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Anti-LGBTQ Proposals Are Flooding U.S. State Legislatures at a Record Pace

First came bathroom bills, then “Don’t Say Gay.”
But state lawmakers may just be getting started.

OUT POLITICS AND POLICY

Nearly 240 anti-LGBTQ bills filed in 2022 so far, most of them targeting trans people

The annual number of anti-LGBTQ bills to have been filed has skyrocketed over the past several years, from 41 in 2018 to 238 in less than three months of this year.

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After 'Don't Say Gay' bill passed, anti-LGBTQ 'grooming' rhetoric surged 400% online

In the weeks following the bill's passage, an average of 6,607 tweets a day used slurs such as “groomer,” “pedophile” and “predator” in relation to the LGBTQ community.

‘Unprecedented’ number of reports of harassment, bullying of LGBTQ students, advocates say

The pandemic gave LGBTQ students time to “look inward” and be more bold about coming out — but that has also led to a backlash, advocates say.

By Clare Spaulding, November 16, 2021 06:15 PM


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LGBTQ students in Illinois this fall are reporting a spike in harassment as an effort to ban a memoir about coming out as non-binary is underway in a west suburban high school district. tedeytan / Flickr

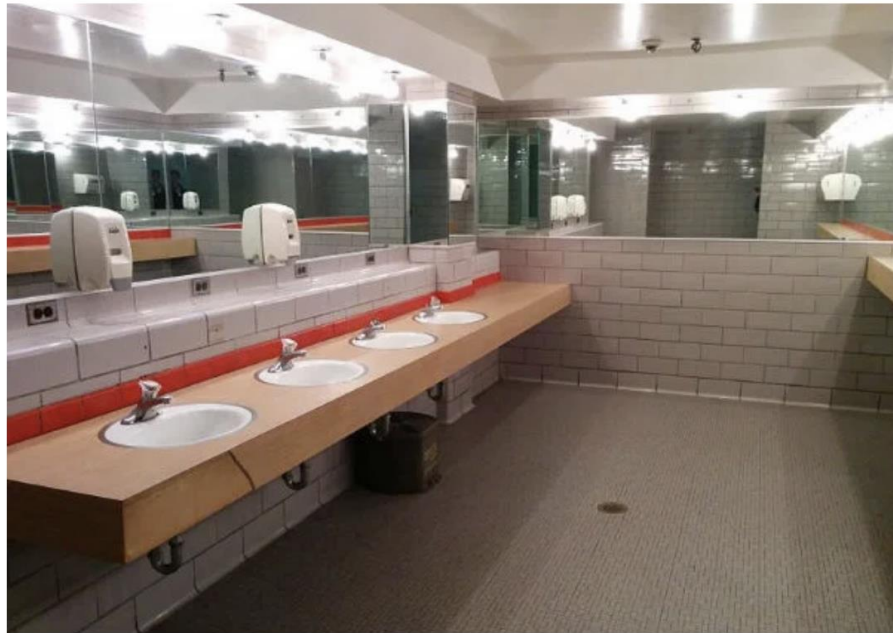
Education

National fight is creeping into Illinois schools over what is read, taught and who belongs

High school survey asks if 'queers' should use bathrooms with 'normal people'

 Rudy Malcom

2 weeks ago



Proud Boys join effort to ban book in Downers Grove

Daily Herald

U.S. NEWS

D.C. attack investigated as a hate crime after attackers used anti-gay slur and mentioned monkeypox

Police said the attackers approached the two men and made derogatory comments "based on their sexual orientation" before assaulting them and fleeing.

Lake in the Hills' UpRising Bakery & Café subjected to threats, vandalism, protest plans over drag show

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BY MARISSA PERLMAN

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An Illinois café was vandalized with hate speech ahead of a drag show

By Paradise Afshar and Zoe Sottile, CNN

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Suicide attempt rate by community acceptance of LGBTQ people



The increasing anti-trans rhetoric, introduction and passage of anti-trans laws in other states, and social stigma and discrimination contribute to violence against trans people, especially trans people of color.



29.4%

Poverty rate for trans people in the United States



80%

Trans individuals in Illinois who experienced some form of mistreatment in grades K-12 because people thought they were trans



28%

Trans individuals in Illinois who reported being fired, denied a promotion, or not being hired for a job they applied for because of their gender identity or expression



24%

Trans individuals in Illinois who don't go to the doctor when they need to because they're afraid of how they'll be treated



The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness



SOCIAL ISSUES

2021 is the deadliest year on record for transgender and nonbinary people



By Casey Parks

November 10, 2021 at 5:48 p.m. EST

Compounding the tragedy of this violence and increase in hate crimes:

- **Lack of investments by public and private entities in Illinois to provide opportunities for trans people regarding employment, workforce development, housing, access to affirming healthcare, or social services**
- **Lack of resources directed to investigating the murders of trans people**

- **Regarding law enforcement:**

13%

of LGBTQ people report they didn't call the police when they needed help

56%

of trans people report they didn't call the police when they needed help

48%

48% of LGBTQ+ people who experienced violence were mistreated by the police

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