

Institutionalizing  
LGBTQIA+ Justice in  
Sexual and Intimate  
Partner Violence  
Prevention:  
Centering Trans  
Inclusion as a value  
and practice

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**IMPOSTER SYNDROME**

**BOTH/AND**  
A SEXUAL VIOLENCE  
PREVENTION PODCAST

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# LGBTQIA+ Justice Podcast Episodes

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## FIGHTING HATE WITH HOPE: Youth Power vs. Adult Fear



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## The Grooming Myth

# Fighting Anti-LGBTQ+ Rhetoric



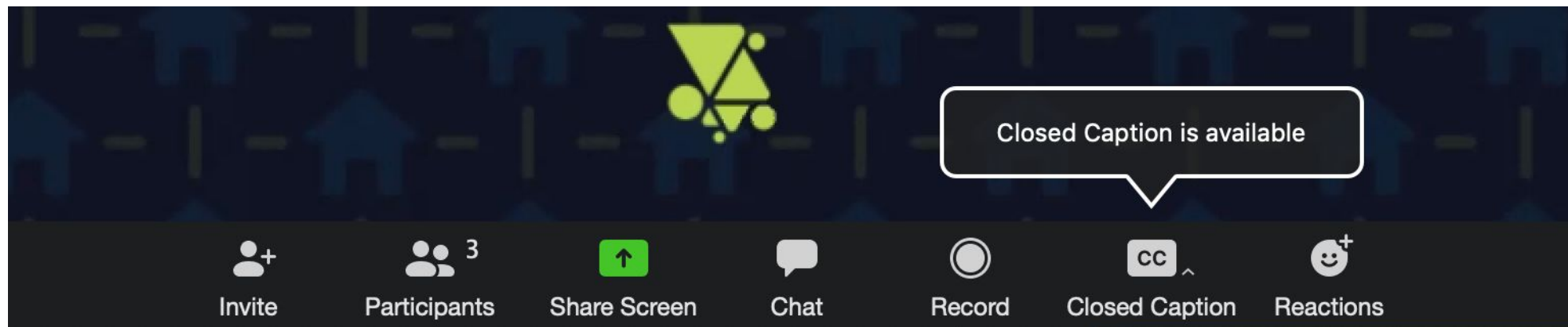
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TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE  
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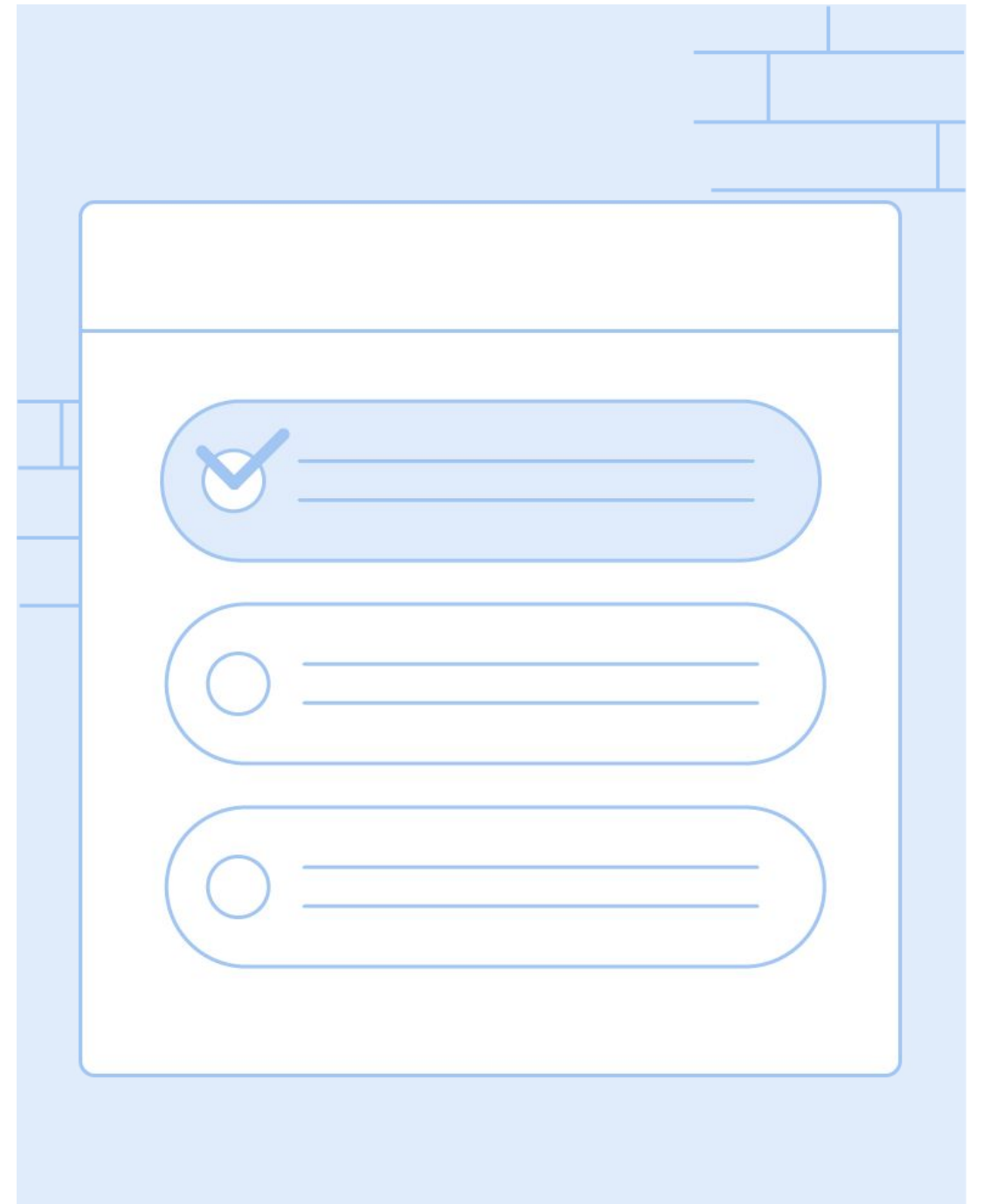
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Polling Question



The diagram illustrates a polling question interface. It features a white rectangular box with rounded corners, set against a light blue background with a faint grid pattern. The box contains three vertically stacked radio button options. Each option consists of a circular radio button on the left and two horizontal lines representing text on the right. The top option is highlighted with a light blue background and contains a blue checkmark inside the radio button. The middle and bottom options have white backgrounds and empty radio buttons.

# PreventConnect

- ▶ Domestic violence/intimate partner violence
- ▶ Sexual violence
- ▶ Violence across the lifespan, including child sexual abuse
- ▶ Prevent before violence starts
- ▶ Connect to other forms of violence and oppression
- ▶ Connect to other prevention practitioners



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# Objectives

- Define the connection between anti-queer and transgender sentiments, policies, and practices and sexual and intimate partner violence.
- Engage in a discussion about the anti-violence movement's role in advancing LGBTQIA+ justice as part of the work to end sexual and intimate partner violence.
- Explore opportunities and barriers for advocates and preventionists to institutionalize LGBTQIA+ justice as an internal value and programmatic practice.

# Why is supporting and uplifting LGBTQIA+ communities important to you?

Text Chat Question

▼ Chat

From Me to **Everyone**:

Use this text chat box to respond to our questions, ask your own, and connect with others!

To: **Everyone** ▼

Type message here...

# Why LGBTQIA+ justice and support matters

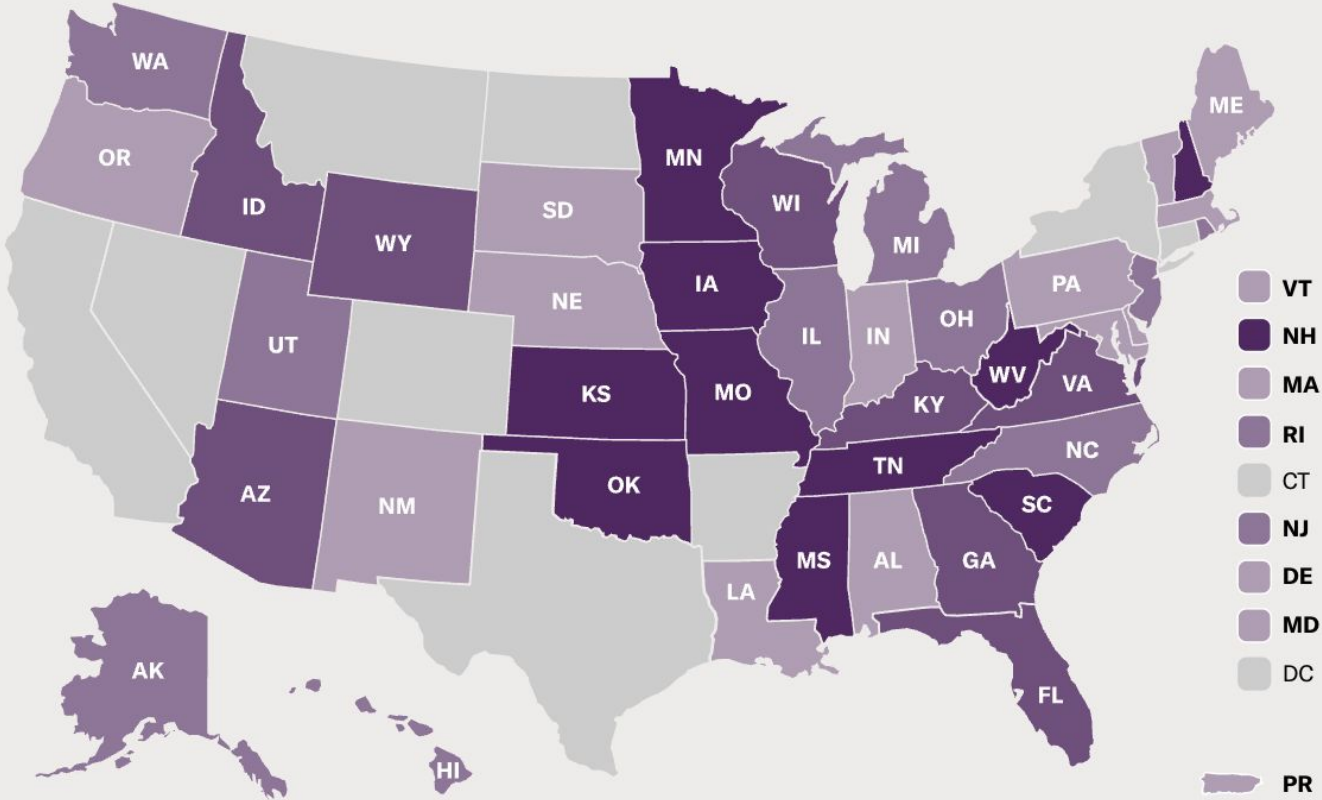
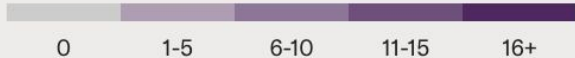
2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## The ACLU is tracking 530 anti-LGBTQ bills in the U.S.

Choose a state on the map to show the different bills targeting LGBTQ rights and take action. While not all of these bills will become law, they all cause harm for LGBTQ people.

Last updated on September 5, 2024

Bills per state



<https://www.aclu.org/legislative-attacks-on-lgbtq-rights-2024>



# Why LGBTQIA+ justice and support matters

**41% of LGBTQ young people seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year – and young people who are transgender, nonbinary, and/or people of color reported higher rates than their peers.**

41%

**THE TREVOR PROJECT**

2023 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ Young People



**Nearly 2 in 3 LGBTQ young people said that hearing about potential state or local laws banning people from discussing LGBTQ people at school made their mental health a lot worse.**

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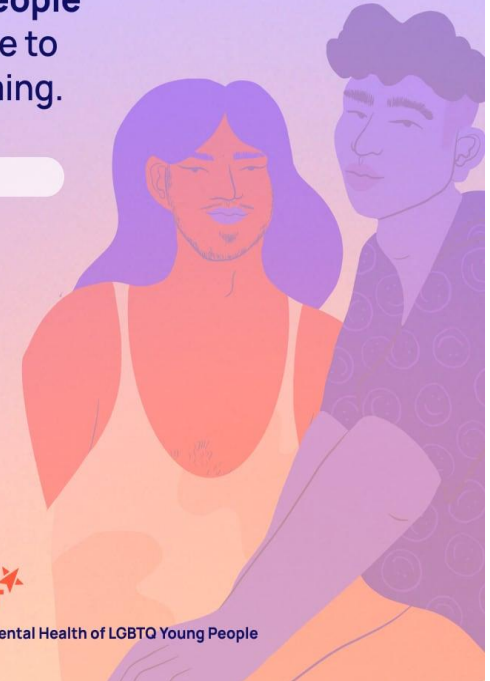


**Fewer than 40% of LGBTQ young people found their home to be LGBTQ-affirming.**

38%

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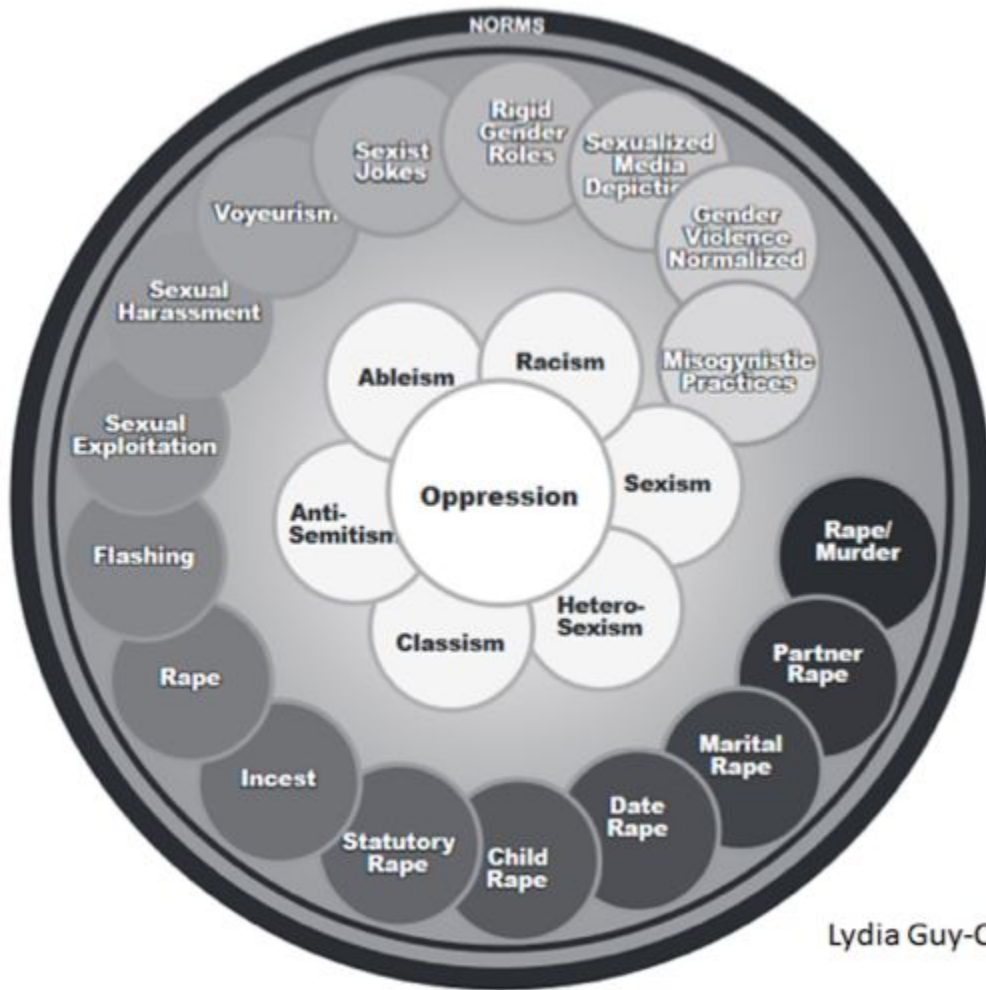
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<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/survey-2023/>



# Root Causes and Shared Risk/Protective Factors



Lydia Guy-Ortiz, 2006



# Brand new resources on LGBTQIA+ Supports in Sexual Violence Prevention

## **Creating Inclusive Agencies:** Assessing Organizational Readiness & Capacity for Engaging LGBTQ+ Communities



<https://www.nsvrc.org/resource/2500/creating-inclusive-agencies-assessing-organizational-readiness-capacity-engaging>



## **Transformative Prevention Programming:**

Sexual violence prevention in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning (LGBTQ+) communities

<https://www.nsvrc.org/resource/2500/transformative-prevention-programming-sexual-violence-prevention-lesbian-gay-bisexual>

# Meet Today's Guest Speakers




**Emil Rudicell**

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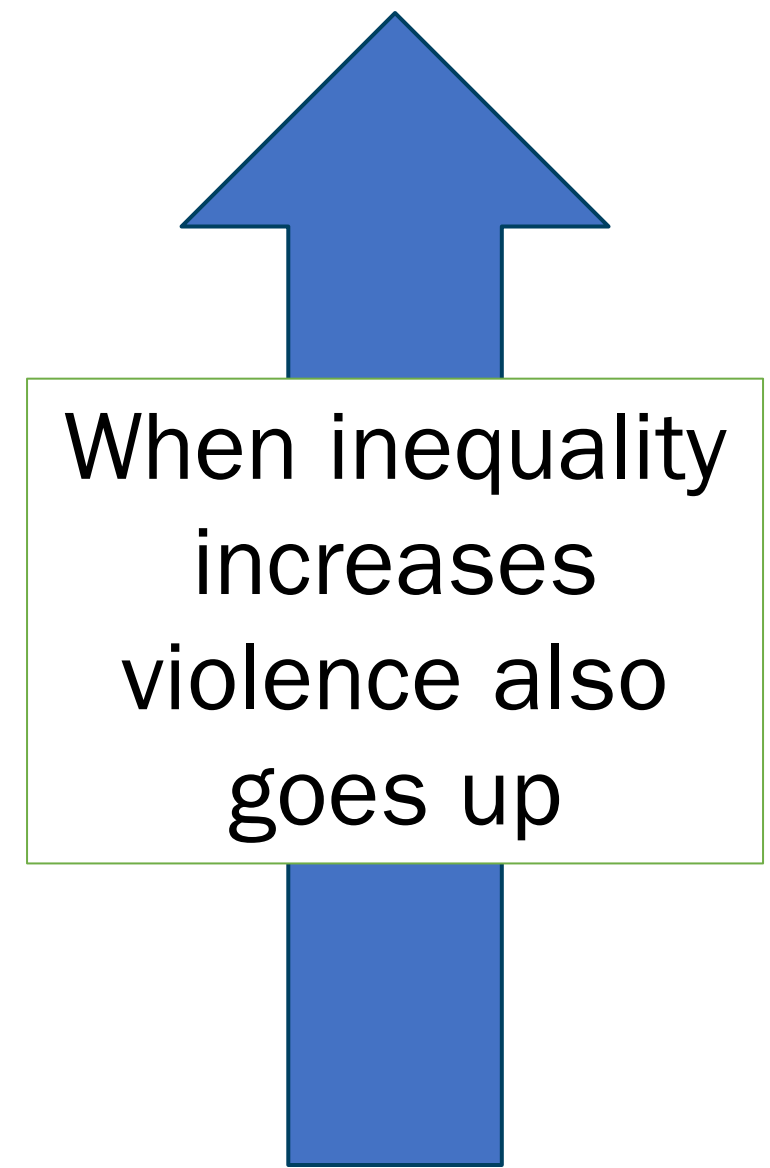
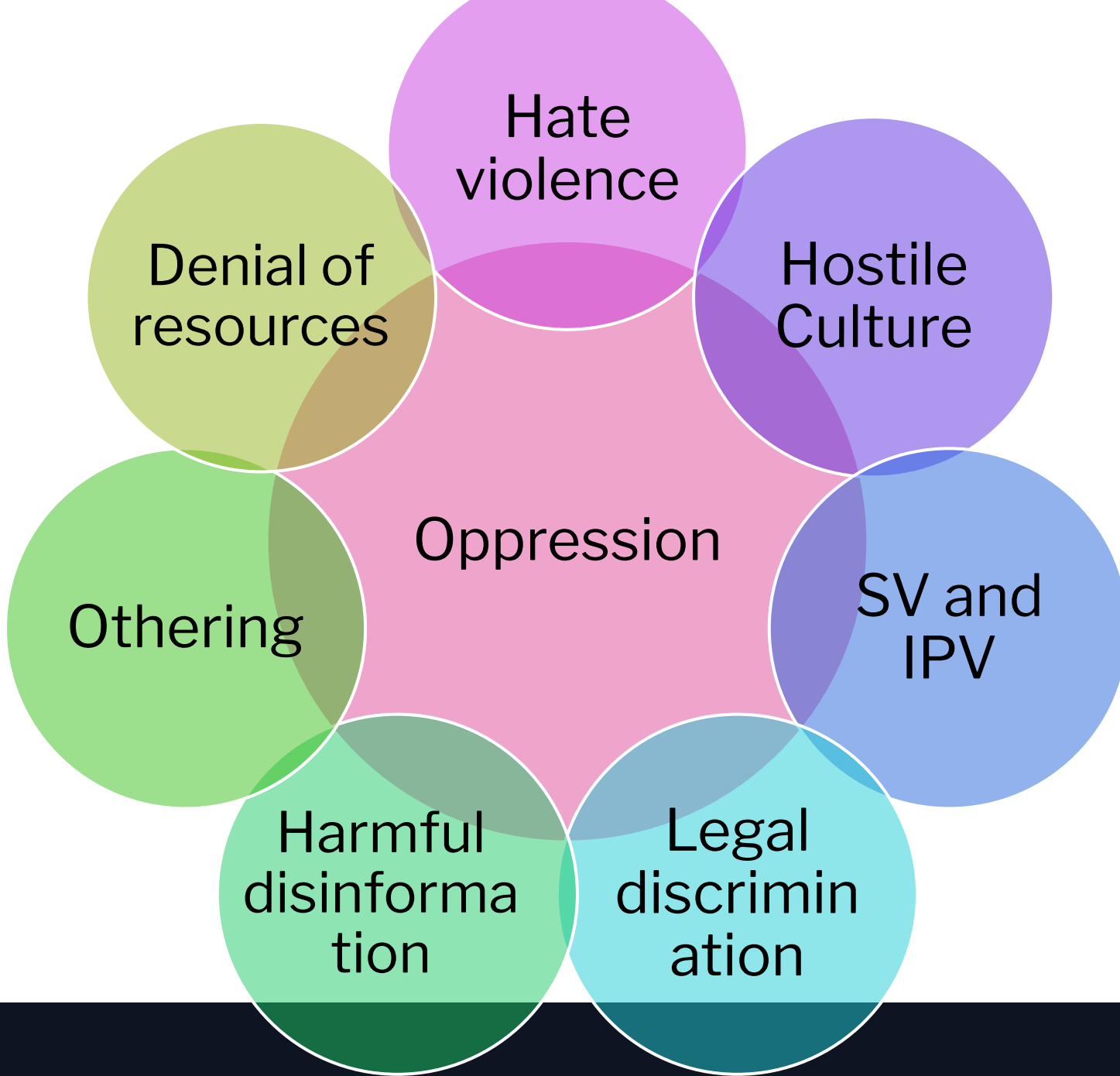
**“We are each other's  
harvest; we are each  
other's business; we are  
each other's  
magnitude and  
bond.”**

GWENDOLYN BROOKS



# Grounding Beliefs

- Trans people exist with a huge range of identities and experiences.
- Trans people are disproportionately impacted by violence and harm.
- “Nothing about us without us.”



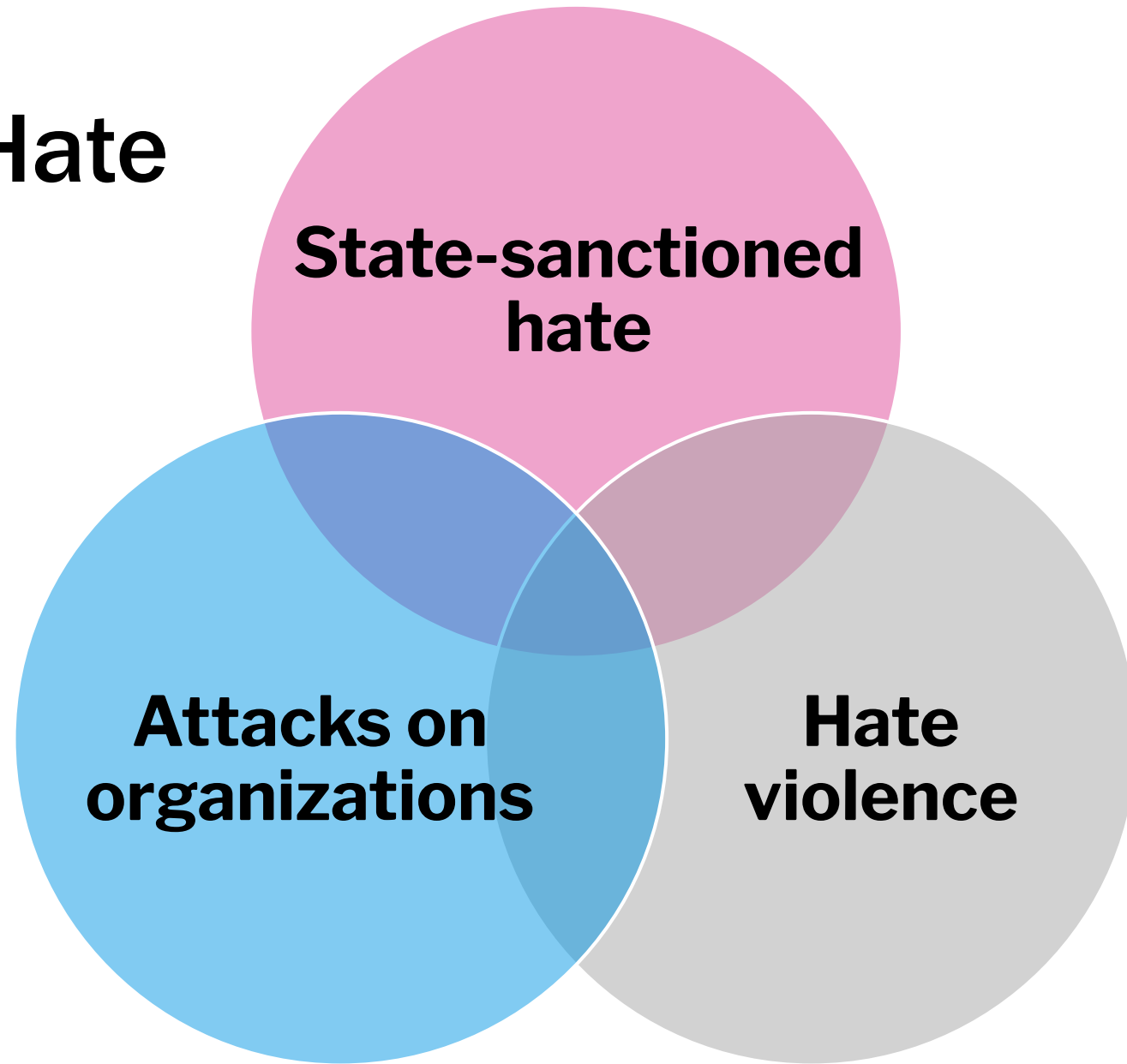




“The best way to eliminate a group is to demonize them, such that their disappearance is seen as an act of justice, not discrimination.”

-Alok  
Vaid-Menon

# Anti-trans Hate



# UNDER FIRE: THE WAR ON LGBTQ PEOPLE IN AMERICA

February 2023



**UNDER FIRE**  
THE WAR ON LGBTQ PEOPLE IN AMERICA

**MAP**  
movement advancement project ▶

## Strategies of State-Sanctioned Hate

1. Erasing LGBTQ people from schools and public life.
2. Erecting systemic and structural barriers to make change harder.
3. Enshrining inequality.
4. Criminalizing and banning transition so transgender people can't be themselves.
5. Silencing supporters.



What connections between anti-queer and transgender sentiments, policies, and practices and sexual and intimate partner violence do you see?

Text Chat Question

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**Drag is  
resistance**



# Impact: Increase in Sexual & Domestic Violence

These laws:


- Take away bodily autonomy
- Teach children that adults can access their bodies
- Teach adults to inspect children

**Florida's new ban on transgender students in sports would allow schools to subject minors to genital inspections**

By Anagha Srikanth | April 15, 2021 | Apr. 15, 2021

## It's not just Ohio: N.J. bill has genital checks to guard against transgender athletes

By MATT FRIEDMAN | 06/10/2022 06:55 AM EDT

Presented by 

**Good Friday morning!**

**The Ohio House of Representatives** last week got some [national media attention](#) for passing [a bill to keep transgender kids out of girls' sports](#). How? Simple. Anyone accused of being transgender would just have to present a doctor's note [indicating the student's sex based on](#): Their internal and external sexual anatomy, their "normal endogenously produced levels of testosterone" and an "analysis of the participant's genetic makeup." It's that easy!



# Impact: Increase in Sexual & Domestic Violence

## Transgender teens with restricted bathroom access at higher risk of sexual assault

Transgender and gender-nonbinary teens face greater risk of sexual assault in schools that prevent them from using bathrooms or locker rooms consistent with their gender identity, according to a recent study.

Researchers looked at data from a survey of nearly 3,700 U.S. teens aged 13-17. The study found that 36% of transgender or gender-nonbinary students with restricted bathroom or locker room access reported being sexually assaulted in the last 12 months, according to a May 6, 2019 CNN article. Of all students surveyed, 1 out of every 4, or 25.9%, reported being a victim of sexual assault in the past year.

## Bathroom policies:

- Take away safe spaces
- Encourage scrutiny and harassment

# Impact: Misuse of anti-violence language

Greg Abbott said: “There is no doubt that these procedures are ‘abuse’ under [Texas](#) law, and thus must be halted. [DFPS] has a responsibility to act accordingly. I’ll do everything I can to protect against those who take advantage of and harm young Texans.”



Documented increase in terms like:

- ▶ Groomer
- ▶ Predator
- ▶ Pedophile

# Impact: Blocking Prevention Education

## ▶ **Topics that are being banned:**

- ▶ LGBTQ+
- ▶ Sex □ Consent
- ▶ Race, Gender, Oppression
- ▶ Social Emotional Learning
- ▶ Names of body parts
- ▶ Menstruation

## ▶ **The effect**

- ▶ Fear
- ▶ Silence
- ▶ Oversimplified messages
- ▶ No prevention education at all
- ▶ Restricting who teaches

# Impact: Increased trauma

## ❑ Survivors

- ❑ Increase in trauma experiences and responses
- ❑ Distrust of providers
- ❑ Not able to access other services
- ❑ Polyvictimization

## ❑ Staff:

- ❑ Exhaustion
- ❑ Distrust of others
- ❑ Burnout
- ❑ Disruption of work
- ❑ Harassed or attacked
- ❑ Organizations targeted



# Impact: Access Denied

Anti-trans legislation impacts DV/SA services by:

- ❑ Defining “man” and “woman”
- ❑ Dictating who can be sheltered where
- ❑ Requiring use of legal names and sex from birth certificate
- ❑ Blocking staff training
- ❑ Challenging federal non-discrimination policies



# The anti-violence movement's role

Discussion: What steps are you taking in your communities to address anti-LGBTQIA+ violence?



Connected  
Community

Challenge  
Gender  
Norms

Green  
Spaces

Protective  
Environm  
ents

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Opportuni  
ties

# What barriers are you facing?

- Partnerships
- Lack of Resources
- Confusing laws and policies
- Fear
- Threat
- Overwhelm/ there's so many

## Polling Question

**Hate comments wear on our mental health. How do we handle it when they become a part of our daily life online?**



you and 890 others

1.5k comments.1k shares





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There's a tremendous amount of power in community and in defiant joy. Keep your chin up, find people who get you, have each other's backs.

Fureigh (they/them)

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**WE ARE ALL  
IMPACTED  
BY ANTI-  
TRANS HATE.**

[forge.tips/cultures-of-hate](https://forge.tips/cultures-of-hate)

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# What opportunities do we have in prevention?

- Centering LGBTQIA+ people in creating prevention strategies
- Using data/research that reflects the lives of LGBTQIA+ people
- Listening and learning outside of mainstream research methodologies
- Drawing connections between multiple issues
- Identifying and embodying our values

# Prevention Principles



# Culturally Responsive and Culturally Specific

## By and For

- Trans communities are involved in the creation of the project.
- Trans people are part of implementing the project

## Deep Equity

- Works to end all forms of oppression
- Includes an understanding of power and history in the theory of change of the program.

## Intersectional

- Embodies the multiple identities that people hold and how they impact communities.
- Examines, race, class, age, and more.

## Flexible

- Has room for both individual and community uniqueness.
- Can grow and change with people.



# Example: Consent Education

May include discussions about

- Navigating what to share with partners
- Language to use with partners about bodies and sex
- Outness about being trans with other people.

# Example: Bystander Intervention

- Include scenarios involving trans/nonbinary people.
- Discuss biases/beliefs that affect how people will show up for trans people.
- Include options for responses that are safe(r) and accessible for trans communities.





What is trans liberation?



Trans liberation is...

**MORE MORE MORE**

More dreams, names, labels,  
pronouns

It's abundance spilling over  
those too-small boxes.

It's not having to leave a home  
that hurts,

It's fuck your cages, fuck your  
laws, fuck your policies, fuck  
your policing

that doesn't fit.

By Raquel  
Willis

Trans liberation is...  
beyond the field of expectations.  
It's no more wondering who you could've  
been.  
It's generations of elders, it's you and me  
living longer than we thought.

It's lil gworls reclaiming boyhoods in fresh air,  
lil bois reclaiming girlhoods in cool oceans,  
It's all of us in the sunshine,  
not living a life of either/or,  
Only one of yes/and.

Trans liberation is...It is  
It is...  
Liberation is...OURS.





# Share your ideas!

What does a world  
free of violence  
look like?

What does trans  
liberation include?

# What do connected communities look like for trans and nonbinary people?

Trans/nonbinary people have access to supportive people, who affirm their gender, and create space to discuss it as much as each person wants.

There is space for curiosity, doubts, certainty, and change.



02



Trans/nonbinary people do not experience discrimination when looking for jobs, housing, or healthcare.



03

Public spaces always have gender neutral bathrooms that are as easily accessible as gendered bathrooms.





04



Gender diversity is valued.

Play and creativity with gender is a normal part of life. Dress codes are not gendered.



05



Trans/nonbinary people have full access to public life – including safety, IDs that match who they are, voting rights, and more.



# Protective environments

Enhance safety from violence of all kinds

Increase opportunities for support and connection

Create meaningful, equitable access

**I want all my Queer and Trans siblings to remember that we are not alone. We never have been and we never will be.**

- DILLON III (THEY/THEM),  
FOUNDER OF QUEERCOVERY



**Trans youth deserve safe housing**



**We keep us safe.**

**EVERYONE DESERVES TO FEEL SAFE IN PUBLIC BATHROOMS.**

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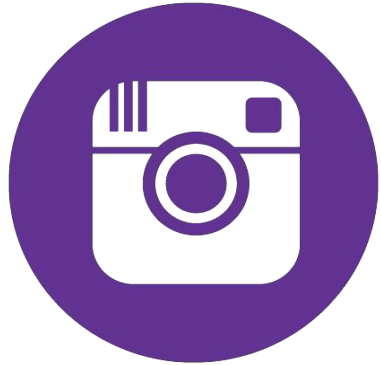


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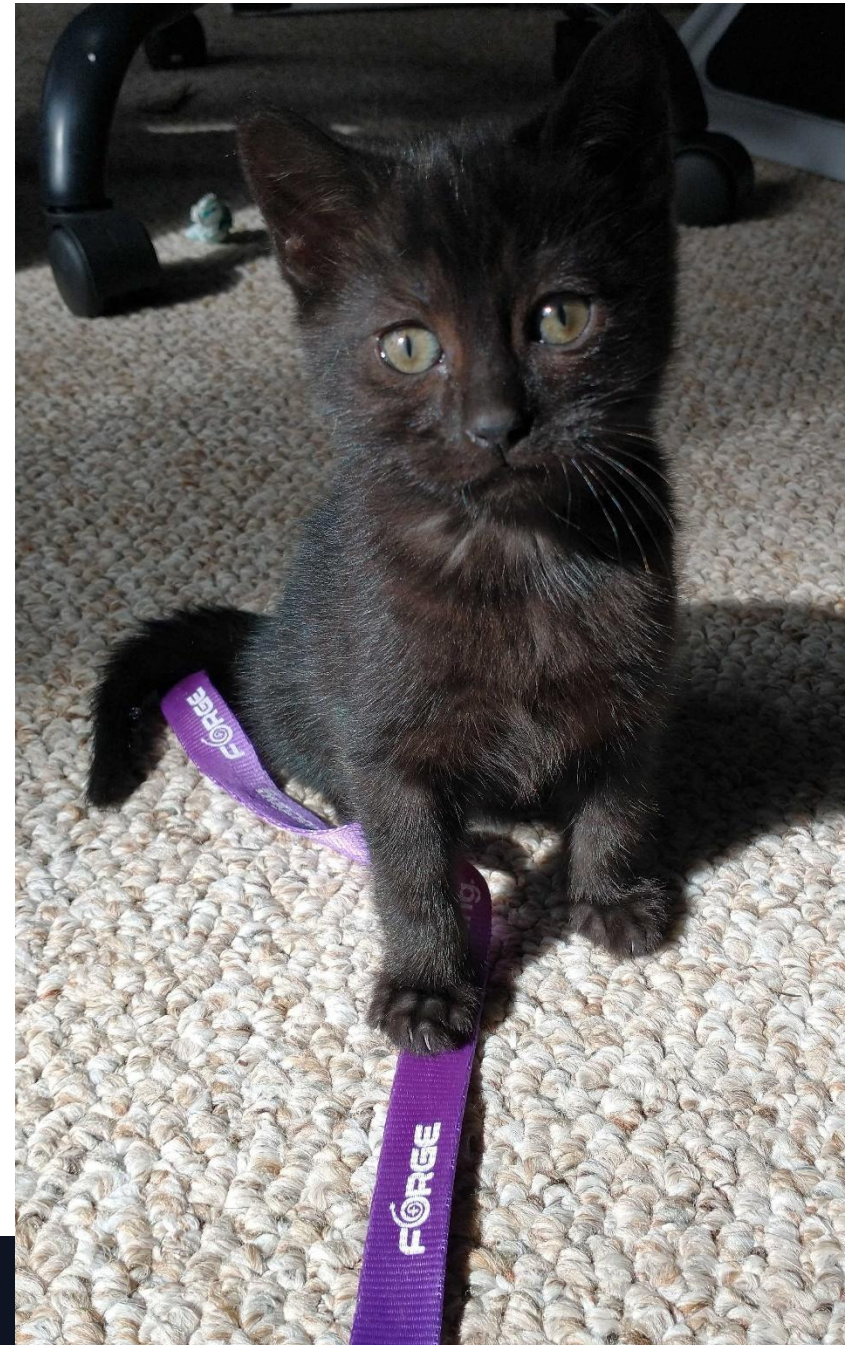
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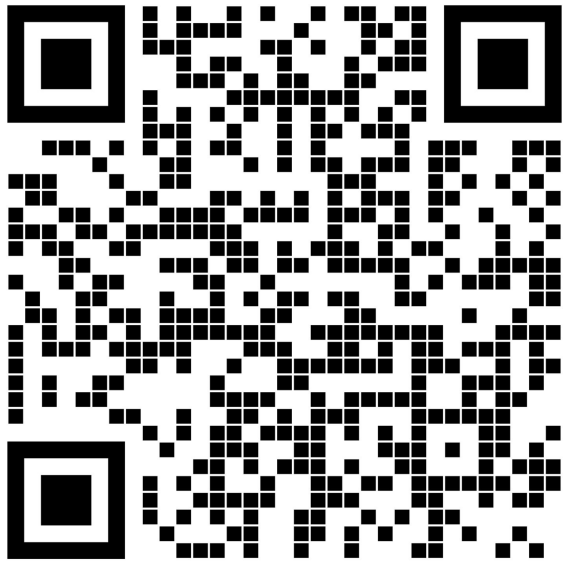
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# Websites and contact



Listserv Signup

- [www.forge-forward.org](http://www.forge-forward.org)
- [www.trans-survivors.com](http://www.trans-survivors.com)



A close-up profile of a bird, likely a pelican, with soft pink and white feathers. The bird's long, straight beak is prominent, showing a yellowish base and a reddish tip. The background is solid black.

Thank you!



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