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National Survey on Transgender Experiences of Discrimination in the U.S.

Purpose

You are invited to participate in a research project regarding transgender and gender non-conforming people in the United States. Your responses will be part of an important report on transgender people's experiences of discrimination in housing, employment, health care and education.

Procedures

You will be asked to complete the attached survey. Your participation and responses are confidential. Please answer the questions as openly and honestly as possible. You may skip questions. The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete. You must be 18 years of age or older to participate. When you have completed the survey, please return it in the enclosed envelope directly to:

Susan Rankin, Ph.D Research Associate, Center for the Study of Higher Education Pennsylvania State University University Park, PA 16802 814-863-2655

Comments provided will be analyzed using content analysis and submitted as an appendix to the survey report. Quotes from submitted comments will also be used throughout the report to give "voice" to the quantitative data.

Discomforts and Risks

There are no risks in participating in this research beyond those experienced in everyday life. Some of the questions are personal and might cause discomfort. In the event that any questions asked are disturbing, you may stop responding to the survey at any time. Participants who experience discomfort are encouraged to contact:

The Trevor Project

866-4-U-TREVOR

The Trevor Helpline is the only national crisis and suicide prevention helpline for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth; the Helpline can also help transgender and gender non-conforming adults. The Helpline is a free and confidential service that offers hope and someone to talk to, 24/7. Trained counselors listen and understand without judgment.

Benefits

The results of the survey will be part of an important report on discrimination against transgender people by the National Center for Transgender Equality and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force to help create better opportunities for transgender and gender non-conforming people. We are grateful to Penn State University's Center for the Study of Higher Education for hosting the survey and maintaining the integrity of our data.

Statement of Confidentiality

You will not be asked to provide any identifying information, such as your name, and information you provide on the survey will remain confidential. In the event of any publication or presentation resulting from the research, no personally identifiable information will be shared. Please also remember that you do not have to answer any question or questions about which you are uncomfortable.

Voluntary Participation

Participation in this research is voluntary. If you decide to participate, you do not have to answer any questions on the survey that you do not wish to answer. Individuals will not be identified and only group data will be reported (e.g., the analysis will include only aggregate data). By completing the survey, your informed consent will be implied. Please note that you can choose to withdraw your responses at any time before you submit your answers. Refusal to take part in this research study will involve no consequences.

Right to Ask Questions

You can ask questions about this research.

Questions concerning this project should be directed to:

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1325 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005
202-903-0112
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OR

Susan Rankin, Ph.D Research Associate, Center for the Study of Higher Education Pennsylvania State University University Park, PA 16802 814-863-2655 sxr2@psu.edu

Completion of the survey indicates your consent to participate in this study. It is recommended that you keep this statement for your records.

Directions

Please read and answer each question carefully. For each answer, darken the appropriate oval completely. If you want to change an answer, erase your first answer completely and darken the oval of your new answer. You may decline to answer specific questions.

"Transgender/gender non-conforming" describes people whose gender identity or expression is different, at least part of the time, from the sex assigned to them at birth.

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- 1. Do you consider yourself to be transgender/gender non-conforming in any way?
 - O Yes
 - O No. If no, do NOT continue.
- 2. What sex were you assigned at birth, on your original birth certificate?
 - O Male
 - O Female
- 3. What is your primary gender identity today?
 - O Male/Man
 - O Female/Woman
 - O Part time as one gender, part time as another
 - O A gender not listed here, please specify

4. For each term listed, please select to what degree it applies to you.

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	Not at all	Somewhat	Strongly
Transgender	0	O	O
Transsexual	0	O	O
FTM (female to male)	O	O	O
MTF (male to female)	O	O	0
Intersex	O	O	0
Gender non-conforming or gender variant	O	O	0
Genderqueer	0	O	0
Androgynous	O	O	0
Feminine male	O	O	0
Masculine female or butch	O	0	0
A.G. or Aggressive	0	O	0
Third gender	O	O	0
Cross dresser	O	0	0
Drag performer (King/Queen)	O	O	0
Two-spirit	O	0	0
Other, please specify	0	0	O

- 5. People can tell I'm transgender/gender non-conforming even if I don't tell them.
 - Always
 - O Most of the time
 - O Sometimes
 - Occasionally
 - O Never

6. I tell people that I'm transgender/gender non-conforming. (Mark al Never People who are close friends Casual friends Work colleagues Family Everyone			of the follo	wing sottin	age2 Mark	all that
 How many people know or believe you are transgender/gender no apply. 	II-COIIIOIIIIII	ig in each o	or trie iolio	wing settii	iys: iviaik	all triat
	None	A few	Some	Most	All	Not applicable
At home	O	O	O	O	O	O
On the job	O	O	O	O	O	0
At school	0	C	O	O	O	O
In private social settings	0	O	O	O	0	0
In public social settings	<u>O</u>	O	C	O	O	<u>O</u>
When seeking medial care	0	O	O	O	O	0
				o o	years	Not applicable
Age you first recognized that you were "different" in terms of you	r gender.					•
Age you first recognized your transgender/gender-non-conforming						O
Age you began to live part time as a transgender/gender non-co						•
Age you began to live full time as a transgender/gender non-con		son.				0
Age that you first got any kind of transgender-related medical tre	atment.					O
Your current age						
9. Do you or do you want to live full-time in a gender that is different for Yes, I currently live full-time in a gender different from my be Not full-time yet, but someday I want to. No, I do not want to live full-time. 10. What is your zip code? ZIP 11. What is your race/ethnicity? (Mark all that apply.) White Black or African American American Indian or Alaska Native (enrolled or principal trib Hispanic or Latino Asian or Pacific Islander	oirth gender					
Arab or Middle EasternMultiracial or mixed race						

12. What	is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? Mark ONE box. If you are currently enrolled, please mark the
	grade or highest degree received.
	Elementary and/or junior high
	Some high school to 12th grade
	High school graduate - high school Diploma or the equivalent (for example: GED)
	Some college credit, but less than 1 year
O	Technical school degree (such as cosmetology or computer technician)
O	One or more years of college, no degree
O	Associate degree (for example: AA, AS)
	Bachelor's degree (for example: BA, AB, BS)
	Master's degree (for example: MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)
	Professional degree (for example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)
0	Doctorate degree (for example: PhD, EdD)
13. What	is your current gross annual household income (before taxes)?
	Less than \$10,000
	\$10,000 to \$19,999
	\$20,000 to \$29,999
	\$30,000 to \$39,999
	\$40,000 to \$49,999
0	\$50,000 to \$59,999
0	\$60,000 to \$69,999
O	\$70,000 to \$79,999
	\$80,000 to \$89,999
	\$90,000 to \$99,999
	\$100,000 to \$149,999
	\$150,000 to \$ 199,999
	\$200,000 to \$250,000
0	More than \$250,000
14. How i	many people live in your household?
	mber
	many children currently rely on your income?
Nu	mber
16 What	is your relationship status?
	Single
9	Partnered
Ö	Civil union
Ö	Married
_	Separated
	Divorced
	Widowed
lmnortan	nt Note: When we say: "Because you are transgender/gender non-conforming, has one or two of these things happened to
	do not mean that your gender identity or expression is causing bad or abusive things to happen. We are trying to find out if
	re treating you differently because you are transgender or gender non-conforming.
	use I am transgender/gender non-conforming, life in general is:
	Much improved
	Somewhat improved
	The same Somewhat worse
	Much worse
	In some ways better, in some ways worse
•	in dome ways better, in some ways worse

•	Much worse			
•	In some ways better, in some ways worse			
19. If you situation?	are or were employed, how has the fact that you are transgender/ gender non-conforming cha	anged your	employm	ent
	Much improved			
	Somewhat improved			
	Stayed the same			
	Somewhat worse			
	Much worse			
	In some ways better, in some ways worse			
	Not applicable. I was never employed			
	use you are transgender/gender non-conforming, how has your situation changed as a parent?	?		
	Much improved			
	Somewhat improved			
	Stayed the same			
	Somewhat worse			
	Much worse			
	In some ways better, in some ways worse			
3	Not Applicable. I am not a parent.			
	are your current living arrangements?			
	Homeless			
	Living in a shelter			
	Living in a group home facility or other foster care situation			
	Living in a nursing/adult care facility			
	Living in campus/university housing			
	Still living with parents or family you grew up with			
	Staying with friends or family temporarily			
	Living with a partner, spouse or other person who pays for the housing			
	Living in house/apartment/condo I RENT alone or with others			
J	Living in house/apartment/condo I OWN alone or with others			
	use you are transgender/gender non-conforming, have you experienced any of the following ho			
	icable" if you were never in a position to experience such a housing situation. For example, if y	ou have al	ways owi	ned your
home as	a transgender/gender non-conforming person, you could not have been evicted.			
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				g
		တ္သ	0	Not applicable
		Yes	Š	a R
Lmo	red into a lose expensive home/apartment	•	•	•
	ved into a less expensive home/apartment. ame homeless.	0	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	e been evicted.	0	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	s denied a home/apartment.	0		<u> </u>
	to move back in with family members or friends.	0		
	to find different places to sleep for short periods of time, such as on a friend's couch.	0		
	e had sex with people to sleep in their bed/at their homes or to pay rent.	0	$\frac{3}{2}$	
	to use equity in my home to pay for living expenses.	9		
inac	to doe equity in my nome to pay for living expenses.	•		

18. Because I am transgender/gender non-conforming, my housing situation is:
Much improved
Somewhat improved

The sameSomewhat worse

I was denied access to a shelter.	0	•
I was thrown out after they learned I was transgender.	0	•
I was harassed by residents or staff.	O	0
I was physically assaulted/attacked by residents or staff.	0	•
I was sexually assaulted/attacked by residents or staff.	O	0
I was forced to live as the wrong gender in order to be allowed to stay in a shelter.	0	•
I was forced to live as the wrong gender in order to be/feel safe in a shelter.	0	•
I decided to leave a shelter even though I had no place to go because of poor treatment/unsafe conditions.	O	0
25. What is your current employment status? (Mark all that apply.) Full-time	non-conforming? I	f you
Stayed in a job I'd prefer to leave		O applicable
Didn't seek a promotion or a raise		0
Changed jobs		0
Delayed my gender transition		0
Hid my gender transition		0
I have not done anything to avoid discrimination		0
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24. Because you are transgender/gender non-conforming, did you experience any of the following when you went to a shelter?

23. If you have experienced homelessness, did you go to a shelter?

O Not applicable, I never experienced homelessness [Go to Question 25]

O Yes

O No [Go to Question 25]

each row.	Xes	9	Not applicable
I feel more comfortable and my performance has improved.	O	O	0
I did not get a job I applied for because of being transgender or gender non- conforming.	0	•	•
I am or have been under-employed, that is working in the field I should not be in or a position for which I am over-qualified.	0	•	•
I was removed from direct contact with clients, customers or patients.	O	0	•
I was denied a promotion.	O	0	O
I lost my job.	O	O	0
I was harassed by someone at work.	O	•	O
I was the victim of physical violence by someone at work.	O	O	O
I was the victim of sexual assault by someone at work.	0	O	O
I was forced to present in the wrong gender to keep my job.	0	O	O
I was not able to work out a suitable bathroom situation with my employer	O	O	O
I was denied access to appropriate bathrooms.	•	O	O
I was asked inappropriate questions about my transgender or surgical status.	•	O	O
I was referred to by the wrong pronoun, repeatedly and on purpose.	•	O	O
Supervisors or coworkers shared information about me that they should not have.	•	O	O

Spouse or partner
Children or other family member

29. If you have ever worked for pay in the street economy, please check all activities in which you have engaged.

io. II you	have ever worked for pay in the street economy, please check an activities in which you have engaged.
	Sex work/sex industry
	Drug sales
	Other, please specify
	Not applicable. I have never worked for pay in the street economy.

30. Based on being transgender/gender non-conforming public spaces. (Mark all that apply.)	g, please c	heck whe	ther you h	have experien	ced any of the fo	llowing in these	
	Denied equal treatment or service	Verbally harassed or disrespected	Physically attacked or assaulted	Not applicable. I have not tried to access this.	Not applicable. I do not present as transgender here.	Not applicable. I did not experience these negative outcomes.	
Retail store							
Hotel or restaurant Bus, train, or taxi							
Airplane or airport staff/TSA							
Doctor's office or hospital							
Emergency Room							
Rape crisis center							
Domestic violence shelter/program							
Mental health clinic							
Drug treatment program Ambulance or EMT							
Govt. agency/official							
Police officer							
Judge or court official							
Legal services clinic							
32. Because of being transgender/gender non-conformithe police? (Mark all that apply.) Officers generally have treated me with respect officers generally have treated me with disrest officers have harassed me Officers have physically assaulted me Officers have sexually assaulted me	ect	of the folk	owing exp	oeriences have	e you had in your	interaction with	
33. As a transgender/gender non-conforming person, how comfortable do you feel seeking help from the police? Very comfortable Somewhat comfortable Neutral Somewhat uncomfortable Very uncomfortable Very uncomfortable Yes No							
35. Have you ever been sent to jail or prison for any realYes [Go to Question 36]No [Go to Question 38]	ason?						
36. How long were you in jail or prison, total? Under six months Six months to a year One to three years Three to five years Five to ten years Ten or more years							

37. If you were jailed or in conforming? (Mark all tha				ced any of	the follow	ing becaus	e of being	transgende	r/gender no	n-
						Harassed	Physically assaulted or attacked	Sexually assaulted or attacked	Denied hormones	Denied regular medical care
From other inmates										
From correctional of	fficers or s	staff								
38. Have you attended sch O Yes [Go to Ques O No [Go to Ques 39. Because you are trans school? (Mark all that app	stion 39] stion 41] gender/ge	· ·		-	·	-				
	Did not attend such a school	Not out as transgender or gender non-conforming at that point	Harassed or bullied by students	Harassed or bullied by teachers or staff	Physically assaulted or attacked by students	Physically assaulted or attacked by teachers or	Stari Sexually assaulted or attacked by	Sexually assaulted or attacked by teachers or	Expelled, thrown out, or denied enrollment	Not applicable. I did not experience these negative
Elementary school										
Junior										
high/middle school										
High School										
College										
Graduate or professional school										
Technical school										
40. Because I am/was trar	nsgender/	gender non-c	onformin	g, which o	f the follow	ving statem	ents are tr	rue?		o e
								Yes	S S	Not applicable
I had to leave school I	oecause t	he harassme	nt was so	bad.				O	O	0
I had to leave school f				ny transitio	n.			O	0	0
I lost or could not get								O	O	O
I was not allowed to h				20110				0	O	<u>O</u>
					ilities					
I was not allowed gen I was not allowed to u	der appro	priate housin	g on can		ilities.			0	0	0

 Health clinic or health center that I or my insurance pays for Free health clinic V.A. (veteran's) clinic or hospital Alternative medicine provider (acupuncture, herbalist) Not applicable. I do not use any health care providers 			
43. Because you are transgender/gender non-conforming, have you had any of the following experie for each row. If you have NEVER needed medical care, please check "Not applicable")	ences? (Plea	ise check ar	n answer
	Yes	O N	Not applicable
I have postponed or not tried to get needed medical care when I was sick or injured because I could not afford it.	0	O	O
I have postponed or not tried to get checkups or other preventive medical care because I could not afford it.	0	0	C
I have postponed or not tried to get needed medical care when I was sick or injured because of disrespect or discrimination from doctors or other healthcare providers.	0	O	C
I have postponed or not tried to get checkups or other preventive medical care because of disrespect or discrimination from doctors or other healthcare providers.	0	0	0
A doctor or other provider refused to treat me because I am transgender/gender non- conforming.	0	0	0
I had to teach my doctor or other provider about transgender/gender non-conforming people in order to get appropriate care.	0	0	0

41. What type of health insurance do you have? If you have more than one type of coverage, check the ONE that you usually use to

O Insurance through a current or former employer (employee health plan, COBRA, retiree benefits)

42. What kind of place do you go to most often when you are sick or need advice about your health? (check one)

O Insurance through someone else's employer (spouse, partner, parents, etc.)

cover doctor and hospital bills.

MedicareMedicaid

O Other, please specify

Emergency room Doctor's office

O I have NO health insurance coverage

O Insurance you or someone in your family purchased

O Student insurance through college or university

O Military health care/Champus/Veterans Administration/Tri-Care

O Other public (such as state or county level health plans, etc.)

der non-conforn	ning.		
Do not want it	Want it someday	Have had it	Not applicable
	0		0
			0
			0
0	0	0	O
0	•	0	0
O	O	O	C
•	•	•	O
0	O	O	C
pocket cost was: My insurance did NOT	pay for this and my out of pocket cost was:	I have NOT had this procedure	Don't know
		•	C
		0	O
		3	0
		0	0
		0	O
		O	0
ty (physical, lea	rning, menta	ıl health) that	
	My Solution insurance did NOT	My cost was: mark the box that says and my out of pocket cost was:	My insurance did NOT have brocket cost was: O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O

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50. I drink or misuse drugs to cope with the mistreatment I face or faced as a transgender or gender non-conforming person.					
YesYes, but not currently					
O No					
O Not applicable. I face no mistreatment.					
51. Have you ever smoked 100 cigarettes in your life?					
O Yes					
O No					
52. Do you now smoke daily, occasionally, or not at all?					
O Daily					
O Occasionally					
O Not at all					
53. If you now smoke, would you like to quit?					
O Yes					
O No					
O Not applicable, I do not smoke now					
54. Have you ever attempted suicide?					
O Yes					
O No					
55. Because of being transgender/gender non-conforming, have you lived through any of the does not apply to you, please mark "Not applicable."	following	family is	sues? If a situ	uation	
				<u>o</u>	
				Not applicable	
		Yes		b ct	
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My family is as strong today as before I came out.		•	0	O	
My family relationships are slowly improving after coming out.		$\frac{3}{2}$	0		
My relationship with my spouse or partner ended.		$\overline{\circ}$	0	Ö	
My ex limited or stopped my relationship with my children.		C	0	0	
A court/judge limited or stopped my relationship with my children.		O	O	O	
My children chose not to speak with me or spend time with me.		O	0	<u>O</u>	
My parents or family chose not to speak with me or spend time with me.		<u>O</u>	O	<u>O</u>	
I was a victim of domestic violence by a family member.			O O	<u> </u>	
I have lost close friends.		O	J		
56. Please mark the appropriate response about adoption and foster parenting as a transgen	der/gend	er non-co	onforming per	son.	
	_ o _	2	sly	No, I have not tried	
	E o la	ed iid	e liou liow e	l ha riec	
	Yes, my partner's child or children	A child related me	Yes, a child previously unknown to me	ō,5 t	
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I have successfully adopted or fostered a child.					
I tried to adopt or foster a child and was rejected.					
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57. For each of the following documents, please check whether or not you have been able (all records to reflect your current gender. Mark "Not applicable" if you have no desire to change the				
	Yes, changes allowed	No, changes denied	Not tried	Not applicable
Birth certificate	•	O	O	•
Drivers license and/or state issued non-driver ID		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	$\overline{\circ}$
Social Security records	O	O	O	O
Passport	O	O	O	O
Work ID Military disphares papers (DD214 or DD215)	<u>O</u>	<u> </u>	O	<u> </u>
Military discharge papers (DD214 or DD215) Health insurance records	0	0	0	0
Student records		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	$\overline{\circ}$
Professional licenses or credentials	O	O	O	O
58. Have you or your employer ever received notice that the gender your employer has listed government has listed for you? O Yes O No O Not applicable				
 59. Have you ever received notice from your state motor vehicle agency that the gender on you gender the federal government has listed for you with Social Security? Yes No Not applicable 	ur driver's	license do	es not m	atch the
 60. Thinking about all of your IDs and records, which of the following statements is most true? All of my IDs and records list the gender I prefer. Some of my IDs and records list the gender I prefer. None of my IDs and records list the gender I prefer. 				
 61. When I present documents with my name and gender (like a driver's license or a passport as: (Mark all that apply.) I have been harassed. I have been assaulted/attacked. I have been asked to leave. I have had no problems. Not applicable. I have only presented documents that match.) that do n	ot match th	ne gende	r I present
62. Please check what you believe are the four most important policy priorities affecting transithe U.S.	gender/ge	nder non-c	onformin	g people in
 □ HIV prevention, education and treatment □ Better policies on gender and identity documents and other records □ Passing anti-bullying laws that make schools safer □ Transgender/gender non-conforming prisoner's rights □ Immigration policy reform (such as asylum or partner recognition) □ Allowing transgender/gender non-conforming people to serve in the military □ Access to transgender-sensitive health care □ Getting transgender-related health care covered by insurance □ Protecting trans/gender non-conforming people from discrimination in hiring and at the protecting transgender/gender non-conforming people from discrimination in housin □ Passing laws that address hate crimes against transgender/gender non-conforming □ The right of transgender/gender non-conforming people to parent, including adoptio □ The right to equal recognition of marriages involving transgender partners 	g people			

63.	O	is your U.S. citizenship status? U.S. citizen Documented non-citizen Undocumented non-citizen
64.	O	rou registered to vote? Yes No
65.	0	you ever been a member of the armed forces? Yes [Go to Question 66] No [Go to Question 67] I was denied entry because I am transgender/gender non-conforming [Go to Question 67]
66.	\mathbf{O}	you discharged from the service because of being transgender/gender non-conforming? Yes No or still in the military
67.		Paycheck from a your or your partner's job Money from a business, fees, dividends or rental income Aid such as TANF; welfare; WIC; public assistance; general assistance; food stamps or SSI Unemployment benefits Child support or alimony Social security, workers comp, disability, veteran's benefits or pensions Inherited wealth Pay from street economies (sex work, other sales) Other, please specify
69.	0 0 0	is your sexual orientation? Gay/Lesbian/Same-gender attraction Bisexual Queer Heterosexual Asexual Other, please specify
	Anythson?	ning else you'd like to tell us about your experiences of acceptance or discrimination as a transgender/gender non-conforming