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President Trump's Terror on Transgender Individuals

On January 20th, 2025, convicted felon and former president Donald Trump was inaugurated. Despite only taking office 2 months ago, the president has signed an alarming number of executive orders - in total, 180 actions have been passed, including 73 executive orders, 23 proclamations, and 12 memorandums. These orders have specifically targeted minority communities, and their impact is immense.

One of the biggest minority groups that President Trump has targeted is the LGBTQ+ community. In particular, he has focused on transgender individuals and infringing upon their rights. We've seen many examples of this, but one of the most egregious is [Executive Order 14201](#). This order, entitled "Keeping Men out of Women's Sports," rescinds federal funding from all schools that allow "biological men" (transgender women) to compete in women's sports. In doing so, he declared that there was a "war on women's sports", stated that [Imane Khelif](#) (a cisgender boxer who was accused of being transgender because of her masculine appearance) was assigned male at birth (a harmful misconception with no merit), and claimed that men are pretending to be women to win in women's sports. Not only does this perpetuate the idea that men are inherently better at sports than women, but it also targets transgender individuals who wish to compete in sports. President Trump is also calling to defund schools that allow students to compete in whatever category they wish, which could strip necessary resources from schools that depend on them for a relative non-issue.

Another executive order that directly targets transgender people is [Executive Order 14187](#). This act calls for an end to gender-affirming care for children, stating that it is irreversible and leads to the sterilization of children. Quite a bit of what is stated in this act is false. While the

act states that “a growing number of impressionable children” receive gender-affirming care, in actuality, the figure is less than 0.1%. Furthermore, [97% of gender-affirming surgeries](#) were breast reductions for cisgender males, not transgender teens. As for the case of puberty blockers, many children take them because of early puberty. Cisgender children have been accessing gender-affirming care for decades and make up the majority of children receiving it. President Trump is exaggerating the issue and targeting a tiny percentage of the population.

While each of the previous orders targeted specific issues within the transgender community, [Executive Order 14168](#) targets every individual in the country. This order, entitled “Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government,” states that from conception, everyone is either classified as a “man” or a “woman”. Not only does this erase intersex people, but this order also directly impacts transgender and non-binary individuals. Intersex people are people whose reproductive organs do not match “male” or “female” organs. Intersex people can also have chromosomes other than XY or XX, such as [XXY or XX](#). About [1.7% of the American population is intersex](#), and this order directly impacts them, as they are born neither male nor female. Besides that, this act states that transgender individuals are trying to “gain access to intimate single-sex spaces and activities designed for women, from women's domestic abuse shelters to women's workplace showers,” and that this eradicates the fundamentals of sex and attacks women. This completely denies the identities of trans women, and it is false. Transgender women are not “pretending” to be women to have access to women's spaces, especially not just to attack them. What many people overlook is that if a man wanted access to these spaces, he would just enter them. A sign will not stop an attacker, and insinuating that every transgender woman is a predator is deplorable. Multiple transgender activists, medical professionals, and lawyers have argued against this act, stating that

sex [is not a binary thing](#) and cannot be labeled as it has been. This order also repealed a previous order, which allowed people to have an [X](#) on their passports instead of an M or F. This impacts intersex people and non-binary people. Overall, this act will lead to legal issues for many intersex people and will make life harder for both transgender and non-binary individuals.

Many further acts have been passed that impact transgender people and other minorities. [Executive Order 14190](#), entitled “Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling,” calls for an end to curriculum based on racism, sexism, or anything to do with LGBTQ+ people. This act states that young children are being indoctrinated to believe they are transgender, or victims or oppressors based on race. Similar to President Trump’s previous acts, much of what is stated is unequivocally false. Another act that impacts all minorities in America is [Executive Order 14151](#), entitled “Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing.” This act argues that DEI programs lead to “forced illegal and immoral discrimination programs.” Although [white women have benefitted more from DEI](#) than any other minority (much like Affirmative Action, which President Trump has also fought against), President Trump argues it has led to people being hired based on race. In this process, President Trump has fired [people of color from government roles and hired less qualified white employees](#). Incidents like this are why DEI was implemented in the first place, not to hire unqualified people of color.

Altogether, President Trump is disproportionately targeting transgender individuals in this executive order. Many of the orders he is passing have been alarming, such as [Executive Order 14155](#), which pulls the United States from the World Health Organization, and [Executive Order 14199](#), which pulls the United States from the United Nations Human Rights Council. President Trump continues to pass executive orders at this rate (Trump has signed more executive orders in his first month than any president in their first 100 days). In Biden's entire

presidency, [he signed 162 orders](#), while Trump signed [73 in his first month](#). President Trump will likely continue to target minorities to distract his followers from his inaction on his campaign promises. He has decided to focus on impacting a small percentage of the population that has been heavily mischaracterized and villainized by far-right politicians. The issues currently facing America, such as high cost of living, homelessness, and climate change, will likely continue to be overlooked as President Trump reigns terror on minorities.

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