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This isn't just a map of danger.

It's a tactical interface for surviving and resisting in the United States.

The **Trans Army U.S. State Risk Index** is a living intelligence grid. It transforms raw volatility — laws, vigilante violence, medical access, climate risk — into actionable strategy. Whether you're migrating, staging a protest, building a safehouse, or routing supplies across state lines, this guide helps you make every move like it matters.

Some of us are living in "green zones." Others are surviving deep behind the lines. The index makes both legible.

Inside, you'll find:

- A ranked threat tier (Very High to Low) for each U.S. state and territory
- Breakdown of what threats are legal, social, environmental, and paramilitary
- Notes on where mutual aid, clinics, and underground networks already exist
- Tactical applications for protest planning, emergency extraction, and resource routing
- A planning matrix for relocation, comms, and contingency drills

You don't need to panic. You need a **battle map**.

### How to Use This Guide

This guide transforms volatile regional data into a living index of threat levels and resistance factors across the United States. It's not just a map of danger, it's a tool for strategic decision-making, mutual aid coordination, and survival planning.

### What This Guide Is For

Whether you're relocating, building a resistance pod, coordinating travel, or organizing support networks, this guide offers:

- Relative threat assessments for each U.S. state and territory
- Breakdowns of threat types (legal, social, environmental, police, militia)
- Resistance capacity notes to identify where support and networks already exist
- Planning flags for migration, mutual aid routing, safehouse establishment, and rapid-response protocols



## **Tactical Applications**

### **Relocation Planning**

Use the index to:

- Identify lower-risk states with stronger legal protections and health access
- Flag areas with high resistance infrastructure (pods, clinics, housing networks)
- Avoid areas with recent legislation or enforcement spikes

### **Direct Action Coordination**

- Plan protest routes and staging grounds based on risk/resistance density
- Choose confrontation zones wisely, maximize resistance, minimize risk to vulnerable members
- Use high-risk areas for misinformation, decoy actions, or public campaigns; keep most vulnerable in low-risk zones

### **Travel & Evacuation Logistics**

- Mark safe corridors for interstate travel, avoiding fascist-heavy zones
- Pre-identify fallback cities with legal aid, clinics, and housing
- Use state-tier threat markers to determine the best go-bag contents and buddy protocols

### **Mutual Aid & Solidarity Work**

- Map aid routes based on state-level repression (e.g., where abortion, trans care, or immigration support are criminalized)
- Identify “aid frontlines” where needs are high and infrastructure thin
- Use risk tiers to allocate resources: fund legal defense in red zones, build clinics in orange zones, relocate from red to yellow zones



## ✖ Understanding the Index

Each state is assessed based on:

- Legislative threats (anti-trans, anti-protest, forced birth laws).
- Law enforcement/militia activity (fusion centers, sheriffs, far-right patrols).
- Environmental collapse risk (floods, fire, power grid vulnerability).
- Medical and housing access (especially for disabled and LGBTQ+ folks).
- Presence of resistance (mutual aid, clinics, protest infrastructure, safe zones).

Risk is categorized by color tier:

- **Very High = Do not travel unless unavoidable, plan only with deep support.**
- **High = Tactical engagement zone; prepare high-risk protocols.**
- **Medium = Mixed safety; safe for some, dangerous for others.**
- **Low = Better support and laws; still needs monitoring.**

## 🔥 Risk Tier Breakdown

Risk Level	Color Code	Description
Very High	Red	Extreme legal, physical, and institutional risk for marginalized people
High	Orange	Consistent repression, climate risk, or militia activity
Medium	Yellow	Mixed laws, active threats, but partial support systems
Low	Green	Stronger legal protection, less open hostility, but not risk-free



## State Risk Table

State	Risk Level	Threat Highlights	Resistance Notes
Texas	Very High	Anti-LGBTQ laws, border patrols, fascist militias	Strong underground clinics in Austin
Florida	Very High	“Don’t Say Gay,” censorship, vigilante enforcement	Mutual aid crews active in Miami, Orlando
Missouri	Very High	Anti-trans healthcare bans, protest suppression	Legal aid networks growing
Idaho	Very High	Militia zones, rural hostility	Covert pods in college towns
Arizona	Very High	Border militarization, extreme heat	Water resistance collectives
Alabama	Very High	Trans healthcare bans, book censorship, political suppression	Underground trans support networks
Arkansas	Very High	Anti-trans laws, high incarceration, political suppression	Rural resistance cells emerging
Mississippi	Very High	Health care abandonment, forced birth laws, rising militia ties	Faith-based underground rail forming
North Dakota	Very High	Anti-LGBTQ legislation, pipeline repression, reservation surveillance	Strong Indigenous-led defense networks
South Dakota	Very High	Hostile to trans students, anti-protest laws	Reservation mutual aid and spiritual resistance
Puerto Rico	Very High	U.S. colonial extraction, austerity, blackout risk	Decolonial grassroots movements everywhere
Guam	Very High	U.S. military saturation, Indigenous displacement	Chamorro sovereignty activism
Georgia	High	Cop City, ICE raids, gentrification violence	Atlanta resistance web
Tennessee	High	Drag bans, book bans, vigilante groups	Rural queer farms + zines
Ohio	High	East Palestine disaster, protester arrests	Columbus has defense hubs



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Louisiana	High	Flood zones, anti-protest laws	Climate justice coalitions
Indiana	High	Abortion and trans bans, growing far-right organizing	Solidarity hubs in Bloomington, Indy
Montana	High	Far-right land movements, anti-vax laws	Strong land defense coalitions
Wyoming	High	Intense rural isolation, militia normalization	Emerging queer farm communes
Utah	High	Anti-trans policy, religious conservatism	SLC underground care networks
U.S. Virgin Islands	High	Underfunded disaster response, state neglect	Island-based mutual aid growth
North Carolina	Medium	Suburban far-right surge, medical care at risk	Durham & Asheville mutual aid
Pennsylvania	Medium	Police brutality in small cities	Philly stronghold, rural risks
Wisconsin	Medium	Conservative legislature vs. progressive cities	Madison + Milwaukee networks
Michigan	Medium	Militia threats in U.P., transphobia in legislature	Detroit holding ground
South Carolina	Medium	Book bans, school board repression, limited care access	Queer-led homeschool pods forming
Iowa	Medium	Trans sports bans, rising surveillance in schools	Mutual aid tied to farm networks
Kansas	Medium	Conservative wave, attacks on schools and books	Wichita mutual aid pods
West Virginia	Medium	Trans healthcare bans, protest monitoring	Rural queer networks expanding
Nebraska	Medium	Health collapse zones, abandoned infrastructure	Appalachian mutual aid & eco-defenders



State	Risk Level	Threat Highlights	Resistance Notes
American Samoa	Medium	Infrastructure collapse risk, extreme economic dependency	Cultural resistance in education and health
New York	Low	High surveillance, but strong protections	NYC/NJ trans sanctuary zones
California	Low	Climate threats, far-right pockets inland	Bay & LA remain resistance cores
Colorado	Low	Care safe but resources stretched	Denver autonomous aid
Illinois	Low	Chicago safe, rural areas conservative	Statewide protest alliance
Oregon	Low	Urban safe zones, rural fascist risk	Portland still radical
Washington	Low	Surveillance uptick, safe legal frameworks	Seattle queer housing coalitions
Minnesota	Low	Police history, strong resistance	MPLS legacy networks
New Mexico	Low	Climate risk, strong health protections	Indigenous-led resistance
Vermont	Low	High protection, rural quietude	Disability & queer sanctuary policies
Massachusetts	Low	Boston safe but heavily policed	Activist base with university hubs
Maine	Low	Rural isolation, strong healthcare access	Small-town LGBTQ mutual aid
Hawaii	Low	Militarization risk, climate threats	Native-led land defense growing
Nevada	Low	Housing pressure, regional resource stress	Las Vegas tenant movements growing
Rhode Island	Low	Small state with strong protections	Decentralized mutual aid
Alaska	Low	Climate-driven collapse, state control over rural life	Native land defense and artic autonomy



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Delaware	Low	Quiet but under-monitored infrastructure	Growing youth-led organizing
Connecticut	Low	Corporate-police collusion in cities	Campus-led sanctuary campaigns
New Hampshire	Low	Local police abuse, libertarian extremist enclaves	Decentralized survivalist queer pods
New Jersey	Low	High surveillance but legal protections strong	Intersectional coalitions resisting tech policing
Washington D.C.	Low	Federal policing saturation, protest suppression	Historic protest infrastructure remains





## Planning Matrix

Use this table with your affinity group to plan:

- Escape routes
- Relocation targets
- Comms strategy (where encryption is essential)
- Medical/legal infrastructure
- Threat level of travel zones

**Customizable Criteria** (use a spreadsheet or interactive app for scoring):

- Anti-trans legislation severity (0–5)
- Police violence index (0–5)
- Climate crisis impact (0–5)
- Mutual aid presence (0–5)

Example: Missouri = 5+4+3+2 = 14 (High Alert)

## Final Navigation Tips

- Always confirm with local organizers: the ground truth changes fast
- Digital tools: Map your movement with encrypted apps & open-source state law trackers
- Never travel alone if avoidable, caravan or pod up
- Keep an escape map, even if you never need it

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