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I presented my presentation to McDaniel's Allies group, the Gender Sexuality Alliance on campus.

There really aren't differing perspectives on the issue itself, only on how to go about our lives in relation, and how to fight back. We discussed a variety of ways to combat our own oppression, from simply existing and being trans and doing as we need to do, eventually circling back to Mikhail Bakunin's philosophy of institutionalized violence, and as Maddy said, "punch the state." Violence and violent solutions aside, we seek to band together and support each other in times of crisis and disempowerment. We exist, we have always existed, and we cannot be erased.

Research:

Firstly, as a trans and nonbinary person, I generally keep well-informed on issues that affect me. There's a great deal of verbiage and knowledge that comes just from experience in existing. However, for this presentation itself I primarily used "*Transgender' Could Be Defined Out of Existence Under Trump Administration*" from the New York Times, as well as the book *Transgender History*, by Susan Stryker.

My video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nECHe2UI7hM&feature=youtu.be>



Trans* Rights

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What's Going on This Time?

- The Trump administration is planning to narrow the legal definition of gender under Title IX, which is federal anti-discriminatory law
- It would determine sex as either male or female, unchangeable, and decided upon at birth
- Needed to adopt definitions that are “clear” and “grounded in science”

At every step they've had the choice, this administration has actively rolled back protections for transgender and gender-nonconforming people.



Potential Consequences

- This would exclude transgender and intersex individuals from civil rights protections
- As according to Ms. Lhamon of the Obama Education Department this “**quite simply negates the humanity of people**”



What Allies Can Do

- Introduce yourself with your pronouns
 - Put them in your emails! On your name tags!
- Fight with and support trans people
 - Don't leave the burden all on us, please, it's exhausting to have to fight for your existence
- Educate yourselves
 - Check out videos like <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-TjnVuw2b8>

Vote! Vote! Vote!

it's ok to be mad and scared
that the state is trying to
undermine trans people

it's also good to remember

- that the state will never protect us from itself
- that the state has not recognized us in the past and we have survived

i want for my siblings to

- a. protect each other and
- b. refuse to rely on legal regulatory realities to say what is real to us



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You are valid and cannot be erased!