



Johna Talks

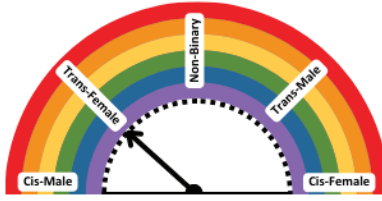
There are many ways to view the gender spectrum. Currently, many use a rainbow or speedometer (see image at right) to describe it. This is not how I look at it.

The rainbow speedometer is more inclusive than the binary model, but neither of these models are inclusive enough. They don't show the diversity of the nonbinary community.

The "Trans-binary Model" includes four points, but it's not complete. And it still exists in the binary realm. Stay with us, we are getting there.

What I call the "Gender Expansive Model" is the most inclusive. Let's break it down. We have 2 points for the "Binary Model." We have 2 more points for the "Trans-binary Model." And finally, we have the "Gender Expansive Model" which gives us an additional 2 points.

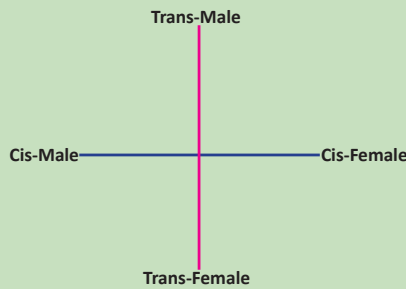
Rainbow speedometer



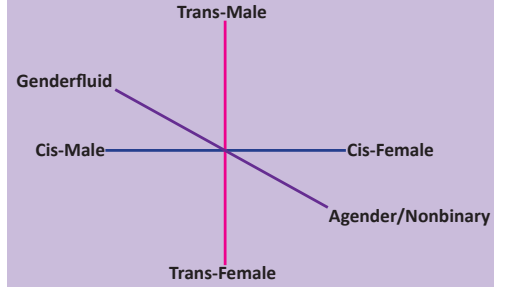
Binary Model



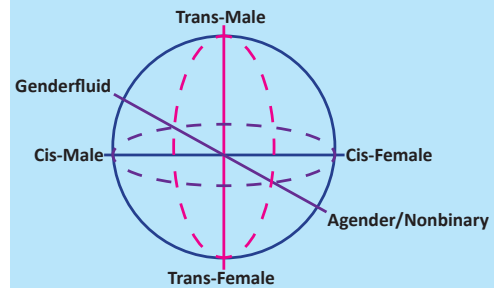
Trans-binary Model



Gender Expansive Model



Spherical Gender Expansive Model



All of these points are intersecting, giving us an axis with 6 points. And in mathematics, 6 points of an axis gives us a sphere. Every point has its opposite. All lines intersecting to create an axis. Gender seen as a sphere allows for every possible gender identity and its opposite, encompassing everyone's gen-

der, no matter how they view it. Gender is personal identity-- it's how we see ourselves. And this is how I see it. --*Johna Melius, SAGE Upstate Trans Ambassador. Join Johna for Gender Blend onZoom and in person on the 3rd Saturday every month at 7 pm.*

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