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Welcome, friends.

Before we begin, please:

- 1) Mute your microphone.
- 2) As we wait to start, please use the chat function to say "hi" if you wish, and/or express how you are feeling in this moment.
- 3) Please save all big questions for the discussion portion in the second half of the session, following our presentation. When discussion begins, use the "raise hand" function to signal your wish to speak. Our facilitation team will keep 'stack' and call on participants in order of hands raised. When you are called upon, you may then unmute. Thank you so much!
- 4) Note that we will post this presentation publicly after the session for continued access.



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**Meet the facilitation team for
tonight's meeting:**

About the Southwest Virginia Trans Wellness Fund



DONATE TO THE
Southwest Virginia
Trans Wellness Fund

Thanks to a partnership between the **Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project** and **Ladies and Gents of the Blue Ridge - Transgender Alliance**, you can now DONATE to the Trans Wellness Fund.

See the History Project's website for more information.

- Founded in 2023 as part of the [Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project](#). In 2024, we became a co-led initiative between the Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project and Ladies and Gents of the Blue Ridge - Transgender Alliance, a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
- Our mutual aid model is: 1) we take [monetary donations online](#); 2) we accept [applications for funding](#) through an online form on a continuous, rolling basis; 3) every three months a committee of SWVA-based trans folks make decisions on funding and distribute money directly to participants.

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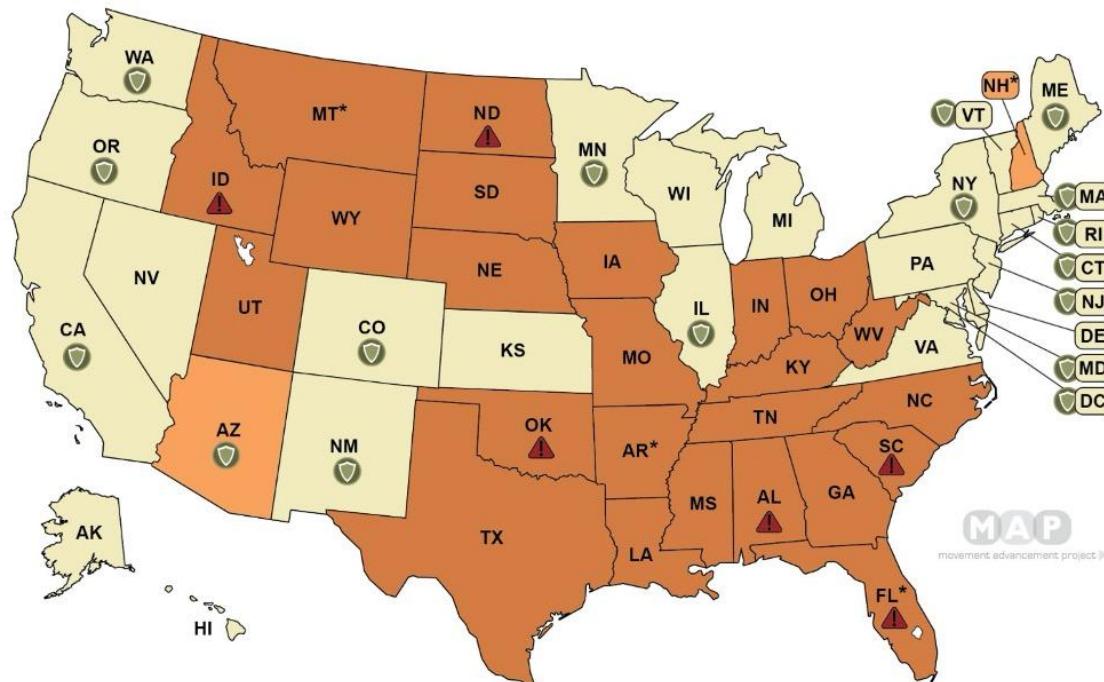
distributed
as of November 1, 2024

- To date, we have distributed \$3,550 to 15 recipients, 60% of whom are BIPOC (Black, Indigenous / Two-Spirit, and other trans People of Color)

Today's Agenda

- First, we will offer a brief presentation on some proposed policies of the incoming Trump administration that may affect trans people, and some things that trans people should consider in preparation for the next administration.
- Following this, we will spend the remainder of our time having a facilitated open discussion. We want to know from y'all:
 - 1) What resources do you want or need to help you and your loved ones prepare for the Trump presidency?
 - 2) How can the Southwest Virginia Trans Wellness Fund best adapt or change to respond to the current crisis. What do trans communities of Southwest Virginia need right now?

Assessing the Current Moment



Movement Advancement Project, "Bans on Best Practice Medical Care for Transgender Youth," accessed August 16, 2024.

What the 2024 Republican National Convention platform says about trans people:

- This [platform](#) was officially adopted at the RNC convention in July 2024



2024 RNC Platform: On Title IX, LGBTQ Content in Schools, and Gender-Affirming Care

5. Republicans Will End Left-wing Gender Insanity

We will keep men out of women's sports, ban Taxpayer funding for sex change surgeries, and stop Taxpayer-funded Schools from promoting gender transition, reverse Biden's radical rewrite of Title IX Education Regulations, and restore protections for women and girls.

2024 RNC Platform: More on LGBTQ Content in Schools

6. Knowledge and Skills, Not CRT and Gender Indoctrination

Republicans will ensure children are taught fundamentals like Reading, History, Science, and Math, not Leftwing propaganda. We will defund schools that engage in inappropriate political indoctrination of our children using Federal Taxpayer Dollars.

What the Trump campaign’s “Agenda 47” says on trans people:

- These agenda items were superseded by the official RNC platform in July 2024, but they give a deeper sense of Trump’s own approach to the issues



What the Trump campaign’s “Agenda 47” says on trans people:

On gender-affirming care—especially for minors:

1. **Revoke Joe Biden’s cruel policies on so-called “gender affirming care”**—a process that includes giving kids puberty blockers, mutating their physical appearance, and ultimately performing surgery on minor children.
2. Sign a new executive order instructing every federal agency to **cease all programs that promote the concept of sex and gender transition** at any age.
3. Ask Congress to **permanently stop** federal taxpayer dollars from being used to promote or pay for these procedures.
4. **Pass a law prohibiting child sexual mutilation** in all 50 states.
5. Declare that any hospital or healthcare provider participating in the chemical or physical mutilation of minor youth **will no longer meet federal health and safety standards for Medicaid and Medicare**—and **will be terminated** from the program.

What the Trump campaign's "Agenda 47" says on trans people:

On trans content in schools, and more on gender-affirming care:

6. Support the creation of a **private right of action for victims to sue doctors** who have unforgivably performed these procedures on minor children.
7. Direct the Department of Justice to **investigate Big Pharma and the big hospital networks** to determine whether they have:
 - Deliberately covered up horrific long-term side-effects** of "sex transitions" to get rich at the expense of vulnerable patients.
 - Illegally marketed hormones and puberty blockers**, which are in no way licensed or approved for this use.
8. Direct the Department of Education to inform states and school districts that if any teacher or school official suggests to a child that they could be trapped in the wrong body, they will be faced with **severe consequences**, including, **potential Civil Rights violations** for sex discrimination, and the **elimination of federal funding**.

What the Trump campaign’s “Agenda 47” says on trans people:

On LGBTQ content in schools, Title IX, and federal recognition of “sex”:

9. As part of our new credentialing body for teachers, we will **promote positive education** about the nuclear family, the roles of mothers and fathers, and celebrating rather than erasing the things that make men and women different and unique.

Ask Congress to pass a bill establishing that:

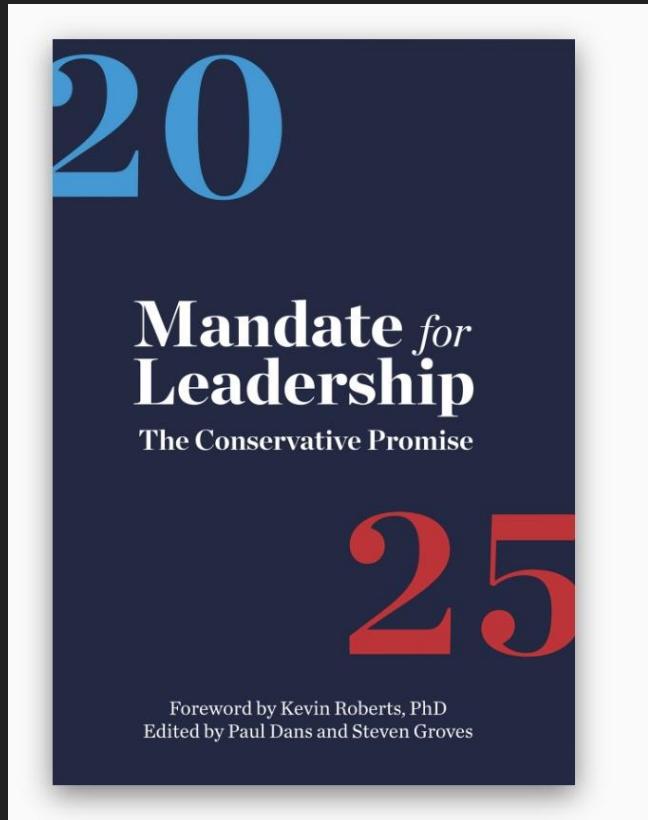
The only genders recognized by the U.S. government are **male and female—and they are assigned at birth**.

Title IX **prohibits men from participating in women’s sports**.

Protects the rights of parents from being forced to allow their minor child to assume a new gender identity without the parents’ consent.

What Project 2025 says about trans people:

- [Released in 2023 by the Heritage Foundation](#)
(and co-signed by over one hundred other
conservative organizations, including several
anti-transgender groups)



What Project 2025 says about trans people:

On obscenity laws (this is the paragraph that has been most frequently cited):

Pornography, manifested today in the omnipresent propagation of transgender ideology and sexualization of children, for instance, is not a political Gordian knot inextricably binding up disparate claims about free speech, property rights, sexual liberation, and child welfare. It has no claim to First Amendment protection. Its purveyors are child predators and misogynistic exploiters of women. Their product is as addictive as any illicit drug and as psychologically destructive as any crime. Pornography should be outlawed. The people who produce and distribute it should be imprisoned. Educators and public librarians who purvey it should be classed as registered sex offenders. And telecommunications and technology firms that facilitate its spread should be shuttered.

What Project 2025 says about trans people:

On the military, gender affirming care, Title IV, Title IX, and... *so much more*:

Sex Discrimination. The Biden Administration, LGBT advocates, and some federal courts have attempted to expand the scope and definition of sex discrimination, based in part on the Supreme Court's decision in *Bostock v. Clayton County*. *Bostock* held that "an employer who fires someone simply for being homosexual or transgender" violates Title VII's prohibition against sex discrimination. The Court explicitly limited its holding to the hiring/firing context in Title VII and did not purport to address other Title VII issues, such as bathrooms, locker rooms, and dress codes, or other laws prohibiting sex discrimination. Notably, the Court focused on the status of the employees and used the term "transgender status" rather than the broader and amorphous term "gender identity."

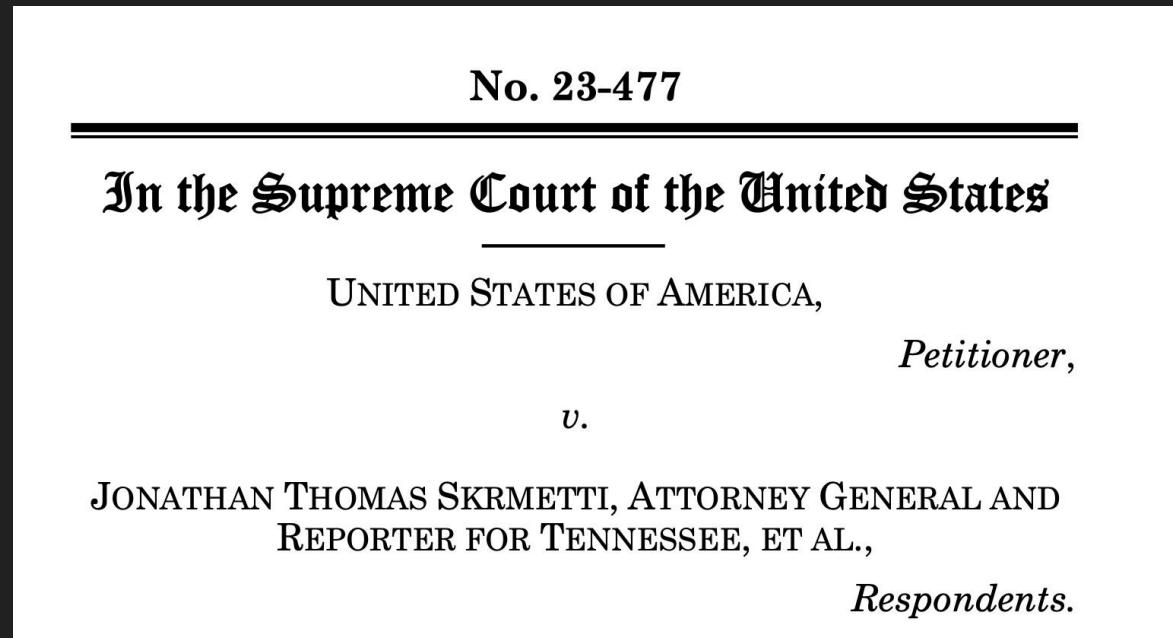
- **Restrict the application of *Bostock*.** The new Administration should restrict *Bostock*'s application of sex discrimination protections to sexual orientation and transgender status in the context of hiring and firing.
- **Withdraw unlawful "notices" and "guidances."** The President should direct agencies to withdraw unlawful "notices" and "guidances" purporting to apply *Bostock*'s reasoning broadly outside hiring and firing.
- **Rescind regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, and sex characteristics.** The President should direct agencies to rescind regulations interpreting sex discrimination provisions as prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, sex characteristics, etc.

7. Reverse policies that allow transgender individuals to serve in the military. Gender dysphoria is incompatible with the demands of military service, and the use of public monies for transgender surgeries or to facilitate abortion for servicemembers should be ended.

- **No public education employee or contractor shall use a name to address a student other than the name listed on a student's birth certificate, without the written permission of a student's parents or guardians.**
- **No public education employee or contractor shall use a pronoun in addressing a student that is different from that student's biological sex without the written permission of a student's parents or guardians.**
- **No public institution may require an education employee or contractor to use a pronoun that does not match a person's biological sex if contrary to the employee's or contractor's religious or moral convictions.**

One more potential (big) wrinkle: *U.S. v. Skrmetti*

- U.S. Supreme Court case on the constitutionality of bans on gender-affirming care
- Oral arguments in December 2024; decision likely in summer 2025



In Summary,

The approaches of the incoming Trump presidency on trans issues will most likely:

- Focus mostly on youth—although trans adults who rely on federal programs could also be impacted
 - A federal ban on gender-affirming care for minors
 - Ban on federal coverage (Medicare, Medicaid, etc.) for gender-affirming care for adults
 - If lost, *Skrmetti* could lead to state bans on gender-affirming care for adults as well as youth
 - Federal crackdown on clinics/hospitals that provide gender-affirming care
 - Title IX reinterpretations that limit students' uses of names, pronouns, access to facilities and programs
 - Limits on K-12 content related to gender and sexuality
- Focus on redefining “sex” across all policies, guidelines, and regulations
 - Limiting Title VII workplace protections to “biological sex” only
 - Limiting Title IX school protections to “biological sex” only

Some potential considerations for the next two months:

- The trans journalist Erin Reed [recommends a series of actions](#) that trans Americans should take to protect themselves:

Steps For Transgender People Preparing For Federal Crackdowns Under Trump

Donald Trump has pledged severe federal crackdowns on transgender people. I outline steps for preparing for these challenges, sharing stories from trans individuals who are already taking action.

ERIN REED

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Some potential considerations for the next two months:

Erin's list:

- Obtain or update a passport
- Update state documents and IDs (driver's license; birth certificate; etc.)
- Maintain a supply of medication
- Change your Social Security gender marker
- Consider moving now, if you want to
- If staying, consider ways to remain safe & connected

How to legally change your name in Virginia:

- Some folks hire a lawyer for help with this task, as it involves several steps, but not necessary. Forms brought in to your local county courthouse and pay small fee.
- However, it is possible to do this on your own. For example, using this document as a guide:
<https://swvalgbtqhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/name-change-pet-and-order-word-doc.docx>

How to legally change your sex (gender marker) in Virginia:

On your driver's license (it's very simple!):

<https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/records/personal-information-updates>

(Although getting a REAL ID, if you haven't yet, is a bit more complicated:

<https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/forms/dmv299.pdf>

Phone number for help in filling out forms (804) 497-7100

On your birth certificate (not as simple. You'll need a letter from a medical professional attesting that you have received 'treatment'). More info here:

<https://transequality.org/documents/virginia-identity-documents>

To “X” or Not to “X”

A lot of folks are asking about the gender marker “X.”

- State and Federal Policies will differ.
- Is it a problem if you have an “X” and it doesn’t match the gender marker (“M” or “F”) on your federal documents like Social Security or a passport?
- Will the “X” gender marker make me a target for government scrutiny or discrimination?

How to update your name and/or sex on a U.S. passport:

Apply for a new passport:

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/need-passport.html?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

Update passport (name changes):

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/have-passport/change-correct.html>

Sex (gender marker) designation/changes:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/need-passport/selecting-your-gender-marker.html>

Phone number for help filling out forms 1-877-487-2778.

How to update your name and/or sex with Social Security:

Name changes:

<https://www.ssa.gov/personal-record/change-name>

Sex (gender marker) changes [only M or F allowed]:

<https://www.ssa.gov/personal-record/change-sex-identification>

Phone number provided on site for help filling out forms.

Potential medical considerations (access to HRT, surgeries, etc.):

Erin's advice:

“For Individuals, practical methods to retain a medication supply include underdosing to build an emergency reserve, working with a physician willing to prescribe extra medication, or obtaining hormones through online sources, though it is important to note that these steps are not without legal or personal risks.”

- Get your doctor to write a prescription for medications on a “hard copy” so you always have access and possibly get filled online
- Find alternative methods of purchasing medications online, review for reputable sellers

Potential emigration considerations:

- Passport for travel access
- Check country statistics for transgender acceptance and favorable laws
- Check crime rates against trans people and/or if they keep records

Facilitated open discussion / brainstorming

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