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Hello, my name is Gabe. I am a 16 year old from Fairfield, Connecticut. Today I would like to speak on the often disregarded topic of transgender people.

In the US 50% of trans people report not feeling comfortable going to the police when in danger, and in Connecticut that number is 56%. One out of every two transgender people would rather face potential danger than reach out for police assistance.

Black trans people report substantially higher rates of issues with law enforcement. 47% of black trans people report being disrespected by police, compared to 25% of white trans people.

The purpose of a police officer is to protect the people. It isn't acceptable to have Americans feel unsafe in the presence of police officers. I believe creating relationships with the people in the area would make all people, including trans people, feel more comfortable reaching out to law enforcement. Creating relationships with the lgbt/transgender community would strengthen the relationship between the lgbt community and law enforcement.

Thank you for listening. Please contact me at gmichelangelo10@gmail.com if you have any questions.

https://www.transequality.org/sites/default/files/docs/resources/NTDS_Report.pdf

20% of trans/gnc people report being denied equal service by the police.

Nearly half of trans people report being uncomfortable seeking police assistance

“One-fifth (22%) of respondents who have interacted with police reported harassment by police due to bias, with substantially higher rates (29-38%) reported by respondents of color.”

“While 7% of the sample reported being held in a cell due to their gender identity/expression alone, **these rates skyrocketed for Black (41%) and Latino/a (21%) respondents.**”-- so, the average of all trans people being held due to gender identity is 7%, but the average among black trans people is 41% (substantially higher).

25% of white trans/gnc people report being disrespected by police, while black trans people report 47%. (also substantially higher)

[Trans stats in Connecticut](#) 2015

56% of trans people are uncomfortable seeking help from the police.