

 **Biology and physiology:  
neither arbitrary  
nor abstract**

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There's been an expected back and forth, agree and disagree, following Cheryl Reeve's support for the trans community regarding women's athletics. (Opinion Exchange, "Court ruling is a powerful lift," March 2). In particular, the support for Reeve's position that appeared in Readers Write on March 11 caught my attention.

Reeve, and those writing in support of her opinion, have a right to their opinion on the topic of who is eligible to participate in women's athletics. However one of the favorite justifications offered by Reeves and supporters seems to be derived from the idea that they are fighting against arbitrary rules of athletic participation.

The rules of analysis and conclusions of biology and physiology are not arbitrary. And the reality of contrasting characteristics for men and women has not evolved into an abstract concept.

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