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1950s: First lesbian rights organization, Daughters of Bilitis, and first gay (men) rights organization, The Mattachine Society, founded.

1961: US Motion
Picture Code Rules that
homosexuality is no
longer banned from
the screen and can be
depicted "with
discretion, care, and
restraint."

1960s-1970: In response to growing police raids and homophobic businesses, a growing number of LGBTQ communities, often transfeminine, working class, and of color fought back against their criminalization and discrimination through protests, riots, and boycotts –launching what many mark as the beginning of the queer liberation movement. Compton Cafeteria Riot (1966), NYC Stonewall Riots (1969), Chicago Bar Boycott (1970).

1910s: Jewish Anarchist Immigrants
Alexander Berkman and Emma
Goldman become some of the
earliest supporters of gay rights in
the US against prevailing
conservative and radical views on
sexuality.

1952: Christine
Jorgensen first out
transwomen in the
United States –
starting national
conversations about
the gender binary.

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1910

HETEROSEXISM/HOMOPHOBIA + CISSEXISM/TRANSPHOBIA

1970

1910s-1920: Suffragettes and feminists are stigmatized for being lesbians – beginning the widespread use of homophobia as a weapon of sexism. 1940s-1970s: Police departments across the US ramp up raids on gay bars and spaces as part and parcel of the stigmatization and criminalization of LGBTQ people.

1920s -1970s: Widespread medicalization and pathologization of LGBTQ people. 1950: The US Senate authorizes a formal investigation of "homosexuals and other moral perverts" in the US government.

1952: Eisenhower signs Executive Order barring homosexuals from government service. 1965: US immigration law amended to categorically exclude LGBTQ people from the US. Does not get overturned until 1990.

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1970: Huey Newton/the Black
Panther Party take a gay
liberationist stance.
Relationship formed between
BPP and Gay Liberation Front
through the BPP
Revolutionary People's
Convention

1972: George
Weinberg coins
'homophobia' to
describe an irrational
fear of homosexuality.
First time homophobic
feelings are labeled as
pathological.

1972-1976: 36 Cities and town across the US adopt antidiscrimination laws endorsed by many mainstream religious 1970s-1980s: Emergence of Left anti-racist queer and trans collective organizations fighting against police brutality and gentrification such as Black and White Gay Men Together, Dykes Against Racism Everywhere (DARE), and Third World Gay Coalition.

1970s-1980s: Growing contingent of Anti-Imperialist/Latin American Gay and Lesbian Solidarity Organizations against right-wing US backed Latin American regimes (Pinochet) and in support of Latin America revolutionaries (Sandinistas).

Late 1970s: Rise of Lesbian/Women of Color Feminism. Upsurge of lesbian feminist of color publishing and the release of the Combahee River Statement (1977).

1979: Over 100,000 people attend the National March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights.

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1970s: Rise of transphobic radical feminism grounded in bio-essentialist notions of "women." 1977: The New Right, with Anita Bryant as their spokesperson, launch attacks on LGBTQ communities through "Save Our Children" campaigns to repeal anti-discrimination ordinances in Dade County, FL and beyond. Highly successful in getting most of the anti-discrimination laws passed around the country quickly repealed.

In response, large protests emerge against Bryant especially in the South and Mid-west.

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1987: ACT UP founded as a direct action organization to call national attention to the failure of the government to address AIDS and the price gouging by pharmaceutical companies. This ushers in a new era of militant activism by queer people and their allies. Leads to the offshoot organizations such as the Lesbian Avengers.

1990s – present: Formation of Southerners on New Ground (SONG) a regional multi-issue queer liberationist organization. Becomes leader in anti-racist, pro-immigrant, working class queer + trans organizing rooted in place and spirit.

2008: Transforming Justice the first conference of formerly incarcerated trans people is held.

2012: Beginning of Undocuqueer movement and queer organizations aligning with #Not1More

2010: Chelsea Manning leaks military documents against US war in the Middle East.

2015: Supreme Court legalizes gay marriage. 2017: In response
to social
movements,
Obama
commutates the
prison sentence
of Chelsea
Manning and
Puerto Rican
political prisoner
Oscar Lopez

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AIDS CRISIS:

1981 Official beginning of AIDS epidemic. HIV/AIDS systematically ignored via homophobia by Reagan leading to the stigmatization of HIV/AIDS and premature deaths of hundreds of thousands of LGBTO people.

1983: CDC Creates list of those high risk for HIV/AIDS the '4-Hs': Homosexual, Hemophiliacs, Heroin Users, and Haitians; all groups are barred from donating blood regardless of HIV status.

1994: Republicans put forth "Contract with America" an anti-welfare, anti-feminist, anti-elder, pro-prison policy platform as part of their campaign to win control of the House for the first time in 40 years.

2016: NC passes the antitrans, antiworker HB2

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1988: DOJ releases report that LGBTQ people are most frequent targets of hate crimes in the US. Late 1980s-1990s: "Cleaning up" of Times Square and Christopher Street Piers in NYC leading to assaults on sex work, queer men's porn houses, and queer youth of color. The training ground for broken windows policing. 1990s-2000s: National gay movement mainstreams and narrows its aims to gay inclusion in the military, the capitalist market, and marriage leaving trans politics and more liberatory visions behind.

2016: Orlando Pulse shooting of primarily queer men of color. The media and government attempt to coop the tragedy for Islamophobic ends.