

On March 31st, the world recognizes Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV).

This year, however, TDOV comes at a time of deeply harmful political movements to suppress the trans community's access to health care and sports. [As of today, three state governors have signed off on anti-trans legislation](#) that bans trans women and girls from competing in sports and, coming down the pipeline, are more laws like those being voted on in Arkansas that would prevent gender affirming health care for trans people under age 18 (ironically, this bill is called the "[Save Adolescents from Experimentation](#)" (SAFE) Act). South Dakota bill to ban transgender girls and women from sports was vetoed by Governor Kristi Noem (R), but Governor Noem quickly passed [two executive orders that effectively replicating the law](#).



Chase Strangio, deputy director of transgender justice at the ACLU, recently told CNN, "There have been many existential threats to trans existence, but there's something uniquely dangerous about what's going on right at this moment with the combination of the sports bills and the health care bills... I think the impulse underlying both is to try to establish governmental policy that it's harmful to be trans."

Typically, we try to see TDOV as a day of celebration--and it is still--but it is also a call to action for all of those who call themselves allies to the trans community.

This TDOV, we hope you consider taking action and actively fighting against these measures. Some suggestions for next steps include:

- writing the governors of the various states that are considering and passing these bills,
- donating to trans organizations working to fight against this bigotry,
- and/or calling your own state and federal representatives to demand they stand up for trans people's right to both healthcare and participation in sports.

For all of these actions, you can find/send pre-formed emails [here](#) and [even more easy action items here](#).

In addition to doing this important work, consider simply learning more about the transgender community by centering trans creators, authors, activists, artists, scientists, policy makers, etc. Below, we have gathered resources to read/listen to/watch and folks to follow on social media. These are just a very few of the people and groups that you should look into--so please do explore further!

Visibility is a small step toward progress, but it's only the first of many. There is still so much work to be done, as we can see by today's news, but we can continue to build the futures we imagine. We can keep dreaming up utopia, uplifting transgender voices, and constructing bridges between difference. Today, I hope that you spend some time thinking about a trans affirming, trans liberatory, trans joyous future--and maybe take the time also bring society a little closer to that kind of reality.

For TDOV 2021, the Women's Center has compiled several resources...

People to Follow

Chase Strangio, deputy director of transgender justice for the ACLU

- [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)

Alok Vaid-Menon, author, performer, and artist

- [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)

Katelyn Burns, journalist with VOX

- [Twitter](#)

Chase Mosier, professional athlete and founder of transathlete (see below)

- [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)

Raquel Willis, activist, writer, and organizer

- [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)

Schuyler Bailar, first trans D1 athlete, speaker, and advocate

- [Instagram](#) | [TikTok](#)

Wednesday Holmes, illustrator and writer

- [Instagram](#)

Ericka Hart, sex educator and writer

- [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)

Organizations to Follow

[Intransitive](#) was founded by two Trans people in response to the gap of intersectional Trans spaces in Northwest Arkansas. From its inception, Intransitive took on shutting down TERF recruitment events by organizing local and regional Trans people in the state.

- [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)

[FORGE](#) reduces the impact of trauma on trans/non-binary survivors and communities by empowering service providers, advocating for systems reform, and connecting survivors to healing possibilities. FORGE strives to create a world where ALL voices, people and bodies are valued, respected, honored, and celebrated; where every individual feels safe, supported, respected, and empowered.

- [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)

[TransAthlete](#) is a resource for students, athletes, coaches, and administrators to find information about trans inclusion in athletics at various levels of play. This site pulls together existing information in one central location, and breaks down information into easy-to-reference areas to help you find what you need.

[ACLU](#) (American Civil Liberties Union) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1920 "to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to every person in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States." The ACLU works at the national level and has affiliate locations throughout the U.S.

- [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)

Women's Center Blogs/Zines to Read

[Trans Women in Women's Spaces: A Reflection of the Transition of Privilege and Belonging](#)

By Autumn Cook, March 26, 2020

[Genderqueer & Trans Fashion Zine](#)

By Scout Hertl, Spring 2019

[Our Mothers](#)

By Dan Willey and Amelia Meman, 2017

Other Readings and Texts

[How Many Trans Kids Will Die While We Await This Mythic Trans Sports Takeover?](#) by Chase Strangio

[Transgender Week of Visibility and Action](#) (Google Doc with information and resources for activism)

[Trans Athletes Bills Explained](#) by Katelyn Burns

[Myths About Trans Athletes Debunked](#) by Chase Strangio and Gabriel Arkles

[Women's Sports Foundation Statement on President Biden's "Executive Order on Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation."](#)

[Trans History You Never Learned in School](#) by Thomas Page McBee

[Visibility Alone Will Not Keep Transgender Youth Safe](#) by Chase Strangio and Raquel Willis

[Youth Activists Lead the Fight Against Anti-Trans Bills](#) by Jo Yurcaba