

"DON'T SAY GAY" CAUSES MORE HARM THAN GOOD.

How the Don't Say Gay Bill and other Bills that impact transgender students demonize and sexualize the LGBTQ+ community.



DON'T SAY GAY BILLS

Don't say gay bills have been popping up around the U.S (15 states to be exact). Let's take a look at the Don't Say Gay Bill that just passed the Senate in Florida. The Bill aims to ban anything LGBT, which is harmful to students and some Teachers. Many students have LGBT parents and will not be able to speak about them in class. There are also other amendments in the Bill that do not clearly state what is "age-appropriate." This leaves an open door for no discussion of LGBTQ+ individuals in all grade levels.



DON'T SAY GAY IN FLORIDA

"titled Parental Rights in Education states that lessons about sexual orientation are banned outright in kindergarten through third grade. It also prohibits lessons in other grades unless they are "age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate."
(Dahl, 2022)



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TRANSGENDER BILLS

Other Bills that harm LGBTQ children and adults, especially Transgender women/girls, are in play across the United States. Some Bills target Transgender girls and do not allow them to play sports with their aligned gender. Bills are going around that deny transgender youth access to necessary and life-saving gender-affirming care. Some Bills outright would allow for the discrimination of LGBTQ+ people.



BATHROOM BILLS AND BYOND

Bills like the Bathroom Bill seek to dehumanize Transgender people (yes, children are people too) and sexualize what genitals people have. You can not tell what a person has based on how they look, and everyone presents differently and should use the bathroom they are most comfortable using. Bills Like this are introduced to protect women when, in reality, they are discriminatory towards the Trans community.

There are also Bills that bar trans students and athletes from competing in sports with the gender they identify. There are disparages between athletes, and some have a genetic advantage that gives them the edge in all sports. Even when Transgender women are a part of the conversation, they have gone through HRT (hormone replacement therapy) that lowers their edge and puts them on the same plane.



LGBTQIA+

IMPACTS ON THE LIVES OF PEOPLE



This conversation that transgender people should not participate in same-sex sports is an attack against transgender women. When was the last time you saw a headline about a Transgender man having an advantage against men in their sport? There is no competitive edge when it comes to transgender men taking HRT.

Let's talk about Caster Semenya; she is a black cis-women who was disqualified from competing in her sport (400-meter race) because she had naturally high testosterone levels. Lia Thomas, a transgender swimmer, has been attacked to compete against other cis-women and win. Thomas most likely has lower testosterone levels than Semenya, yet they both have controversies when they compete. People should be able to compete whether they are cis or not, and if they have a competitive edge, then competition should get better. Trans women typically do not hold any chemical edge when competing because of HRT.



SEXUALIZATION OF LGBTQ+

Many people view the LGBTQ+ community as deviant and scandalous. They view the LGBTQ+ community as a group of people who have an agenda to turn children into what they consider them. They view LGBTQ+ people as sexual acts rather than human beings. When people are viewed as sexual acts, it dehumanizes them, demonizing them outside of the community. This is one of the reasons why many people do not want their children associated with LGBTQ+ people. Cis-gender heterosexual people are viewed as the standard, and anything out of that is dehumanized.



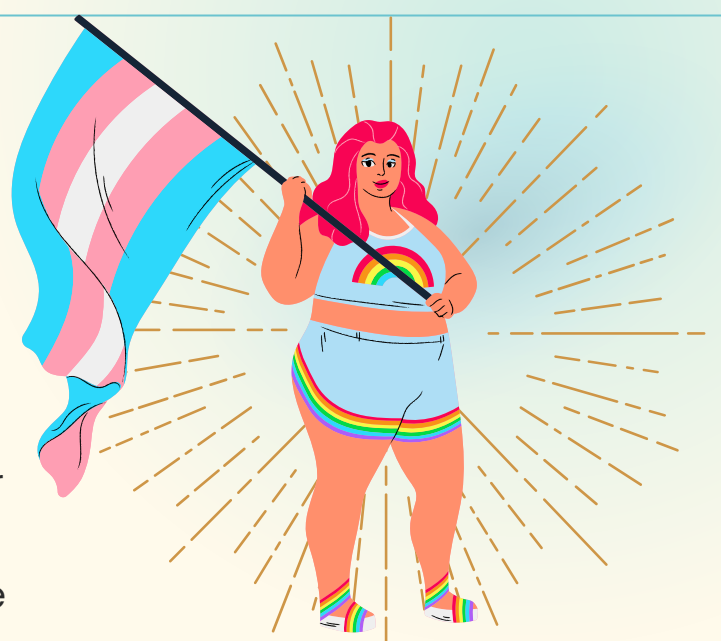
HARM AGAINST LGBTQ

There is no freedom in restricting human beings from being whom they want to be. Propaganda is being used against the LGBTQ+ community to leverage political power. These bills scare youth into hiding their identities, and overall, the less support there is for LGBTQ+ youth, the more unsafe it becomes for them. Support for the LGBTQ+ community SAVES LIVES, and affirming care for Transgender youth is reversible. Scare tactics are used to say that children are getting gender-affirming surgery is a myth. Gender affirming care for Trans youth is consists of therapy and hormone blockers. Listen to science, not propaganda.



CONCLUSION

Bills that harm Transgender youth and LGBTQ+ people are not progressive and regressive. The people pushing for these bills do not care for freedom of speech or freedom of body autonomy, and they want to control other people's lives. There is nothing inherently evil or unnatural about being LGBTQ+.



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