

# The Trump/Pence Fascist Regime INDICTED for

## Waging War on Women and LGBTQ People



*Women and LGBTQ people are full human beings, not objects to be degraded, brutalized, demeaned, victimized, and denied their fundamental right to control their reproduction, and how they choose to live.*

### **What they have done:**

- Trump appointed Neil Gorsuch — vetted by Christian fundamentalists whose core issue is overturning Roe v. Wade — to the Supreme Court.
- Trump imposed a “Global Gag Rule,” denying funds to NGOs that perform or even refer women to abortion services. This cut \$7 billion from care related to HIV, malaria, Zika, and maternal and child health and will cause an estimated 130,000+ deaths.
- Trump’s Health and Human Services appointees Alex Azar and Diane Foley are anti-abortion extremists who oppose all birth control and promote “abstinence-only.” They determine healthcare policy affecting millions of women.
- Trump overturned federal guidelines that mandated transgender students have the right to use public restrooms that match their gender identity.
- A dozen cabinet members attend weekly fundamentalist Biblical literalist study classes hosted by Pence on Capitol Hill that teach that women with children should not work outside the home and homosexuality is a sin.
- The Christian fundamentalist head of Office of Refugee Resettlement, Scott Lloyd, ordered that all decisions about teenage detainees seeking abortion go through him personally. Several women detainees were only able to get abortions after repeated legal challenges.
- Jeff Sessions ordered immigration judges to stop granting asylum to victims of domestic abuse.

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- Trump bragged about sexually assaulting women: “Grab ’em by the pussy. You can do anything.”
- Trump has repeatedly placed men in high positions in his campaign or government despite, and without serious inquiry into, credible accusations of violence against women. And at least 19 women have accused Trump himself of sexual violations ranging from groping to rape.
- Trump expanded religious and moral exemptions to the Affordable Care Act, allowing more businesses to deny women contraceptive coverage.
- The Supreme Court upheld the “right” of a bakery to refuse to sell a wedding cake to a gay couple, expanding the ability of businesses to discriminate by invoking religious freedom.
- Trump overturned a federal requirement that companies comply with laws against gender or sexual orientation discrimination in order to receive federal contracts. This was the only protection LGBTQ people had against discrimination in hiring in over half of U.S. states.
- The Office of National AIDS Policy website was taken down the day Trump took office. There has been no replacement.
- In his first year, Trump granted more one-on-one interviews to the Christian Broadcast Network whose mission is to prepare the world “for the coming of Jesus Christ and the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth,” than to The Washington Post, The New York Times, or The Associated Press.

#### **What they said they will do:**

- Trump proposed a “Domestic Gag Order” that would cut federal funding for clinics that perform or even refer women to abortion services. This would cut potentially life saving services for 4 million women.
- Betsy DeVos, head of the Dept of Education, has been a major patron of theocrats who openly demand the replacement of public secular education with a “Bible-based social, political, and religious order which finally denies the religious liberty of the enemies of God.”
- Trump “joked” that Mike Pence wants to hang all gay people.
- Trump tweeted that he intended to ban transgender people from serving in the military. Policies have begun to implement that ban.
- Trump appointed Robert Redfield to head the Centers for Disease Control. During his military career Redfield isolated soldiers who tested HIV positive in special barracks where they were treated as prisoners, and said “that might work in the civilian sector, as well.”

#### **What they have unleashed:**

- In the first half of 2017, Republicans in six states proposed laws to ban all abortions, and in 28 states introduced bills banning abortions under some circumstances.
- The 2018 “tax reform” bill defined fetuses at “any stage of development” as people for purposes of tax-free accounts for their education. This is the first use of federal tax law to impose a legal category of an “unborn child.”
- Christian nationalists are proposing over 70 laws imposing Christian religion as law, including allowing public schools to post “In God We Trust” on walls and allowing businesses and government employees to discriminate against LGBTQ people.

*This is one of seven indictments of the Trump/Pence Regime developed by Refuse Fascism. Go to our website for the full set of indictments, for sources, to read the Call to Action, and to donate to and get involved with the organization that has a plan to drive out the Trump/Pence Regime, in the name of humanity, through nonviolent, sustained protest of millions.*