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I do not believe that the reason I am gay is biological. This is not a rebuttal against theories of sexuality as essential. Yet, it is important to first note that claims that we are all born this way is in action a powerful political tool to gain rights for already privileged groups, resulting in greater financial gain and assimilation into a straight culture. The political power of the sentiment of born this way implicitly draws on the following to be true: no one would choose to be gay. While much of white cisgendered gay male identity is centered on essentialism, the term political lesbianism, born from second-wave feminism, offers a less problematic model to consider. Political lesbianism embraces a theory that sexual orientation is a political choice, and advocates lesbianism as a positive alternative to heterosexuality for women, as part of a struggle against sexism.