

TWELVE DAYS OF ACTION AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



December 6th, 1989, a man (Marc Lepine) opened fire at Montréal's Ecole Polytechnique with a semi-automatic weapon. Fourteen women were murdered and thirteen more were seriously injured. The shooter left behind a suicide note that listed 19 "radical feminists"

The names of the women that lost their lives were, Geneviève Bergeron;

Hélène Colgan; Nathalie Croteau; Barbara Daigneault; Anne-Marie

Edward; Maud Haviernick; Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz;

Maryse Laganière; Maryse Leclair; Anne-Marie

Lemay; Sonia Pelletier; Michèle Richard;

Annie St-Arneault ; Annie Turcotte. This

event later became known as the "Montréal

Massacre" This event also led to larger discussions on gun

control laws in Canada and the increase in violence against women

across the country 1991- Parliament of Canada declared December 6th

"National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women"

The 12 days are an opportunity for us to shine a light on

different aspects of violence against women and offer

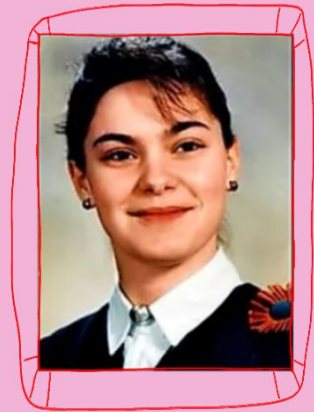
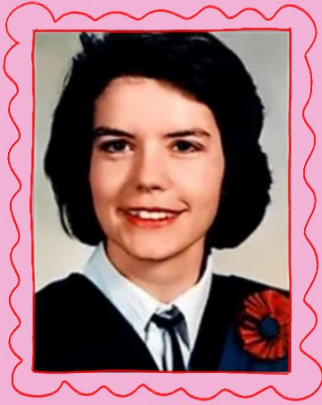
possible solutions and solidarity actions that will generate

positive and lasting change in the lives of women and girls.

The international campaign takes place every year from November 25th

to December 6th November 25th has been observed as a day against

gender-based violence since 1981



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against TRANS PEOPLE

"gender-diverse and trans people around the world are subjected to levels of **violence** and **discrimination** that offend the human conscience: they are caught in a **spiral of exclusion and marginalisation**; when they are **persons of colour**, belong to **ethnic minorities** or are **migrants** they are particularly at **risk of violence**; in order to practice their right to recognition **before the law**, gender-diverse and trans persons are often victim to **violence in health-care settings**"^{*2}



2343 trans people were murdered globally between 2008 and 2016

40 trans people were brutally murdered in 2022

85 anti-trans bills have already been passed in 2023

2019 the year that the World Health Organization removed being transgender as a mental disorder from the International Classification of Diseases

"The core value underlying all transphobia is a rejection of trans identity and a refusal to acknowledge that it could possibly be real or valid. Transphobia has no single, simple manifestation. It is complex and can include a range of behaviours and arguments. The consequence of transphobia is that trans people struggle to live openly and comfortably in society. An ultimate outcome may be the erasure of trans people as a viable class of people."

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1993 June Vienna Declaration & Programme of Action recognized that the elimination of violence against women in public and private life is a human rights obligation.

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1993 - December

Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women recognized that violence against women is a violation of women's rights & freedoms, calling on states to work toward the elimination of violence against women.

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United Nations Commission on Human Rights officially condemned Gender-Based Violence for the first time.





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2000 - February

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November 25th was designated

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Women by the United Nations General

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RISE IN TRANSPHOBIA

2023

In the US anti-trans legislations have been increasing with

marking the "fourth consecutive record-breaking year for anti-trans

legislation in the U.S.

In just one month, the U.S. doubled the

number of anti-trans bills being considered across the country^{***}

In April 2023, Quebec Conservative Party leader Éric Duhaime

introduced an anti-drag petition getting 40,000 signatures

Blaine Higgs, the premier of New Brunswick, changed the

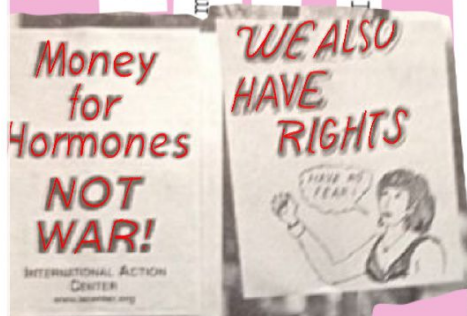
province's LGBTQ S+ policy, requiring students under 16 to get

parental consent before their teachers can use their preferred name
and pronouns

Conservative Party passed a motion to "protect children's physical

and mental health" that would limit and possibly outlaw

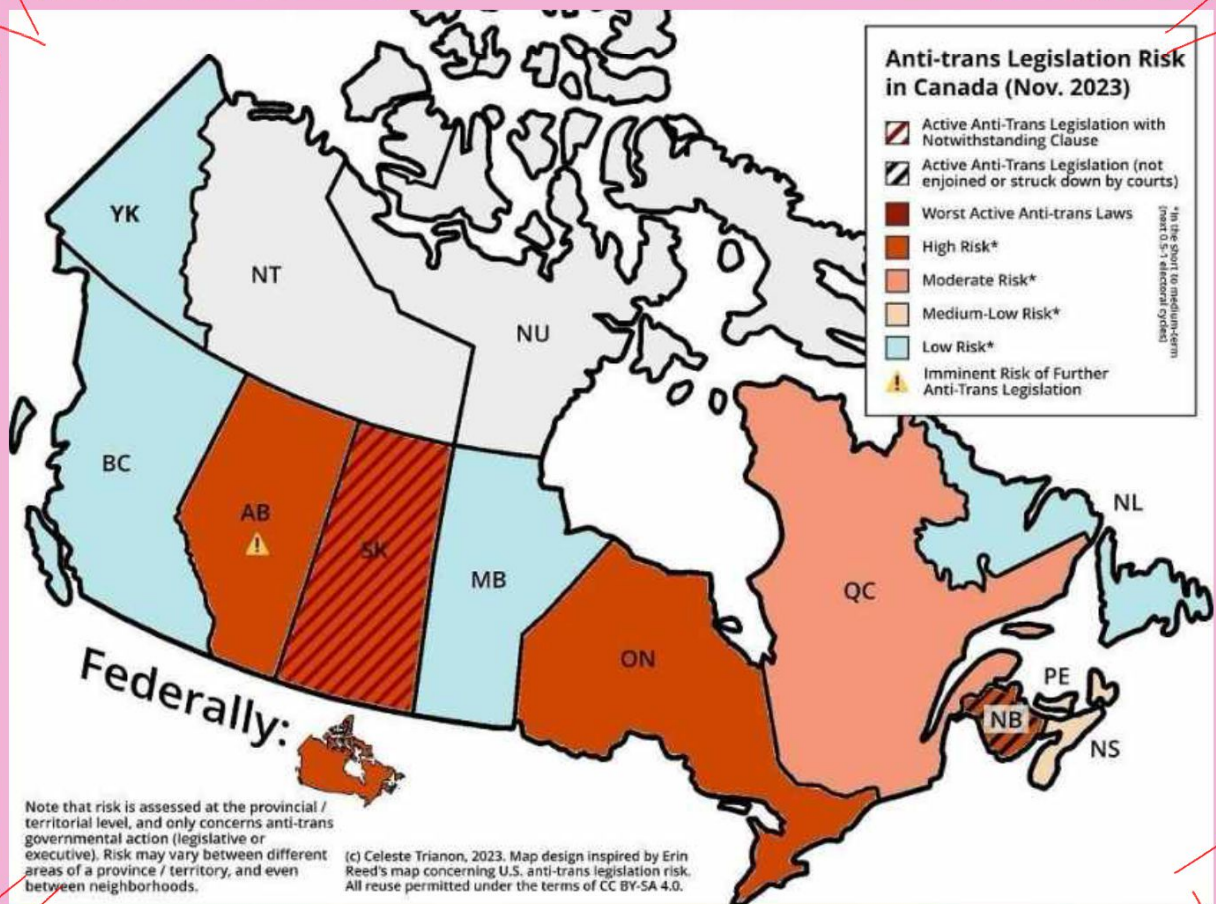
gender-affirming care for trans youth



*2023 Anti-Trans Bills

Transfeminine jurist and activist Celeste Trianon has created a **Policy Risk Map of Canada** detailing the **anti-trans legislations and policies** passed in Canadian provinces allowing for a **risk assessment**.

As the map shows **four** out of thirteen Canadian jurisdictions are considered as **'high-risk'** due to **anti-trans actions** undertaken by their governments. These jurisdictions include Alberta, New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan, with Saskatchewan representing the highest **risk of potential harm**



towards trans people. **Québec** is designated as a **medium risk province**, Manitoba, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island as **medium-low risk** and British Columbia, Newfoundland and Yukon as **low risk**. At a **federal level** Canada is **no longer safe** due to the recent motions passed at the **Conservative Party of Canada** convention "proposing the **criminalization of gender-affirming care** and the redefinition of 'woman' to **exclude trans women** were adopted with a **supermajority**"*⁵

*⁵"Anti-Trans Legislative and Policy Risk Map", Trianon

Globally there has been a rise in anti-trans hate

and legislations in recent years.

On September 20th, 2023, thousands of people gathered

nationally under the #1millionmarch4children protesting

for the "elimination of the sexual orientation and gender

identity curriculum, pronouns, gender ideology and

mixed bathrooms in schools"^{*a} These demonstrations "seek to

eliminate Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity curriculum

and policies from Canadian schools"

THE #1 MILLION MARCH



*a Sweetest

Under the guise of protecting children the protesters argued that the sexual education curriculum is "indoctrinating" young children into gender ideology and that parents have a right to know if their children are questioning their gender identity. While the organizers of the protests stated that they were not against LGBTQ+ people, many signs at the protests said otherwise

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haven" for LGBTQI individuals fleeing homophobia or transphobia.

Canada has positioned itself as a global leader in LGBTQI human rights and a "safe

However, this obscures the complexities of LGBTQI migration from the Global South to Canada,

The Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) process creates a racialized and neoliberal geopolitical division of precarious status, resulting in structural violence and unequal life chances.

TRV application forms' use of male and female categories reinforces a gender binary, making trans and gender-nonconforming migrants systematically more vulnerable to a cisnormative immigration regime.

TRV processes are used to exclude queer and trans people from the Global South, prioritizing economic concerns over humanitarian ones, resulting in the denial of entry to LGBTQ activists.



which are influenced by global capitalism, post-colonial nationalism

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The role of social networks in insulating immigrants from violence is emphasized at the exosystem level. Factors such as employment, religious participation, rural-urban are taken into account and can influence the vulnerability to violence.

F A M I L Y S E T T I N G S & I N D I V I D U A L D E V E L O P M E N T

Partner and family resources, as well as education levels, are seen as factors affecting the likelihood of violence.





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