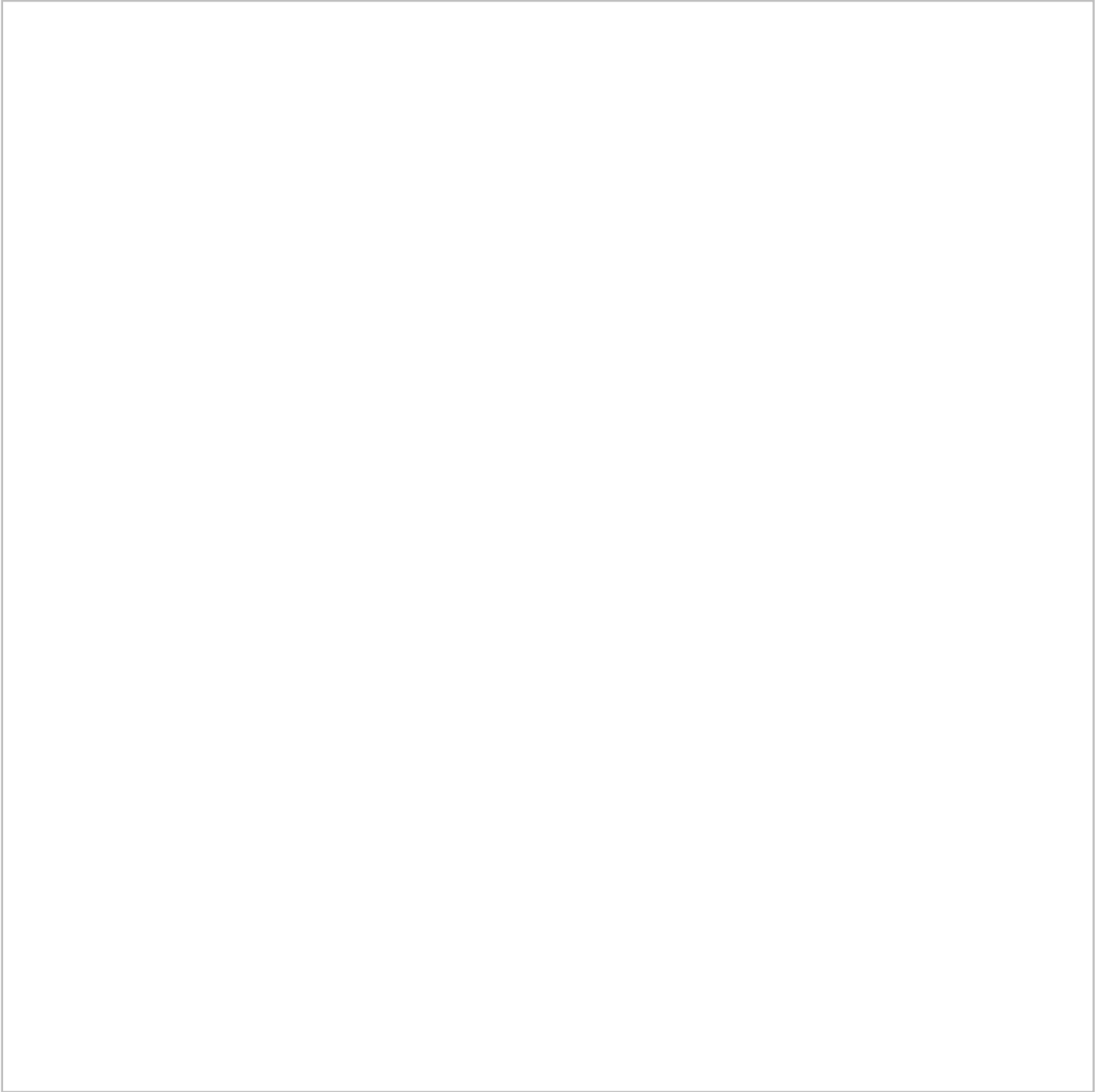


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# Look Back: Trump-Pence Administration Timeline

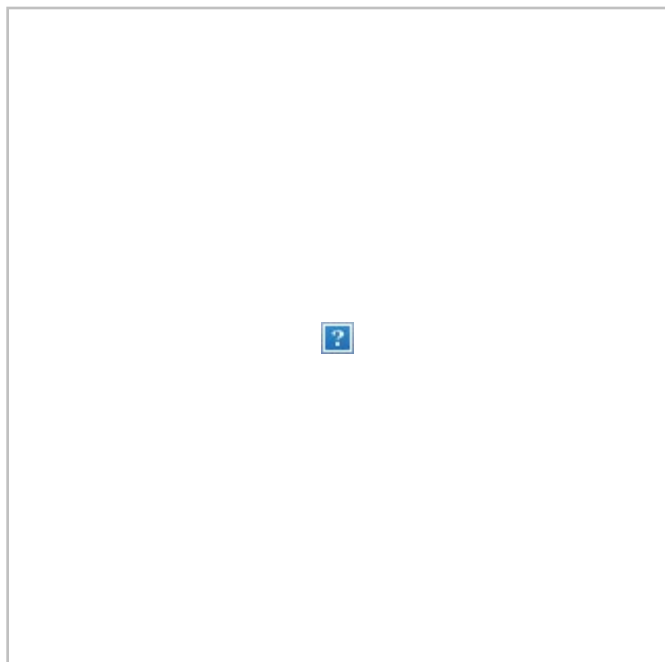


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### **Trump's Administrative Abuse and the LGBTQ+**

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## January 20, 2017

Less than two hours after Trump and his virulently anti-LGBTQ+ activist Vice President Mike Pence were sworn into office, [all mentions of LGBTQ+ issues were removed](#) from the official White House webpage.

The Trump Administration has removed all mentions of [#LGBTQ](#) people & rights from <https://t.co/N4BDFyNf18> <https://t.co/yrf3rcagw0>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [January 20, 2017](#)

## January 21, 2017

HRC and millions of demonstrators around the world came together for the Women's March to protest Trump and his new administration aimed at tearing back our progress.

[.@HRC](#) is proud to stand up and speak out for fairness, equality and justice for all at the [#WomensMarch](#).  
[#WhyWeMarch](#) [#LoveTrumpsHate](#) [pic.twitter.com/XzmRSpxgJ9](https://pic.twitter.com/XzmRSpxgJ9)  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [January 21, 2017](#)

## January 23, 2017

Trump's State Department removed from the website former [Secretary of State John Kerry's apology for the infamous "Lavender Scare" witch hunt](#) in the 1950s and 1960s, and other content LGBTQ+ content, like information on pride month observances and the State Department's Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Persons.

The Trump Administration has removed [@JohnKerry](#)'s apology for anti-[#LGBTQ](#) witch hunts from [@TheStateDept](#) website <https://t.co/YQQHaQsc24>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [January 23, 2017](#)

## January 25, 2017

Trump signed an executive order directing the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to begin constructing a wall along the Mexico-U.S. border. He also ordered the

immediate detention and deportation of undocumented immigrants -- sparking nationwide protests that his order would tear law-abiding immigrant families apart.

LGBTQ people are as diverse as the fabric of this nation & [@HRC](#) stands strong with the immigrant community today & every day! [#NoBanNoWall](#) [pic.twitter.com/qnszjqUDes](https://pic.twitter.com/qnszjqUDes)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [January 25, 2017](#)

## January 31, 2017

Trump nominated Judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy left following the passing of Justice Antonin Scalia. The next day, Gorsuch's anti-equality record -- from opposing crucial media treatment for a transgender person to supporting a license to discriminate for private corporations -- led HRC to take the [unprecedented step in opposing this nomination](#), a first for the organization.

[.@HRC](#) opposes the nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the [#SupremeCourt](#) . [#SCOTUS](#)  
<https://t.co/oVCMWwO2rk> [pic.twitter.com/jTqd2yZJRH](https://pic.twitter.com/jTqd2yZJRH)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [February 1, 2017](#)

## February 15, 2017

In response to the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) [announcement](#) that it will no longer challenge a nationwide hold on protections for transgender students, [hundreds of parents of transgender children sent a letter](#) to Trump condemning the decision and calling on his administration to fully enforce federal civil rights laws.

Nearly 800 parents of trans kids signed [@HRC](#)'s letter calling on [@POTUS](#) to fully enforce federal civil rights laws. <https://t.co/JHISs4Ewpc>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [February 15, 2017](#)

## February 22, 2017

Under the direction of Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, the U.S. Departments of Justice and Education [revoked the Obama Administration's guidance](#) detailing school obligations to transgender students under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Trans students must know they are not alone & we are with them in this fight. Please share this video to show your support [#ProtectTransKids](#) [pic.twitter.com/dugIPNVC1h](http://pic.twitter.com/dugIPNVC1h)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [February 23, 2017](#)

## March 06, 2017

The Supreme Court sent [Gavin Grimm's case back to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals](#) following the Trump Administration's decision to rescind protective school guidance for transgender students; resulting in transgender students having to wait for a decision from the nation's highest court to affirm their basic rights for at least another year.

Because of [@realDonaldTrump](#), the Supreme Court will not be deciding Gavin Grimm's case this term. [#ProtectTransKids](#) [#StandWithGavin](#) 1/6

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [March 6, 2017](#)

## March 10, 2017

Trump's Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) -- led by anti-LGBTQ+ proponent Secretary Ben Carson -- [withdrew two notices impacting LGBTQ+ people](#). The first notice withdrew a requirement for emergency shelters receiving HUD funding to post information about LGBTQ+ people's rights to access shelter safely and in accordance with their gender identity. The second notice withdrew critical data collection and implementation guidelines for a homelessness prevention initiative targeting LGBTQ+ youth.

Donald Trump's HUD pick Ben Carson is an outspoken opponent of LGBTQ equality. His positions should disqualify him from consideration. [pic.twitter.com/4K8NIp5nif](https://pic.twitter.com/4K8NIp5nif)  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [January 15, 2017](#)

## March 20, 2017

Trump administration's HHS [amended two surveys of the elderly to remove a question](#) about sexual orientation. The department uses the National Survey of Older Americans Act Participants (NSOAAP) to decide how to allocate federal funding to groups that work with the elderly; removing the critical question was the only change made to the survey.

[.@HRC](#) calls on [@POTUS](#) to reinstate sexual orientation question in national senior survey  
<https://t.co/PE3JDxphtX>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [March 20, 2017](#)



## March 23, 2017

HRC Legal Director Sarah Warbelow, [testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee](#) regarding Trump's nomination of Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. In her testimony, she details Gorsuch's long and troubling career opposing civil rights, including for LGBTQ+ people.

[#StopGorsuch](#) → [@HRC](#)'s Sarah Warbelow: We need a Justice who recognizes our basic equality & shared humanity. [#Gorsuch](#)'s never met this bar. [pic.twitter.com/kd6P0OPVjt](https://pic.twitter.com/kd6P0OPVjt)  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [March 23, 2017](#)

## March 28, 2017

The Trump-Pence administration announced it will [strike data collection regarding sexual orientation and gender identity from the 2020 census](#). Trump's effort to remove the language served as a larger campaign to erase LGBTQ+ people from federal surveys and disrupt programs that provide direct assistance to the LGBTQ+ community.

Trump just struck [#LGBTQ](#) data collection from the national census. RT to tell Trump he [#CantEraseUs](#)  
<https://t.co/FMcQ0XcJmL>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [March 29, 2017](#)

## April 04, 2017

In a significant victory for LGBTQ+ rights, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit ruled that the [1964 Civil Rights Act provides protections based on sexual](#)

[orientation](#). This decision marked the first time a federal appellate court has ruled this way and reversed a previous decision made in [July](#).

Federal appeals court finds that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act includes protections based on sexual orientation <https://t.co/cttI79hQek> <pic.twitter.com/pcJhZziFGp>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [April 5, 2017](#)

## April 12, 2017

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow. During his visit, [HRC urged the secretary to condemn the atrocities happening in Chechnya](#) after several news outlets reported that officials were torturing and killing gay men in “detention-style camps.”

Gay men are being beaten and tortured in detention camps in [#Chechnya](#). Sec. Tillerson tell Russia's FM this must stop! cc: [@StateDept](#)  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [April 12, 2017](#)

## May 02, 2017

HRC joined with [bipartisan lawmakers and an unprecedented number of businesses](#) to announce the re-introduction of the [Equality Act](#) — federal legislation that would finally guarantee explicit, permanent protections for LGBTQ+ people under our nation's existing civil rights laws.

WATCH LIVE: [@HRC](#) is on Capitol Hill for the re-introduction of the Equality Act [#EqualityForward](#)

<https://t.co/bnIjdQiczZ> [pic.twitter.com/qPyP92FGqY](https://pic.twitter.com/qPyP92FGqY)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [May 2, 2017](#)

## May 04, 2017

Trump signed an executive order giving AG Sessions discretion to [create a license-to-discriminate](#) in agencies across the federal government against LGBTQ+ Americans and women. [HRC joined other LGBTQ+ organizations rallied at the White House](#) in protest.

Trump has given AG Sessions discretion to create a [#LicenseToDiscriminate](#) in agencies across the federal government. <https://t.co/OvW7OIP79F>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [May 4, 2017](#)

## May 05, 2017

In a victory for the LGBTQ+ community, Trump's nominee for Army Secretary, Mark Green, announced he would remove himself from consideration, after weeks of pressure from HRC. Our members took [over 25,000 actions to #StopMarkGreen](#) and lead a robust campaign to expose his shameful history of attacking LGBTQ+ people.

To [@HRC](#)'s supporters who stood up & spoke out to [#StopMarkGreen](#), thank you! Today's news is proof that your determination & advocacy matter! [pic.twitter.com/zXPD5VSW5v](https://pic.twitter.com/zXPD5VSW5v)

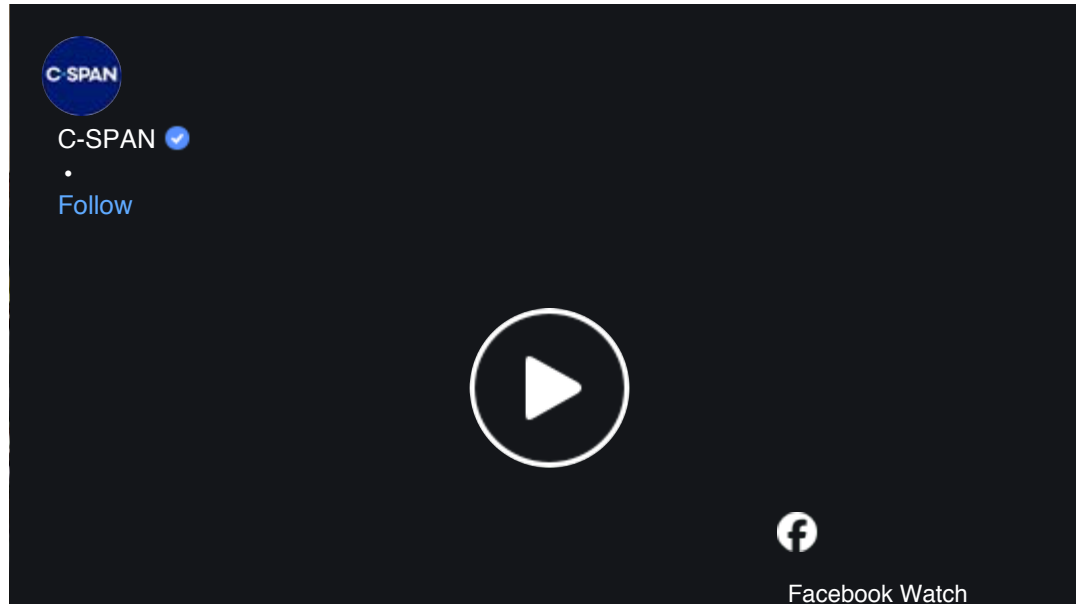
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [May 5, 2017](#)

## May 23, 2017

The Trump administration released its budget for Fiscal Year 2018 filled with [draconian cuts](#) to safety net programs that would be devastating to millions of Americans. On the chopping block are critical programs that focus on preventing, fighting, and finding cures for diseases, and on programs that provide health services to people living with HIV, low-income women, children, the disabled and elderly.

[@realDonaldTrump](#) 's budget slashing [#AIDS](#) funding by \$1B isn't just cruel, it's deadly to millions around the world <https://t.co/0FFp1aSmEP>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [May 28, 2017](#)

## May 24, 2017



In a shocking exchange during a hearing before a House Appropriations Subcommittee, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos [refused to stand up or provide any reassurances to LGBTQ+ students](#) that they would be protected by the federal

government from discrimination -- once again, reinforcing the notion that the Trump administration is no ally to the LGBTQ+ community or its youth.

## June 15, 2017

In an alarming op-ed in [Newsweek](#) titled “Trump Doesn’t Care About HIV. We’re Outta Here,” one of the six dedicated HIV experts who had served on the [Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS \(PACHA\)](#) wrote about leaving over the Trump-Pence administration’s complacency in fighting the HIV epidemic.

This is an alarming development that truly underscores [@realDonaldTrump](#) 's complacency in combating the [#HIV](#) epidemic <https://t.co/igfwsFHLy6>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [June 16, 2017](#)

## July 26, 2017

Trump made the dangerous and unpatriotic move to [reinstate a ban on qualified transgender people serving in the military](#). His reprehensible action, announced in a series of tweets, could result in the discharge of more than 15,000 transgender Americans currently serving our country. The move, a blatant political maneuver to appeal to the most radical in Trump's base, will undermine military morale and readiness.

15K+ transgender Americans bravely serve our country. By attacking them, [@realdonaldtrump](#) is undermining our military [#ProtectTransTroops](#) [pic.twitter.com/ZNIsFzWDnI](https://pic.twitter.com/ZNIsFzWDnI)  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [July 26, 2017](#)

## July 28, 2017

The Trump-Pence-McConnell bill to strip health care from millions fails to pass in the Senate. The plan to repeal the ACA would have caused insurance premiums to drastically rise and leave millions of Americans uninsured, with a particularly devastating impact on low-income senior citizens, women, children, LGBTQ+ people and people living with HIV. While a win for millions of Americans, our fight is far from over.

Repeal of [#ACA](#) FAILS, 49-51. Thank you [@SenJohnMcCain](#) , [@SenatorCollins](#) , [@lisamurkowski](#) and all Senate Dems for doing what's right!

— Chad Griffin ([@ChadHGriffin](#)) [July 28, 2017](#)

## August 01, 2017

In a clear repudiation of Trump's harmful and ill-conceived Twitter policy-making, 56 retired Generals and Admirals released a [joint statement](#) warning his transgender military ban would degrade military readiness.

[.@realDonaldTrump](#) : 50+ generals & admirals, majority of Americans in all 50 states & bipartisan members in Congress are against your ban. [pic.twitter.com/w8QUtVZubG](#)

— Human Rights Campaign ([@HRC](#)) [August 11, 2017](#)

## August 28, 2017

HRC joined as plaintiffs in a [federal lawsuit](#) brought by Lambda Legal and OutServe-

SLDN against the White House directive that interferes in Department of Defense personnel policy by pushing forward Trump's and Pence's transgender military ban. HRC called on Secretary of Defense James Mattis to protect transgender service members from the vicious political assault.

[.@HRC](#) now plaintiffs in [@LambdaLegal](#) & [@OutServeSLDN](#) lawsuit against Trump's trans military ban [#ProtectTransTroops](#) <https://t.co/3vTZZ0HJ4r> [pic.twitter.com/V8ncDrM3iG](https://pic.twitter.com/V8ncDrM3iG)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [August 28, 2017](#)

## August 29, 2017

More than 140 U.S. House Democrats condemn Trump's trans military ban. In a letter to Trump, they wrote: "Implicitly, your ban denies the value of transgender servicemembers, and it questions the professionalism of those who serve beside them. Our Armed Forces have grown more equal and more inclusive over time, often in the face of strident opposition." Read the full letter [here](#).

140 House Democrats are condemning [@realDonaldTrump](#)'s trans military ban 1/7 [#ProtectTransTroops](#) [#TransBan](#) <https://t.co/d68Nj3bnuM> [pic.twitter.com/B3pYfTDukS](https://pic.twitter.com/B3pYfTDukS)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [August 29, 2017](#)

## September 05, 2017

The Trump-Pence administration cruelly decided to end the [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals \(DACA\)](#) program that allowed hundreds of thousands of young people who were brought to the U.S. as minors to stay in the country, to continue their

studies and to continue making positive contributions to our nation. It is estimated that approximately [75,000](#) of these “Dreamers” are LGBTQ+. HRC has called on Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform and has endorsed the 2017 DREAM Act.

Necesitamos proteger a nuestros [#Dreamers](#) . Casi 1 millón de jóvenes se benefician del programa [#DACA](#) [#HereToStay](#) [#DefendDACA](#) [pic.twitter.com/VobLAuzPHe](https://pic.twitter.com/VobLAuzPHe)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [August 15, 2017](#)

## September 12, 2017

HRC Foundation released a new report, [Trump’s Administrative Abuse and the LGBTQ Community](#), highlighting the Trump-Pence administration's highly unusual and abusive efforts to quietly roll back critical protections, programs and services for the LGBTQ+ community by bypassing longstanding administrative policies and customs for instituting such changes.

[.@HRC](#) Foundation releases must-read report: Trump’s Administrative Abuse and the [#LGBTQ](#) Community. <https://t.co/GEmIX69EQ4>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [September 16, 2017](#)

## September 23, 2017

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos officially [rescinded critical 2011 Title IX guidance](#) related to schools' obligations to address sexual harassment, including sexual violence. For the LGBTQ+ community, which faces disproportionate levels of sexual assault and violence, this decision sends a strong signal that the Department of



Education will not use its full power to protect them from harm.

Stand with survivors of sexual assault by contacting [@BetsyDeVosED](https://twitter.com/BetsyDeVosED) immediately >>

<https://t.co/IFm0gCMiBx> [#TitleIX](https://twitter.com/TitleIX) [#StopBetsy](https://twitter.com/StopBetsy) [pic.twitter.com/cPHeEIHEyx](https://pic.twitter.com/cPHeEIHEyx)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [September 23, 2017](https://twitter.com/HRC/status/908123456)

## October 05, 2017

At the direction of AG Sessions, DOJ [issued a memo](#) to government lawyers rescinding Obama administration guidance that discrimination protections under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1965 apply to transgender people. The Trump-Pence DOJ instructed U.S. attorneys to adopt this dangerous position in all [pending and future matters](#).

Trump/Pence administration unleashes another attack on trans people, this time refusing to fight for trans workers. <https://t.co/B3nG1Tvsk8>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [October 5, 2017](https://twitter.com/HRC/status/910123456)

## October 06, 2017

DOJ began the implementation of [a sweeping “license to discriminate”](#) that will put millions of LGBTQ+ Americans at risk of discrimination, as well as release a new regulation that could deny millions of Americans access to critical contraceptive care previously guaranteed under the ACA.

This [#LicensetoDiscriminate](#) will further Trump's hateful agenda & enable systematic, government-wide

discrimination. <https://t.co/wPP1eacNaw> <pic.twitter.com/zhK6DQbsAM>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [October 6, 2017](#)

## October 13, 2017

The U.S. House of Representatives [introduced bipartisan legislation](#) to protect currently-serving transgender service members from being discharged due to Trump's transgender military ban.

.[@HRC](#) thanks House members for introducing bipartisan bill protecting trans service members from being discharged. <https://t.co/iqeeiU0Oig>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [October 15, 2017](#)

## October 16, 2017

In a stunning new piece by the [The New Yorker](#), Trump “jokes” Pence wants to hang LGBTQ+ people. Mike Pence has spent his career attacking LGBTQ+ people in Congress, in the governor's mansion, and now in the White House. Donald Trump's remark lays open the depth of their hostility and animosity toward LGBTQ+ people, and just how deeply they believe we should be treated as second-class citizens in our own country.

Referring to [#LGBTQ](#) people, Donald Trump joked Mike Pence wants to "hang them all." That's not funny, that's evil. <https://t.co/n4w3iSiLyZ> <pic.twitter.com/0uR8klf5Ga>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [October 16, 2017](#)

## October 30, 2017

A U.S. federal judge [blocked](#) the Trump-Pence administration's unconstitutional ban on military service by transgender troops in the case brought by NCLR and GLAD.

BREAKING! Court blocks [@realDonaldTrump](#)'s discriminatory [#transgender](#) troop ban.  
[#ProtectTransTroops](#) [pic.twitter.com/IytNOMZhiA](https://pic.twitter.com/IytNOMZhiA)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [October 30, 2017](#)

## October 31, 2017

HRC hailed the U.S. Senate's passage of a resolution [condemning the violence and persecution against LGBTQ+ people in Chechnya](#).

The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed a nearly identical bipartisan resolution in June. To date, neither Trump nor Secretary Tillerson have publicly condemned the atrocities.

U.S. Congress unanimously condemns anti-LGBTQ violence in Chechnya while Donald Trump remains silent [#EyesonChechnya](#) <https://t.co/0gfEShzf6H>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [October 31, 2017](#)

## November 21, 2017

A [second federal judge blocks](#) enforcement of the Trump-Pence administration's ban on military service by transgender troops. The decision by U.S. District Judge Marvin J. Garbis in Maryland came just hours before oral arguments in a third case challenging

the unconstitutional ban, and also explicitly affirms the right of transgender troops to access medically-necessary care.

A 2nd federal judge has issued a preliminary injunction in the ongoing efforts to [#ProtectTransTroops](#) from [@realDonaldTrump](#) & [@mike\\_pence](#) 's dangerous & discriminatory [#TransBan](#) .  
<https://t.co/VcwHn8L2hX>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [November 21, 2017](#)

## December 05, 2017

White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders made the [startling admission](#) that Trump agreed with the position articulated before the Supreme Court by his solicitor general, Noel Francisco, that businesses should be allowed to hang signs that say they won't serve LGBTQ+ customers.

Shocking: In 2017, [@realdonaldtrump](#) 's solicitor general is arguing we return to an era when stores post signs indicating who they will and will not serve. Businesses can choose what they serve, not who they serve. We won't go back. <pic.twitter.com/neqdYUFN3x>

— Chad Griffin (@ChadHGriffin) [December 5, 2017](#)

## December 11, 2017

A federal court in Seattle [ordered an immediate halt](#) to the Trump administration's discriminatory plan to ban transgender people from serving openly in the U.S. Armed Services. The ruling came in the lawsuit brought by Lambda Legal and OutServe-SLDN challenging the ban and prevents the ban from being implemented while the case proceeds.

ICYMI: Judge Pechman issued a preliminary injunction against Trump-Pence's discriminatory [#TransBan](#) .  
<https://t.co/CxDK0gAnuX>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [December 12, 2017](#)

## December 19, 2017

HRC and artist Robin Bell [projected the Center for Disease Control's \(CDC\) banned words](#) onto the side of the Trump International Hotel in Washington, DC. The display came on the heels of a [Washington Post](#)'s report that the Trump-Pence administration banned the use of seven words -- "transgender," "fetus," "vulnerable," "entitlement," "diversity," "evidence-based" and "science-based" -- by the CDC.

.[@HRC](#) protests tonight in powerful display projected at Trump's DC Hotel. The projection rotated words Trump-Pence administration reportedly banned at the CDC, including "transgender" & "diversity" - and ended with a declaration from the [#LGBTQ](#) community: "we will not be erased."

<pic.twitter.com/Yq8aQQdaRX>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [December 20, 2017](#)

## December 22, 2017

Trump signed into law a \$1.5 trillion tax-scam bill that was carefully crafted to [undermine the ACA and other vital health care programs](#). Republican leadership rushed the partisan bill through both chambers of Congress in less than 24 hours and didn't receive a single vote from Democratic lawmakers.

Almost a year in office and all [@realDonaldTrump](#) has to show for it is a sloppy and reckless tax bill that threatens health care and programs millions rely on. Voters will remember in November.

<https://t.co/TNwRodY4dP>

— Chad Griffin (@ChadHGriffin) [December 20, 2017](#)

## January 18, 2018

The Trump-Pence administration [launched the “Division of Conscience and Religious Freedom” at HHS](#), which could enable discrimination against LGBTQ+ people, women, and others. The creation of the unnecessary new division will likely promote a license to discriminate and divert needed enforcement resources and encourages discrimination against LGBTQ+ people.

The Trump-Pence Administration’s new division at the Department of Health and Human Services could enable discrimination against [#LGBTQ](#) people, women, and others. <https://t.co/etjMR3MOD9>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [January 19, 2018](#)

## February 01, 2018

The Trump-Pence administration refused to sign a [statement](#) in support of an Inter-American Court of Human Rights’ ruling on marriage equality and transgender rights.

Shameful: The Trump-Pence administration has refused to sign a statement in support of [#MarriageEquality](#) and [#Transgender](#) rights. <https://t.co/reZ9hy1w4p>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [February 1, 2018](#)

## February 07, 2018

More than 700 parents of transgender children sent [a letter](#) to Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos condemning her [failure to protect transgender students](#) and calling on her to recognize the basic human and civil rights of transgender young people in our nation's schools.

On the one-year anniversary of [@BetsyDeVosED](#) becoming U.S. Education Secretary, 700+ parents of transgender children sent her a letter condemning her unconscionable failure to protect transgender students. <https://t.co/mXTDsAGOnt>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [February 7, 2018](#)

## February 12, 2018

The Department of Education made the [shocking announcement](#) that they will refuse to respond to civil rights complaints filed by transgender students who are barred from using bathrooms that correspond with their gender identity.

BREAKING: After months of dodging the issue, [@BetsyDeVosED](#) 's Education Department officially announces it will not act to protect [#transgender](#) kids blocked from using bathrooms that match their gender identity. <https://t.co/zlVbX8ZvsC>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [February 12, 2018](#)

## March 01, 2018

HRC, Lambda Legal, OutServe-SLDN, the American Military Partner Association, and

Gender Justice League [unveiled a new television ad](#) -- entitled "[Patriots](#)" -- featuring military, national security, and bipartisan officials voicing opposition to the Trump-Pence administration's ban on transgender service members.

[@HRC](#) [@LambdaLegal](#) [@OutserveSLDN](#) [@LGBTMilPartners](#) & [@GenderJusticeWA](#)'s new ad is part of the largest paid media campaign against Donald Trump's ban on transgender troops since he tweeted the policy last July. [#ProtectTransTroops](#) [pic.twitter.com/m5qPHFJfeJ](https://pic.twitter.com/m5qPHFJfeJ)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [March 1, 2018](#)

## March 07, 2018

Secretary Carson released a [new mission statement](#) for HUD that removed several key phrases from the existing mission statement that prioritized fighting discrimination in housing and supporting access and inclusivity in all communities.

The new mission statement removes several key phrases, including “strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all” and “inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination.” <https://t.co/ken4PtjoK8>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [March 7, 2018](#)

## March 20, 2018

HRC criticized Secretary Ben Carson's [shameful admission](#) that HUD was delaying important resources protecting LGBTQ+ people in homeless shelters. Carson testified during a budget hearing before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, HUD, and related agencies.



This isn't the first time Ben Carson has attacked the [#LGBTQ](#) community. Get the facts.

[pic.twitter.com/sfwJh5frv](https://pic.twitter.com/sfwJh5frv)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [March 17, 2018](#)

## March 28, 2018

More than 4,500 LGBTQ+ people and allies from every state, including D.C. and Puerto Rico, joined HRC to [submit comments](#) about the proposed Trump-Pence administration's [so-called "conscience" regulation](#) at HHS. If finalized, it would empower health care providers to deny LGBTQ+ people and women necessary care, and deter healthcare organizations and providers from taking necessary action to guarantee that all patients have access to the care they not only deserve, but are legally entitled to.

Physicians' personal beliefs should NEVER be prioritized over life-saving patient care. [@HHSgov](#) should know that.

Join [@HRC](#) in reminding them that any proposal suggesting otherwise is discriminatory and wrong.

<https://t.co/r9JWwnU9f7>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [March 14, 2018](#)

## March 29, 2018

HRC [released a letter](#) from HRC President Chad Griffin to Donald Trump calling on him to end his deafening silence on the ongoing anti-LGBTQ+ crimes against humanity in the Russian republic of Chechnya. Griffin's letter comes as HRC is also urging its members and supporters to [contact the White House](#) and demand Trump condemn the

atrocities as “crimes against humanity.”

On April 1, 2017, news broke of suspected gay & bi men being imprisoned, tortured & killed in Chechnya. In a letter to the White House, [@HRC](#) Pres. [@ChadHGriffin](#) demanded [@realDonaldTrump](#) condemn the atrocities as “crimes against humanity.” [#EyesOnChechnya](#) <https://t.co/PXg41APlz1>  
[pic.twitter.com/huqMYsb4V4](https://t.co/PXg41APlz1)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [April 1, 2018](#)

## April 19, 2018

HRC launched “The Real Mike Pence,” a comprehensive campaign -- including a [scathing report](#) and [microsite](#) -- exposing the vice president’s long history of anti-LGBTQ+ animus and shining a spotlight on the inordinate influence he and his inner circle wield in the administration.

[@HRC](#) is shining a spotlight on [@Mike\\_Pence](#) -- the most powerful and least scrutinized vice president in history, who has spent his career attacking the [#LGBTQ](#) community. Get the facts on the [#RealMikePence](#) . <https://t.co/R75vxKRVeB> [pic.twitter.com/kJ7Or7xjyZ](https://t.co/R75vxKRVeB)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [April 19, 2018](#)

## May 11, 2018

HRC responded to news that the Trump-Pence administration has [ordered the Bureau of Prisons](#) to use “biological sex” in determining how transgender prisoners are assigned housing, putting them at significant risk of sexual abuse, assault, and other types of discrimination.

SHAMEFUL: Trump-Pence administration rolls back Obama-era guidance on transgender prisoners, putting vulnerable people at significant risk. <https://t.co/vWrzZAyd3z>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [May 12, 2018](#)

## May 23, 2018

HRC and artist Robin Bell projected a message to Betsy DeVos to raise awareness about how the Trump-Pence administration's policies are harming already vulnerable LGBTQ+ youth. HRC released the results of a [groundbreaking survey](#) of 12,000 LGBTQ+ teens on to the U.S. Department of Education building in Washington, D.C.

.[@HRC](#) and [@UConn](#)'s groundbreaking survey of 12,000+ [#LGBTQ](#) youth found that most:

Felt depressed or down over the last week

Felt worthless or hopelessness in the past week

Have trouble sleeping

[@BetsyDeVosED](#): How do you sleep at night? [pic.twitter.com/FFy5EjluQE](https://pic.twitter.com/FFy5EjluQE)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [May 24, 2018](#)

## June 15, 2018

A [federal court in Seattle denied](#) yet another attempt by the Trump administration to implement its discriminatory plan to ban transgender people from serving openly in the U.S. Armed Services.

There is no valid justification for such unconstitutional discrimination. We remain hopeful for a victory in this case on behalf of our brave transgender service members and the qualified recruits who simply want to serve their country. [#ProtectTransTroops](#) <https://t.co/y8nGPskSNZ>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [June 16, 2018](#)

## July 09, 2018

HRC [called on the Senate](#) to reject Brett Kavanaugh, who was pre-cleared by anti-LGBTQ+ and anti-choice organizations and nominated by the Trump-Pence Administration to the Supreme Court. HRC joined our partner organizations including Planned Parenthood and NARAL to oppose Kavanaugh's nomination.

Make no mistake. Brett Kavanaugh would be a threat to:

LGBTQ equality

Reproductive rights

Affordable health care

Workers rights [#StopKavanaugh](#) [#KavanaughSCOTUS](#) [pic.twitter.com/1EhjZRMLQ1](https://pic.twitter.com/1EhjZRMLQ1)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [July 10, 2018](#)

## July 15, 2018

Ahead of the Trump-Putin summit in Helsinki, HRC [projected an enormous message](#) onto the Presidential Palace in Helsinki demanding that Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin immediately end the ongoing anti-LGBTQ+ crimes against humanity occurring in the Russian republic of Chechnya.

For more than 15 months, [@realDonaldTrump](#) has refused to publicly condemn the systematic torture, abuse & murder of LGBTQ people occurring in Chechnya as Vladimir Putin has licensed the violence to continue.

Tonight, we displayed this message ahead of their meeting in Helsinki. [pic.twitter.com/82BW4t4zUK](https://pic.twitter.com/82BW4t4zUK)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [July 15, 2018](#)

## July 30, 2018

HRC blasted the Trump-Pence administration's [creation of a taxpayer-funded task force](#) as part of their ongoing campaign to license discrimination against LGBTQ+ people in the public square.

THREAD: 1/ This taxpayer funded Religious Liberty Task Force is yet another example of the Trump-Pence White House and Jeff Sessions sanctioning discrimination against LGBTQ people.

<https://t.co/Z739npFkzd>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [July 30, 2018](#)

## August 07, 2018

HRC [sent FOIA request to the Department of Justice](#) calling for the release of all records related to the so-called “Religious Liberty Task Force” announced by Attorney General Jeff Sessions on July 30, 2018. HRC is demanding transparency from the DOJ, which has not provided details publicly on the activities of the task force, including how much it is spending, what its mandate and scope is, and who is on it.

The American people need to know how much of their taxpayer \$ is going towards Sessions’ discriminatory “Religious Liberty Task Force.”

Who's on the task force?

What's its scope?

What other anti-LGBTQ groups are involved?

We filed a FOIA to get answers. <https://t.co/Srq40T4aTo>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [August 7, 2018](#)

## September 06, 2018

HRC responded to Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh's [repeated refusal to answer basic questions](#) from Senator Kamala Harris on whether the landmark Supreme Court case Obergefell v. Hodges, legalizing marriage equality throughout the United States, was decided correctly.

Tonight, @SenKamalaHarris asked Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh about his opinion on Obergefell v. Hodges and if the case was decided correctly.

And he refused to answer her question.

Again.

Again.

And again.

We must [#StopKavanaugh](#) . [pic.twitter.com/3OPCX29OdR](https://pic.twitter.com/3OPCX29OdR)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [September 7, 2018](#)

## September 21, 2018

[HRC blasted Mike Pence's decision to speak at the Values Voter Summit](#) in

Washington, D.C., alongside numerous anti-LGBTQ+ extremists, notably Elizabeth Johnston, Dr. Paul McHugh, and Dr. Sebastian “Seb” Gorka, all known for their extremist advocacy against LGBTQ+ people.

Here's who [@mike\\_pence](#) will join at [#VVS18](#):

Nazi-allied Sebastian Gorka: Has ties to the alt-right

”Conversion therapy” advocate Elizabeth Johnston: Said being gay is an "abomination"

Junk scientist Paul McHugh: Said trans people have a "mental disorder" [#NotOurValues](#)  
[pic.twitter.com/01KJVwYtyY](https://pic.twitter.com/01KJVwYtyY)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [September 22, 2018](#)

## September 24, 2018

HRC released a [letter](#) to DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen calling on her to take action ensuring the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) [addresses the alarming rate of reported sexual abuse that LGBTQ+ people face](#) while in ICE detention.

LGBTQ people are 97 times more likely to report being sexually abused in [@ICEgov](#) detention than non-LGBTQ people in the same conditions. [@HRC](#) called on [@SecNielsen](#) to address this alarming trend.  
<https://t.co/4AIfozBuGp>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [September 24, 2018](#)

## October 06, 2018

HRC responded to [the U.S. Senate's 50-48-1 confirmation vote of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court](#), despite his extreme record, multiple allegations of sexual assault, lying under oath, and a severe lack of transparency throughout the confirmation

process.

## October 21, 2018

HRC responded to an explosive New York Times [report](#) that the [Trump-Pence administration intends to redefine “sex”](#) to intentionally exclude LGBTQ+ people and their families from non-discrimination protections. According to the report, HHS is planning to release regulations narrowly defining “sex” in an anti-transgender way that guts enforcement of existing civil rights protections for LGBTQ+ people.



## October 24, 2018

HRC responded to news that Trump’s Solicitor General, Noel Francisco, argued to the Supreme Court that civil rights protections banning [sex discrimination in the workplace do not cover transgender employees](#), just days after the New York Times revealed the Trump-Pence White House is attempting to [redefine “sex” across the federal government](#) in order to justify their decision to refuse to protect transgender people

under federal civil rights law.

## **October 29, 2018**

[HRC sent a FOIA to HHS for all records](#) related to the Trump-Pence administration's efforts to redefine the word "sex" in order to [exclude transgender people from federal civil rights protections](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ and enable discrimination against LGBTQ+ people in general.

Today, [@HRC](#) sent a FOIA for all records related to the Trump-Pence administration’s efforts to redefine the word “gender” in order to exclude trans people from federal civil rights protections & enable discrimination against [#LGBTQ](#) people. [#WontBeErased](#) <https://t.co/mydnsWMHO4>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [October 29, 2018](#)

## November 07, 2018

HRC celebrated historic victories for [HRC-endorsed LGBTQ+ candidates and pro-equality allies](#) in key races across the nation. Dozens of HRC-backed candidates declared victory tonight, following 18 months of unprecedented engagement and voter mobilization in more than 70 congressional races and key state-level races from governor to state legislature in 23 states from coast-to-coast.

## November 16, 2018

HRC responded to a [new proposal](#) from Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to change Title IX in a way that would [suppress the voices of survivors of rape and sexual assault](#) and make it easier for their perpetrators to get away with their actions.

HORRIFYING: Betsy DeVos's proposal will make it easier for perpetrators to get away with sexual violence. <https://t.co/QUZQAJFNuQ>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [November 16, 2018](#)

## November 19, 2018

HRC sent a [FOIA request to the United States Department of Agriculture](#) (USDA) in response to news that the Trump-Pence White House and USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue are attacking LGBTQ+ youth by pressuring the national 4-H youth organization

to rescind a policy welcoming LGBTQ+ participants.

## **December 12, 2018**

In the face of unrelenting attacks from the Trump-Pence administration, HRC continues to call [for support and protection of immigrants, asylum seekers and other vulnerable communities.](#)

## January 22, 2019

The Supreme Court declined to hear any cases challenging the Trump-Pence administration's ban on transgender troops, and [WILL ALLOW the administration to move forward](#) with implementing this discriminatory policy.

## January 22, 2019

HRC blasted the Trump-Pence administration's [proposed rule that could have a devastating impact on people living with HIV](#). This proposal would remove critical safeguards currently in place designed to ensure that people living with HIV and AIDS can access the medications they need. If this rule goes into effect it could result in the denial of coverage for life saving medications, including antiretrovirals.

## February 04, 2019

HRC called out the Trump-Pence administration following reports that [Trump would announce an intention to eliminate domestic HIV transmissions by 2030](#) during his State of the Union address, despite his administration's ongoing record of undermining HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment and awareness.



## February 15, 2019

HRC blasted Trump's unprecedented and potentially unconstitutional move to [declare a national emergency to fund a border wall](#). From revoking protections for more than a

million Dreamers, including 75,000 LGBTQ+ young people, detaining tens of thousands of immigrants, making asylum claims almost impossible and separating thousands of children from their parents, the Trump-Pence Administration has harmed our country and violated the trust of the American people.

[.@realDonaldTrump](#) has taken the unprecedented and potentially unconstitutional move of declaring a national emergency to fund the border wall.

This abuse of power undercuts the rule of law. [#FakeTrumpEmergency](#) <https://t.co/z6urUmZ0vd>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [February 15, 2019](#)

## March 20, 2019

HRC responded to the Trump-Pence administration's [refusal to join more than 30 countries](#) in calling for a thorough investigation into the ongoing anti-LGBTQ+ crimes against humanity occurring in the Russian republic of Chechnya. The United States refused to sign a [joint statement](#) issued by United Nations member nations calling for “a swift, thorough and impartial investigation into the alleged persecution,” and that those responsible be held accountable.

## March 28, 2019

HRC lauded the [bipartisan vote in the U.S. House](#) opposing the Trump-Pence administration's discriminatory ban on transgender service members and recruits. The resolution was sponsored by U.S. Representative Joseph Kennedy, III (D-MA), chair of the Congressional Transgender Equality Task Force.

## **April 11, 2019**

One day ahead of the [implementation of the Trump-Pence administration's ban on transgender people](#) serving in the military, HRC recommitted to fighting the dangerous and discriminatory policy until it is defeated once and for all.

## May 02, 2019

The Trump-Pence administration's HHS announced a final version of a regulation that would allow [medical providers to cite their personal beliefs](#) in refusing to provide a broad spectrum of services — including lifesaving care for LGBTQ+ patients.

## **May 13, 2019**

The Trump-Pence administration announced it [would oppose the Equality Act](#), crucially important, bipartisan legislation that would provide comprehensive non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ people in key areas of life, including in employment, housing, public spaces, education, jury services, credit and federal funding.

## **May 24, 2019**

The Trump-Pence administration's [HHS proposed a major change](#) to the administrative rule interpreting Section 1557 of the ACA to remove explicit protections for LGBTQ+ people in healthcare programs and activities by excluding protections from discrimination based on sex stereotyping and gender identity.

## June 07, 2019

A week following Donald Trump's tweets in support of LGBTQ+ people, his administration has [prohibited U.S. embassies](#) from publicly flying the rainbow Pride flag, a symbol of LGBTQ+ equality.



## **June 14, 2019**

In a letter to Ben Carson, Senators demand the Department of Housing and Urban Development [protect housing rights for transgender people](#) in HUD-funded emergency and temporary homeless shelters.

## June 18, 2019

With the launch of Trump's 2020 presidential campaign, [HRC highlights](#) the horrific things he's done to the LGBTQ+ community since taking office.

Tonight, Donald Trump will announce his 2020 re-election bid.

Here's a reminder that since Trump & Pence took office 2+ years ago, LGBTQ people have been under constant attack by an administration hell-bent on ripping away our progress. [#TrumpRallyOrlando](#)  
<https://t.co/OfJFGJgf3O>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [June 18, 2019](#)

## June 21, 2019

[stopping the HHS from implementing a](#)

HRC joined our coalition partners in [discriminatory proposal](#) that would strip away explicit health care protections on the basis of gender identity, effectively targeting transgender and gender non-conforming people's access to critical care.

Erasing LGBTQ protections is not only discriminatory, but against the public health and the mission of [@HHSgov](#).

Join [@HRC](#) in flooding them with comments TODAY to shut down their discriminatory proposal.

[#ProtectOurHealth](#) [#ProtectTransHealth](#) <https://t.co/K5z5vACfFK>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [June 21, 2019](#)

## June 23, 2019

HRC submitted a comment against the Trump-Pence HHS proposed rule change that would abandon data collection on [the sexual orientation of youth in foster care](#) and foster and adoptive parents and guardians in the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System.

The Trump-Pence administration has time and time again attempted to undermine the rights and welfare of LGBTQ people. Read more about the administrations attacks on children and parents in the child welfare system. <https://t.co/4cuYcO3aTt>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [June 23, 2019](#)

## July 10, 2019

Here are [six signs](#) that the Trump-Pence administration has pulled the U.S. away from

its position as a leader on advancing human rights for LGBTQ+ people around the globe.

From Chechnya and Brunei to Egypt and Central America, the Trump-Pence White House and [@SecPompeo](#)'s silence has been deafening when it comes to strongly condemning human rights violations targeting LGBTQ people. <https://t.co/3sJmTn8vMS>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [July 12, 2019](#)

## July 10, 2019

HRC responded to the [House passage](#) of the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The NDAA includes an amendment offered by Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) that would codify non-discrimination protections in the military and end the ban on transgender military service.

The House passage of the [#NDAA](#), which includes [@RepSpeier](#)'s amendment that would end the ban on transgender military service, sends a powerful message to trans service members that they have the country's full support. [#ProtectTransTroops](#) <https://t.co/iA3z7jtMLq>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [July 12, 2019](#)

## August 13, 2019

HRC announces that it -- along with a dozen coalition partners -- [submitted over 120,000 public comments](#) against the Trump-Pence administration's proposed regulation to strip out protections for transgender patients and other marginalized communities in the Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Section 1557.

.[@HRC](#) joined our coalition partners to submit 120,000+ public comments against the Trump-Pence administration's HHS proposal to strip out protections in the Affordable Care Act for trans patients & other marginalized communities. [#ProtectOurHealth](#) <https://t.co/3MXGbCmBJI>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [August 14, 2019](#)

## August 14, 2019

HRC denounced a Trump-Pence administration proposal that would gut non-discrimination protections, including for LGBTQ+ people, by [adding religious exemptions to President Obama's 2014 executive order](#) that prohibits discrimination in hiring by federal contractors on the basis of both sexual orientation and gender identity.

BREAKING: The Trump-Pence administration has announced a proposal that would rip massive holes in existing protections for LGBTQ employees of contractors and more. <pic.twitter.com/IBKqxNOW9M>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [August 14, 2019](#)

## August 16, 2019

HRC condemned the Department of Justice's [brief submitted arguing that transgender people are not protected](#) by Title VII's prohibition on sex discrimination. This brief was submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court in the case EEOC v. Harris Funeral Homes.

“Our community will not be silent, and we will not be erased.” [@HRC](#) condemns Trump-Pence and [@TheJusticeDept](#)'s brief submitted arguing that transgender people are not protected by Title VII's prohibition on sex discrimination. <https://t.co/j5QBLfu8Ui> <pic.twitter.com/7UvEQWxVif>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [August 18, 2019](#)

## August 23, 2019

The latest proposal out of the Department of Labor [attempts to gut protections for LGBTQ+ people, women and religious minorities](#) by adding unprecedented religious exemptions to a historic executive order prohibiting discrimination against the employees of federal contractors and subcontractors.

1 in 4 Americans works for a federal contractor. If Trump and Pence's proposed [@USDOL](#) regulation becomes permanent, employees of federal contractors could see their protections eviscerated in an instant.

Join [@HRC](#) to shut down this proposal TODAY. <https://t.co/VKRogXIG5A>  
[pic.twitter.com/pEfQmUBnTO](https://pic.twitter.com/pEfQmUBnTO)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [August 25, 2019](#)

## September 18, 2019

HRC announced that it [submitted more than 10,000 public comments](#) against the Trump-Pence administration's proposed regulation that would gut nondiscrimination protections — including for LGBTQ+ people.

[.@HRC](#) thanks our members and supporters who joined us to submit more than 10,000 public comments on the Trump-Pence administration's proposed attacks on LGBTQ federal contract workers.

[#ProtectAllWorkers](#) <https://t.co/zpxqa0oQgA>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [September 20, 2019](#)

## September 19, 2019

The Washington Post reported that [Ben Carson made dismissive comments to staff about transgender people](#) during a recent visit HUD's San Francisco office. In a year that has already witnessed the untimely deaths of 19 trans people, including 18 of them being Black trans women, Carson's efforts to dehumanize the most vulnerable among us only continues to make this epidemic even worse.

This is what Trump's cabinet officials do. [@SecretaryCarson](#) has spent his political career expressing disgust toward the existence of trans people. From day 1, this administration has made it clear that the cruelty of their words & actions is the point. <https://t.co/LB4TzDbEvZ>

— Alphonso David (@AlphonsoDavid) [September 20, 2019](#)

## September 24, 2019

Trump addressed the United Nations General Assembly and spoke on his administration's work to stop the criminalization of homosexuality in countries around the world. The Trump-Pence administration has made little effort and instead continues to dismantle LGBTQ+ rights in the U.S. and attack the community through federal policy.

Donald Trump has no credibility to speak about LGBTQ rights abroad when he has done so much to damage them here at home, from banning trans people from the military to cruelly proposing that medical providers can deny care to LGBTQ patients based on personal beliefs. [#UNGA](#) <https://t.co/aJ1oITEztM>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [September 24, 2019](#)

## October 8, 2019

In oral arguments for *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia*, the Trump administration argued that employers should be able to fire LGBTQ+ people because of sexual orientation or gender identity.

.@HRC's JoDee Winterhof ( [@JoDeelive](#) ), senior vice president of policy and political affairs, just spoke outside the Supreme Court on the three cases before [#SCOTUS](#) today.

[#RiseUpOct8](#) <https://t.co/OgL8Q0utqA>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [October 8, 2019](#)

## November 1, 2019

As National Adoption Month began, the Trump-Pence administration issued a federal regulation stripping away nondiscrimination protections and permitting Department of Health and Human Services grant recipients - notably adoption and foster care agencies - to discriminate against LGBTQ+ people and still receive federal funding.

Truly shameful. Providing care for children in the foster care system is critically important, yet the Trump-Pence administration is prioritizing advancing discrimination over the wellbeing of vulnerable people.

<https://t.co/7jyi4ubyON>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [November 1, 2019](#)

## November 7, 2019

Former Florida District Attorney Pam Bondi joined the Trump-Pence administration, perpetuating a culture of anti-LGBTQ+ personnel hiring practices by the administration. Bondi attempted to fight against a same-sex marriage ruling by a federal judge and



ended up costing state taxpayers \$500,000.

1/ Pam Bondi, who has one of the most anti-equality records of any state attorney general in recent history, makes clear that being anti-LGBTQ is not a dealbreaker for the Trump-Pence administration.

<https://t.co/DkhdefpVhF>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [November 7, 2019](#)

## **November 25, 2019**

Department of Justice Pride, representing the thousands of LGBTQ+ employees at the DOJ, penned a letter to Attorney General Barr criticizing the administration's attempt to strip protections from LGBTQ+ employees under the Civil Rights Act.

In the midst of the Trump-Pence White House arguing that LGBTQ employment protections should be stripped from Title VII, LGBTQ employees at DOJ have written to Attorney General Barr with grave concerns about their jobs. <https://t.co/01JSEkkI6x>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [November 26, 2019](#)

## **November 26, 2019**

HRC called on Donald Trump Jr. to issue an apology for his offensive tweet targeting those living with HIV & AIDS. HRC further asked the Trump-Pence administration to invest in the programs and resources needed to improve HIV & AIDS treatment in the U.S.

Donald Trump Jr.'s disgusting and ignorant tweet only serves to perpetuate stigma and proves again what we already knew -- that he, his father and the Trump-Pence administration don't care about people living with HIV. <https://t.co/vRJvJWZpvt>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [November 26, 2019](#)

## **December 3, 2019**

The Trump-Pence administration, alongside the Hungarian and Brazilian governments, worked to organize a conference featuring well-known promoters of anti-LGBTQ+ policies.

This week, the Hungarian and Brazilian governments, alongside the Trump-Pence administration, are organizing a conference with well-known promoters of anti-LGBTQ policies. <https://t.co/yuREb76JSs>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [December 3, 2019](#)

## **December 6, 2019**

HRC joined fellow advocacy groups in calling for the withdrawal of Lawrence VanDyke's nomination to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. VanDyke, former Solicitor General of both Nevada and Montana, has a record of extremist anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric and actions.

President Trump has nominated former Nevada Solicitor General, Lawrence VanDyke, for a lifetime judgeship on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Watch [@HRC](#)'s Robin Maril discuss his long history of extremist anti-LGBTQ rhetoric and actions.

[#StopVanDyke](#) <https://t.co/FjzLK1mQoU> <pic.twitter.com/p3xJ17GBzQ>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [December 6, 2019](#)

## December 18, 2019

HRC announced its support for the formal impeachment of President Trump after Speaker Nancy Pelosi endorsed a formal impeachment inquiry.

Earlier this year, [@HRC](#) endorsed a formal impeachment inquiry announced by Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Today, HRC announced its support for the formal impeachment of Donald Trump.

HRC President [@AlphonsoDavid](#) released this statement: <https://t.co/9jGD0nqUK6>  
<pic.twitter.com/rAGDpp3SEP>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [December 18, 2019](#)

## January 2, 2020

The Interior Department deleted “sexual orientation” from its anti-discrimination guidelines, joining a growing list of federal departments and agencies that have rolled back LGBTQ+ protections since President Trump took office.

Yet again, the Trump-Pence administration is attempting to erase LGBTQ people from federal programs and protections.

Our message is this: You cannot erase us. <https://t.co/Tavh2Tab5C>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [January 2, 2020](#)

## January 17, 2020

The Trump-Pence administration issued eight proposed rules revising regulations that guide the participation of faith-based organizations as service providers of federally funded programs. These new rules would undercut LGBTQ+ rights and allow for greater discrimination.

This announcement is the latest effort in a three-year campaign by the Trump-Pence administration to sanction discrimination against LGBTQ people under the guise of religion. <https://t.co/zvrIDSy8vP>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [January 17, 2020](#)

## March 26, 2020

The Trump-Pence administration filed a statement regarding an ongoing Connecticut court case and made the claim that transgender girls are “biological males” and not protected under Title IX.

The Trump-Pence administration is once again attacking the trans community and reaffirming its dangerous stance towards LGBTQ people. We will continue to fight so all transgender people - especially trans youth - are treated fairly in every part of society. <https://t.co/KTmoTmR88B>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [March 26, 2020](#)

## April 2, 2020

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trump-Pence administration refused to reopen the Affordable Care Act online marketplace to those whose health insurance was impacted by the crisis. This decision impacts the more than 20 million Americans and almost one-in-five LGBTQ+ people lacking health coverage.

Despite millions of Americans living without health insurance during the [#COVID19](#) pandemic, the Trump-Pence administration has decided against reopening the Affordable Care Act's marketplace to new customers. <https://t.co/5mAislAdg2>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [April 2, 2020](#)

## May 13, 2020

The Department of Health and Human Services submitted a final rule that would abandon data collection on the sexual orientation of youth in foster care and foster and adoptive parents and guardians in the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). This rule would undermine the welfare of LGBTQ+ youth in foster care.

A rule from the Department of Health and Human Services would remove crucial sexual orientation data collection from federal child welfare reporting systems, undermining efforts to address the discrimination LGBTQ youth in foster care and families face. <https://t.co/3EZKhFbRli>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [May 14, 2020](#)

## May 15, 2020

Trump announced Jenna Ellis, an anti-LGBTQ+ extremist, would be added to his re-election campaign. Ellis is just one of the many anti-LGBTQ+ people Trump has surrounded himself with throughout his presidency.

Trump is once again surrounding himself with anti-LGBTQ extremists working to undermine the rights and welfare of our community. [@HRC](#) President [@AlphonsoDavid](#) released the below statement regarding Trump campaign aide Jenna Ellis. <https://t.co/DDyLFfDLfK> [pic.twitter.com/x1BdtdXqsT](https://pic.twitter.com/x1BdtdXqsT)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [May 15, 2020](#)

## June 12, 2020

The Trump-Pence administration formally published a rule designed to roll back critical civil rights protections in the implementation of Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which protects from discrimination based on sex stereotyping and gender identity. HRC filed a lawsuit against the administration in response to the rule. A temporary injunction was granted against the rule pending a final determination in HRC's lawsuit against the Trump-Pence administration's actions.

BREAKING: [@HRC](#) announces our plans to sue.

We are filing a lawsuit challenging the Trump-Pence administration's decision to roll back critical civil rights protections. <https://t.co/XXhW96ibgD>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [June 12, 2020](#)

## June 15, 2020

The Trump-Pence administration's Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice announced a proposal that would sharply restrict how asylum is granted to those seeking refuge in the United States. The rule would make it easier for judges to reject asylum claims from LGBTQ+ people. HRC joined [AsylumWorks](#) to spotlight the experience of [LGBTQ+ asylum seekers](#).

The Trump-Pence administration released a proposal in June that would eviscerate key protections for asylum seekers — and we only have a few more days to stop it.

Join [@HRC](#) in fighting this rule by submitting a comment in opposition.

Here's how: <https://t.co/NvNOsIkDvV>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [July 11, 2020](#)

## June 17, 2020

During a speech at the White House, Donald Trump falsely claimed that scientists had developed a vaccine for AIDS. This came after his administration has made it more difficult for LGBTQ+ people living with HIV/AIDS to access life-saving health care, including the essential dismantling of the advisory council on HIV & AIDS.

Yesterday during a speech at the White House, Trump claimed scientists have developed a vaccine for AIDS.

That's an outright lie. And here's why (THREAD). [pic.twitter.com/WlyzXwGjlx](https://pic.twitter.com/WlyzXwGjlx)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [June 17, 2020](#)

## June 26th, 2020

HRC filed a lawsuit against the Trump-Pence administration challenging a recently published [regulation](#) by the Department of Health and Human Service which stripped away anti-discrimination protections under the Affordable Care Act. The civil rights lawsuit was filed on behalf of two transgender women of color, Tanya Asapansa-Johnson Walker and Cecilia Gentili.

Today, we're filing a federal civil rights lawsuit against the Trump-Pence administration on behalf of two transgender women of color who have experienced a lifetime of severe and pervasive discrimination from health care providers. [pic.twitter.com/g4Y1YzvIic](https://pic.twitter.com/g4Y1YzvIic)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [June 26, 2020](#)

## July 21st, 2020

The Trump-Pence administration announced its decision to exclude undocumented immigrants from being counted during the congressional redistricting period following the 2020 Census.

The Census is crucial to ensuring fair representation in Congress and determining funding for critical community programs. This latest action by the Trump-Pence administration is unnecessary, unconstitutional and undemocratic. [#2020Census](#) <https://t.co/Qf7BkuuSXT>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [July 21, 2020](#)

## July 23rd, 2020



The Trump-Pence administration's Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced a proposal that would undermine protections for transgender and gender non-conforming people served by HUD programs.

BREAKING: The Trump-Pence administration is yet again attacking LGBTQ people with a new [@HUDgov](#) proposal that would equip emergency shelters with a list of ways to turn away members of marginalized communities, especially transgender people. <https://t.co/kDGKghBFar>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [July 23, 2020](#)

## July 29th, 2020

The Trump-Pence administration's Department of Homeland Security released a memo stating it will reject all new and pending DACA applications as well as decrease the length of renewal extensions from two years to one year. Millions of people, including many LGBTQ+ individuals, rely on DACA and deserve a fair path to citizenship.

The Trump-Pence administration is continuing to attack young people nationwide and undermining recent Supreme Court decisions regarding [#DACA](#).

We must finally achieve a permanent solution by electing candidates this November who will fight for [#DREAMers](#). <https://t.co/UXdA8nbCc9>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [July 29, 2020](#)

## July 30th, 2020

President Trump sent a tweet full of disinformation suggesting the November elections

should be delayed, furthering baseless claims of electoral fraud.

President Trump cannot change the date of the November election.

Despite his tweets, only Congress has that power. <https://t.co/TRNhkROoSu>

— NPR Politics (@nprpolitics) [July 30, 2020](#)

## August 8th, 2020

President Trump signed an executive order that cut weekly unemployment benefits by \$200, disproportionately impacting marginalized communities like LGBTQ+ people and BIPOC people.

Trump just signed an executive order that cuts weekly unemployment benefits by \$200.

This is cruel.

More than anything, this is going to hurt the most marginalized among us. It's going to hurt LGBTQ people and BIPOC people who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. <https://t.co/MflwEDMYyn>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [August 8, 2020](#)

## August 10th, 2020

Jenna Ellis, Trump Campaign Senior Legal Advisor, [intentionally misgendered](#) Pennsylvania Health Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine. Dr. Levine is an openly transgender woman who has served as a leader in Pennsylvania's public health response to COVID-19.

Trump campaign adviser Jenna Ellis says she won't apologize after intentionally misgendering Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine, a transgender woman, on Twitter.

<https://t.co/lHEYq0mAyS>

— NBC News (@NBCNews) [August 11, 2020](#)

## **August 17th, 2020**

HRC won a preliminary injunction against the Trump-Pence administration for advancing a rule that would have eliminated explicit anti-discrimination protections based on sex stereotyping and gender identity.

This week's injunction against a hateful rule from the Trump-Pence administration is one victory in our fight for anti-discrimination protections in health care. We're ready to ensure our community has access to life-saving services free of harassment. <https://t.co/T9Hw6imAKn>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [August 19, 2020](#)

## **August 28th, 2020**

HRC responded to the week-long attacks from Republicans at the Republican National Convention. "Throughout the week, the Republican Party has layered lies on top of lies in its attempt to create an alternate America. An America without COVID-19, without systemic racism and the racial reckoning our nation is facing – an American without facts.

While Trump has made attacking the LGBTQ community a top priority, [@JoeBiden](#) has fought for us by:

Signing hate crime legislation into law

Supporting access to health care

Repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

We need an ally, not an enemy. Trump won't fool us. [pic.twitter.com/sRa2w6Hhen](https://pic.twitter.com/sRa2w6Hhen)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [August 28, 2020](#)

## September 10th, 2020

President Trump updated his [Supreme Court nominee shortlist](#) after missing numerous self-imposed deadlines to do so in recent months. HRC responded with this statement regarding the nominees: “This shortlist is nothing but a wish list from groups such as the Federalist Society and The Heritage Foundation, which have a track record of hostility towards progress, tolerance and equality.”

Trump’s shortlist of nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court is full of anti-LGBTQ, unqualified individuals who will erode years of progress and equality. Our future is at stake with this election. We cannot allow Trump to stack the court with a second term. <https://t.co/NYjf0IrX6q>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [September 10, 2020](#)

## September 26th, 2020

President Trump nominated Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court to replace the vacant seat following the passing of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Judge Coney Barrett [has defended the dissenters in Obergefell v. Hodges](#), claimed that [Title IX protections do not extend to transgender Americans](#) and called Roe v. Wade an [“erroneous decision.”](#)

It's no surprise Trump would want to nominate Amy Coney Barrett, a judge with a track record of anti-LGBTQ rhetoric.

She's argued against trans rights, marriage equality and reproductive rights — and she shouldn't be on the Supreme Court. [#OurCourt https://t.co/D4xUWcYa4I](https://t.co/D4xUWcYa4I)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [September 25, 2020](#)

## September 29th, 2020

During the first Presidential Debate of the 2020 election cycle, President Trump refused to denounce white supremacists, instead telling them to “stand back and stand by.” This constant rhetoric from Trump has encouraged violence and furthered racist attacks/threats against communities of color.

The debate ended more than 12 hours ago and Trump still has yet to condemn white supremacy. We're waiting... [📄 https://t.co/m7wuChpPAD](https://t.co/m7wuChpPAD)

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [September 30, 2020](#)

## October 9th, 2020

HRC [released a 9-page report](#) presenting the troubling judicial philosophy of President Trump's Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett. Barrett has openly stated that her judicial philosophy follows that of former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Scalia ruled against cases dealing with LGBTQ equality throughout his tenure.

From upending non-discrimination protections to taking away health care for millions of people, it's clear

that Amy Coney Barrett poses a threat if appointed to the Supreme Court. Our latest report shows why we must stop this confirmation. [#WeDissent](#) <https://t.co/29KTzYN2qj>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [October 9, 2020](#)

## October 12th, 2020

Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos named anti-LGBTQ+ extremist Sarah Perry as one of the co-chairs of the new Diversity and Inclusion Council. Perry has had a long history of statements and activism against transgender people.

UNACCEPTABLE: [@BetsyDeVosED](#) is continuing to add anti-LGBTQ extremists to [@usedgov](#) with the appointment of Sarah Perry — known for her transphobic comments and policies — as co-chair of the department's new Diversity and Inclusion Council. <https://t.co/o7w0UEUmbY>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [October 12, 2020](#)

## October 14th, 2020

The Trump campaign announced an LGBTQ+-focused event titled “Trump Pride” in Phoenix, Arizona. The featured speakers were anti-LGBTQ+ extremist Kelli Ward and far-right provocateur Chadwick Moore. Kelli Ward supported legislation that would allow businesses to discriminate against LGBTQ+ people while Chadwick Moore claims the story of Stonewall is a lie and spreads misinformation on transgender individuals.

Trump campaign has announced a 'Trump Pride' event in Phoenix, Arizona, on Wednesday, Oct. 14th at 6pm MST. <pic.twitter.com/mQjPDUvFye>

— Herb Scribner (@HerbScribner) [October 13, 2020](#)

## October 26th, 2020

President Trump's nominee for the Supreme Court, Amy Coney Barrett was confirmed by the Senate.

Amy Coney Barrett has been confirmed to the Supreme Court, endangering LGBTQ rights, access to health care, reproductive rights and more.

We won't forget the anti-LGBTQ senators who rushed this process through. This election, vote them out.

[#WeDissent](#) <https://t.co/2bzTqbgfKZ>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [October 27, 2020](#)

## December 7th, 2020

The Trump-Pence administration announced a [final rule](#) that would gut non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ people. The administration is adding a religious exemption to the enforcement of [the executive order](#) that prohibits discrimination in hiring by federal contractors.

In his last days as president, Trump is at it again.

The Trump-Pence administration finalized a rule aimed at gutting non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ federal contract workers.

We cannot wait until this man is out of office. <https://t.co/tnhdZtP3gl>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [December 8, 2020](#)

## January 6th, 2021

President Trump held a rally at the White House in which he encouraged his supporters to disrupt the vote of the slate of electors in Congress. This led to thousands of Trump supporters to march to the Capitol, breaking in and threatening the lives of elected officials. The insurrection resulted in six deaths.

At least a dozen sitting senators and dozens of House members will object to the certification of Joe Biden's electoral win against Trump.

Regardless of these actions, democracy and the will of the people will prevail. <https://t.co/z10FyZMHsR>  
— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [January 6, 2021](#)

## January 7th, 2021

HRC announced its support for the formal and immediate removal of President Trump from office, whether from invocation of the 25th Amendment or by impeachment and conviction.

Whether it be through the invocation of the 25th Amendment or through impeachment and conviction, we urgently call for the immediate removal of Donald Trump from office. He bears responsibility for Wednesday's insurrection at the Capitol and attempted coup of our government.

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [January 7, 2021](#)



## January 8th, 2021

The Trump-Pence White House finalized an 11th-hour regulation that permits discrimination against LGBTQ+ people, religious minorities and women in programs related to foster care, adoption, HIV and STI prevention, youth homelessness, refugee resettlement elder care and more.

**BREAKING:** The lame duck Trump administration has launched a dangerous 11th hour assault on LGBTQ people, women and religious minorities with a federal regulation that would permit discrimination across [@HHSGov](#) programs that receive federal funding.

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [January 8, 2021](#)

## January 13th, 2021

The U.S. House of Representatives impeached Donald Trump for the second time.

The House has done its job and it's now time for the Senate to follow through. Donald Trump must be removed from office immediately. <https://t.co/z3woFkEL9L>

— Human Rights Campaign (@HRC) [January 13, 2021](#)

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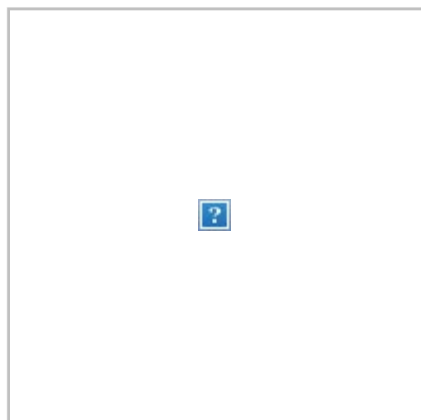
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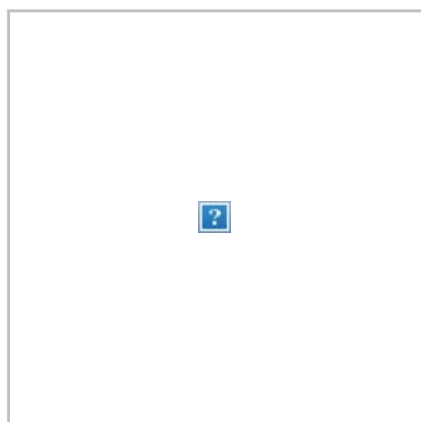
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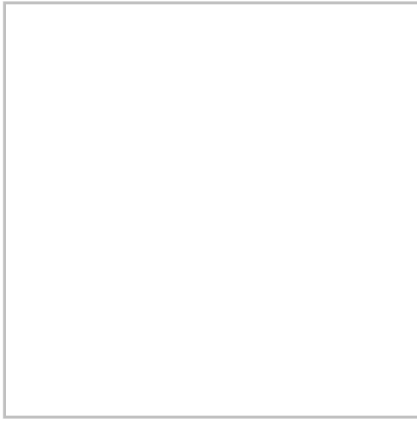
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