

Happy Mother's Day, everyone! As we know, nothing is safe from the culture wars. And that includes Mother's Day.

Recently, lots of conservatives got upset at Congresswoman Cori Bush using the expression 'birthing people' instead of 'women'.

Now, her reason for doing so is perfectly reasonable in my opinion—it's accurate, precise, and inclusive. It includes transmen and non-binary people who can give birth.

Obviously, the people getting upset at her usage have a different conception of gender, one that's strictly defined by reproductive capacities or anatomic characteristics.

But even on their conception, the expression is more precise than the word 'women', given that there are people they consider women who can't give birth.

I also find it a bit strange that the "facts don't care about your feelings crowd" had quite a lot of feelings over what is essentially an accurate and precise use of language.

And now today, on Mother's Day, several conservatives attempted to make fun of the expression. Here's Ben Shapiro, Ted Cruz, and Tomi Lahren.

But in doing so, they demonstrated a fundamental misunderstanding of the point of the expression.

The expression doesn't make sense in this context, because it's *not* accurate or inclusive. It excludes *adoptive* mothers.