

How do we include intersex rights?

When LGBTQIA+ rights are under attack, intersex people cannot be forgotten. Transgender and intersex people are united in the fight for bodily autonomy. Everyone deserves the right to make informed decisions about their own bodies.

Be part of the change!

- ✓ ☒ Protesting a hospital's policies? Look up if they permit nonconsensual intersex surgeries. Include that policy change in your demands.
- ✓ ☒ Protesting harmful legislation or policies? Share the potential impact on intersex people.
- ✓ ☒ Print more of these brochures and share them everywhere.
- ✓ ☒ Use the intersex-inclusive progress pride flag. Use the "I" in "LGBTQIA+" Don't let us be erased!
- ✓ ☒ Advocate for transgender AND intersex rights together using #TransIntersexSolidarity



Join us in the
fight for
intersex
rights.



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interACT works to empower intersex youth and advance the rights of all people with innate variations in their physical sex characteristics through advocacy, public engagement and community connection.



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THE FIGHT MUST INCLUDE INTERSEX RIGHTS

Intersex Justice is LGBTQIA+ Justice



**Why intersex people are also
harmed by the anti-trans,
anti-LGBTQ backlash and
what YOU can do**



What is intersex?

Intersex people are born with a variation in their sex traits that may not fit typical expectations of male or female bodies. There are many possible differences in reproductive anatomy, hormones, or chromosomes, and over 40 intersex variations.



But intersex people are under attack—and being erased.

Intersex isn't rare— 2% of the population is born intersex. Someone you know is likely intersex, maybe even someone you love.

Intersex people are born with these differences, though they may not be discovered until puberty or even adulthood. Intersex isn't a "third sex," but a range of variations. Babies who have visible intersex traits are still usually assigned male or female.



A person's intersex status is different than their gender identity. Intersex people may grow up to identify as men, women, nonbinary, or another way, or neither.

Some intersex infants and children are nonconsensually operated on to make their bodies look more "typically" male or female. This is harmful and unnecessary, and is NOT gender-affirming care. Gender-affirming care is provided with a person's informed consent to meet their medical needs.

Intersex and transgender people challenge the rigid, binary boxes the Trump administration wants to shove us in.



TRANS AND INTERSEX PEOPLE MUST BE IN SOLIDARITY TOGETHER.

How are intersex people harmed by discriminatory policy & legislation?

"Sex definition" policies erase us



Intersex and transgender people need accurate and consistent IDs to open bank accounts, start new jobs, enroll in school, and travel—but many are unable to access accurate identity documents and passports.

Some intersex people (including those who are also transgender) need a gender marker that is different than their assigned sex at birth, which some states (and now the federal government) will not allow.

For those who need X markers, they are no longer an option on passports under the Trump administration.

An executive order from Trump attempted to redefine sex with narrow and unscientific definitions of male and female. Some intersex people do not fit neatly within these new definitions.

All students deserve to play sports

Throughout the history of sports, many women suspected to be intersex have been subjected to invasive "sex testing." Women in sports who are perceived as not being "woman enough" have been forced to alter their bodies to be allowed to play.

This playbook is now being used to target transgender girls and women.



This attack on transgender girls in sports is an attack on all girls and women in athletics. Strict "sex"-based sports policies will encourage harassment, scrutiny of women's and girls' bodies, and invasive exams such as DNA tests that violate students' privacy and dignity.

Bans on gender-affirming care endanger intersex children

Attempts to ban gender-affirming care block some intersex youth from accessing healthcare, especially if it is perceived as gender-affirming.

State bans on gender-affirming care include explicit "exceptions" that shield surgeons who operate on intersex youth. "Intersex exceptions" do not protect consensual care, but instead enshrine in law the practice of nonconsensual surgery known as intersex genital mutilation.

The same laws that prevent trans adolescents and adults from accessing necessary, consensual healthcare endorse harmful, nonconsensual surgeries on intersex infants.



Many of the same hospitals that are now denying gender-affirming care are still openly practicing these nonconsensual surgeries on intersex infants.

We all just need the bathroom!

Intersex people are also harmed when legislators try to police bathrooms.



Many laws prohibiting transgender people from using the bathroom aligned with their gender define "sex" with reference to chromosomes and/or reproductive anatomy.

Intersex people who do not fit into these strict categories might be forced to use a bathroom that does not align with their gender, or could be banned from multi-user restrooms altogether.