussed a vast range of experiences, displaying the complexities and varied experiences that one may encounter due to their gender identity. This study displays the diverse experiences of non-cisgender identities, increasing the narrative of what it means to be non-cisgender.