

Targeted Vulnerable Communities

MAGA Extremists in the Arizona Legislature passed anti-transgender legislation banning school children from using their preferred pronouns. Senate Bill 1001 outlawed public school teachers from using the student's preferred pronouns without first acquiring written permission from the parents. MAGA Republicans across the country have waged massive culture war attacks on transgender student rights in public schools including their ability to play sports, use bathrooms that correspond with their gender identity, and receive gender-affirming health care. Along with a ban on pronouns, Arizona MAGA Republicans banned trans girls from playing competitive sports and banned doctors from performing gender-affirming surgeries. According to the Arizona Mirror, Trans students have nearly double the suicide rate compared to their peers. "Suicide rates remain high among transgender students, with trans youth twice as likely to consider suicide as their peers. Studies show that gender-affirming care — which may include pronoun use consistent with the gender the person identifies with — a sense of belonging at school and acceptance from adults contributes to lower rates of suicide risk." Governor Katie Hobbs vetoed SB1001 saying, "As politicians across the country continue to pass harmful legislation directed at transgender youth, I have a clear message to the people of Arizona: I will veto every bill that aims to attack and harm children." [[SB1001](#), Arizona State Legislature, Regular Session 2023; Arizona Mirror, [12/28/2022](#); KTAR News, [5/22/2022](#)]

MAGA Extremists in the Arizona Legislature outlawed transgender students from accessing their preferred bathrooms. Senate Bill 1040 banned trans-students from using a bathroom or locker room unless it matched their biological sex. MAGA Republicans across the country have waged massive culture war attacks on transgender students in public schools including their ability to play sports, use their preferred pronouns, and receive gender-affirming health care. Governor Katie Hobbs vetoed the legislation saying, "SB1040 is yet another discriminatory act against LGBTQ+ youth passed by the majority at the state legislature." [[SB1040](#), Arizona State Legislature, Regular Session 2023; Arizona Mirror, [6/8/2023](#)]