



Trans Topics

Days to observe in the month of May

- May 17th: International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- May 18th: HIV Vaccine Awareness Day
- May 22nd: Harvey Milk Day

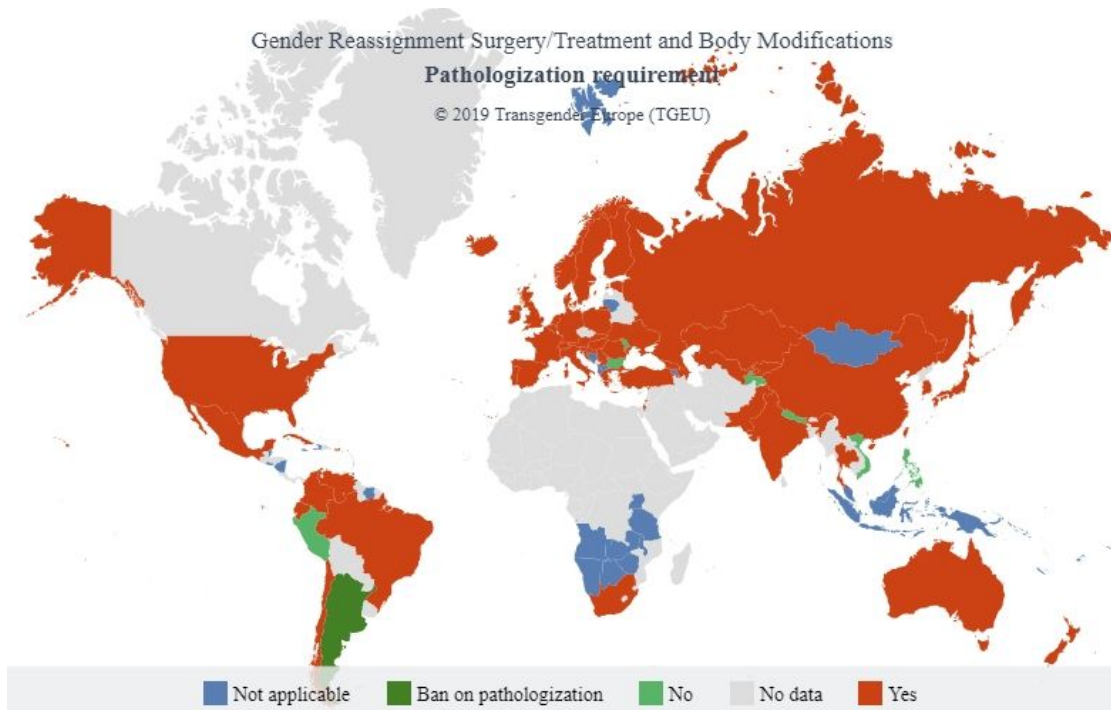
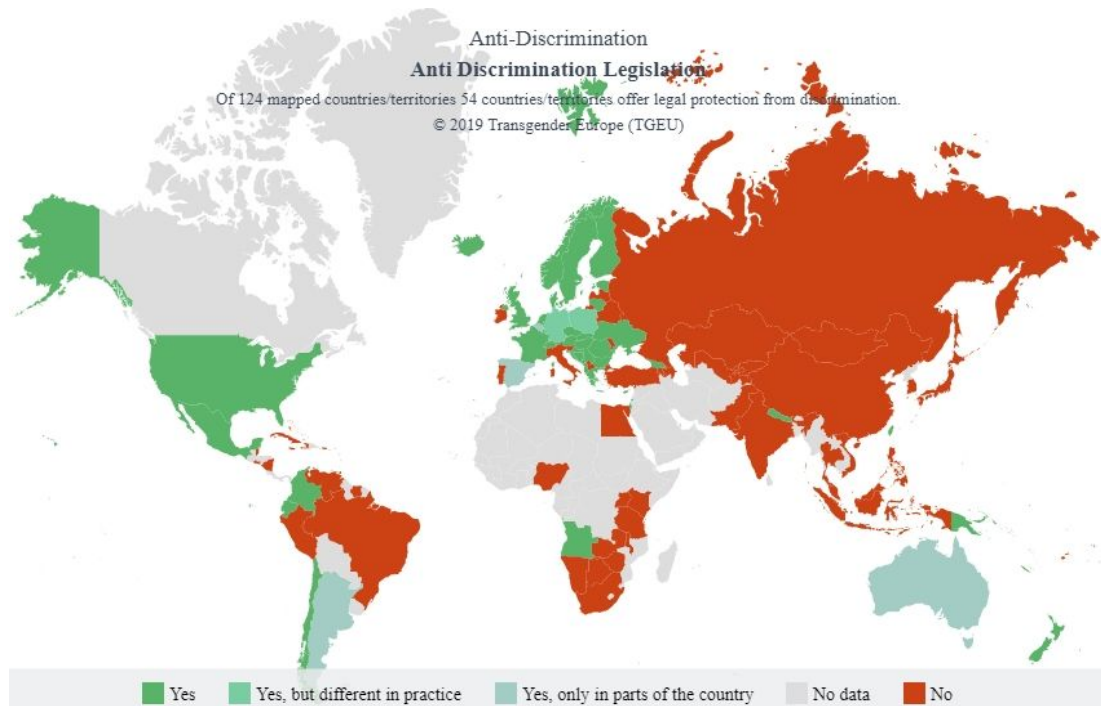
How to be an ally?

As allies, you are indispensable to the journey of transgender people. Without you, theirs would be a very lonely road. So, you can be an “ally” by helping your trans friends in the following ways:

- Accept the right of trans people to define their own gender and respect that identification.
- Ask for pronouns before addressing your trans friends. Realize that you could make mistakes sometimes, but know to apologize and ask for guidance.
- Learn and use gender-neutral pronouns or no pronouns in conversations with your trans friends.
- Know which questions are good to ask and which are off-limits.
- Challenge anti-trans and sexist remarks, jokes and comments in the public space.
- Listen to the stories of your trans friends and understand their experiences.
- Say that you are a trans “ally” and why.

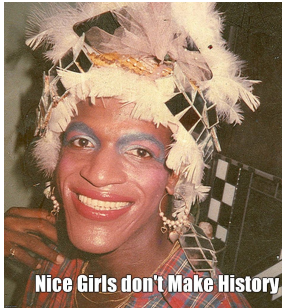
To know further on being an ally, check: “The guide to being a trans ally”, ©2014 PFLAG National at www.straightforequality.org

Trans Rights around the World



Accessed on 21 April 2019. More insights and data available at the TvT project website:
<https://transrespect.org/en/>

Public Figures and Media



Marsha P. Johnson

Marsha P. Johnson was an American gay liberation activist and a prominent face of the Stonewall Riots of 1969. She co-founded the Gay Liberation Front and the transvestite advocacy organisation S.T.A.R. Johnson was known among the LGBTQ+ community in New York as the “Mayor of Christopher Street”. Her popularity led to Andy Warhol commissioning a portrait of hers. In 2017, Netflix released a documentary in her memory, “The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson”.



Sylvia Rivera

Sylvia Rivera was a gay liberation and transgender rights activist. She co-founded the Gay Liberation Front and the S.T.A.R. with Johnson. She is also known as the “Rosa Parks of the Transgender movement”. The “Sylvia Rivera Law Project”, named in her honor, provides legal aid to low-income gender non-conforming persons of color.

Laverne Cox and oitnb

Laverne Cox is an actress and LGBT activist. Since 2013, she plays the role of a transgender prison inmate Sophia Burset in the Netflix original series Orange is the new Black.

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Trans* Identities

a gender-variant umbrella

MtF Transgender (Male to Female):
A woman who was assigned male at birth but who identifies as a female.

FtM Transgender (Female to Male):
A man who was assigned female at birth but who identifies as a male.

GenderQueer:
One who identifies outside the gender binary, can include identities like genderfluid.

Third Gender:
Term often used in anthropological studies to set apart identities other than man or woman that appear across different cultures (e.g. two spirit).

Agender:
Not identifying with any gender, the feeling of having no gender.

pronouns guide

- he
his
himself
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- she
hers
herself
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- ze
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- ve
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- they
theirs
themself
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TERMINOLOGY

SEX: "What's between your legs."
Sex has to do with your chromosomes, genitalia, hormones, etc

GENDER: "What's between your ears."
Gender has to do with your internal sense of self.

GENDER EXPRESSION:
How you express your gender (masculine, feminine, androgynous, neither, etc)

SEXUAL ORIENTATION:
What you are attracted to (lesbian, gay, straight, bisexual, pansexual, queer, asexual); does NOT correlate with gender or sex.

Note: All of these terms are relative. They can vary from individual to individual, can overlap, change over time, and contingent upon personal usage..

Sources

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- <http://genderqueerid.com/gq-terms>
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- <http://tmichael.transboys.info/trans101.html>
- <http://artefranslines.tumblr.com/FAQ>

International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

On May 17th in 1990, the WHO decided to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder. In commemoration, this day was chosen in 2004 to draw attention to the oppression, discrimination and violence, that the LGBTQ+ community has to face and to promote further changes worldwide.

<https://may17.org/>



HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

On May 18th we remember the speech that then-President Bill Clinton held in Morgan State University on that day in 1997.

“Only a truly effective, preventive HIV vaccine can limit and eventually eliminate the threat of AIDS.”

For lots of information on AIDS/HIV testing (especially in Japan) you can have a look at our resources:

<https://stonewalljapan.org/resources/sexual-health/>

Harvey Milk Day

Harvey Milk was a gay rights activist, assassinated in 1978. He was the first openly gay person elected into California public office as a city supervisor.

