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**Safer Communities**

*November 20<sup>th</sup> is*

# **Trans Day of Remembrance**

*Let's talk about trans community safety in the face of  
a Canada-wide anti-trans movement*

Over the past few years, trans communities have called attention to the **rise in a global anti-trans movement**, including in Canada.

A report by JusticeTrans (2024) shows that this movement is in fact an **unstable coalition** with important ideological divides, with **actors** such as:

- trans-exclusionary radical feminists
- religious groups
- right- to far-right groups



These actors include organizations, public figures, and politicians, but also average people.

This report shows that the anti-trans movement promotes **hateful rhetoric** and employs a range of **tactics** to:

- **Target** trans and trans-affirming individuals, organizations, events, and spaces
- **Lobby** for changes impacting law and policies, in such a way as to **limit trans children and adults' access** to:
  - healthcare, education, women's spaces, rights, self-determination, safety, and dignity.



## Tactics used by the anti-trans movement include:

- staging protests
- using media and social media
  - spreading mis- and disinformation, doxxing, etc



- vandalism
- physical and verbal harassment and threats
  - incl. death, rape, and gun violence threats



- using institutional channels
  - filing petitions, malicious HR complaints, etc

Unfortunately, the anti-trans movement's tactics **have negative effects** upon targeted individuals and organizations, as well as the broader trans community.

- **Emotional:** fear, trauma, hypervigilance, feeling unsafe and helpless, an increase in suicidal thoughts and behaviors...
- **Physical and material:** insomnia, job insecurity, issues accessing healthcare...
- **Relationships and community**
- **Organizational:** Capacity, staff, and populations served by trans-affirming organizations are affected



This report highlights the importance of ensuring **trans community safety and well-being** by:

- **Divesting from police responses** to harm: participants deemed the police unhelpful and unsafe, especially for racialized trans folks and sex workers
- Implementing **situational prevention measures** to discourage potential attackers
- Practicing **self-care** and leaning on **community**



The report also insists upon the need to **respond** and **fight back** against the anti-trans movement by

- Keeping up the good fight and **not backing down**
- **Mirroring** anti-trans tactics
  - counter-protests, spreading accurate information, leveraging institutional channels, etc.
- Getting **allies** involved



To our 2Spirit, trans, non-binary, and gender non-conforming community members:

*We see you, and you deserve safety just as much as anyone else.*

To our non-trans community members who are wondering **how to help**:

- We recommend following national and local trans-affirming organizations and activists to stay in the know and follow their calls to action (see next slide).

CCFSC will also be hosting an event on this topic in January (date TBD).

## Sources & Resources

JusticeTrans. (2024). Understanding & Fighting Back against the Anti-Trans Movement in “Canada” A Guide for Trans Communities & our Allies. Canada. <https://justicetrans.org/wp-content/uploads/JT-REPORT-2024-FINAL-ENG.pdf>

Trianon, C. (2025). July 2025 Anti-Trans Risk Assessment Map. <https://celeste.lgbt/en/2025/07/july-2025-canadian-anti-trans-risk-assessment-map/>

## Organizations & activists to follow

JusticeTrans

Society of Queer Momentum

Egale Canada

Celeste Trianon

Fae Johnstone



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