

On his first day in office, President Trump issued an executive order attempting to erase transgender people's legal existence. This would be the first step in a series of actions attacking trans people's civil rights on a federal level.

As an immediate result, trans people who were in the process of getting their passports updated to match their lived gender have had their applications suspended. Some who were in the process were sent an updated passport that had the wrong gender on it, while others have simply had their passport applications—along with all the documentation they submitted to get them—on hold indefinitely, leaving them without access to important



documents such as birth certificates and marriage certificates. **This is a part of a familiar playbook.** When the Nazis first took power in Germany, one of the first populations they attacked was trans people, and one of the first ways they did so was by revoking the identifying documents they had been given granting them the legal right to freely live as their gender. While the strategy doesn't look *exactly* the same today as it did back then, it's important to understand that "history doesn't repeat, but it does rhyme." Denying trans people the right to identifying documents that match their lived gender opens them up to being outed without consent at times when their safety, security, and ability to navigate

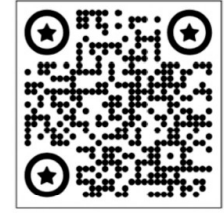
To learn more, scan the following:



Or go to:
<http://stoptransgenocide.site>

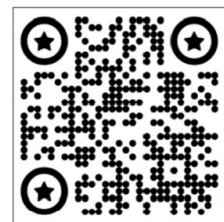
society freely may be threatened in doing so. Traveling internationally, renting or buying a house or apartment, onboard for a new job, voting, and interacting with police are all significantly riskier for trans people when the documents they are required to submit do not show the gender they appear to be, or don't match. Ultimately, these restrictions are designed to make living in the United States so scary for trans people that we *disappear*. **You do not need to be trans yourself to recognize stripping a minority of their fundamental human rights is bad.** All of us are obligated to act, even if it just means sending a letter to a representative saying you do not support attacks on transgender Americans.

4. . User [Resist.bot](https://resist.bot/) to contact your representatives easily via text message:



<https://resist.bot/>

5. Send faxes to your representatives using [FaxZero](https://faxzero.com/), which has links to free ways to fax congress or your governor:



<https://faxzero.com/>

Here are some resources you can use to try helping:

1. Follow and support the work being done by the ACLU and other organizations:



www.aclu.org/issues/lgbtq-rights/transgender-rights

2. Use [5 Calls](https://5calls.org/) to find information and scripts to call your elected officials:



5calls.org/issue/transgender-lgbtq-rights-trump-eo/

3. You can also create your own letters and call of your own accord, finding your elected officials here:



<https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials/>