

NEVER AGAIN IS NOW!

**Taking Action to Defend Ourselves,
Our Communities, and Our Democracy**



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Queer History for Queer Liberation

The Pink Triangle Legacies Project honors the memory of the Nazis' queer and trans victims and carries on their legacy by fighting queerphobia and transphobia today through education, empowerment and advocacy.

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The artwork on the cover page is taken from a poster designed by San Francisco's Too Much Graphics in 1978 to mobilize Californians to vote against Proposition Six (known as the Briggs Initiative), which would have banned gay and lesbian folks from teaching in public schools. The original poster includes the call to action, "Never Again! Fight Back!" (*GLTB Historical Society*)

REMEMBERING MUST HAVE CONSEQUENCES

At [the Pink Triangle Legacies Project](https://pinktrianglelegacies.org), we believe that history is not just about the past. It is a guide for understanding the present and setting the foundation for the future. Reflecting upon history provides valuable insight for fighting against marginalization, systemic oppression, and threats to democracy. Throughout history, authoritarian movements have relied on fear and scapegoating to gain and maintain power. LGBTQ+ people have consistently been among one of the first targets of authoritarian regimes and often are their most persistent targets.

Today, we are witnessing a dangerous resurgence of far-right authoritarian governments dehumanizing LGBTQ+ people. Across the United States, we are seeing **the highest number of anti-LGBTQ+ bills in U.S. history**, a dramatic spike in violent antisemitism, an exacerbation of racism, and the systematic targeting of immigrants of color. These attacks are not isolated. They are part of the Make America Great Again (MAGA) movement's coordinated strategy to consolidate power through white supremacy and Christian nationalism.

The lessons of history are clear: **queerphobia, transphobia, and authoritarianism are deeply linked**, just as they are part and parcel of racism, ableism, sexism, antisemitism, and other forms of systemic oppression. The same rhetoric once used by the Nazis to justify persecution and consolidate power is now being echoed by right-wing politicians in the United States. If we fail to act, we risk repeating the mistakes of the past. This guide was created to equip individuals, families, educators, and communities with the knowledge and tools to **resist hate and protect one another**. It offers practical steps for staying safe, knowing your rights, supporting those under attack, and building solidarity across movements.

After the Holocaust, the world vowed “**Never Again.**” If we are to truly honor this call, we must acknowledge that “never again” cannot apply only to mass murder and genocide. We must commit to never again allow the ideologies that led to genocide to go unchallenged. History shows us how fascism and authoritarianism can take root and thrive even in democratic societies if they are not confronted early and often. **Never Again is Now.** Together, we can fight against the march to authoritarianism, defend our freedoms, and ensure an inclusive, just, and safe society.











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10 KEY LESSONS FROM THE HISTORY OF THE NAZI PERSECUTION OF LGBTQ+ PEOPLE

PTLP has identified ten lessons with contemporary relevance that we can draw from the Nazi persecution of LGBTQ+ people. You can explore each more fully (including historical examples and more detailed explanations) on our website at pinktrianglelegacies.org/learn/10lessons.

 1	PROGRESS IS FRAGILE AND NEEDS TO BE ACTIVELY DEFENDED.	QUEERPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA HAVE LONG BEEN POLITICAL TOOLS OF EXTREMIST MOVEMENTS.	 2
 3	TODAY'S ANTI-LGBTQ+ STEREOTYPES ARE DANGEROUSLY SIMILAR TO HOW NAZIS TALKED ABOUT QUEER & TRANS PEOPLE.	CONSERVATIVE POLITICIANS USE BROAD AND VAGUE TERMINOLOGY TO DEFEND THEIR ANTI-LGBTQ+ LEGISLATION.	 4
 5	THE NAZIS' VIOLENCE AGAINST LGBTQ+ PEOPLE WAS WILDLY POPULAR AMONG ORDINARY GERMANS.	QUEER AND TRANS PEOPLE RESISTED THE NAZI REGIME IN A NUMBER OF WAYS.	 6
 7	APPEASEMENT IS NEVER A VIABLE OPTION FOR STOPPING FASCISM, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE LGBTQ+.	AUTHORITARIANS TARGET GROUPS DIFFERENTLY, YET SIMULTANEOUSLY. RESISTANCE MUST BRING TOGETHER COALITIONS.	 8
 9	THE HOLOCAUST DIDN'T START WITH GAS CHAMBERS. IT BEGAN WITH WORDS.	DEMOCRACY DOES NOT INHERENTLY PROTECT LGBTQ+ RIGHTS.	 10

HOW TO KEEP LGBTQ+ STUDENTS SAFE



With the rise of the “Parental Rights in Education” movement, conservative groups like Moms for Liberty have made it their primary goal to erase LGBTQ+ identity and representation in classrooms across the country. Their tactics include book bans, curriculum censorship, mandatory reporting of pronouns to parents, and retaliating against teachers who resist these invasive, heinous policies. Thus far, [according to the Movement Advancement Project](#), 19 states have enacted at least one curriculum censorship law. Alarming, the Human Rights Campaign’s 2023 “[LGBTQ+ Youth Report](#)” noted that the lack of representation and censorship of LGBTQ+ individuals has led almost half of LGBTQ+ school children to feel unsafe in at least one school setting. Below, you will find several resources informing you of LGBTQ+ students’ rights. For those who do not identify as LGBTQ+, we have included resources on how you can support LGBTQ+ students to ensure they are afforded the same rights as their classmates.



Resources for LGBTQ+ Students

What Are Your Rights as a Student?

It is a blatant violation of LGBTQ+ students' human rights to be attacked for their identity. LGBTQ+ students are entitled to the same rights and opportunities as their schoolmates. They have the right to feel safe at school. They have the right to an uninterrupted quality education. They have the right to express their true, authentic self. However, MAGA politicians and elected officials from the local, state, and federal levels have violated their constitutional oath and continue to assault LGBTQ+ rights. During these difficult times, it is of the utmost importance to know your rights and to stand firm.

Here are some resources created by human rights and legal experts to inform you of your rights as an LGBTQ+ student:

[LGBTQ+ Student Rights](#) (GLSEN)

[Your Speech Rights at School](#) (Lambda Legal)

[Know Your Rights: Students & LGBTQ Rights at School](#)
(Southern Poverty Law Center)

[Find your State's ACLU Affiliate](#) (American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU)

[Know Your Rights at School](#) (Advocates for Trans Equality)

Resources for LGBTQ+ Students

What to Do If You Are a Victim of Bullying

Too often, LGBTQ+ students are targets of their peers. In fact, [nearly six-in-ten reported they had been verbally or physically harassed at school in 2023](#), over three-quarters of whom said they never told their teacher or a staff member about the incident. Every LGBTQ+ student has the [right to be their authentic self while obtaining an uninterrupted education](#) free from fear, harassment, or discrimination. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of bullying, you are not alone. There are ample resources available to assist in navigating the situation.

Listed below are just a few resources from renowned LGBTQ+ rights law firms and organizations:

[Claim Your Rights](#) (GLSEN)

[What to Do If You're Bullied](#) (Lambda Legal)

[What to Do If You Run Into Problems at Dances](#) (Lambda Legal)

[LGBTQ+ Students: What to Do if You Face Harassment at School](#) (ACLU DC)

[Trevor Project's 24/7 Suicide Hotline for LGBTQ Youth](#)

Resources for LGBTQ+ Students

Resources for Transgender Students

Far-right politicians have recently ramped up their rhetoric and legislative attacks against transgender people. Unfortunately, we have even seen so-called “allies” in the Democratic party abandon trans people when allyship becomes difficult. The anti-trans rhetoric and legislation in statehouses has a direct impact on the lives of the nearly [300,000 trans-youth](#) living in the United States. As a result, [nearly 54% of transgender students](#) do not feel safe at school and have never been able to use the restroom that matches their gender identity. In the United States, [10 states](#) have banned transgender students from using the proper bathroom and locker room according to their gender identity, [23 states](#) have banned transgender students from sports activities, and [6 states](#) have invasively enacted legislation requiring “forced outings” to parents if a transgender student uses a different name than the one assigned at birth. Transgender youth are under attack all across the United States.

Resources to help transgender students overcome the infringements on their rights:

[Equal Access to Public Restrooms](#) (Lambda Legal)

[Trans Youth Handbook](#) (Harvard Law School)

[A Transgender Advocate’s Guide to Updating and Amending School Records](#) (Lambda Legal)

Resources for Parents & Guardians of LGBTQ+ Students

Become the Ally Your Child Deserves!

[Nearly nine-in-ten LGBTQ+ youth](#) say recent politics have negatively impacted their mental health. Nearly four-in-ten LGBTQ+ youth have [considered suicide, with 12% acting on their suicidal ideation](#). While the “Parental Rights Movement” fictitiously claims to be “protecting” children, their rhetoric puts LGBTQ+ youth at risk. The onus should not be on LGBTQ+ youth to fend off this assault. Parents and guardians of LGBTQ+ youth must double down on their allyship and be fierce defenders of their child’s rights and dignity.

An ally is someone who does not identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community themselves, but actively supports and advocates for the well-being of LGBTQ+ individuals, whether they be family, friends, or complete strangers. While the [Human Rights Campaign’s 2023 “LGBTQ+ Youth Report,”](#) noted 82.7% of LGBTQ+ youth were “out” to at least one family member, over a quarter reported not being “out” to their parents/guardians, and over half said they were not “out” to their grandparents and/or extended family. LGBTQ+ youth need and deserve the support of those closest to them to cope with the societal pressures and triggers they experience daily.

Below are informative resources to help you become the ally your child deserves:

[Are You an Askable Parent?](#) (Advocates for Youth)

[Our Children: Questions and Answers for Loved Ones](#) (PFLAG)

[Parents: Quick Tips for Supporting Your LGBTQ Kids](#) (PFLAG)

[What to Do \(and Not Do\) When Your Child Comes Out to You](#) (Family Equality)

[Supporting Transgender, Non-Binary, & Gender-Expansive Children](#) (Human Rights Campaign)

[A Parent’s Quick Guide for In-School Transitions](#) (Human Rights Campaign)

Resources for Parents & Guardians of LGBTQ+ Students

Be a Fierce Defender of Your Child's Rights

Your LGBTQ+ child needs you now more than ever to defend their rights! We need you to show up at school board meetings. We need you to call the principal and superintendent when an incident regarding queerphobia or transphobia arises. We need you to get involved in your school's parent-teacher organization. It is your obligation as an ally to help ensure LGBTQ+ youth are afforded the same rights and opportunities as their schoolmates.

Below are resources from renowned law firms informing you of the rights your LGBTQ+ child is entitled to and what to do if they are violated:

[How the Law Protects LGBTQ Youth](#) (Lambda Legal)

[Anti-Gay and Anti-Equality Speech](#) (Lambda Legal)

[Equal Access to Public Restrooms](#) (Lambda Legal)

[Your Rights: Resources Based on Your State of Residence](#) (GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders)

[Same-Sex Dates and School Dances](#) (Lambda Legal)

[#MeTooK12 Resources](#) (SSAIS)

[Title IX | National](#) (GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders)

Resources for Educators

Creating Safety for LGBTQ+ Students

On average, a student in the United States spends **over 1,200 hours per year** in a classroom. For some, the classroom may be a second home, while for others, it may be the worst place imaginable. Almost all educator professional organizations—such as the [National Education Association](#) and the [Association of American Educators](#)—in some manner acknowledge that an educator should “[make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to learning or to health and safety.](#)” With this in mind, teaching an inclusive curriculum, implementing a zero-tolerance policy for bullying and harassment, and creating safe spaces for LGBTQ+ students to feel supported are three crucial action items that educators can implement to keep their LGBTQ+ students safe.

As reported in GLSEN’s [2021 National School Climate Survey](#), students in schools with a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) reported an overall decrease in queerphobic and transphobic rhetoric. Furthermore, LGBTQ+ students at schools with a [GSA reported feeling safer overall and were nearly 50% less likely to miss school once a month](#) as a result of feeling unsafe.

Resources for Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs)

[10 Steps for Starting a GSA](#) (GSA Network)

[Building Your GSA](#) (GSA Network)

[GSA Models](#) (GSA Network)

[GLSEN Programs](#)

Resources for Educators

Implementing an Inclusive Curriculum Representation Matters!

According to a [2021 National School Climate Survey](#) conducted by GLSEN, when LGBTQ+ students have a sense of belonging in their school environment, their GPA is 11.3% higher, and they attend post-secondary education at higher rates. To foster a sense of belonging, students must be able to relate to the material, feel connected, and see themselves in it. However, [over seven-in-ten LGBTQ+ students](#) reported their schools failed to provide an inclusive curriculum that included LGBTQ+ topics. Pink Triangle Legacies Project fervently believes that an inclusive curriculum is not only crucial but often the first line of defense against the spread of queerphobia and transphobia to the next generation.

Here are some resources to help ensure your curriculum is inclusive:

[LGBTQ+ Stories from Nazi Germany](#) (PTLP)

[Putting LGBTQ History in Its Rightful Place— the Classroom](#) (History Un erased)

[Teaching LGBTQ History: Instructional Resources](#) (LGBTQ History)

[Best Practices for Serving LGBTQ Students](#) (Learning for Justice)

[National Education Association's LGBTQ+ Resources](#)

LGBTQ+ Book Lists: [Rainbow Collection](#) & [Stonewall Book Awards List](#)

Resources for Educators

Zero-Tolerance for Hate and Bullying Policy

Nearly half of LGBTQ+ teenagers experience bullying as a result of their sexual orientation or gender identity, according to the Trevor Project's "[2024 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ+ Young People](#)." Unfortunately, schools provide ample opportunity for bullying and harassment, resulting in [nearly a third of LGBTQ+ students](#) admitting to missing at least one day due to feeling unsafe. The presence of bullying violates LGBTQ+ students' rights to being safe at school and having access to an uninterrupted, quality education.

The following resources will guide you in implementing a zero-tolerance policy to ensure your LGBTQ+ students are protected and feel safe within your classroom:

[Responding to Hate and Bias at School](#) (Learning for Justice)

[Identity-based bullying](#) (Anti-Bullying Alliance)

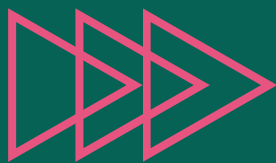
[Queer Youth Advice for Educators](#) (What Kids Can Do)

[Respect for All: Policy Recommendations to Support LGBTQ Students](#) (GLSEN)

[Anti-Bullying Resource Kit](#) (GLAAD)

[Trevor Project's 24/7 Suicide Hotline for LGBTQ Youth](#)

WORKPLACE DISCRIMINATION



MAGA politicians at all levels of government have been waging a relentless attack on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs. The current regime abolished DEI programs throughout the federal government (the largest employer in the United States) and has pressured private industry to follow suit. As a result, major companies like Amazon, Target, Walmart, McDonald's, and Meta have rolled back their DEI programs. DEI programs in the workplace were implemented to track pay equity and to prevent discrimination against marginalized communities in the hiring and promotion process. The assault on DEI opens the door for a higher prevalence of workplace discrimination. Nearly one-in-three LGBTQ+ individuals have already reported experiencing employment discrimination prior to 2025.

These resources help you understand your workplace rights and what to do if you experience workplace discrimination:

[What to Do If You Experience Discrimination?](#) (Lambda Legal)

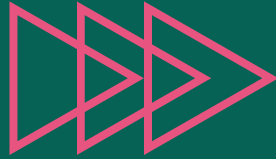
[Know Your Rights: Employment](#) (Advocates for Trans Equality)

[Employment Nondiscrimination](#) (Movement Advancement Project)

[Impact of Executive Order Revoking Non-Discrimination Protections](#) (Williams Institute)



DISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENDER IDENTITY



In 2025, at least one anti-trans bill has been introduced in every state except Vermont— ultimately accumulating to nearly 600 bills as of July 2025. It comes as no surprise that Greg Abbott's state of Texas leads the nation with 88 proposed bills, followed by the state of Missouri (38 bills). The amount of resources committed to the dehumanization of transgender people is extremely concerning. Nearly 90% of transgender youth lived in a state that either proposed or enacted an anti-trans bill. Nearly 114,000 transgender youth in 2024 were denied access to gender-affirming care due to a ban in their state. The MAGA administration banned transgender people from the military on day one (Executive Order 14183), and then defunded gender-affirming care by cutting funding and even restricting access under Medicaid, Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act (Executive Order 14187).

The Pink Triangle Legacies Project stands in solidarity with the transgender community and is committed to resisting the MAGA movement's dehumanizing and ill-informed policies that invade the transgender community's privacy, rights, and well-being.



DISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENDER IDENTITY

Gender Identity & Government Documents

On January 20, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order 14168, otherwise known as “[Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government](#),” explicitly targeting those who identify as transgender, nonbinary, or intersex. Executive Order 14168 forces all federal agencies to use one’s biological sex (defined as “[an individual’s immutable biological classification](#)”) instead of one’s gender for all federal documentation, policies, and administrative processes. This Executive Order impacts identification documents, passports, visas, and federal employees’ personnel records. Temporarily as of [June 17, 2025](#), the U.S. District Court of Massachusetts in [Orr v. Trump](#) ordered the [State Department](#) to continue to issue passports with the “X” sex marker. However, the White House has appealed the decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

These resources assist those impacted by executive orders and anti-trans legislation:

[Identity Document Updates for Transgender People](#) (GLAD Law)

[Transgender Legal Issues](#) (Transgender Map)

[Identity Document Guidance](#) (Lambda Legal)

[Trans Youth Handbook](#) (Harvard Law School)

DISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENDER IDENTITY

Gender Identity & Medical Care

Currently in the United States, vital gender affirming care for minors is under attack, leaving many without the health care they need. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, as of June 2025, 27 states have laws that either ban or limit access to gender-affirming care, and 24 states impose penalties on practitioners providing said care for minors. It comes as no surprise that the conservative-dominated Supreme Court has upheld bans on gender-affirming care—most recently, U.S. v. Skrmetti upheld the state of Tennessee's ban.

These resources provide information about your rights when pursuing gender-affirming care.

[Trans Youth Handbook](#) (Harvard Law School)

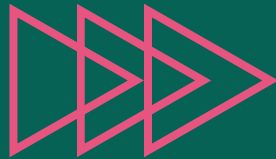
[Know Your Rights Healthcare](#) (Advocates for Trans Equality)

[Attacks on Gender Affirming Care by State](#) (Human Rights Campaign)

[Get the Facts on Gender-Affirming Care](#) (Human Rights Campaign)

[Gender-affirming Pediatric Center Toolkit](#) (National LGBTQ+ Health Education Center)

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME



The Department of Justice defines a hate crime as “a crime motivated by bias against race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.” With this in mind, it is essential to note that within the United States, nearly 20% of all hate crimes are motivated by anti-LGBTQ+ bias. In 2024, according to the Williams Institute, LGBTQ+ individuals are nearly five times more likely to be a victim of a hate crime as compared to non-LGBT persons (106.4 per 1,000 persons vs. 21.1 per 1,000 persons). Alarming, 16% of LGBTQ+ persons in the United States live in states with hate crime laws that fail to cover sexual orientation and gender identity.

These resources help those who have been victims of anti-LGBTQ+ hate crimes, along with information regarding hate crime laws in each state:

[Hate Crime Laws](#) (Movement Advancement Project)

[Hate Crime Laws, Explained](#) (Southern Poverty Law Center)

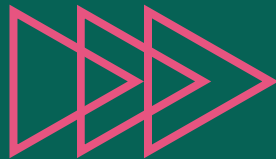
[Hate Crimes](#) (U.S. Department of Justice)

[Hate Crimes](#) (NY Crimes Victim Legal Help)

[FAQ About Anti-Transgender Violence](#) (Lambda Legal)



FINDING YOUR ROLE IN THE RESISTANCE



Since the MAGA regime returned to the White House in January 2025, many people have felt anxious, scared, and even hopeless. They have become overwhelmed or paralyzed by the magnitude of the crisis the United States is experiencing. This is an intentional result of MAGA's "Flood the Zone" strategy. However, we cannot and will not succumb to the regime. For those who feel overwhelmed, it is important to be reminded that during these times, we do not need superheroes. We need grassroots organizing, solidarity, and community building.

FINDING YOUR ROLE IN THE RESISTANCE

As Historian Howard Zinn reminds us in his book, [*A Power Governments Cannot Suppress*](#),

“We don’t have to engage in grand, heroic actions to participate in the process of change. Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can quietly become a power no government can suppress, a power that can transform the world.”

The Pink Triangle Legacies Project challenges you to do your “small” act. For those who do not know where to begin, we’ve included vital resources on different ways to find your role, whether you like to join a protest, support a local organization, or call your elected officials.

Here are some overview guides detailing different ways to resist. In the following pages, you’ll find further resources for specific forms of resistance.

[Take Action](#) (Black Lives Matter)

[Trump’s neofascism is here now. Here are 10 things you can do to resist](#) (The Guardian)

[Forms of nonviolent action](#) (Empowering Nonviolence)

[198 Methods of Nonviolent Action](#) (Albert Einstein Institution)

[What Can We Do? A Hierarchy of 20 Things to Resist Fascism](#) (The Cookie Crumbles)

[10 Ways to Fight Hate: A Community Response Guide](#) (Southern Poverty Law Center)

Practice & Prepare to Act

It's difficult to evaluate our morals and make important decisions when faced with challenges *in the moment*. History shows us that when the situation comes, most people are overwhelmed and make the wrong choice or make no choice at all.

It's important that we **regularly do a self-evaluation** and understand what our values are, where our lines in the sand are, and what we're willing to accept. And then **we have to practice how we'll react** when we witness an act of discrimination or injustice. What will we say? What will we do? Script it out. Type a note in your phone or write it in your journal. And then practice!

Just like we need to practice when we play a sport or musical instrument, **being an upstander requires practice**. Build that muscle memory so that, in the heat of the moment, your brain can recall what you've practiced. If we have practiced beforehand, we'll be more prepared to act how we want to act when it's time to make that decision.

These resources can help you react when you witness harassment or injustice:

[The 5 Ds of Bystander Intervention](#) (The Right to Be)

[How to Deescalate Harassment as a Bystander for Drag Nights, Pride, and Beyond](#) (Instagram user @EnvyTheClown)

[Bystander Intervention Tip Sheet](#) (American Psychological Association)

Support Organizations Doing the Work

There's good news for those of us who may feel overwhelmed and don't know how to fight against the onslaught of laws and policies being passed by MAGA politicians: there are already teams of experts who are already waging the legal battles. So, none of us have to reinvent the wheel. Oftentimes the best thing we can do is to support the experts in their work.

There are several ways you can support organizations that are protecting our rights and holding the line against MAGA authoritarianism:

Donate Money - Especially as the federal government under MAGA leadership slashes funding for initiatives deemed DEI and "woke," grassroots donations are more important than ever. You may choose to donate to a national organization, such as:

[Pink Triangle Legacies Project](#)

[ACLU](#)

[Planned Parenthood](#)

[The Trevor Project](#)

[Lambda Legal](#)

[NAACP](#)

[Advocates for Trans Equality](#)

[Immigration Equality](#)

We encourage you to research **local organizations** in your area that serve LGBTQ+ communities, immigrant communities, or other marginalized communities. Lambda Legal offers a [list of regional organizations by state](#).

Volunteer Your Time or Talents

Everyone has skills that they can contribute to the cause. So, if you don't have extra money that you can give, donate your time or skills to local organizations. Reach out to them and ask what they need help with. They will be so happy to hear from you!

Silence = Death

So Make Your Voice Heard

Contact your elected officials. While one call might not change their position, collective pressure does! Your representatives keep track of what their constituents care about because it impacts their reelection, their policy priorities, and their political leverage. Every call is logged, and when enough people reach out on the same issue, it signals urgency.

Calling your official may seem daunting, but resources like 5calls.org provide scripts depending on the policy you're most interested in, as well as the numbers of your local officials. **They've done the work for you. All you've got to do is call and make your voice heard.**



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“YOU CAN’T BE NEUTRAL ON A MOVING TRAIN.”

HOWARD ZINN

Neutrality always helps the oppressor, not the oppressed. **If you are not actively involved in standing up for the rights and protections of marginalized groups, then you are not an ally.**

Being part of a marginalized group does not exempt you from actively defending the rights of others. Every cisgender gay person should be defending our trans siblings. Every LGBTQ+ person should be defending immigrants, people of color, disabled people, and others who are struggling for liberation from systemic oppression.

Making your voice heard may entail using your literal voice. But it can also look like using your social media profile picture, a yard sign, pronouns in your email signature to signal to others what your values are. **It lets marginalized people know they’re not alone and it tells the oppressors that their beliefs and acts of discrimination are not okay around you.**

But make sure these are not empty gestures or virtue signaling. These cues have to be backed up with action. In the face of hatred, our inaction or silence will be interpreted as acceptance.

Join a Protest. Show Solidarity. But Don't Be Performative.

Under the First Amendment, we have the constitutional right to freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right to assemble peacefully, and the right to petition the government. No matter how hard the MAGA regime tries, we are all entitled to these rights and must put them to use. While some communities are targeted more often than others, there is no excuse to sit on the sidelines and remain complacent as whole communities are dehumanized. **We cannot wait until our own rights are violated before we get involved.** Solidarity and coalition building are our greatest strengths against MAGA's strategy of divide and conquer.

There is no greater reminder of the dangers of complacency than the sentiments from Lutheran Minister [Martin Niemöller](#) (an early Nazi supporter who was later imprisoned by the Nazi regime):

“ First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out— because I was not a Socialist.
Then they came for the Trade Unionist, and I did not speak out— because I was not a Trade Unionist.
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out— because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for me— and there was no one left to speak for me. ”

If you decide to join a protest or march, here are some resources to remind you of your rights and help keep you and others safe:

[Know Your Rights as a Protester: A Toolkit for Community Safety](#) (@so.informed)

[Protestor's Rights](#) (ACLU)

[Safety Tips for Attending Rallies & Protests](#) (Sierra Club)

[Digital Security Guidelines for Protests](#) (American Friends Service Committee)

Register to Vote Then Vote!!!

Frustration with the electoral process is valid, but voting remains one of our most direct ways to exercise our individual influence over our government. It's important to vote not just in presidential elections and midterm elections. Your local and state elections (especially for your local school board) are increasingly important in the fight against authoritarianism.

There are a number of organizations that help you ensure that you're registered to vote and have a voting plan in place. Check out [Common Cause's Take Action](#) page as an example.

[1 in 10 millennials and almost 1 in 5 members of Gen Z identify as LGBTQ+.](#) Together, we have the potential to play a critical role in U.S. elections. [OutVote](#) is an organization dedicated to helping LGBTQ+ people make the most of our electoral power.



Stay Safe While Resisting

As witnessed with the June 2025 protests against ICE in Los Angeles, California, the MAGA Regime used the United States military against its own citizens. [Roughly 700 Marines and 4,000 National Guard were deployed to LA](#). Their tactics to suppress the protest included [tear gas, flash bangs, and even rubber bullets](#). While these weapons are described as “less lethal weapons,” the [United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime](#) stated that “even less-lethal weapons can result in risk to life.” The regime is not backing down from its dubious response to those who express their dissent from its draconian agenda. In fact, on several occasions, the regime has publicly stated they are entertaining the idea of enacting the [Insurrection Act of 1807](#), the ambiguity of which would not only allow the regime to deploy the military as a means of civilian law enforcement, but would ultimately open the door for the President himself to expand his powers and his ability to suppress our First Amendment right to non-violently resist MAGA’s dangerous agenda.

To sustain the longevity of the resistance, we need to ensure that while we are out protesting, we are looking out for our own safety. These resources can help:

[Action Items for Staying Safe as an LGBTQ+ Person in the US in 2025](#) (PTLP)

[Get in Formation: A Community Safety Toolkit](#) (Vision. Change. Win.)

[Tips for Preparedness](#) (Human Rights Campaign)

[Toolkit: Protest Safety Tips from GreenPeace](#) (Green Peace)

[Safety Planning for Protests](#) (Anti-Violence Project)

Be Intentional About Your Visibility

In a moment when far-right politicians vilify trans youth and religious leaders call for the execution of LGBTQ+ people, members of the community need to be strategic about their visibility. Some of us have more social capital with communities that are relatively more accepting than others. Some members of the community benefit from white and cis privilege while others do not.

While the LGBTQ+ community as a whole is under attack, community members themselves all experience varying degrees of risk and danger. For those who do not feel safe being “fully out,” we do not want you to feel ashamed. We still want you to be proud of who you were born to be and know that there are subtle and discreet ways you can express yourself.

The Pink Triangle Legacies Project encourages all community members and allies to take steps to protect themselves while embracing their identity. Be mindful of your environment and prioritize your safety. Pay attention to the spaces you are in and the people around you. Protect your privacy and the privacy of others; don’t post personal identifiable information on social media. Public “outing” is never okay. Every human being should have the agency to determine when and on what terms they want to share their identity publicly.

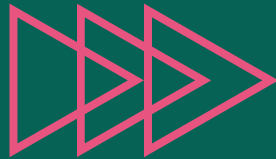
These resources provide insight into navigating the coming out process and how to be intentional about your visibility:

[Coming Out Collection](#) (Human Rights Campaign)

[Symbols and Signals](#) (LGBT+ Cultural Heritage)

[We Keep Us Safe: LGBTQ Digital Safety Guide](#) (GLAAD)

RESOURCES FOR INTERACTING WITH FEDERAL AGENTS



In January 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order 14159, otherwise known as “Protecting the American People Against Invasion,” triggering a series of ICE raids in cities across the country. MAGA leaders promised they were only deporting criminals; however, as of July 2025, 71.5% of those in ICE detention have no criminal convictions. Alarmingly, these ICE raids have even swept up and deported U.S. citizens. As part of the mass deportations, the federal government has violated the principle of non-refoulement and deported immigrants to places like El Salvador and South Sudan.

Americans across the country have joined forces to resist and disrupt ICE’s draconian deportation efforts. In order to join the resistance, you need to be informed of the dos and don’ts when interacting with federal agents.



Resources for Those Targeted

When Donald Trump announced his candidacy for the Presidency of the United States on June 16, 2015, minutes into his campaign, he spouted racist and xenophobic rhetoric, [claiming immigrants from South and Central America were bringing “drugs” and “crime” and dehumanizing them as “rapists.”](#) He further targeted those of the Islamic faith, and argued their religion disqualified them from entry into the United States, advocating for a [Muslim ban](#). A decade later, he has kept these promises through mass deportations and [restrictions on the entry of foreign nationals](#).

The MAGA regime has shown it is not afraid of using its authoritarian muscle; however, it is crucial to remember you still have rights that have to be honored by federal agents!

Listed here are resources that will inform you of the rights you have when interacting with a federal agent:

[Know Your Rights: If You Encounter ICE](#) (National Immigrant Justice Center)**

[How to Protect Yourself During an Immigration Raid](#) (ACLU of Texas)**

[ICE Agents at Your Door](#) (ACLU of Southern California)**

[LGBTQ+ Immigrants Know Your Rights](#) (San Diego LGBT Community Center)

[Ways That ICE Pretends to be Local Police](#) (Immigrant Defense Project)

[ICE Ruses](#) (Immigrant Defense Project)

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Resources for Bystanders

When witnessing an ICE raid, many people are overwhelmed by the paralysis of helplessness. They do not know how to effectively intervene and end up watching the event unfold, failing to act. As people's rights are being stripped from them and they are being attacked solely based on their identity, now is the time to stand up to hate and bigotry! If our government is inept at doing their job of ensuring our safety and rather more interested in being the perpetrators, it is up to us as a community to be there for one another and to have each other's backs. We can not afford to turn a blind eye to hate and bigotry. Authoritarianism and white supremacy thrive on complacency and division. The only way we can defeat MAGA's draconian agenda is through solidarity and being an **active upstander** who chooses to intervene.

The following resources help you become an effective and active upstander:

[How to Fight Trump's Mass Deportation Agenda](#) (Vera)

[The 5Ds of Bystander Intervention](#) (Luminus)

[How Allies Can Defend Against ICE](#) (American Friends Service Committee)

[How to Support Immigrant Communities During ICE Raids](#) (Convergence)

[Bystander & Observer Guidelines](#) (Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network)

[Yes, You Have the Right to Film ICE](#) (Electronic Frontier Foundation)

[Bystander Intervention Tip Sheet](#) (American Psychological Association)

STAY INFORMED



It has never been more important to stay informed and to support independent media—especially media outlets whose mission is geared toward informing marginalized communities. Below are a few LGBTQ+ media sources to help you stay informed.

The
Queer Agenda

TransLash

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