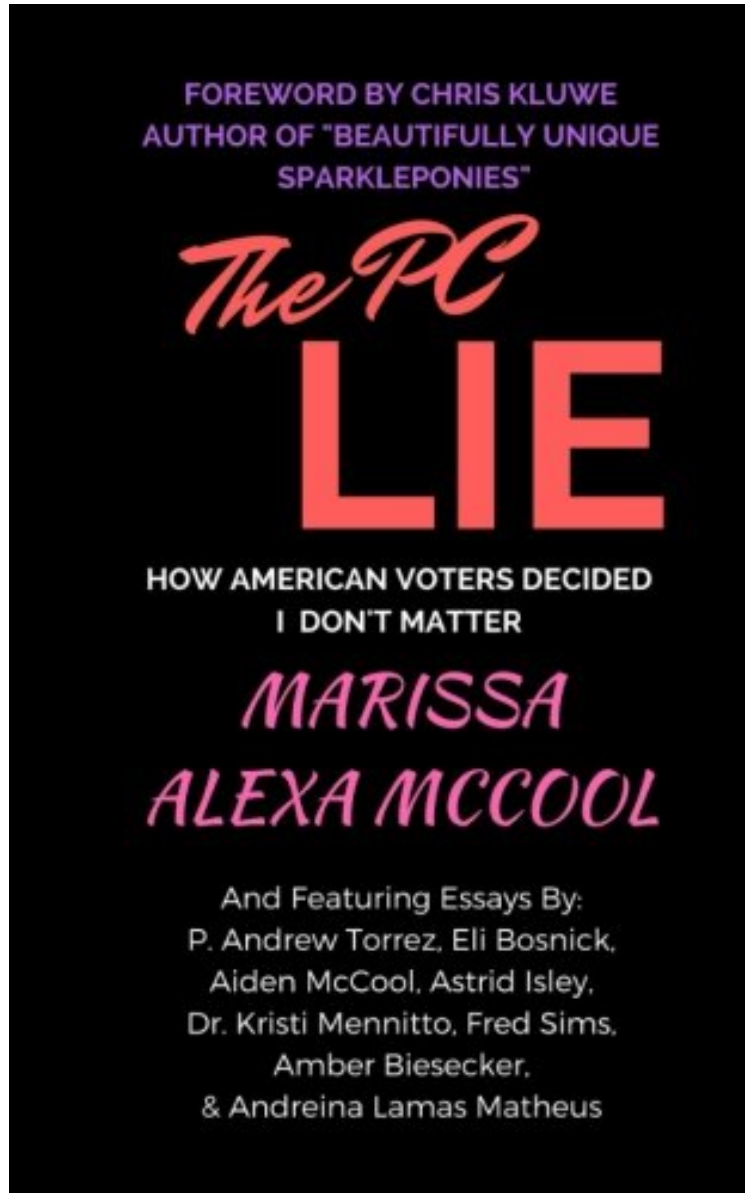


# The PC Lie: How American Voters Decided I Don't Matter

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Marissa McCool states in this book that it was written in nine days. While this may seem to be a detriment to some, it is the perfect time frame to capture the anger, fear, and disappointment felt by the author, a transgender woman who fears for her rights and, indeed, her very existence. In "The PC Lie : How American Voters Decided I Didn't Matter", she starts off with a bang by relating with raw emotion her feelings about the election outcome and just what she thinks of those who voted for a man who is blatantly bigoted and has promised to limit the rights of those of such as herself. The first chapter is full anger and vitriol for these people, but one can feel the fear underneath these words, and I for one understand the emotions that are expressed, being as they are the result of a genuine fear for the future. Later in the book, she admits to calming down and being more thoughtful and rational, but still doesn't lose her passion and anger about the things that have happened and what we need to do to counteract the destructive policies that will undoubtedly be put forth by the Trump administration. Along the way, we learn about Marissa's journey in transition from being assigned male at birth to her ultimate goal of becoming a woman. We also learn about how she has gone from a high school dropout to someone who is about to graduate from a Ivy League university. We hear about her struggles in life and love, but beneath it all we see a determination that can only be described as inspirational. We also learn of her love for her partner and their unbreakable bond, and the ways in which their love has become the bedrock of her activism. But most of all we meet a person who has a genuine desire to help others, and to not stand idly by while people are hurting or lost. This book is a document of one person's triumphant struggle to find herself and her calling, and how her dedication and love for people has made her a symbol for what is best in humanity. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful.  
**Refusing to Fall Asleep** By Letter M. I finished your part of the book last night, battling my eyelids the whole way, and refusing to fall asleep. Refusing to fall asleep, it so happens, could be a catchphrase for my life right now, because I spent most of my adult life blithely unaware of the emotional burden borne by people like you. People like my genderfluid lover, whose pronouns I never knew until long after I moved away. People like me, who having our eyes opened on a landscape of possibilities now recoil as we watch the encroaching shadows creep, pulsating like the blob, to engulf everything in that landscape that isn't patriarchal heteronormativity. But a few years back my eyelids began to flutter, and I struggled against that early morning desire to just close my eyes and drift safely back into dreamland. To a place where such complexities as gender spectrums were hidden behind lucid dreams that convince you you're awake. Now I'm standing. perhaps drowsy at times, but the struggle today is to step forward. To wear who I am, and fight tenaciously for the rights of others to do the same. Your work was the most raw, emotionally engaging stream of consciousness piece I have read in a long time. It reminds me exactly why I'm moving, where I'm going and why I can't ever let myself be lulled back into complacency, no matter how sweet a field of poppies I find myself in. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.  
**A gripping book, a story and voice for a generation** By maikoakkiko This is the story of a trans woman who has fought her whole life for her identity- be that against society, or herself- and the challenges she faces, as well as the joys of everyday life. Marissa writes a gripping story about her past, present and future; and the strength she draws from her Husband, Children and her loved ones. It hits you square in the gut with her acute fear over public safety for herself, and other members of the LGBT community; and pulls no punches when expressing her anger and disbelief over the president-elect, and the current state of affairs in the country. This is a wonderful book! And a must read for anyone from the LGBT community, allies, or regular human beings. It gives clear insight to the fear and anger most LGBT Americans are feeling right now, the real problems going on; and exactly what's at stake. A solid 5/5

Marissa Alexa McCool analyzes the immediate post-election reaction of 2016, and delivers essays capturing the emotion of those first few weeks. In addition, many different writers from diverse backgrounds give their input on the situation. Marissa, an MTF trans\* person, gives a brutally honest coming out piece as well as a social critique of the emboldening of hatred and bigotry.

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