

RADIANT SELVES: TRANSGENDER RESISTANCE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR HEALTH



By demanding recognition, transgender communities have begun to shift how gender, in healthcare systems and more generally, is imagined—and this has implications for trans health and survival. Analyzing 70 in-depth interviews and ethnographic observations in trans communities across four regions of the U.S., Nordmarken finds that contrary to the theory of the “looking-glass self” (which suggests that we see ourselves the way we think others see us) trans individuals assert “radiant selves,” bringing others to see them as they see themselves.

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