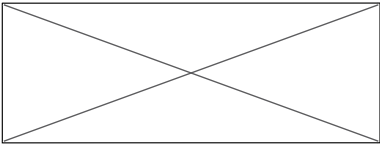


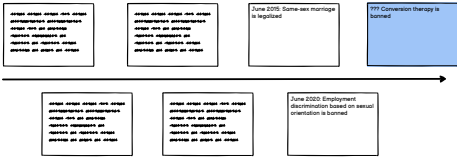
Protecting LGBTQ Youth from Conversion Therapy

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A Brief History of LGBTQ Protections in the United States



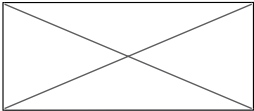
The Problem: Conversion Therapy Facts & Figures

Conversion therapy is a practice intended to change the sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression of LGBT people.

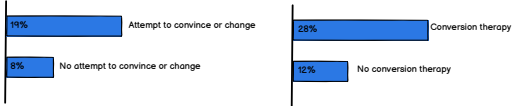


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LGBTQ Youth Suicide Attempts



Source: The Trevor Project

LGBTQ youth who are rejected because of their sexual orientation or gender identity are

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more likely to attempt suicide

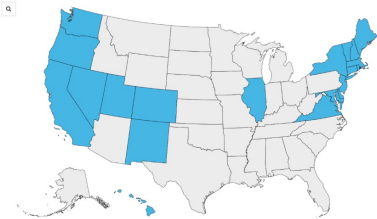
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more likely to report major depression

Source: San Francisco State

While the United States has yet to enact federal protection for LGBTQ youth, some states and municipalities have implemented conversion therapy bans.

States that have banned conversion therapy for minors



Source: Movement Advancement Project

The UCLA School of Law Williams Institute estimates that 16,000 LGBT youth (ages 13-17) will receive conversion therapy from a licensed health care professional before they reach the age of 18 in states where it is not banned, and an estimated 57,000 youth across all states will receive conversion therapy from religious or spiritual advisors before they reach the age of 18.

LGBTQ Youth Need Change

and here are a few ways you can help:

[The Trevor Project](#)

Follow and donate to The Trevor Project, an organization that provides lifelines and resources to LGBTQ youth struggling with mental health or in a crisis.

[Born Perfect](#)

Join Born Perfect, a movement to end conversion therapy.

[HRC](#)

Follow the Human Rights Campaign, an organization that advocates for equal human rights for LGBTQ people.

[ACLU](#)

Visit the American Civil Liberties Union to learn more about how you can better advocate for LGBTQ youth.