

LGBTQIA+ Rights

I would like to include in the bill of rights that is from Bolivia that is the right to equality to all LGBTQIA+ under the law and to ban any discrimination or hatred towards their coming out, their marriage, or them expressing their gender identity.

This amendment is needed because in some states there are

“don’t say gay” bills and in 2023 alone there are over 520+ anti LGBTQIA+ bills sent to state legislatures. In schools, LGBTQIA+ children are being bullied for being who they are, especially trans and nonbinary youth. Take this case from Owasso Oklahoma: Nex Benedict, a nonbinary teenager died a day after a fight in a high school bathroom. Nex was being bullied throughout school and even others were being bullied as well as Nex at their school for expressing themselves for being LGBTQIA+.

Fortunately in the USA LGBTQIA+ people are legal but in other countries LGBTQIA+ people are illegal. On Thursday the 30th of November 2023 Russia banned the “international LGBT public movement” (and they did so as if it was an extremist organization). This is bad because LGBTQIA+ are being discriminated against in Russia and letting this happen could influence other countries to do the same. If we let these things happen more LGBTQIA+ children's mental health could

deteriorate and cause depression and anxiety for many children. Even more anti-LGBTQIA+ bills could be sent to state legislatures and LGBTQIA+ rights could be taken away. Bullying for trans and non-binary youth could become even more frequent. And if we don't do anything about this other countries could start taking away more and more LGBTQIA+ rights that the community has worked hard to gain. If the US steps up and leads by example it could lead to more LGBTQIA+ rights around the world.

The impact that this amendment would have on people in the US is that all LGBTQIA+ people will have equal rights under the constitution. That will help make sure that all LGBTQIA+ people will not face any discrimination for work, their marriages, and expressing their gender identities. Also this will impact the view of the LGBTQIA+ people for the better in the US and the world.

The sites I used:

1. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/interactive/2023/trans-kids-school-stress/>
2. <https://explore.proquest.com/sirsissuesresearcher/document/3054232415?accountid=8822>
3. <https://www.hrc.org/press-releases/roundup-of-anti-lgbtq-legislation-advancing-in-states-across-the-country>
4. <https://explore.proquest.com/sirsissuesresearcher/document/3089920616?accountid=8822>
5. <https://explore.proquest.com/sirsissuesresearcher/document/2900412918?searchid=1728605553&accountid=8822>
6. <https://explore.proquest.com/sirsissuesresearcher/document/2886433766?accountid=8822>