

THE 10 STAGES OF TRANS GENOCIDE

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CLASSIFICATION

"Us" vs "them." Refusing to respect identity; dead naming, denying gender, pronoun refusal. Slurs.

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SYMBOLIZATION

Demanding disclosure. Genital inspections, medical records. Outing.

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DISCRIMINATION

"Bathroom" bills, healthcare delays/refusals, housing and employment denials.

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DEHUMANIZATION

Assigning "it" pronouns for trans people or labeling all "groomers" or "pedophiles."

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ORGANIZATION

Hate groups (TERFs, white nationalists) attacking pride events and drag story hours.

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POLARIZATION

Far-right media portraying transgender people as "social contagion."

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PREPARATION

Hundreds of bills across the country to remove access to meds, surgery, and support.

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PERSECUTION

4x more likely to be victims of violence. "Discrimination-to-Incarceration" pipeline.

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EXTERMINATION

Detransitioning forced on trans youth, calls for trans suicide, increase in murder.

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DENIAL

Mass extermination hasn't been achieved; we can still stop this together!

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The UN genocide convention left out some categories that would implicate its participating states in genocide. Raphael Lemkin--who coined the word--defined genocide to include the targeting of any demographic, including political, social, cultural, and economic classes. It was meant to describe the impact of eliminationist ideologies more broadly, not simply the intentional mass murder of specific groups defined by ethnic, racial, or religious affiliation. The mass murder is only the final stage of a successful genocide.

Genocide happens when any group of people is being targeted with persecution and violence for the purpose of excluding them from society, eliminating their culture, destroying their ability to exist as a group, or outright killing their members. The killing is accomplished not just by direct violence, but also by imposing conditions that make survival difficult or impossible, a process called "social murder". The extremely high rates of poverty, homelessness, and suicide among transgender people should be understood as social murder.

A common tenet of genocidal ideology is denial of the targeted group's legibility. After Michael Knowles advocated "eradicating transgenderism from public life entirely", he insisted that it wasn't genocidal because being transgender is "not a legitimate category of being". That is, in fact, one of the most blatantly genocidal excuses he could have given.

Long before the mass murder began in Nazi Germany, their propaganda described Jewish people as child predators, disproportionately gender non-conforming, a threat to masculinity and "traditional family values", and as dangerous extremists infiltrating schools to indoctrinate children with "cultural marxism". The Nazis then created numerous laws restricting the ability of Jewish people to participate equally in society, encouraging "self-deportation", and eventually revoking passports and stripping them of citizenship.

It is not a coincidence that the first modern trans healthcare clinic was founded by Jewish doctors in Berlin and was destroyed by the Nazis in May of 1933.

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