

# **Transgender Rights**

## ***Protest Project***

- Definition - Gender identity refers to each person's deeply felt internal and individual experience of gender, which may or may not correspond with the sex assigned at birth including the personal sense of the body (which may involve, if freely chosen, modification of bodily appearance or function by medical, surgical or other means) and other expressions of gender, including dress, speech and mannerisms. The term "gender-diverse" is used to refer to persons whose gender identity, including their gender expression, is at odds with what is perceived as being the gender norm in a particular context at a particular point in time, including those who do not place themselves in the male/female binary; the more specific term "trans" is used to describe persons who identify with a different sex than the one assigned to them at birth.
- Trans people all over the world face discrimination in their daily life whether that is in schools, work places or just on the streets. They are caught in a spiral of exclusion and marginalisation: often bullied at school, rejected by their family, pushed out onto the streets, and denied access to employment.
- Trans people of colour, that belong to minority ethnic groups, are sex workers or are living with HIV are particularly at risk of violent discrimination including killings, beatings, mutilation, rape and other forms of abuse and maltreatment.
- Below are some brief examples of serious mistreatment of transgender individuals arounds the world
- [Pakistan](#), Attacks on transgender rights defenders, 12 January 2021
- [Hungary](#), Proposed bill that would restrict children's identity to their sex assigned at birth and impose an upbringing that "reflects the values based on Hungary's constitutional identity and Christian culture", 15 December 2020
- [Romania](#), Proposed bills that would prohibit any discussion on "gender theory or opinion" in educational establishments, 11 September 2020
- [Republic of Korea](#), Dismissal of the first openly trans soldier following surgery to affirm her gender identity, 29 July 2020
- [Cambodia](#), Arrest and detention of an online clothes seller and a transgender woman, 1 May 2020
- [Hungary](#), Proposed bill that would make it impossible for trans and gender diverse people to legally change their sex/gender, 14 April 2020
- [Egypt](#), Arrest and detention of a woman human rights defender and a trans man, 17 December 2019
- [Honduras](#), Killing and attempted murder of trans women human rights defenders, 7 October 2019
- [Armenia](#), Death threats against a transgender rights defender following a speech at the National Assembly of Armenia, 18 April 2019
- Egypt - Arrest and detention of a transgender woman and LGBTIQ human rights defender, 20 March 2019
- [Honduras](#), Attempted murder, harassment, assaults and death threats, rape and intimidation and persecution against trans women's defender and LGBTI human rights defenders, 12 October 2018

- [United States of America](#), Death threats, acts of violence and intimidation, harassment, and discrimination against a human rights defender and transgender activist, 7 August 2018
- [Honduras](#), Killing of a trans woman and a gay man, 9 March 2018
- [Indonesia](#), Arrests, detention and ill-treatment of twelve *waria*, or transgender women, in Aceh province, 12 February 2018
- [Chile](#), Bill on the right to gender identity that includes discriminatory provisions perpetuating the stigmatisation and pathologization of trans people, 23 August 2017
- [Honduras](#), Killing of a trans woman and LGBTI defender, 10 July 2017
- [El Salvador](#), Killing of three trans women, acts of intimidation and threats, including acts of extortion against a woman human rights defender, 26 May 2017

Trans people of colours have always had a place of honour within many indigenous cultures around the world that was until European colonizers began forcing indigenous people to follow white social norms. The reverberations of these colonial beliefs are still felt today. In just the first three months of 2022, there were over 154 anti-trans state bills proposed across the U.S. seeking to limit the rights of trans kids and their parents. Trans people of colour face disproportionate rates of violence a result of racism and transphobia. Compared to their cis peers, trans people are four times more likely to be a victim of a violent crime. Since 2013 there have been 256 cases of fatal violence against trans people just in the U.S. alone, 84% of that being trans people of colour, also in 2021 57 trans people fell subject to anti-trans violence that resulted in their death.

