

Resisting Medical Control

***Intersex Consequences of
Attacks on Trans Healthcare***



Different practices, same logic:
control over our bodies.

What We Are Tackling

Across Europe, the pattern is clear:

Intersex:
surgeries & hormones
without consent

Trans:
hormones & care
withheld or blocked

Different practices – same outcome:
autonomy denied

Medicalisation
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Care

- Intersex children operated on to “normalise”
 - Trans people blocked from hormones to “protect” them
- Both are framed as care, yet both enforce control.

The Hypocrisy Around Medicines

- **Puberty blockers:** banned for trans kids — *imposed* on intersex kids
- **Hormones:** “dangerous” for trans people — *forced* on intersex children
- Double standard = political, not scientific
- Core issue: autonomy, not access

Erasure in Research & Policy

- Intersex & trans people absent from trials and policies
 - Women's exclusion set the template for bias
 - Structural invisibility = systemic violence
- *If you're not counted, you don't count.*

Sex Work & Stigma (Europe)

- Trans sex workers: barriers to SRH, PrEP, mental health
- Intersex sex workers: almost no data - planned invisibility
- Stigma reinforces exclusion
- Invisibility is a form of violence

Sport as Policing

- “Protect women’s sport” used to test, exclude, ban
- Roots in racism & sexism
- Biology weaponised
- Not fairness - Policing of women, intersex & trans bodies

Avoid harmful advocacy

- Don't say:
“If intersex children get surgeries, trans people should get care.”
- Better principle:
No one should be cut or denied without consent
- Solidarity, not trade-offs

What to do (for trans health advocates)

- Audit messaging for intersex harm
- Collaborate with intersex organizations
- Demand inclusion in research & policy

Refuse division. Build alliances.
Intersex justice & trans justice are linked.
Every body counts.

Sources

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