

# BITS OF CARELESS TALK ARE PIECED TOGETHER BY THE ENEMY



Hi. Please, sit down. We need to talk. This has been brewing for a while now, and it's time to get it out in the open. It's about the language you use. Frankly, it's inappropriate and needs to stop.

See, I hear you, and see it in your writing. You keep saying "homophobia" and "transphobia" when that's clearly not the case. Honestly, now... it's 2011. Virtually nobody is afraid of

queers and transfolk anymore. Now lots of people are prejudiced, and they may be anti-gay or anti-trans bigots, but they're not really afraid.

When you talk about LGBTQ rights issues you need to call a spade a spade. The HRC, when they supported a non-inclusive ENDA, were not displaying "internalized transphobia," they were deliberately pushing a

SEE, THE HRC ISN'T  
"TRANSPHOBIC," WE  
JUST DON'T THINK  
ENDA SHOULD INCLUDE  
TRANSFOLK RIGHT NOW \*

bigoted  
agenda. The  
same can be  
said for Pastor  
Thomas Musoke  
in Uganda... or  
Fred Phelps  
here in the U.S.



\* NOT AN ACTUAL QUOTE

When they berate and abuse  
people for being queer they're

not displaying fear. Hatred, perhaps. Ignorance and prejudice certainly. Not fear, though.

Now I know that you're trying. You want the story to get out there. But essentially you're doing it wrong. You're telling it in a way that is misguided and waayyy too passive. Now I know you think because you're CNN, or FOX News, or MSNBC, AfterElton, Bitch Media, Jezebel

or my queer and genderfucking activist friend that you're helping. Unfortunately, by using such a limited and controlled term, though, you're not. You're making it worse.

If you really want to report on homophobia and transphobia that can be arranged. I'm sure with a flick of my limp wrist I can get hundreds of queers to come strike REAL fear into you and

your institutions. Hopefully that won't be necessary at this time.

I think you get it now, right?

Good. Clean up the language and we'll move past this. Otherwise this is going to hurt you a lot more than it will me.

Now go to your room and think about what I've said.

