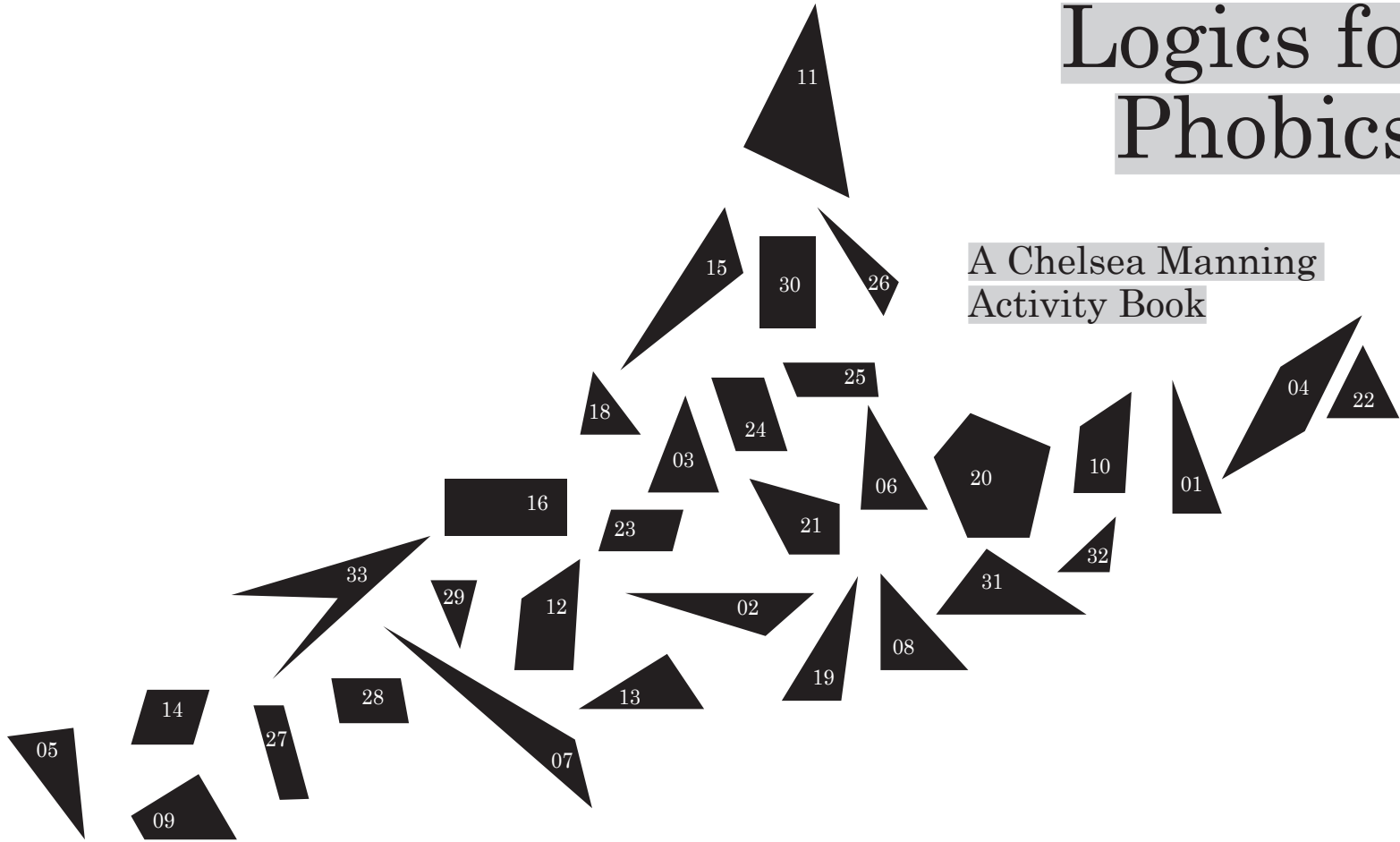


Logics for Phobics!

A Chelsea Manning
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 are helping no one. U-Mos (talk)
 14:05, 24 August 2013 (UTC) This
 discussion has been had UMP-
 TEEN times on this page already.
 Please drop the stick, both of you.
 Focus on content. The article cur-
 rently uses "she", and will likely con-
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 has changed. Thus, there's not much

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to say

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Obi-Wan

Kenobi (talk)

12:52, 24 August 2013 (UTC) No

need to change

MOS:IDENTITY,

Manning is verifiably

a man as evidenced by

his admission into the US

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carceration in a male prison.

His name is verifiably "Bradley"

Manning as evidenced by the fact

that the military and the courts still

refer to him as "Bradley", not "Chelsea".

And in regards to the Wikipedia:Neutral

Point of View, the non-neutral bias is com-

ing from those who insist on calling him a "she"

and using his non-legal name as the title of the

article. He is neither a "she" nor is his name "Chel-

sea". When his name is legally changed and he starts

hormone replacement therapy, at that point the arti-

cle should be updated to reflect those changes. But at the

current time it is obvious that the fervor to change his name

and call him a "she" is driven by editors with a non-neutral

agenda. Martylunsford (talk) 02:07, 28 August 2013 (UTC) It's

pretty clear that the discussed section of MOS:IDENTITY is ex-

PLICITLY intended to be used for the pages of trans people. I'm not

sure how this: "Any person whose gender might be questioned should

be referred to by the gendered nouns (for example "man/woman", "wait-

er/waitress", "chairman/chairwoman"), pronouns, and possessive adjec-

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Cam94509 (talk) 20:55,

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category of "trans-skepticism"
where a person can decide he doesn't
believe the surgery and lifestyle chang-
es really change what sex someone is, or
doesn't want to stop using an old name or
pronoun in certain circumstances, when there
is no animosity. Much as someone can be firmly
unbelieving of Islam but not Islamophobic. Wnt (talk)
22:35, 26 August 2013 (UTC) Even if you would rename
it "trans-skepticism", a trans person being miss-gendered
will perceive it as discrimination. Vexorian (talk) 02:39, 27 Au-
gust 2013 (UTC) Simply from a position of journalistic and ency-
clopedic accuracy, we need to refer to Private Manning as a man named
Bradley Manning. Just because he stated to the mass media that he
"wants" to be a woman (yes, "wants" is the operative word here) does not
mean he is one, any more than I am not a Ph.D. just because I want to eventu-
ally be one. Stating that one is something when that isn't really achieved, is a
fraud. All U.S. military records refer to him as Bradley Manning, and so are all his-
torical documents and media reports up to very recently. "Bradley Manning" is a recog-
nized name around the world, but not "Chelsea Manning." Furthermore, he will be commit-
ted to the U.S. Disciplinary Barrack as an inmate named Bradley Manning, and U.S. case laws

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 washing everything as "she".
 thoriyan tlk - ctrbs 17:45, 26
 August 20 13 (UTC) Further-
 more to this suggestion, Pvt Man-
 ning herself "requested, from this day
 forward to be referred to by the feminine
 pronouns" (per the original press release).
 It wouldn't be a violation of her wishes to re-
 fer to her by the male pronoun before Aug 23/13.
 thoriyan tlk - ctrbs 18:04, 26 August 2013 (UTC) I
 find a problem in making a change of gender retrospec-
 tive. It's all very well for a person to request, as Manning
 did, to be referred to by the feminine pronouns "from this
 day forward". It's the retrospective part that is problematical.
 Another famous transsexual, Christine Jorgensen described her-
 self as a child as "frail, blond, introverted little boy who ran from
 fistfights and rough-and-tumble games". The author Jan Morris tran-
 sitioned to a female identity in her mid forties but before that date, had
 married a woman and had five children by her. Peter Wherrett lived about
 70 years as a man, marrying and divorcing three times and having children
 and grandchildren. For the last three years of life, Wherrett lived as a woman
 called Pip, before dying of prostate cancer at the age of 72. Prospective identifica-
 tion as a woman is not a problem; it's the retrospective part that is problematic. Mi-
 chael Glass (talk) 03:32, 27 August 2013 (UTC) The New York Times specified that it
 would now use "her" but would keep using "him" when referring to past events. I think this
 would be the best solution. IMHO, the retroactive use of "her" and "she" in the narrative, when
 referring to events which took place when Manning was still widely known as a "he", is very un-
 fortunate : I don't think it does a great service to transgendered people. Jean-Jacques Georges (talk)
 09:18, 27 August 2013 (UTC) Using the male pronoun to refer to events when Manning was regarded
 as male seems sensible.--Toddy1 (talk) 09:28, 27 August 2013 (UTC) Yes, this, PLEASE!!! I'm fine if Man-
 ning wants to be female from now on, but she was born a boy, and did many of the same things boys and
 young men did. To attribute those actions to a female is *very* confusing, and honestly seems a little wrong.
 LivitEh?/What? 15:53, 28 August 2013 (UTC) So, MOS:IDENTITY says that "This applies in references to any
 phase of that person's life." when discussing pronouns. Moreover, there's reason the policy is written this way: The
 idea is that one does not *become* trans by announcing one is trans, one is trans (and thus best described by your pre-
 ferred gender pronoun) in the past, too. While it's understandable that retrospective pronoun shifts are hard to swallow,
 they're technically much less "wrong" than the alternative. While it might be perfectly reasonable to use male pronouns ret-

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 with policy either. (The first
 half is more important than the
 second; if this were merely a prob-
 lem of policy, this would be an ideal
 case to use WP:IAR) Cam94509 (talk)
 20:11, 29 August 2013 (UTC) That's consis-
 tent with the Associated Press Manual of Style.
 Amythewillowprincess (talk) 20:00, 29 August 2013
 (UTC) "She was born a boy"? Fascinating. I thought
 the whole issue of GID was "being born in the wrong
 body". Are you saying that the "disorder" has been re-de-

fined
(if so,
please
provide
a source)
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only "ac-
quired" GID at
some point in
time (and again,
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source). Guettarda
(talk) 20: 05, 29 Au-
gust 2013 (UTC) And
yes, this sort of stuff is
precisely what some de-
fine as transphobic. Guettar-
da (talk) 20:09, 29 August
2013 (UTC) Ease up. See this;
GLAAD, which has been put
forth as the final word on this
subject by some, uses the term
"born a boy", or "born as a male"
as do many transgender people them-
selves. GID is itself complex, and we
don't have any specific evidence of
when GID started for Manning, or when
any arbitrary child may recognize it - for
obvious reasons this would be confusing
to a child in any case, who is always treat-
ed as a boy but feels different, it may take a
while for them to crystallize their feelings.
Even with Manning, it took until she was 25
until she finally declared that she was a woman,
but I don't think all people with GID ultimately
end up switching genders, they may just express
themselves differently. Born in the wrong body seems
like an oversimplification of the spectrum of GID and
Gender dysphoria.--Obi-Wan Kenobi (talk) 20:14, 29
August 2013 (UTC) Ease up on what? Some transwom-
en say "born a boy". Some say "born in the wrong body".
Some characterise their experience differently. But the ed-
itor is making a definite statement (Manning was born male)
which, IMO, needs to be supported by sources if it is to inform
the content of the article; s/he also said that was Manning male
up until this point in time ("wants to be female from now on")
which amounts to a denial of GID as a real, lived experience. Which
seems to fit the definition of "transphobic language". Of course, much
of what's on this page is much, much worse. Guettar-
da (talk) 13:52, 30 August 2013
(UTC) It is also a

treat-
able medical condi-
tion with hormones and gender re-
assignment surgery. As far as I
have found from the sources, he
has not been diagnosed as
someone who would be eli-
gible for this treatment.
Until there is a some re-
liable source that this is
the disorder he was
born with, there should
not be a change to
his gender. He is
not qualified to
make the diag-
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ing an extreme-
ly stressful event
occurring in their
lives. At points, Man-
ning also expressed
desires to kill himself
yet no doctors leapt for-
ward with assisted suicide
nor did anyone make the
case that he should be allowed
to kill himself. They were epi-
sodic feelings under stress and
passed. It is a huge leap to take
someone's word and transform their
entire history on that one expression.
Quite simply, Manning has also felt gay
as he was attracted to men. Transgender
and gay are not the same thing as one is
treated and the other is not. Without a prop-
er evaluation by a psychiatrist that specializ-
es in transgender issues and can make a diag-
noses, this is simply a statement from a person
that is under extreme stress that is quite possibly
simply trying to escape his past. I doubt any doctor
would treat him until/unless they can separate his iden-
tity from the stress of escaping his past actions as well
as discerning whether he is simply gay and attracted to
men, or actually female. This cannot be done in a press re-
lease. -DHeyward (talk) 15:39, 30 August 2013 (UTC) Note:
manning has been diagnosed with gender dysphoria/gender
identity disorder, this was mentioned during the trial, by sever-
al different psychologists. To Guettarda, there is plenty of evidence
that Manning was "born a boy" - the most important of which was,
she was raised as a boy. This is not a statement about genitals, how-
ever, of which we don't know anything (and I frankly don't care nor think
it matters).--Obi-Wan Kenobi (talk) 16:05, 30 August 2013 (UTC) DHey-
ward, where in our policies/guidelines, in IDENTITY, does it say we can on-
ly change someone's gender after a medical diagnosis has been made? I ha-
vent read that policy or guideline so please point it out to me. Thanks, Squeak-
Box talk contribs 16:07, 30 August 2013 (UTC) On August 26, 2013, Manning's
attorney David Edward Coombs and the Private Manning Support Network (for-
merly the Bradley Manning Support Network) jointly posted what they call "Addi-
tional clarification on PVT Manning's request." [http://www.bradleymanning.org/featur-
ed/announcing-the-private-manning-support-network](http://www.bradleymanning.org/featured/announcing-the-private-manning-support-network) It reads in part: "While PVT
Manning wants supporters to acknowledge and respect her gender identity as she pro-
ceeds into the post-trial state of her life, she also expects that the name Bradley Manning
and the male pronoun will continue to be used in certain instances. These instances include

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the trial, in
legal documents,
in communication
with the government,
in the current petition
to the White House calling
for clemency, and on the enve-
lope of letters written to her by
supporters. She also expects that ma-
ny old photos and graphics will remain
in use for the time being." (Boldface in
original.) It's unclear whether PVT
Manning's expectation about con-
tinuing use of male name and
pronouns represents her
preference or merely an
acknowledgement that
old usages will per-
sist. John Valer-
on (talk) 18:14,
26 August
2013

(UTC) Actually, I think it's rather clear.

Manning expects male pronouns to be used because that is the reality of how the topic has been discussed in these contexts. I don't see any basis that Manning has changed her preferences based on the above statement. I, JethroBT drop me a line 18:36, 26 August 2013 (UTC) GASP! Where is the army of editors jumping on the chance to go in and change all the pronouns in the articles? It looks like NONE of these changes have been made! Could it be that the users who were so quick to make the changes to the article when Manning "announced" he was a woman (as if that just makes it so) gave less than one flying fuck what Manning wants or expects, and were just looking for an opportunity to push their ridiculous advocacy position on a neutral encyclopedia? TUM TUMMMMMM! The plot thickens! Clinton (talk) Cjaro2, please be aware that some users have cited what they believe to be policy arguments for the move to Chelsea, and that not all users may be "advocates" for social change. CaseyPenk (talk) 23:13, 26 August 2013 (UTC) Surely though (notwithstanding my statement below), Manning's own statement puts this entire debate to bed? If he says that he expects male pronouns to be used, then we can take it as implicit acceptance that his Wikipedia article

will still refer to him as "he" and "Bradley". --The Historian (talk) 18:56, 26 August 2013 (UTC) She asked for respect and acknowledgement of her gender identity but said that she expected that the name Bradley and male pronoun would be used in various legal contexts. That is not inconsistent with her original statement asking people to use the female pronoun and new name except in official mail to the prison. I fail to see how this is earth-shattering or in any way determinative. AgnosticAphid talk 19:15, 26 August 2013 (UTC) Interesting.

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erences anyways. Tarc (talk) 19:59, 26
August 2013 (UTC) The problem is that
some people already are going by what he
subject's personal preferences are. - Knowl-
edgekid87 (talk) 20:47, 26 August 2013 (UTC) The
idea that, as Tarc puts it, "we shouldn't be relying
on the subject's personal preferences anyways," is
downright bizarre. Why did Manning's Wikipedia arti-
cle require an emergency sex-change operation in the first
place? It wasn't because Manning underwent hormone thera-
py or surgery to alter his gender. It was solely because Manning,
through his lawyer's appearance on the Today show, expressed a
preference, and Wikipedia's doctors of political correctness sprang in-
to action. JohnValeron (talk) 22:33, 26 August 2013 (UTC) A person's
gender identity is not conditional on completing the process of hormone
therapy and surgery. Bearcat (talk) 22:48, 26 August 2013 (UTC) Well, quite
frankly, not everyone subscribes to that notion, and it is quite wrong of you and
a handful of others to push your ideology onto people who hold a different opinion
on the matter. There is simply no actual person named "Chelsea Manning" here. What
we have is a man named "Bradley Manning" who wants to be called by this other name
(and awhile ago it was reportedly "Breanna") and referred to as "she". That is all. That is
the reality that the article should reflect, the policy of WP:—COMMONNAME. Bradley Man-
ning was a soldier in the United States military. Bradley Manning was caught passing classified
intel to unauthorized parties, convicted, and sentenced. After that, Bradley Manning decided to be
called "Chelsea". That is how the flow of the article should be, these are all things that a man named
Bradley Manning did, you can't just flick a switch and rewrite history to say "Chelsea Manning was con-
victed of violating the Espionage Act..." and so on. That just isn't historically accurate or truthful. When
and if he legally changes his name, that is when the transition process of the article should begin. That all
was simply way too soon. Tarc (talk) 23:35, 26 August 2013 (UTC) Well, as I've pointed out before, the problem
with insisting on completion of the medical or legal processes as the standard for recognition of a transgender per-
son's new identity is that those things are covered by privacy laws. Nobody but her and her lawyers has a right to access her legal records; nobody but her and her doctors has a right to access her medical re-

cords
— which
means that
you're insisting on
a standard which no re-
liable source will ever be able
to properly verify whether or when
she's successfully met them. It's an un-
attainable standard which a transgender per-
son can never actually meet unless her privacy is
consensually or non-consensually violated in a way that

would still be an inadmissible source (e.g. a [↳] tabloid stealing her name change document; somebody actually publishing an unauthor-
ized photograph of her in the communal

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tress
that is
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cy between a
person's gender
identity and that
person's sex assigned
at birth.”[1] You are of
course quite entitled to dis-
agree, and there are many
fringe views on these matters.
However, if you want to misuse
these discussions to push your own
theories about transgenderism and the
process of gender reassignment, please
have the courtesy not to denounce those with
mainstream views as pushers of ideology or
“political correctness”. If you insist on ap-
proaching the biographies of trans people
with your own set of definitions, and insist
on applying a standard which (as Bearcat il-
lustrates) is unattainable, you are effective-
ly demanding that Wikipedia should perma-
nently reject the identities of trans people.
That is a blatantly ideological position.
--BrownHairedGirl (talk) • (contribs) 01:43,
27 August 2013 (UTC) It is not a fringe opin-
ion, it is a very real one that is tied to the re-
jection of political correctness. I give no cre-
dence to Bearcat's “medical records are pri-
vate therefore we just have to go by what the
subject says”, it's just too absurd to even ad-

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er.)
That's
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tion of the process can
ever be properly verified.
Bearcat (talk) 00:51, 27 Au-
gust 2013 (UTC) Tarc & John
Valeron, you both appear to be
pushing a fringe view which rejects
the medical consensus. The position
which Bearcat describes ert to gender
identity is the consensus position of the med-
ical profession: WPATH's SOC notes that: “gen-
der dysphoria—broadly defined as discomfort or

dress.
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ing you on why that's incorrect. But from a Wikipedia policy standpoint, we're

still at the simple place and time where Manning is still regarded as a male, and gen-

erally addresses him as such. WP:COMMONNAME

and all that. This whole gender affair should be consigned to a few paragraphs

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enough material.
Keep in mind that the
primary notability here is
a soldier convicted of violat-
ing the Espionage Act and about
to serve a 35-year term in Ft. Leav-
enworth. Note that I never plan to ed-
it-war or act tendentiously or attack oth-
er editors, I'm just working on moving the
discussion here in the way I feel it should go. If
the Move Request and other issues do not go the
way I wish them to, I will be of course disappointed
but will also consider the matter settled. Unlike some
around here, I actually respect consensus. Tarc (talk) 02:54,
27 August 2013 (UTC) As I feared, Tarc. You reject the medical
consensus as "political correctness" and proclaim your conserva-
tive ideology. And yet you denounce others for pushing what you call an ideology. --BrownHairedGirl (talk)

stands,” discussed in the “when bradley becomes chelsea” section below. AgnosticAphid talk 16:35, 27 August 2013 (UTC) I've obtained clarification of

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 2013 (UTC) Follow-
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 uous whether "ex-
 pects to be referred
 to as Bradley" means
 "wants to be re-
 ferred to as Brad-
 ley" or "realizes
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Manning's statement today from her lawyer, David Coombs, which I'm sharing with his permission. Regarding the pronoun, he wrote that the female pronoun should be used only for post-announcement material. I also asked about the current main photograph, and he said that Chelsea is proud of the photograph and would want it to be used until a better one becomes available. I don't think we should rush to change the pronouns just yet. We should decide on the title first, for one thing. But I'm posting this so that we know what the lawyer's and Manning's preferences are. SlimVirgin (talk) 00:12, 27 August 2013 (UTC) I don't think this carries weight to those who reply here saying "Well this is what Manning wants so..." but thanks Slim for the clarification. - Knowledgekid87 (talk) 00:21, 27 August 2013 (UTC) For future reference, the "current main photograph" is File:Bradley Manning US Army.jpg ("MANNING, BRADLEY PFC HEAD AND SHOULDERS 4-26-2012.jpg"). This is the US Army photo of PFC Manning in uniform in front of a US flag, made available by his lawyer, David Coombs. -- ToE 17:43, 27 August 2013 (UTC) My personal interpretation of the statement would lead me to the conclusion that "change all pronouns/names in events prior to August 22, 2013 to male/Bradley && differentiate between Chelsea/Bradley on events post August 22, in addition to restoring the title to Bradley" would be the neutral, proper way of interpreting it. (And I think it could be valid. But that's just me...) - Penwhale | dance in the air and follow his steps 01:32, 27 August 2013 (UTC) WP should be taking a consistent approach, not treating individual subjects according to their requests (or what are interpreted as their requests). This is useful evidence that the guid-

ance at WP:MOSIDENTITY may be wrong-headed, but that's a discussion to be had there. Formerip (talk) 11:15, 27 August 2013 (UTC) It certainly could use a good discussion and re-write for better language. I always thought that if the subject was notable enough for a full and lengthy article before changing gender identity, that it simply referred to them in the gender they were at the time of the events and situations being summarized. But not all living persons who are subjects of BLP articles on Wikipedia want that. There is no standard way to deal with individuals. Sorry, but there isn't. The WMF encourages us, when at all possible, to respect the wishes of the subject. Knowledgekid87, the wishes of the person, regardless of who they are, are indeed important to this article. This isn't like anyone is asking for the past to be scrubbed and clearly the subject accepts that and desires the article to reflect that. The fact that they are proud of the current image and feel it is appropriate may have little weight in what image is used, but it still has some importance and value to the discussion since we then, at least, know the subject is not rejecting the past history of Bradley Manning or asking the article to do so Thanks SlimVirgin.--Mark Miller (talk) 18:53, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Agnosticaphid asked me on my talk page to clarify what the lawyer said. I asked three questions: which title would Manning prefer; should the female pronoun be used throughout for all life stages; and is the April 2012 photograph in uniform still appropriate as the lead image? I also asked permission to share his views on the talk page, and he agreed. In response he linked to his most recent blog post, then he addressed the WP article. His reply about the title was a little ambiguous. He wrote: "I would go with Chelsea Manning (formerly known as Bradley Manning) or do two sepa-

rate entries by maintaining Bradley Manning and creating a link to Chelsea Manning." I wasn't sure whether that meant Chelsea Manning or Chelsea Manning (formerly known as Bradley Manning). At first I thought by "two separate entries" he meant two articles, but I think he just meant a redirect. I've asked for clarification but haven't received a response yet. Regarding the pronouns, he wrote: "Female pronouns should be used for only post-announcement material." Regarding the photograph: "Chelsea is proud of that photo and would want you to use that until she can provide a better photo at some point in the future." I've forwarded the email to BD2412. Hope this helps. SlimVirgin (talk) 21:49, 29 August 2013 (UTC) As far as I can tell, Chelsea Manning has done nothing notable post coming out. Furthermore, I don't think Manning's lawyer will be using pronouns like "she" or "Chelsea" in future court filings. The name

switch and gender change should be a section in the article about "Bradley Manning". Manning will not receive mail addressed to Chelsea. Manning will not be housed in a female penitentiary. Will we now have to change every article on "male prisons" because some may contain people that identify as female? I think not. Manning will contradict his own announcement when he files motions that refer to himself as Bradley Manning and any pronouns in those documents will be masculine pronouns. The first time he does this officially, do we move the article back because he then refers to himself as "Bradley" again? --DHeyward (talk) 13:49, 30 August 2013 (UTC) The question of transitioning from one gender to another raises some thorny questions. The day after sentencing, Manning said that she wanted to be referred to as a woman from this day forward. So what do we do with events in Manning's life before this fateful day? This quotation from a CBS report may offer food for thought: Coombs said Manning knows there is the potential for confusion with the name change, and said Manning expects to be referred to as Bradley when it has to do with events prior to sentencing, the appeal of the court-martial and the request for a presidential pardon. Prison mail must be addressed to Bradley Manning. "There's a realization that most people know her as Bradley," Coombs said. "Chelsea is a realist and understands." My own feeling is that we could take this as suggesting that everything before the day of the announcement belongs to Bradley, and all references from that day forward belong to Chelsea. I think this may be helpful, especially as at one stage, Bradley identified as a gay man. What do others think? Michael Glass (talk) 16:01, 27 August 2013 (UTC) I think it was a resignation to the state of affairs, not an

encouragement to do so - David Gerard (talk) 16:04, 27 August 2013 (UTC) It looks like the above excerpt is evidence that the “distress” argument for keeping the new title of Chelsea Manning isn’t valid. Note the part, “There’s a realization that most people know her as Bradley,” Coombs said. “Chelsea is a realist and understands.” --Bob K31416 (talk) 16:25, 27 August 2013 (UTC) It is a bit ambiguous whether “expects” means “wants” or “realizes”. AgnosticAphid talk 16:31, 27 August 2013 (UTC) It can be read two ways, I agree. However, I would like people to consider an analogous case where Christine Jorgensen described herself as a “frail, blond, introverted little boy who ran from fistfights and rough-and-tumble games.” I think you would have to agree that Jorgensen was comfortable with having been a little boy who changed into a female. Now I know we can’t apply this directly to Chelsea Manning. However, we cannot discount the possibility that when it says, “Manning expects to be referred to as Bradley when it has to do with events prior to sentencing” that Chelsea does want this to happen. Whatever else Manning might be, she is no shrinking violet, and if she wanted to be viewed as female all along she would have had no hesitation in saying so. Instead, she used a from this day forward wording in her announcement. Michael Glass (talk) 02:40, 28 August 2013 (UTC) Wikipedia however already has a protocol for living people that if they state their gender identity we refer to them as their latest identity throughout their lives. This is further confirmed by Chelsea’s own statement that she has felt gender dysphoric her

whole life, that is she has always felt she was a woman or at

least at odds with living as a male. Sportfan5000 (talk) 22:02, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Just a note that the New York Times has flipped to using “Chelsea Manning” at this point. [2] The Washington Post has also started using Chelsea. As has the AP. What major media sources are left holding out? CNN is, I know. Is there anything else major that’s still using “Bradley?” If not, I would point out that WP:COMMON-NAME says “if an organization changes its name, it is reasonable to consider the usage since the change.” Given a change in the majority of reliable sources, how is it that there is still a dispute here, exactly? Phil Sandifer (talk) 20:18, 27 August 2013 (UTC) Can you point to where The Washington Post has started using Chelsea? I just keep getting a lot of AP wire articles. As to a few other sources, see #References to Manning in sources (among them, the BBC). You admit you don’t seem to be abreast of who is using which name, so it seems odd to me that you’d conclude, absent such information, that a “majority of reliable sources” now call the subject Chelsea. I understand some people hold the AP and the New York Times to such high esteem that they’d base common name solely upon those two sources, but it’s inconclusive at this point what a majority of sources are doing. -- tariqabjotu 20:35, 27 August 2013 (UTC) Phil Sandifer (talk) 21:06, 27 August 2013 (UTC) (edit conflict) That’s not The Washington Post using the name Chelsea. The way I read the title it’s “[The use/request/idea of the name] Chelsea Manning puts transgender issues in the spotlight”, not that the individual is. You’ll see in the photo caption, the author still calls the subject Bradley Manning. In the linked photo gallery, the subject is still called Bradley Manning. This is why the sources need to be about something other than the gender identity change; it needs to be clear the source is referring to Manning as Chelsea in passing, not as an idea in reference to the gender identity change. Unfortunately, I can’t find any source from the Washington Post written since August 22 that’s not an

AP wire story. -- tariqabjotu 21:30, 27 Au-

gust 2013 (UTC) This is a more recent article, as is this, but the latter only mentions Chelsea in passing and doesn't use any pronouns. Note: I'm no AP expert, but though the first link is an AP story couldn't they

have changed the pronouns and names if they wanted? Maybe the first link isn't that

relevant. AgnosticAphid talk 21:25, 27 August 2013 (UTC) They're both AP stories.

-- tariqabjotu 21:30, 27 August 2013 (UTC) You know,

though I supported the use of "Bradley", at the same time I acknowledge there may

come
a day
w h e n
"Chelsea"
is the name
supported by a
majority of reli-
able sources. When
that day comes, the cor-
rect title for the article
will be "Chelsea" per WP:-
COMMONNAME. I don't think
that day has come yet and I def-
initely don't think the title of arti-
cle should have been changed sever-
al days ago (before the AP and NYT
made the switch). Let's wait a month and
reassess. NickCT (talk) 20:39, 27 August
2013 (UTC) A month?!?!? That's an unheard
of wait for a name change like this. Phil Sandi-
fer (talk) 21:06, 27 August 2013 (UTC) re "That's
an unheard of wait" - Citation needed! Can you point
to other examples of name changes like this one which
were enacted so quickly after the individual announced a
name change? NickCT (talk) 22:16, 27 August 2013 (UTC) I've
done so up thread, actually, and the same set of three is cov-
ered in David Gerard and Morwen's summary of their reasoning.
Phil Sandifer (talk) 22:46, 27 August 2013 (UTC) Instead of citing a
wall of text, why not give examples? NickCT (talk) 13:08, 28 August
2013 (UTC) By chance, just before you wrote this I replied to you in an
older section showing why WP:COMMONNAME + MOS:IDENTITY sup-
ported the current title even before the AP and NTY switch. That's not to men-
tion BLP, which fully justified David Gerrad's bold actions. I dont see how we

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possibly
change from Chelsea,
unless we want to tear up policy
and decide things based on majority voting?
FeydHuxtable (talk) 20:54, 27 August 2013 (UTC) @
FeydHuxtable - If you read through the conver-
sations above you'll probably note some degree
of consensus surrounding the idea that WP:-
COMMONNAME supports the use of "Brad-
ley". Furthermore, as has been hashed
out again and again MOS:IDENTITY
isn't really intended to influence ar-
ticle titles. Additionally, no one
has brought up a good expla-
nation for how WP:BLP ap-
plies. NickCT (talk) 22:18,
27 August 2013 (UTC) No,
that's been stated,
incorrectly: Wiki-
pedia:MOS#Article_
titles.2C_
headings.2C_
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plicitly, "The guidance contained elsewhere in the MoS,

particular-ly in the section below on punctuation, applies to all parts of an article, including the title.” - David Gerard (talk) 22:34, 27 August 2013 (UTC) “The guidance in MOS:IDENT relates to the use of pronouns. If a pronoun was used in this articles title, I'd agree it should be “she” rather than “he” based on policy. There is no pronoun in this title. NickCT (talk) 22:48, 27 August 2013 (UTC) If we look at the views of experienced editor who actually wrote our guidelines, like Morwen who was one of the authors of the document in question, or SlimVirgin who is

arguably the single editor most responsible for shaping content policy, they both seem to believe MOS:IDENTITY supports Chelsea. Your claim to know the guidelines intention better than they do is not convincing Im afraid. FeydHuxtable (talk) 23:20, 27 August 2013 (UTC) My claim is that I can read English and have basic reasoning skills. Please point out for me where MOS:IDENT says it deals with something other than pronouns. NickCT (talk) 01:14, 28 August 2013 (UTC) BLP applica-

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22:43, 27 August
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pler, but if you're
still not convinced,
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recognized BLP
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to Jimbo have
weighed in for
Chelsea. Feyd-
Huxtable
(talk) 23:20,
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ment", I haven't seen
anyone really point to which section of WP:BLP
they feel is at issue. NickCT (talk) 22:50, 27 August 2013
(UTC) There's a whole section devoted to it at Talk:Chel-
sea_Manning#WP:BLP. Sportfan5000 (talk) 22:57, 27
August 2013 (UTC) Sportfan5000 is correct, but as
NickCT's user page says he enjoys dialectics, I'll
try showing how BLP applies in a way he may
like. The spirit of BLP is concerned with pro-
tecting living people from suffering undue
harm from changes made to their articles
by uncaring anonymous accounts. Call-
ing Chelsea by a name that misrep-
resents her gender and would
very likely be harmful, pos-
sibly grievously so, as
the poor woman
seems to be
already un-
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accounts" -
So your argument
then is that everyone
arguing a "support" position
is uncaring and anonymous? Ok.
So I think we can dismiss that. re "mis-
represents her gender and would very like-

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harmful" -
So I take it you
think that parents who
don't give their kids gender
appropriate names are harming
their children grievously? Right.... We
can dismiss that too. re "recog-
nized
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experts up to Jim-
bo" - Citation
needed. Can
you point
some
have
eyes
and can
read. Go
look at
BLP your-
self and tell
me which sec-
tions apply. Un-
fortunately, a lot
of people think
WP:BLP means we
can't say things about
people that those peo-
ple might dislike.
It does not say
that. NickCT
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expert in
WP:BLP?
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August
2013 (UTC) If
a child is already fac-
ing adversary for other rea-
sons, then yes it could cause griev-
ous psychological harm if their parents
add to their troubles by giving them a name that
misrepresents gender. Im not at all saying that
all support voters are uncaring (Nor do I even
suspect that.) Claiming I do from my descrip-
tion of the spirit of BLP is a logical fallacy.
Some of your other questions have no con-
cise and clear answer, but I hope you'll
understand I dont want to further add
to the size of this page given these ba-
sic logical misunderstandings. With
reliable sources increasingly switch-
ing to Chelsea, the already weak
case for the wrong name is col-

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jector to be convinced. Feyd-
Huxtable (talk) 06:35, 28 Au-
gust 2013 (UTC) I guess it's
also not necessary to con-
vince the majority of folks
who have weighed in in
support of "Bradley". "ev-
ery last objector"? Real-
ly.... There seems to be

some
difficult
grasping reality
here. NickCT (talk)
13:03, 28 August 2013 (UTC) @
Sportfan5000 Have you actually read
that section? It makes somewhat weird cliams,
like this issue somehow relates to the "subject's pri-
vacy.". I see no obvious way in which the title of this arti-
cle relates to Manning's privacy. Do you? Stop guessing at
which policies you think might support your opinion and
point to actual passages. NickCT (talk) 01:18, 28 August
2013 (UTC) This has already been covered extensively
so I encourage you to read up on what others have said.
Sportfan5000 (talk) 22:04, 29 August 2013 (UTC) I'm
skeptical of the applicability of many of the discus-
sions of WP:COMMONNAME from several days ago.
The situation has been evolving quickly, and more
and more news sources have been switching to
"Chelsea." What seemed a fairly even split in the
immediate aftermath has become increasingly
slanted towards Chelsea over the last day or
two. Some of the earlier !votes are, simply
put, obsolete. Phil Sandifer (talk) 22:48, 27
August 2013 (UTC) re " increasingly slant-

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to -
wards
Chelsea
over the last
day or two" -
Agreed. That does
seem to be the way
the tide is turning, and
I wouldn't be surprised if
in a week or month's time
the WP:COMMONNAME ar-
gument clearly supports "Chel-
sea". That said, WP:COMMONNAME
didn't support "Chelsea" 5 days ago
(when this change was initially made).
NickCT (talk) 22:58, 27 August 2013 (UTC) Yes,
but I'm not really sure what the value of dis-

cussing where the article
should be five days ago is. We
can't move the article five
days ago, and if COMMON-
NAME is now pointing to-
wards Chelsea that matters
rather more than where it
pointed five days ago. I mean,
if people want to take David
or Morwen to the ArbCom
over five days ago, I suppose
they can, but that's about the

only forum where the

cor-
rect
location
of the ar-
ticle as of five
days ago seems
relevant. Phil San-
difer (talk) 23:05, 27
August 2013 (UTC) @
Phil Sandifer - Well look.
You seem willing to accept
that the initial move was prob-
ably bad. I may agree with you that

the world seems to
begun to catch up
with WP's bad deci-
sion, so a move back
isn't necessary, but
I think the right
thing to do here is
acknowledge the ini-

tial mistake,

move the page back
to Bradley and then
reassess. I still don't
think we can confi-
dently say the ma-
jority of RS have
made the switch,
though it might very

well end up that we move to “Bradley” just for a couple weeks. NickCT (talk) 01:34, 28 August 2013 (UTC) I am terribly unpersuaded by the idea that there’s some hazy fog of war here. Even if it is somewhere near an even split... we have sources that are somewhere between an even split and settled on Chelsea, a MOS that says to use Chelsea, BLP policy that says to avoid harm to the subject (which misgendering and misnaming both count as), and the past precedent in less politicized cases of prompt changes. The case for locating the article at “Bradley Manning” for any length of time seems terribly strained to me. Phil Sandifer (talk) 05:21, 28 August 2013 (UTC) The MOS issue has been covered. It doesn’t say we should use Chelsea. And no one has given a good explanation as to exactly how BLP applies. NickCT (talk) 13:06, 28 August 2013 (UTC) COMMONNAME also points back to the five criteria in the preceding section. It also says When there are several names for a subject, all of them fairly common, and the most common has problems, it is perfectly reasonable to choose one of the others. Even as some sources have made the switch, and -- as I said -- it’s still questionable which name most sources use now, there remain issues of recognizable and naturalness (which, after all, are issues of how common a name is) with the name “Chelsea Manning”. How big those issues are, whether those issues constitute “problems”, is, of course, subjective, but I wouldn’t be so quick to

points from a week ago are “irrelevant” is extreme

and self-serving. There are still a number of sources, some

listed in this thread (the BBC, the Independent, CNN, Reuters) that use the name

discount early supporting remarks referencing WP:COMMONNAME. -- tariqabjotu 02:53, 28 August 2013 (UTC) The closer, of course, will want to make a case by case judgment. Still, comments talking about lack of reliable sources using Chelsea made days ago are rapidly becoming obsolete. This surely counts for something. Phil Sandifer (talk) 05:21, 28 August 2013 (UTC) At this point most of the articles are related to transgender issues and whether to use the name. The test will be a month from now when there will be little coverage. It is possible that mainstream media opposed to leaking will push Chelsea and the trans sexual issues a) for ratings and b) to downplay the government crimes issues and marginalize Manning’s actions. Given that in various email forums and facebook groups I’m on that for years have touted activism for Manning’s cause there was an immediate and almost total drop off in commentary following the announcement, it is not surprising that they’ve renamed the effort Private Manning Support Group. It’s not that people are anti-trans, but that the newer issue takes a lot of study for many people to comprehend and feel connected to. And there’s another war or two coming, so I already see major Manning supporter groups changing their focus to those issues. We’ll see if the LGBT community, which tends to have a lot of pro-military supporters, is willing to take up the slack on the whistleblowing issue at all. In other words, time will tell Wikipedia wise. If WP:RS (not matter how biased) show the historical importance of whistleblowing is just a footnote to Chelsea’s transexuality, so be it. User:Carolmooredc 12:43, 28 August 2013 (UTC) Indeed, I suggest that all the votes requesting renaming the article because of WP:COMMONNAME should be reinterpreted as disagree, given that WP:COMMONNAME now points towards Chelsea Manning. Vexorian (talk) 23:00, 29 August 2013 (UTC) I’d second that call, and I’d think that’s a factor in the last three days of voting being 2 to 1 in favor of keeping the Chelsea article title, a consensus that, in my view, is more determinate of what the suitable title would be than the early days being back and forth. Dralwik | Have a Chat 23:05, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Yeah, no. -- tariqabjotu 23:13, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Something tipped the balance in favor of Chelsea during the second half of the poll; since the first half of the debate was a near even split, that means a person looking for a consensus forming will find the last three/four days more fertile ground than the first three. The posters arguing that Bradley was the more well known name had a point a week ago; now I’d venture that point has become irrelevant. The move was done the wrong way, I’d agree, but I think in hindsight it has sent the page to the correct title. Dralwik | Have a Chat 23:29, 29 August 2013 (UTC) The request that “all the votes requesting renaming the article because of WP:COMMONNAME should be reinterpreted as disagree” or the suggestion that

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You have
no right to ar-
gue that all com-
mon name arguments
be not just discounted,
but taken as acceding to
the Chelsea Manning name
just because some people are sat-
isfied with the AP and the New York
Times' approach. Also, those supporting
Chelsea Manning have not outnumbered
those supporting Bradley Manning by 2:1 on
any day (see User:Tariqabjotu/RM). And it is ab-
surd to suggest that the will of the one-sixth of all par-

ticipants that have commented since August 27 should decide the outcome of the RM. It seems apparent that more important than straight vote-counting are the arguments of those commenting, and I trust the team deciding the outcome will do that. If you feel confident with the strength of your arguments, you shouldn't have to resort to such extreme suggestions to get your adversaries' positions discounted. -- tariqabjotu 23:52, 29 August 2013 (UTC) The closing admins should certainly take the shifting in favor of Chelsea to heart in their deliberations, as they should take policies such as BLP and NPOV and the IDENTITY guideline to heart, it should not be a number counting game. Thanks, SqueakBox talk contribs 23:56, 29 August 2013 (UTC) As they should take into account all policies and guidelines mentioned by participants. There's no reason to campaign here. -- tariqabjotu 00:04, 30 August 2013 (UTC) I don't think the balance has tipped in favor of Chelsea yet but I think it is a safe bet that it will eventually. Consequently I don't think the COMMONNAME argument can be discounted unless !voters have changed the !vote themselves. --Space simian (talk) 00:11, 30 August 2013 (UTC) Chelsea Manning Is Now the Most Famous Transgender Inmate in America. Will She Be Treated Humanely? Slate.com. By Amanda Hess | Posted Thursday, Aug. 22, 2013. I think she may be one of the most famous trans women in the world as well. Sportfan5000 (talk) 22:47, 27 August 2013 (UTC) At the present time you'd have a hard job demonstrating she isn't the highest profile trans* person in the world. How this plays out long term we can't yet know, but it wouldn't surprise me if she remains in the top 10 for a long while. Thryduulf (talk) 23:41, 27 August 2013 (UTC) Which one article provides more excuses to push a political agenda to the foreground rather than reflect what the person is best known for? User:Carolmooredc 12:23, 28 August 2013 (UTC) I'm not sure I understand your ques-

tion.
A per-
son can
be notable for
many things and
the trans issues sim-
ply are making every-
one take pause while some
on the religious right go apo-
plectic because OMG someone is
changing their gender identity. Luck-
ily the rest of the world is moving away
from those tired views and Wikipedia can
simply focus on what reliable sources bring for-
ward. i think she is a major trans celebrity and
newsrooms will soon be educating the world on more
what it means to transition and the legal hurdles one fac-
es. Sportfan5000 (talk) 03:33, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Okay
a "major trans celebrity"? Come on now enough of the personal
opinions already. Also what you are saying is WP:CRYSTAL any-
ways, Manning was more notable as Bradley this is proven by the fact
that books have been written about him, as well as the majority of sour-
ces that followed the trial. - Knowledgekid87 (talk) 03:37, 29 August 2013
(UTC) I don't appreciate the snide remarks and these aren't just my opinions
these are how the rest of the world is moving progressively forward. Gay marriage
means that Chelsea can marry the man or woman she chooses, this was simply not true
even a few years ago. Chelsea is a transwoman and of course a celebrity, the article points
out she is the most famous transgender inmate. Your disagreement is with Slate.com. Sport-
fan5000 (talk) 03:45, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Again they are more of your personal opinions, come
to think of it what does this have to do with improving the article if anything? - Knowledgekid87 (talk)
03:50, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Your lack of apology is noted. Again facts are not the same as my opinions
although my opinions are rooted in factual evidence. As for the article I think we should reflect that when
Chelsea came out s a transwoman she became a highly visible member of the trans community and the most

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fan5000 (talk)
09:33, 29 August 2013
(UTC) I'm sorry, but
Bradley Chelsea Manning
is not the most famous trans-
gender inmate in the U.S be-
cause ONE magazine article states
that. And it wouldn't improve the ar-
ticle anyway. BeckiGreen (talk) 20:21,
29 August 2013 (UTC) I follow what the
sources state and i have little doubt that more

as a hero in the military trans community, she is absolutely not.”[7]. Time
will tell if she was a positive or negative influence.-- Isaidnoway (talk)
23:10, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Another one detailing the connection: Chel-
sea Manning's Gender Transition Could Set Military Precedent Relat-
ed: ACLU: Denying Chelsea Manning Hormone Therapy May Violate
Constitutional Rights Sportfan5000 (talk) 01:02, 30 August 2013
(UTC) I find it fascinating to see how other-language Wikipedias are
dealing with this issue. While I realize this won't be relevant as a
deciding factor for the naming of this article, I invite you, if you
speak any other languages or can use Google Translate, to peruse
the talk pages of this page on other wikis. It's interesting to see

will write on her influence in shaping mainstream US ideas on what
transgenderism is. I do disagree, of course, that a good article would
discuss this. Sportfan5000 (talk) 22:07, 29 August 2013 (UTC) (sory
about the earlier ec) Some are already writing about her, Michael
Silverman, Executive Director of the Transgender Legal Defense and
Education Fund said this: "...Manning may not be the best figure to
be the one to help educate the public on trans issues.”[4]. Kristin
Beck, a former Navy Seal who came out as transgender in June, is-
sued a blistering statement against Manning; [5]Susan Estrich was
also highly critical of Manning;[6]. Brynn Tannehill, Director of Ad-
vocacy at SPART*A said; "If you're wondering if she's being embraced

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have made
the switch
and which
haven't, and what
their rationales are.
In many cases, the dis-
cussion has been almost as
vigorous as ours has. Mon-
crief (talk) 16:27, 28 August 2013
(UTC) I noticed that too Moncrief
(because people were talking on Face-
book and mailing lists about the Ger-
man, French and I think Swedish discus-
sions) -- and yes, people are saying all the dis-
cussions are unusually vigorous. I think that's
partly due to Manning being, in general, a famous
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pening here (with many of
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both): one narrowly focused on
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And there seems to be very little consen-
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WP is about. I'd be happy to agree with you that "transphobia" (or whatever the heck we want to call it) and persecution exists; regardless of that, your or my feelings about how the trans community is treated are completely irrelevant to, and should be completely independent from, what goes on to WP. WP is not a forum to highlight or correct a transphobic society. Wikipedia is not a soapbox. Your comments make it obvious you want to treat it as such. NickCT (talk) 18:10, 29 August 2013 (UTC) I think you're misunderstanding the statement EdChem is making. EdChem is not advocating that wikipedia be used as a vehicle of propaganda, rather, I think the assertion is that enforcing policies in an unnecessarily discriminatory manner is a mistake, and that WP:IAR should be used if policies are going to behave that way. The assertion that seems to be being made is that failing to use WP:IAR in cases like this is a violation of "Editors should treat each other with respect and civility" from WP:5. EdChem, have I adequately explained what you meant, or am I totally off base here? Cam94509 (talk) 18:55, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Nick, your post is directed towards me as a person rather than towards my argument, it is an example of playing the man rather than the ball, and it suggests to me that addressing my argument is difficult. If you want to argue that I do not understand WP, that I am motivated by sentiment and POV, and that my feelings about treatment of transgendered individuals (rather than policy and WP practice) are leading me to soapboxing, then I invite you to review my contributions. Present some evidence that my editing of WP demonstrates POV,

and wanted to be a dog" stuff). Now that we know this is a contentious area and one where there's a policy gap, I wonder if it's worth interested people doing some sustained thinking and talking and policy development on trans issues. Or, someone should point me towards policy if it exists and I just don't know about it :) Sue Gardner (talk) 15:06, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Well WP:BLP is the overarching policy, but the MOS:IDENTITY guidance is afai the only specific thing we have. There is also a WP:Gender identity essay that has relevance. Thryduulf (talk) 15:42, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Since Swedish Wikipedia was mentioned; they moved fairly quickly to Chelsea with the following motivation by user:Riggwelter: "Yes, I had some doubt, but I choose to do it since many other language versions already had made the move. But it is quite possible it was premature" (as translated by me). Swedish media subsequently unanimously declared they would be using Chelsea so it was much more clear-cut. I do not know what is normal for Swedish Wikipedia, but their discussion was nothing compared to this. --Space simian (talk) 01:45, 30 August 2013 (UTC) The formal move discussion is closed and pending review by the three-admin panel; anyone who wishes to keep discussing the matter is free to do so, just not within the parameters of the closed discussion. Cheers! bd2412 T 15:41, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Here is the comment I was writing as the section was moved: NickCT, no one is suggesting removing Bradley from the Chelsea BLP, which would be the equivalent to the "criminal" suggestion that you have made. I am also not suggesting avoiding objective decision making, I was critical of abstract decision making which omits consideration of the individuals involved. Chelsea is a living person as are our transgendered editors. Considering individuals effected by decision is not inconsistent with objectivity. As for tall editors, you are minimising or dismissing the suffering of misunderstood and marginalised individuals subject to prejudice and ridicule. Being careful with gay BLPs in part in recognition of the difficulties faced by gay editors, or of transgendered BLPs, or of Islamic BLPs, strikes me as reasonable and appropriate. We should pay special attention because treating marginalised editors with respect and dignity encourages ongoing editing (on a pragmatic level) and represents our values as a community (on the level of principle). I believe in tolerance, mutual respect, decency, etc, and I hope that my actions towards others reflect my values and those of the WP community. EdChem (talk) 16:16, 29 August 2013 (UTC) @EdChem - re "misunderstood and marginalised individuals subject to prejudice and ridicule" - Look. This statement is clearly driven out of sentiment and POV, and demonstrates a lack of understanding of what

typically suffer while their gender and anatomy are inconsistent, that they struggle with gender identity for a long time prior to publicly beginning transition, and that refusals to respect or recognise their gender are harmful. These facts are relevant to considering how to present BLPs. MOS:IDENTITY reflects this in its discussion of pronouns, and the same reasoning is applicable to the article title. 4. Guidelines like COMMONNAME provide useful guidance but do not control the outcome of every move discussion. In this case, there is an argument for Bradley based on sources (though it is weakening) but that argument is subordinate to the BLP issue to not deliberately and knowingly disrespect the experience of transgendered individuals including Chelsea. We have a pillar (IAR) which mandates that the "principles and spirit matter more than their literal wording, and sometimes improving Wikipedia requires making an exception." My feelings on the transgendered community and about transphobia are indeed irrelevant; however, RS evidence on the harm to transgendered individuals of refusing to recognise their gender is relevant per BLP. 5. As Cam94509 notes, the civility pillar is also a relevant consideration as discrimination against one individual in a marginalised community harms others in the community (including those in our editing community). This pillar embodies the principle that prejudice towards fellow editors is unacceptable as it is inconsistent with the values of the WP community. Abstract decision making that looks only at literal wordings of policy / guidelines and does not give due consideration to the individuals involved, to our guiding principles and values, and to the 'big picture', is poor decision making. Policy enforcement should not occur in a vacuum, and in this case the context includes RS on transgenderism, a transgendered individual BLP subject, other transgendered editors (also living people), and a community built on mutual respect. Nick, I accept that many other editors may disagree with my views and policy interpretation, but I would appreciate you acknowledging that my position is based in principle and policy and not advocacy inconsistent with the WP ethos. EdChem (talk) 00:25, 30 August 2013 (UTC) So out of curiosity, when you said "misunderstood and marginalized individuals subject to prejudice and ridicule", would you say that was policy driven argument or a sentiment driven argument? I agree with your interpretation of a number of the policies you've cited, but simply repeating rules isn't enough. You've got to show how the rules actually apply to the case. Sure BLP "mandates careful editing in relation to living people.", but how does that apply to the title of this article? As has been mentioned a number of times, it's really really obvious how WP:COMMONNAME applies. Not so clear how people are trying to apply WP:BLP or MOS:ident. NickCT (talk) 01:41, 30 August 2013 (UTC) Nick, that transgendered individuals are misunderstood, experience marginalisation, are subject to prejudice, and experience ridicule are all observations of fact supportable with reliable sources. My belief that such individuals should be treated with sen-

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icy, in the hope that readers and other editors may better comprehend that my position is based in policy and the RS evidence of the transgender community. 1. BLP (a policy supported by Foundation declaration) mandates careful editing in relation to living people. It relates not only to article subjects but also to editors. Fact supported by reliable sources must be included in the article but the presentation of fact must be done with awareness of the mandates of BLP. 2. RS (a policy included within NPOV in the 5 pillars) include substantial notable material on Chelsea when she was known as Bradley and that needs to be included. Chelsea's transition does not alter the relevance of these materials for the biography, nor the requirement for a neutral presentation. 3. RS on the experience of transgendered individuals have reached scientific consensus that these individuals

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icy. It is abundantly clear how
BLP applies so long as the IAR pil-
lar's direction that "principles and
spirit matter more than their literal
wording" is considered. Titling an arti-
cle on a transgendered individual with a
name s/he has chosen to transition away
from is clearly disrespecting the individual,
denying his or her experience of a disconnect be-
tween gender and anatomy, and needlessly harm-
ful. Avoiding causing needless harm to living peo-
ple sits squarely within the auspices of the BLP pol-
icy. EdChem (talk) 13:29, 30 August 2013 (UTC) And
here is the comment I made to user:Space simian which
I was writing at the same time as BD2412 was declaring no
further discussion allowed, and which was reverted by Tariqa-
bjotu. EdChem (talk) 16:21, 29 August 2013 (UTC) I think it
would be hypocritical not to, but I don't expect WP to agree since

most editors seems to rely more on gut feelings (or admin power) than rational arguments and established policy. --Space simian (talk) 23:42, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Policy was clear on this, as mentioned several times: policy on how to choose page title is to pick the name for which something is most well known. The WP:BLP argument is wrong: BLP stress the importances of being fair and exercise extra care to make sure any controversial claims are notable and supported by reliable sources (i.e. "true") considering the harm libelous/slanderous material can cause. MOS:IDENTITY is recently added guideline, while wise, it doesn't say anything about title, actually it defers that question to WP:TITLE. That said, policy can be wrong and may need to be updated but there can be little (rational) doubt as to what policy dictated at the time of the move. Whether you support their cause or not Wikipedia was hijacked by activists, evident among other things by wheel warring ignoring WP:BRD and repeated soapboxing in media. This damages Wikipedia's reputation as a neutral encyclopedia and that is what is most unfortunate. I suppose many

administrators decided to turn a blind eye to the misconduct here because they sympathize with the plight of transgender persons (like I do, I should probably add) and are afraid of being labeled transphobic or otherwise bullied, but it might also have been in their interest to take focus away from Manning's whistle-blowing, perhaps it was a bit of both. Wikipedia sur-rendering to activism isn't

new, it's been going on for years, what is sad is that for the most part it is taking place in less visible places and motivated by less noble causes, often nothing but self serving corporate propaganda. Since everyone is fine with willfully ignoring both policy and standard procedure whenever it suits their interests, it will continue to be up to serious editors to fend

for themselves as best they can. --Space simian (talk) 23:42, 29 August 2013

(UTC)I agree, per WP:SOAP, WP:POV, PUSH, WP:POINT, and WP:TITLECHANGES the whole thing was wrong. Wikipedia should have Stayed out of it if we had and the reliable sources switched to using Chelsea then we would have moved the page anyways. - Knowledgekid87 (talk) 00:03, 30 August 2013 (UTC) Those links are apt in that they support the pointedly offensive position that Chelsea is not allowed to speak her own truth about her gender identity, that she is not allowed to be respected as a living person, and that everyone who does not follow a rad-

ically conservative understanding of what gender is remains villainous. I'm glad Wikipedia is on the right side of history on this one. I see no reason to prolong the entrenched cultural warfare being espoused on this matter. Sportfan5000 (talk) 00:31, 30 August 2013 (UTC) Space simian, it is true that BLP dictates we avoid causing unnecessary harm to individuals. It is true that refusing to recognise the transition of a transgen-

dered individual by using a pre-transition name is harmful to that individual and to others in the transgendered community. Why does it not follow that titling the article at Chelsea's pre-transition name is inconsistent with BLP? EdChem (talk) 00:33, 30 August 2013 (UTC) Just curious but when does the transition take place? is it right after the person declares that they want a female name? - Knowledgekid87 (talk) 00:36, 30 August 2013 (UTC) Case by case basis but as a general rule whenever the person decides it's time to live as they understand themselves in a new light. Sportfan5000 (talk) 00:41, 30 August 2013 (UTC) As I understand it, transition is a process that occurs over time rather than an event at an identifiable point. Chelsea would have gone through an awareness of something feeling wrong, a recognition and acceptance of her gender, a decision to begin adopting characteristics of her gender, disclosing to close friends and family, seeking help / support, public

disclosure, maybe reassignment surgery... The point at which WP should reflect the transition is an easier question, that is the point at which RS provide a verified public declaration. Chelsea has been transitioning for a long time and has reached the point of public disclosure and seeking to live openly as the woman she is, and I believe BLP dictates we respect her declaration. EdChem (talk) 00:58, 30 August 2013 (UTC) Because Wikipedia titles does not reflect a persons actual name, it's not used to address the subject nor indicate this is who a t Wiki.

pedia think others should call them, it is simply the name for which someone has been best known. We cannot change

August 2013? Thanks! Wikipedia wasn't "Hijacked by activists", it was just edited by people who 1) disagreed with you, and 2) were operating per numerous previous decisions that had been made in past. Cam94509 (talk) 07:31, 30 August 2013 (UTC) I agree with them, but not how they went about getting it done. --Space simian (talk) 07:41, 30 August 2013 (UTC) Inexplicably the convicted Army private is now referred to as "Chelsea Elizabeth Manning" at the start of the article, but the

the unfortunate fact that Chelsea has become best known as Bradley. The article content itself indicate that Wikipedia respect her new name and her gender by using both per MOS:IDENTITY. Taken together I do not see how anyone can say we do not want to recognize the transition. I can see how one could mistakenly think so, which is why I in the end agree that policy should be changed so as to minimize the risk of offending/hurting someone. WP:BLP doesn't say we should minimize harm, plenty of BLPs can be said to cause harm, it is accepted if the information is considered notable and can be supported by reliable sources. --Space simian (talk) 01:04, 30 August 2013 (UTC) Hey, so, can you cut the personal attacks out, say, as of 23:41, 29

cited Today News article only mentions "Chelsea E. Manning" at the end of the public statement by the private. Where did "Elizabeth" come from? It could as well be Edwina, Ellen, or Elaine. Source? Amythewillowprincess (talk) 20:10, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Looking through the talk page archives, [8] - it may have missed being added while the page was locked - David Gerard (talk) 20:16, 29 August 2013 (UTC) While the article was locked, I added the name Elizabeth with a source following an edit request. Follow-

ing my edit, doubts about the reliability of the sources using the name "Elizabeth" were expressed. I removed the name a short time later as nobody was able to identify where the three (iirc) sources (TheNation which David Gerard cites above, Voice of Russia, and something from Ireland I can't remember the name of off the top of my head) got the name from. Certainly it didn't appear in any statement made by Manning or her lawyer. I'm not awake enough to check for new sources now, but unless it can be ultimately cited to either of those two people or someone equally as close to Manning as her lawyer I'd recommend removing it from the article. Ping @SlimVirgin: who hunted for sources on that occasion. See Talk:Chelsea Manning/Archive 5#Middle initial. Thryduulf (talk) 23:53, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Elizabeth was confirmed by the lawyer and the support network a few days after the initial announcement: "PVT Manning ... announced that she would like to begin to be known publicly by the name of Chelsea Elizabeth Manning ..." The source is in the footnote after the name. SlimVirgin (talk) 00:54, 30 August 2013 (UTC) Chelsea Manning is now apparently subjected to indoctrination(!!!) and has made some new comments on her gender identity, according to her lawyer David Coombs, who says: "I also told her about how most responsible media have elected to respect her wishes and refer to her by her new name. Chelsea was very happy to hear of these developments. She requested that I relay how grateful that she is for everyone's understanding and continued support." [9] Josh Gorand (talk) 20:18, 29 August 2013 (UTC) I'm not sure why this is both relevant and requires an incredibly POV "indoctrination" to be thrown around. Cam94509 (talk) 20:38, 29 August 2013 (UTC) To expand on what I'm saying, I'm not sure what you're trying to get across here, and just because the lawyer says "told her about how most responsible media" doesn't mean that "most responsible media" isn't described somewhere in the conversation between the two. This is public spin, but I highly doubt it is private indoctrination. Cam94509 (talk) 20:45, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Er, if you had read the source at all, you would have noticed that US American prisons subject her to "indoctrination", in itself rather shocking and more reminiscent of North Korea than a western country. The main point was her response to the media using the name Chelsea, this was obviously what she intended, unlike what others have claimed. Josh Gorand (talk) 20:48, 29 August 2013 (UTC) No, you're right. (Why didn't you quote that, as well! I got confused as to what

you meant! Nah, my bad. Kidding, Sorry) Uh... Can we get an explanation on what the heck the guardian means by "indoctrination?" Cam94509 (talk) 20:51, 29 August 2013 (UTC) I think that this amounts to WP:SOAPBOXING - Knowledgekid87 (talk) 20:53, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Indoctrination was a quote from the lawyer. I'm not sure if that's the official term, but it didn't come from the guardian.--Obi-Wan Kenobi (talk) 20:57, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Several media have reported that "she goes through the indoctrination process at Fort Leavenworth", whatever that means, but it sounds very sinister and thus noteworthy. Definitely not a normal way to treat a prisoner in most western countries. Josh Gorand (talk) 21:03, 29 August 2013 (UTC) It's a standard procedure new inmates go through after sentencing. In civilian prisons, it's name varies but is commonly referred to as "reception and diagnostics", or "classification". In military prisons, it's called indoctrination, there's nothing sinister about it, just standard operating procedures. She will undergo medical and

dental examinations, testing, psychological evaluations and be assigned a custody level. You're also given a book which outlines procedures with the varying details associated with being incarcerated: ie, such as meal times, rec times, rules associated with visiting, filing grievances, expected behavior and conduct, etc. In civilian prisons you are given information about PREA, but I'm not sure if military prisoners receive that pamphlet, if not, they should. Nothing to worry about Josh, she went through military indoctrination when she enlisted. The article said it was only for 3 weeks, which is shorter than most civilian prisons.-- Isaidnoway (talk) 21:42, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Here's another story with a little more detail, The indoctrination process lasts approximately three weeks and is designed to give a new inmate information on the facility and the opportunities available within the USDB.-- Isaidnoway (talk) 22:08, 29 August 2013 (UTC) "Indoctrination" is a military term-

nology that is similar to "orientation" in today's civilian American English. Newly enlisted soldiers and officer candidates all go through indoctrination to learn basic military protocols such as military courtesy. Army the way you princess (talk) 22:12, 29 August 2013 (UTC) People keep trying to rewrite sentences to avoid using pronouns, swapping who for the child, the soldier, etc. or using Manning's name repeatedly. This isn't helping the writing and there's no need for it, so I'd really appreciate it if the anti-pronoun tweaking would stop. :) SlimVirgin (talk) 21:08, 29 August 2013 (UTC) For events prior to her announcement, it seems to me to be the right way to

2013 (UTC) Not so, this argument has been put and shot down already on this page only days ago, guidelines are equally important as policies, which is why the opposition to calling her Chelsea has been so damaging to wikipedia. Thanks, SqueakBox talk contribs 23:30, 29 August 2013 (UTC) No, policies are mandates. Guidelines are suggestions. Your opinion of what is and what is not damaging is just that. An opinion. Two kinds of pork (talk) 23:37, 29 August 2013 (UTC) I have seen reliable sources using both he and she in the same sense as well on Margaret Thatcher's page where her name is referred to as Robert in her early life section, your reasoning is poor here. - Knowledgekid87 (talk) 23:41, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Where here does it say that, Two kinds of pork?. Thanks, — SqueakBox talk contribs 23:43, 29 August 2013 (UTC) You never answered what I had to say. - Knowledgekid87 (talk) 23:59, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Nobody is challenging the Thatcher usage and anyway transgender issues are substantially different from issues resulting from people getting married, IDENTITY clearly supports what I am saying here. Is there a guideline on usage of maiden names for women? Does it say we shouldn't use them?. Thanks, SqueakBox talk contribs 00:07, 30 August 2013 (UTC) "Guidelines are sets of best practices that are supported by consensus. Editors should attempt to follow guidelines, though they are best treated with common sense, and occasional exceptions may apply. "Two kinds of pork (talk) 23:46, 29 August 2013 (UTC) And where is the consensus to support what you want? If there is no consensus we stick to the guidelines. Thanks, SqueakBox talk contribs 23:48, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Once the RM is decided, we can open an RfC about pronoun use if that's wanted. But in the meantime, we shouldn't be writing Manning that, the child, the soldier, etc, to avoid using any pronoun at all. It's poor writing and it's stigmatizing, as though we're saying Manning was neither a he nor a she. She should be used in exactly the same way he was used in the previous version, except where the context really does require some rewriting (e.g. where a nearby she refers to someone else). SlimVirgin (talk) 00:11,

dodge an impossible ambiguity, so I would tend to disagree that it's not helping or that there's no need for it. —Steve Summit (talk) 21:18, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Yeah, especially the sentence about "she was small.... for a boy" - the prior wording was better. Sometimes, you have to word carefully, and sometimes that means avoiding a pronoun (for example, if you have a quote in the same sentence that uses "he", you should eschew "she" to introduce it).--Obi-Wan Kenobi (talk) 21:21, 29 August 2013 (UTC) WP:IDENTITY specifically supports what Slim is saying, why should we make an exception for Chelsea? Thanks, SqueakBox talk contribs 21:23, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Seriously? You would "appreciate" it? I'd appreciate it if the article were coherent, which is the only reason I'm even bothering with this. Two kinds of pork (talk) 21:26, 29 August 2013 (UTC) WP:IDENTITY specifically supports what Slim is saying. There is no need to write poorly to enforce an opinion that she is less female in some way. Sportfans5000 (talk) 22:12, 29 August 2013 (UTC) Well apparently that is just a guideline, and AFAICT there is no mandate to use it part and parcel. And if what Slim reported to us is correct (and I apologize for my snippy response to Slim), Manning doesn't want female pronouns to be used for his "male" life, only his "female" life. Two kinds of pork (talk) 23:26, 29 August

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August 2013 (UTC) Why is there so much indignation here about Manning being referred to with her chosen name/ gender identity and associated pronouns, but no one objected at all to Pritzker's article being titled and given pronouns per Pritzker's considerable news coverage (real estate tycoon, billionaire, museum founder) prior to Pritzker's recent gender change announcement? It would seem inconsistent if Wikipedia winds up with one gender in the Manning article and another in the Pritzker article when our sages finish pondering the RM comments. Edison (talk) 03:46, 30 August 2013 (UTC) Depends on the reliable sources used, Bradley is known more for the wikileaks crime than for a gender change. Collectivity there are more sources that have used Bradley than Chelsea I think this helps establish notability for a given name. - Knowledgekid87 (talk) 03:57, 30

August 2013 (UTC) Most likely because of a number of reasons: (1) There weren't thousands of eyes on the page during the subject's coming out as trans. When all of this rigamarole happened, the Manning article was being featured on the front page of Wikipedia. (2) There was no article about Pritzker on Wikipedia prior to her coming out, it was created *after* she hit the news. There was no immediate need to discuss a page move, since the page didn't exist. Even though there wasn't a whole lot of interest in the article, the article's creator was still unsure under which name to start it after the news came out (see the talk page). (3) There were no controversial logistical or bureaucratic actions taken with the Pritzker article, unlike with the Manning article, where moves were made and the page was protected outside of the established processes and policies of Wikipedia. Had the RM discussion taken place at the Bradley talkpage, rather than the Chelsea talkpage, I guarantee the discussion would have gone very differently. At the end of the day, us Wikipedians should establish a policy to deal with people coming out as trans and how to deal with that stymie such issues in the future. The actions of many editors and admins in this particular case demonstrate pretty strongly that existing policies are not sufficient. NewAccount4Me (talk) 04:20, 30 August 2013 (UTC) While I agree that a formal policy really should be established for people coming out as trans as it regards to title changes here on Wikipedia (because this is a total mess), I think that it's worth noting that I don't think without a VERY explicit policy on this we weren't going to get anything other than a mess. (Look at the pronoun discussion, because there's not much that is more explicit than MOS:IDENTITY as it relates to pronouns.) Honestly, insofar as Wikipedia is supposed to be ruled by consensus, highly controversial discussions will always break down, because they're basically impossible to build anything resembling a "consensus" on, especially when they are also high interest (like this one!). I don't think the admin action actually mattered here: This was destined to be a disaster since the minute one. Cam94509 (talk) 05:33, 30 August 2013 (UTC) Anytime something contentious is approached on Wikipedia, there is going to be a mess. Be it Israel-Palestine, identity politics, 9/11 articles, etc there are a million things on Wikipedia that turn into battlegrounds even when we explicitly try to limit battles. The difference is that in the cases I listed, most of the battles are either occurring within the confines of established policy or are just railing against an unmovable policy looking for a content-based exception, as opposed to occurring within a policy-free vacuum. For one example, 9/11 trutgers can argue on a talkpage all day long, but WP:UNDUE will always be there, trumping most of their points. The Manning situation is especially messy because we have

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magnitude had an explicit policy existed about
trans individuals and existing policies on page
moves been followed. Instead of what we have now, we would
have had a bunch of non-admin editors and IPs raging about poli-
tent (on either side), a few admins caught up in the content fray and a
mostly cool-headed cadre of admins and experienced editors there to con-
tain the drama and guide everyone through procedures established from poli-
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but they were ignored, that is what triggered this circus. If one doesn't agree with
the existing policies they should be changed, that would have been the right way to do
this. -Space simian (talk) 07:15, 30 August 2013 (UTC) I agree, there were clear policies
to keep the name at Bradley. Good to see we have consensus on that at least! :) --Obi-Wan
Kenobi (talk) 15:26, 30 August 2013 (UTC) In part I also believe this discussion has been
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Other than that I think User:-
NewAccount4Me and User:-
Knowledgekid87 is spot on. --Space
simian (talk) 06:06, 30 August 2013
(UTC) Pritzker legally changed her name.
Manning has not. Manning can call him
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