



TRANSGENDER GENOCIDE AND THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

One of the first things the Nazis did when they took power in Germany was ignore and revoke identification documents transgender people had received granting them legal rights to exist in public as their lived genders.

One of Donald Trump's first actions when he took office was write an Executive Order to try revoking transgender people's right to federal identification containing an accurate gender marker.

This—along with the numerous other attacks the Trump Administration has made against transgender Americans★—is intended to strip trans people of so many rights and freedoms that they are unable to exist publicly without extreme risk of harassment, violence, and discrimination. In addition, many are experiencing extreme levels of mental health stress simply due to the fear of **what he is going to do to us, next.**



For more information, visit:
<http://stoptransgenocide.site>

There is a word for when a political leader or group intentionally creates an environment so hostile to a minority population that they are eliminated from public life: **Genocide.**

A statement on the treatment of trans people from the Lemkin Institute reads:

While members of the gender critical movement may argue that they do not seek to kill the physical bodies of transgender people, they do openly seek to eradicate

despite no legal mandate to do so. This is a choice they are making, either to conform with the atmosphere the President is creating, or because they wanted to anyway and now feel emboldened.

In addition to the President's actions, a number of corporate and government entities have been abandoning the protections and considerations they had put in place for transgender inclusion,



To learn more, here are a couple resources writing about Trump's ongoing anti-trans agenda:

<https://transequality.org>



<https://www.advocate.com>

- ★ **A Few Key Attacks On Trans People ★**
- *Forbid federal employees from putting pronouns in emails. While it seems simple, this is intended to eliminate gestures that make trans people feel safe.*
 - *Attempting to ban gender-affirming care for trans people under the age of 19, which includes a significant number of legal adults. Forced detransition is torture, and increases suicide risk significantly.*
 - *Scrubbing federal websites such as the CDC of all information related to transgender people. This denies them access to important information to improve their health and safety.*
 - *Ban acknowledging transgender children in the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, functionally rendering it useless for them.*

transgender identity from the world, following a genocidal logic similar to the US, Canadian, and Australian boarding schools that sought to "kill the Indian, [and] save the man."

I started this off by talking about how transgender people were some of the first targets of the Nazis, starting with removing their right to identity documents affirming their transition. *I am not saying that the Republican party is exactly like the Nazis, and that this is going to end exactly like World War II.*

What I *am* saying is that the similarities between what President Trump is doing now, and how the Nazis began their assault on transgender people, are similar in ways that are **not superficial**, they are a part of a playbook of annihilation that has already cost a number of trans lives, and **will cost more if it is allowed to continue.**



If that makes you uncomfortable, then **do something to change that.**

Even just contacting your elected officials to tell them this is not acceptable will put you ahead of most Americans:

And furthermore, what I *am* saying is that, if you ever wondered what you would have done if you were an everyday person living under a government that was openly attempting **genocide, whatever you are doing right now is exactly what you would have done, then.**

In addition to contacting your elected officials, some other things you can do include:

- Providing direct aid to trans people who are struggling (money, transportation, support). Keep resources such as Trans Lifeline on hand.
- Donating to local organizations doing on-the-ground work to help trans people.
- Donating money to organizations such as the ACLU who are challenging transphobic policies through the courts.
- Contacting government and corporate entities to call them out for their complicity (or praise them for noncompliance!). There have been healthcare systems that have reversed trans healthcare bans due to public pressure.
- Continue to give verbal and symbolic support for trans people by wearing outward signs of support (pronoun pins, T-shirts, etc.).
- Educate yourself enough to have productive conversations with people who are on the fence about transgender rights.
- If you are in the position where you are being asked to participate in attacks on trans people, do everything in your power not to comply.