

"Encryption and anonymity, today's leading vehicles for online security, provide individuals with a means to protect their privacy, empowering them to browse, read, develop and share opinions and information without interference and enabling...[them] to exercise the rights to freedom of opinion and expression"

- **David Kaye**

“Cyberspace has given the queer woman a chance to problematize the existing gender and sexual identities which, like any identity, is not static.”

- Esperanza Miyake

Creating a profile online portraying your real self is an act of defiance against the existing norms and one of engaging in queer politics, which is about challenging the ideas of gender and sex, regardless of the outcome of this particular act.

The introduction of real-name policies – requiring users to use their real names on online platforms – can compromise users’ ability to express themselves anonymously, particularly in countries where human rights are frequently violated or where the space for civil society participation is limited beyond representative democracy.

Anonymity enables women's free sexual expression without fear of repercussions.