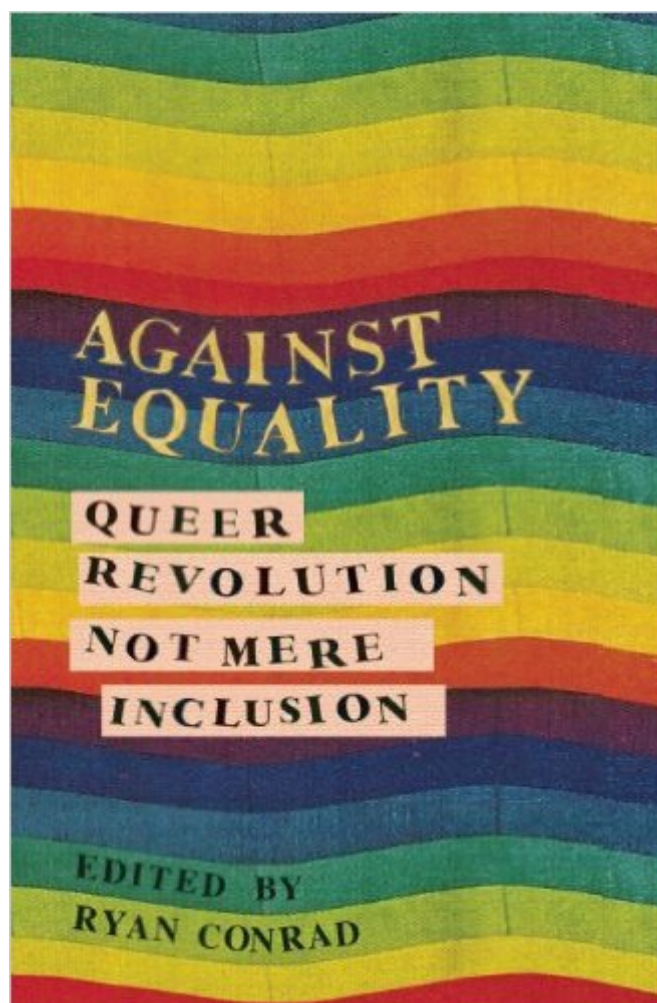


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Against Equality: Queer Revolution, Not Mere Inclusion



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If somebody sees you reading this, they may think you are anti-queer/lgbt. If you feel this way, I understand. When first told about this by a friend I dismayed that she would feel this way. However, after listening to her more, I thought I would give this a try. This book is filled with pieces that explain various reasons to oppose the same-sex marriage movement. There are some that I do not agree with completely, but that is okay. They aren't asking you to give them a high-five on every issue, just to realize that there is so much more to the queer movement than marriage. Here are some that struck me as influential.- Marriage should not benefit people, gay or straight. Why should the government say "Oh you have found a soul mate? Here are a whole bunch of benefits!"? It doesn't make sense to me. If two people want to stay together forever, awesome. But do they deserve a tax break?- Legalizing same-sex marriage will hardly solve health-care and immigration issues within the society at large or the LGBT community. Will gay marriage provide coverage to every single gay man with AIDS? Nope. What about other health issues? And the immigration debacle that our country practices is explained in here too.- Organizations like HRC are classist. They focus on providing more rights to those who don't need them. Will some with lower-income benefit? Sure, but for the most part same-sex marriage will help those who don't need it. Another example was how all of the funding and "activism" provided to same-sex marriage results in other issues--such as the disproportionate number of queer people who are homeless--being ignored. And how its activism can actually make life difficult for those in extremely bigoted communities.

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