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You can't plan for freedom if you don't map the threats.

This document isn't a prediction. It's a field report. A snapshot of what trans, queer, undocumented, disabled, and radicalized people are up against in the U.S. in 2025, and how we can outmaneuver it.

With fascist creep accelerating, state violence becoming routine, and decentralized vigilante networks emboldened, **risk is not theoretical**. It is spatial. It is racial. It is embodied. But it is also predictable, and that's where our power lies.

This guide offers:

- Regional threat levels across the U.S., from “surveillance-liberal” to “outright paramilitary”
- A breakdown of structural, active, and environmental risks
- A personal risk audit you can use with your pod or affinity group
- Practical mitigation strategies that fuse OpSec, mutual aid, and narrative control
- Guidance on monitoring change and training collective response

This isn't fear. This is **combat clarity**. When you know what's coming, you can build for it.

Purpose

This guide helps assess the **current threats** faced by marginalized and radicalized communities across the United States in 2025 and provides tools for developing **informed risk mitigation strategies**.

Whether you're building a mutual aid pod, a direct-action cell, or just trying to survive as a trans person in hostile terrain, this guide is for you.



National Threat Overview (Spring 2025)

Political Instability

- **Trump's second term:** Consolidated executive power, use of loyalty tests, purges of federal workers, and threats against civil dissent.
- **State-Level Fascism:** 30+ states have enacted or proposed legislation criminalizing protest, trans healthcare, immigration support, and union organizing.
- **Democratic Collapse Zones:** Local governments in some regions (e.g., Florida panhandle, Eastern Oregon) openly defy federal checks.

Social Flashpoints

- **Transphobia and Queerphobia:** Attacks have spiked in states like Texas, Florida, and Idaho. Vigilante violence encouraged by political rhetoric.
- **Race and Immigration Tensions:** Anti-immigrant laws paired with deputized citizen enforcers in border states.
- **Climate Refugee Conflict:** Forced displacement from fires, floods, and drought has increased regional tensions and resource scarcity.

Surveillance and Policing

- **AI Surveillance:** Use of facial recognition, license plate readers, and predictive policing algorithms is expanding across municipalities.
- **Private Militias:** Often tolerated or deputized. Function as enforcers of local ideological norms.
- **Digital Crackdowns:** Encryption-busting bills, platform bans, and internet blackouts have been piloted during the unrest.

Regional Risk Mapping

- **Deep South (AL, MS, LA):** State violence, lack of resources, police/militia collusion — *Very High Risk*
- **Texas, Florida:** Anti-LGBTQ+ legislation, paramilitary threats — *Very High Risk*
- **Pacific Northwest:** Surveillance-heavy liberalism, far-right rural enclaves — *High Risk*
- **Midwest:** Infrastructure decay, slow fascism, ICE raids — *High Risk*
- **Northeast:** High surveillance, less overt violence — *Medium Risk*
- **Southwest Deserts:** Border militarization, environmental collapse — *Extreme Risk*
- **Appalachia:** Abandonment, opioid crisis, potential solidarity — *Medium Risk*



Threat Typology: What to Watch For

Structural Threats

- Legal repression (anti-trans laws, protest bans)
- Housing & food insecurity
- Health system collapse / lack of access

Active Threats

- Fascist violence (vigilantes, militias)
- Police raids, entrapment operations
- Targeted harassment (doxxing, swatting)

Environmental Threats

- Wildfires, floods, heat waves (esp. without cooling centers)
- Water contamination (Ohio River Valley, Flint-adjacent cities)
- Supply chain collapse in food deserts

Personal Risk Assessment Checklist

1. **Location Risk:** What is your state/county's legislative and social climate?
2. **Identity Risk:** Are you visibly trans, disabled, undocumented, or racialized?
3. **Affiliation Risk:** Are you connected to activist orgs, banned books, digital subcultures?
4. **Visibility Risk:** What's your digital footprint? Can it be used against you?
5. **Community Risk:** Are your networks vulnerable to infiltration or burnout?

If you score high on 3 or more categories, it's time to build a **risk mitigation plan**.

Mitigation & Resilience Strategies

- **Operational Security (OpSec):** Use encrypted comms (Signal, Session, Briar), compartmentalize info, wipe unused accounts.
- **Legal Preparedness:** Know local laws. Join legal defense funds. Carry numbers for jail support and rights info cards.
- **Mobility:** Keep go-bags ready. Have alternative housing options (pods, safehouses, queer host networks).
- **Wellness Infrastructure:** Build mutual mental health support. Include trauma care, meds backups, and ritual resilience.
- **Narrative Control:** Own your story online and IRL, visibility must be strategic, not just expressive.



Monitor and Adapt

- Follow sources like: Unicorn Riot, Southern Poverty Law Center, Earth Uprising, CrimethInc, local activist collectives
- Practice "community threat modeling" every 3-6 months
- Build adaptive response drills with your network

Conclusion

This isn't fearmongering. It's clarity. The world has already changed. Fascism has modular forms, some wear suits, some wear camo, some log in with badges.

We survive by mapping the field clearly, moving precisely, and building power sideways. Don't just run from the storm, **build the shelter, train in the dark, and set traps for wolves.**

Trans Army doesn't retreat. We adapt.

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