

On The “Defend Equality” Slogan

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In recent years, the slogan “defend equality,” accompanied by the symbol of a rifle, has been advanced – typically by anarchist-leaning tendencies of the popular struggle against fascism. So far as this represents a radical step away from the pacifist-reformist line of mainstream LGBT rights advocacy, it is most certainly a commendable and progressive advance. Yet, it retains at its core a fundamentally bourgeois outlook.

How is that? It is because, according to the slogan, equality is something that has already been achieved and only needs to be *defended*. Therefore the equality the slogan has in mind is only the abstract equality under the law, which really mystifies social inequality, and not the *actual, revolutionary* equality implied by the abolition of classes and exploitation. This is precisely what I criticized previously in [Against Trans Rights](#), that being a liberal slogan which replaced the goal of liberation for all with the narrow goal of reformism-assimilationism.

After discussing the issue of a militant, revolutionary alternative, Lavender Guard LA resolved to propose the following slogan: “Champion equality!” Alternatively, “fight for equality!” and “conquer equality!” were also proposed.