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1. Basic Information

1.1 Introduction

Since the announcement of the candidature of Donald Trump for being the next U.S.-president there have been lots of discussion about the effects of a victory of Donald Trump. When he won the election, these assumptions became more specific. Now, more than one year after his accession, the actual effects can be seen. In this term paper I will examine the actual effects of Donald Trump's politics on LGBT and women not only in the U.S. but also worldwide.

1.2 LGBT

1.2.1 What is LGBT?

"LGBT stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender"¹. The "LGB" in LGBT relates to the sexual orientation of a person, the "T" to the gender identity.² The word describes those who aren't heterosexual or don't identify with the gender they are born with, their biological sex. The word lesbian describes a woman that isn't attracted to men but to women. Being gay is the male version of being lesbian. A gay man is attracted to men instead of women. Both sexualities can be summarized under the word 'homosexuality'. Being bisexual means being attracted to both sexes, men and women. The term is uniform for both sexes. Transgender people and/or transsexual people don't identify with their biological sex.³ There are so called male to female transgender people and female to male transgender people. Male to female transgender people are born in a man's body but identify themselves as a woman. Female to male transgender people are born in a woman's body but identify themselves as a man. Often the term 'Gay Pride' is used instead of the term homosexuality. The most iconic symbol of the Gay Pride and also the whole LGBT community is the rainbow flag. The different colors stand for the diversity inside the LGBT community.⁴ There are also symbols and flags for other communities inside of LGBT.⁵

Picture 1 (in attachment): Rainbow flag

Instead of LGBT the term LGBTQ is often used too. The Q stands for either 'queer' or 'questioning'. Queer isn't specific to gender identity or sexuality and includes everything that isn't heterosexual and a different gender identity than the dominant one. Questioning relates to those who aren't sure of their gender identity and sexual orientation yet.⁶

1.2.2 Milestones of LGBT history in the USA

This paragraph is a list of some milestones of LGBT history in the USA, for a better understanding of the way of LGBT rights and the rights themselves and of the LGBT community itself. The first documented organization for gay rights was founded by Henry Gerber in 1924. The name of the organization was 'Society for Human Rights'. In 1950 an organization called 'Mattachine Society' was founded by Harry Hay. The focus of this organization laid on support and social acceptance for homosexuals. Two years later, in April 1952, homosexuality was listed as a "sociopathic personality disturbance"⁷ by the American Psychiatric Association. A real downer for all homosexuals and

¹ "What is LGBT?", <http://www.lgbt.ie/about/what-is-lgbt>

² See: American Psychological Association: "Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender", www.apa.org/topics/lgbt/index.aspx

³ See: "What is LGBT?"

⁴ See: "The History Of The Rainbow-Flag", <http://www.stop-homophobia.com/rainbow-flag-history>

⁵ See: "The History Of The Rainbow-Flag"

⁶ See: Lori Grisham: "What does the Q in LGBTQ stand for?", USA Today, 22.07.2015

⁷ CNN Library, "LGBT Rights Milestones Fast Facts", <https://edition.cnn.com/2015/06/19/us/lgbt-rights-milestones-fast-facts/index.html>

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activists fighting for homosexuals. Just one year later, in April 1953, an even worse downer: homosexuals weren't allowed to work for the federal government anymore because of an executive order labeling homosexuals as a security risk. In 1955 the first documented organization for lesbian rights was founded, the 'Daughters of Bilitis' (DOB). In July 1961 in Illinois, there was an improvement of homosexual rights, as it was the first state to "decriminalize homosexuality"⁸. In the same year, the first documentary about homosexuality was aired on local television. On 28th June 1969 a popular gay club in New York City was raided by the police. The results were demonstrations and protest and the day was later entitled as the beginning of the so called gay pride. Exactly one year later, there was march in New York City because of the one-year anniversary of the riots. Nowadays the march is counted as the first gay pride parade and is called Christopher Street Liberation Day (CSD). In 1973 Maryland banned same-sex marriage lawfully. It was the first state doing so. In the same year, the American Psychiatric Association officially stopped counting homosexuality as a mental disorder. In 1974 the first American openly belonging to LGBT was elected to an public office and another one to a state office. In 1976 a professional transgender tennis player, who had gender reassignment surgeries before, wasn't allowed to compete in the women's US Open because she wasn't born as a woman but as a biological man. After the player challenged the decision, the New York Supreme Court gave her the right to compete in the women's US Open. In 1978 the first rainbow flag, the symbol of LGBT, was designed. In 1979 the first National March for LGBT rights took place. In March 1982 Wisconsin outlawed discrimination because of sexual orientation, being the first state doing so. In November 1993 a military policy directive was signed, which forbid openly homosexual Americans to serve in the military. In September 1996 "federal recognition of same-sex marriages"⁹ was banned and marriages were defined as "a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife"¹⁰. In December 1996 Hawaii became the first state to recognize that homosexual couples should have the same privileges as heterosexual couples. In 2000 Vermont legalized civil-unions between homosexual couples, being the first state doing so. In 2004 the first same-sex couple got legally married in Massachusetts. Then, in September 2005 the California legislature was the first to pass a bill, which allowed same-sex marriages but the bill was vetoed by the governor. In 2008 same-sex marriages were declined illegal in California by Proposition 8, which was approved by the voters. Two years later, in 2010, a federal judge found Proposition 8 unconstitutional. In 2012 Barack Obama became the first president who openly supported same-sex marriages while still being in charge. In the same year the first openly gay politician was elected. In 2014 several states allowed same-sex marriages, for example in Colorado and Kansas.¹¹

1.2.3 Current legislation for LGBT in the USA (before Trump)

In September 2011 the ban of homosexuals from the military was repealed, so nowadays homosexuals, also openly homosexuals, are allowed to serve in the military.¹² On 26th June 2015 the Supreme Court changed the Fourteenth Amendment and made same-sex marriages legal in all 50

⁸ CNN Library, LGBT Rights

⁹ See: CNN Library, LGBT Rights

¹⁰ Public Law 104-199 – 21st September 1996, 110 Stat. 2420 §7. Definition of 'marriage' and 'spouse'

¹¹ See: CNN Library, LGBT Rights

¹² See: CNN Library, LGBT Rights

Which effects do/did Donald Trump's politics have on LGBT and women? states. The Supreme Court decided that the fundamental right to marry, which is mentioned in the Fourteenth Amendment, should include homosexual couples.¹³

1.3 Donald Trump

1.3.1 Characteristics of Donald Trump

Donald Trump, with full name Donald John Trump, is the current president of the U.S. since January 2017, the 45th President in the U.S. history. Trump was born on 14th June 1946 in New York City as the second youngest of five children. When he was 13 years old, he was sent at the New York Military Academy (NYMA) because of his worrisome behavior. He never served in the U.S. Army, even though he received the necessary military discipline training at the NYMA.¹⁴ After going to University, he began working at the real estate company of his father in 1986 and took over the business three years later. He renamed the company 'The Trump Organization'.¹⁵ He founded the Trump Brand and expanded into several industrial branches.¹⁶ Besides being a politician and businessman, he is/was also an actor¹⁷ and producer of a reality show. He also owns a radio show and is the author of several books.¹⁸ Donald Trump is a billionaire.¹⁹ He's been divorced two times and married his current third wife Melania Knauss in 2005.²⁰ All in all he has five children and seven grandchildren.²¹

Picture 2 (in attachment): Donald Trump

1.3.2 Political Position of Donald Trump

Because of limited space, only those political positions of Donald Trump which are outstanding or relate to the theme of this term paper will be listed. Trump usually is very variable and unspecific about his political opinion. In addition to that he not only changes it a lot, he also often denies having said something before.²² But overall Donald Trump seems to have a problem with the former President Obama and wants to undo Obama's policies. Before running for presidency, Trump's most outstanding political position was the believe of the illegitimacy of Barack Obama, the 44th president. He didn't acknowledge that Obama indeed was born in Hawaii, which means in the USA and therefore is an U.S. citizen, having the right to become president.²³ Trump also doesn't believe in global warming.²⁴ Donald Trump not only said that he wants to cut taxes but also create millions of new jobs by returning manufacturing into the U.S. itself. He also wants to build a wall on the border to Mexico and that way stop immigration, combined with massive deportation of illegal immigrants. Trump wants ban Muslim refugees and travelers from coming in the USA. He also wants to abandon Obamacare, the healthcare system of the former president Obama and cut taxes massively. Donald Trump doesn't support abortion but childcare and wants paid maternity leave

¹³ See: S.J. Prince: "What Does the 14th Amendment Say About Gay Marriage", heavy., 26.06.2015

¹⁴ See: Joseph Eleyinte: "106 Facts About Donald Trump", Lulu Press, Inc, 2017, S. 10-18 & 52

¹⁵ See: Eleyinte, S. 20-22 & 56

¹⁶ See: Eleyinte, S. 179

¹⁷ See: Eleyinte, S. 82 & 121

¹⁸ See: Eleyinte, S. 90 & 205 & 213

¹⁹ See: Eleyinte, S. 30

²⁰ See: My Ebook Publishing House: "Donald Trump – The Biography of The Success Businessman Turned Presidential Candidate", My Ebook Publishing House, 2016, S. 9

²¹ See: Eleyinte, S. 193 & 201

²² See: IntroBooks: "Donald Trump", IntroBooks, 2016, S. 12

²³ See: Howard Harrison: "The Great Divide: Story of the 2016 U.S. Presidential Race", Dog Ear Publishing, 2017, S. 329

²⁴ See: Eleyinte, S. 124f

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for a few weeks but only for the mothers.²⁵ However, he wants to allow employers to exclude birth-control insurance from workplace healthcare because of moral and/or religious unwillingness²⁶ and doesn't seem to care about sexual harassment of women and the discrimination on workplaces. Another discrepancy about his political position is his relation to LGBT. On the one hand, he mentioned that he would be against same-sex marriages. On the other hand, he said that he would be pro-LGBT.²⁷ He also defended the right of a transgender woman to use the bathroom that matches with gender identity instead of her biological sex but wants to ban transgender people from serving in the military. He also said that he would support orders which would allow discrimination against LGBT.²⁸ About his political party there needs to be said that, even though he's been a republican candidate for being president, he's been democratic before.²⁹

1.3.3 Donald Trump's policies

As a result of not believing in climate change and wanting to undo Obama's policies, Donald Trump decided to shorten climate change regulations which were established by Barack Obama's administration.³⁰ In combination with that he also made the USA leave the Paris climate accord.³¹ Trump also signed a travel ban directive which mainly applies to citizens of countries which are mostly Muslim, to refugees and to immigrants. The travel ban was blocked by federal judges.³² Because he doesn't support abortion, he not only internationally banned abortion but also forbid organizations and events which inform about abortion.³³ Donald Trump established a stricter version of the Mexico City Policy, otherwise known as 'global gag rule'.³⁴ Fulfilling his wish to abandon Obama's healthcare system and his promise to cut taxes, Donald Trump realized a new tax bill. For better understanding: Obama's healthcare system is partly paid by additional taxes of Americans without taxes. The rest is as usual paid by those being part of this healthcare system but they need to pay less money. Trump's new tax bill cuts the extra taxes of people without healthcare, not only making Obama's healthcare insurance more expensive for those having it but also making it less attractive.³⁵ The administration of Trump recalled an Obama guidance for public schools which protected transsexual children. Instead he abolished a rule out of Obama's presidency which should diminish the gap between male and female wages.³⁶ Other policies of Trump are the policies that allows employers to exclude birth-control insurance from workplace healthcare because of moral and/or religious unwillingness.³⁷ He also delayed an overtime payment rule by Obama's

²⁵ See: "First 100 days: Where President Trump stands on key issues", BBC News, 06.07.2017, www.bbc.com/news/election-us-2016-37468751

²⁶ See: Erik Larson: "Trump's Birth-Control Insurance Plan Is Unconstitutional, Democrats Say", Bloomberg, 28.11.2017

²⁷ See: "How will President Trump affect women's rights?", The Week, 10.11.2016

²⁸ See: German Lopez: "Trump promised to be a uniquely pro-LGBTQ Republican. It was total bullshit.", Vox, 27.07.2017

²⁹ See: Jeffrey Lord: "What America needs - The case for Trump", Regnery Publishing, 2016, S. 116

³⁰ See: "What executive Actions has Trump taken?" BBC News, 12.04.2017, www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-38695593

³¹ See: Jonathan Swan: "Trump is pulling U.S. out of Paris climate deal", 31.05.2017, <https://www.axios.com/trump-is-pulling-us-out-of-paris-climate-deal-1513302661-012d814d-0762-474e-93c1-3c6c5a83514.html>

³² See: "What executive Actions has Trump taken?"

³³ See: Casey Quakenbush: "The Impact of President Trump's 'Global Gag Rule' on women's Health is Becoming Clear", TIME, 05.02.2018

³⁴ See: Sarah Boseley: "How Trump signed a global death warrant for women", The Guardian, 21.07.2017

³⁵ See: David Blumenthal: "How the New U.S. Tax Plan Will Affect Health Care", Harvard Business Review (HBR), 19.12.2017

³⁶ See: Danielle Paquette: "The Trump administration just halted this Obama-era rule to shrink the gender wage gap", The Washington Post, 30.08.2017

³⁷ See: Julia Belluz: "How women's reproductive rights stalled under Trump", Vox, 31.01.2018

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administration. In 2017 the Trump administration, to be more precise the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, cut the caregiver support for veterans.³⁸ Donald Trump established new immigration policies which are stricter than the ones before.³⁹ Since February 2017 transgender children no longer have the right to use the bathroom that matches with the gender they identify with.⁴⁰ President Trump banned transgender people from serving in the military.⁴¹ He passed a law which legalizes discrimination based on sexuality and gender identity under the aspect of religious liberty.⁴² Trump also decided to throw older LGBT Americans out of the data collection of the "National Survey of Older Americans Act Participants (NSOAAP)"⁴³. Since 2017 discrimination against transgender workers isn't forbidden anymore.⁴⁴

2. Donald Trump about LGBT

2.1 Before election

During an interview in 2000 Donald Trump said that he would support gay Americans to be allowed to serve in the military. He also explained that for him it wouldn't matter if someone is gay and wants to work for him because the skills of a person would be important and not sexual orientation.⁴⁵ In 2011 Trump said that he would be "not in favor of gay marriage"⁴⁶.

2.2 During election campaign

During his campaign Donald Trump said on the Republican National Convention in 2016 that he "will do everything in my power to protect our LGBTQ citizens"⁴⁷ if he becomes the President. He also wrote on Twitter that he will fight for the LGBT community. In April 2016 Trump explained in an interview that he is okay with transgender people using the bathroom of the gender they identify with. During an interview in November 2016 he said that for him same-sex marriages would be okay,

³⁸ See: Sunny Frothingham, Shilpa Phadke: "100 Days, 100 Ways the Trump Administration is Harming Women and Families", Center for American Progress, 25.04.2017, <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/women/reports/2017/04/25/430969/100-days-100-ways-trump-administration-harming-women-families/>

³⁹ See: Saher Khan: "Even without border wall funding, Trump has reshaped immigration policy", PBS Newshour, 26.03.2018, <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/even-without-border-wall-funding-trump-has-reshaped-immigration-policy>

⁴⁰ See: Luke Darby: "The Trump Administration Has Been a Disaster for LGBT Americans", GQ, 30.06.2017)

⁴¹ See: "Trump transgender military plan: Democrats, LGBT groups are outraged, and GOP is silent", CBS News, 24.03.2018, <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-transgender-military-ban-gop-silent-democrats-and-lgbt-groups-outraged/>

⁴² See: Masha Gessen: "How Trump Uses 'Religious Liberty' To Attack L.G.B.T. Rights", The New Yorker, 11.10.2017

⁴³ Karen L. Loewy: "Erasing LGBT People From Federal Data Collection: A Need for Vigilance", American Journal of Public Health, August 2017, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5508179/>

⁴⁴ See: "Trump's record of action against transgender people", National Center for Transgender Equality, <https://transequality.org/the-discrimination-administration>

⁴⁵ See: Meghan Keneally: "Donald Trump's past statements about LGBT rights", ABC News, 26.07.2017, <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/donald-trumps-past-statements-lgbt-rights/story?id=48858527>

⁴⁶ "Here's Exactly Why A Vote For Trump Is A Vote Against LGBTQ Rights", HuffPost, 2016, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pK9V6TA-PB0>

⁴⁷ "Trump: I will do everything I can to protect our LGBTQ citizens", Fox Business, 21.07.2016, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WMnoa8dLw8>

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the law couldn't be changed anymore⁴⁸ but earlier that year in January 2016 he said that he would cancel Supreme Court's decision to make same-sex marriages legal in all states⁴⁹.

2.3 During mandate

In July 2017 Donald Trump tweeted that he would ban transgender people to serve in the military because they would cost a lot of extra money.⁵⁰ Even though they might not be direct speech, his policies can be added to this point as they represent his opinion quite well.

3. Donald Trump about women

3.1 Before election

In 2005 Donald Trump said on tape that he could do whatever he wants to do to a woman. On this tape he said his probably most famous sentence: "Grab them by the pu**y. You can do anything."⁵¹ A more specific case was when a former female worker of Trump published that he had a 'fat picture' of her which he used to hold her to ransom so she wouldn't do something he didn't like. In 1991 Trump called women "beautiful pieces of ass".⁵² One year later he even said that women would need to be treated like sh*t during an interview. These are only some of many other sexist statements Trump has said over the years but they show his disrespect for women and how he objectifies them only to their bodies. In 2011 he also revealed that he would be disgusted by women who breastfeed.⁵³

3.2 During election campaign

In 2016 Donald Trump declared that in his opinion abortion should be punished and forbidden. He also continued to disrespect women and to reduce them to their bodies. For example when he called a former Miss Universe winner 'Miss Piggy'.⁵⁴ This comment is accompanied by the fact that he has claimed several times he would respect women.⁵⁵

3.3 During mandate

In the beginning of 2017 Donald Trump tweeted that he would have "tremendous respect for women"⁵⁶ but his policies speak otherwise.

4. Effects of Donald Trump's actions

4.1 National effects (USA)

The effects of Trump's actions will be split up into the effects on women and the effects on LGBT. These two parts will be split up again into general effects and specific effects.

⁴⁸ See: "Everything President Trump Has Said About The LGBTQ Community, Including Fighting For Them | TIME", TIME, 26.07.2017, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAOcfy5J2qw>

⁴⁹ See: HuffPost, YouTube

⁵⁰ See: TIME, YouTube

⁵¹ "Donald Trump On Tape: I Grab Women "By The Pu**y"", The Daily Conversation, 2016, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhsSzIS84ks>

⁵² Claire Cohen: "Donald trump sexism tracker: Every offensive comment in one place", The Telegraph, 14.07.2017

⁵³ See: Cohen

⁵⁴ See: Cohen

⁵⁵ See: Aaron Blake: "21 times Donald Trump has assured us he respects women", The Washington Post, 08.03.2017

⁵⁶ Blake

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Even though Donald Trump's policy about the tax cut and in combination with that Obama's healthcare system do have general effects because they aren't limited to women or any other specified group, they still have a huge impact on women. Through to the tax cut Obama's healthcare system becomes more expensive because the financial part out of extra taxes of Americans without healthcare falls away. Especially poor Americans might not be able afford healthcare any longer. This can also affect the productivity of workforce in a negative way because health overall could become worse which might lead to deficits of workers. Pregnancies and giving birth which usually need medical help and guidance, are also covered by healthcare. Because pregnancies and births first and foremost influence and relate to women and children often need the insurance of healthcare, the tax bill and its consequences have a huge impact on women. The new tax bill of Donald Trump also makes it harder to save for retirement. Financial advisers are not longer required "to act in the best interests of clients"⁵⁷ and savings for retirement which were tax-free before are now taxed.⁵⁸ On average, Women live longer than men so these changes will influence them even more than men. The cut of caregiver support for veterans by the U.S. department of Veterans Affairs influences women because most caregivers are female. Through to the cut less caregivers can be afforded. This means less jobs and less money for many women who work as caregivers. Because of Donald Trump's immigration policies less illegal female immigrants are seeking protection orders against sexual abuse and/or domestic violence. The victims are too afraid of deportation.⁵⁹

Donald Trump becoming president combined with Hillary Clinton, a female candidate for presidency who nearly won the election, motivated more women to run for political positions or an elective office and overall be more interested and engaged in politic, fighting for their rights.⁶⁰ Women not only saw a woman reaching out for the most important political position in the USA, they also experience the results of not enough women in political positions or being engaged in politic. Donald Trump's policy about abortion had and still has a fatal effect on women. Not only aren't women allowed to abort anymore. There are even more far-reaching effects. As a result of banning abortion, clinics which prohibit safe abortion shut down and because of even forbidding to inform about abortion fewer women know the risks of abortion, especially unprofessional abortions. Because some women still want to abort there are more and more unprofessional and unsafe abortions. The results are more and more women whose health suffers because of unsafe abortion and even some deaths.⁶¹ Donald Trump's policies about the reproductive rights of women consist of relaxation of the birth control mandate. This mandate required employers to offer covering of contraception through insurance to their female employees. Trump's policy allows employers to refuse the coverage of this costs because of religious or moral denial. Especially women who might not be able to afford contraceptives by themselves are effected by this policy.⁶² It will lead to more unwanted pregnancies and, as a result, even to more unprofessional abortions. Another policy of Trump, his policy to abolish a rule which should diminish the inequality of gender wages, also effects women but in a totally different way. Women often receive less money than men for equal. The rule was supposed to eliminate this gap. Donald Trump's policy not only stops the decrease of unequal wages, it also might even lead to an increase of the inequality of wages and make workplace

⁵⁷ Kathleen Elkins: "3 ways the Trump administration seems to be making it harder to save for retirement", CNBC, 07.09.2017, <https://www.cnbc.com/2017/09/07/retirement-planning-is-changing-under-the-trump-administration.html>

⁵⁸ See: Elkins

⁵⁹ See: Frothingham, Phadke

⁶⁰ See: Susan J. Carroll, Richard Logan Fox: Gender and Elections. Cambridge University Press, 2018, S. 6

⁶¹ See: Quakenbush

⁶² See: Belluz

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discrimination against women possible, even though it's actually illegal.⁶³ The overtime rule Donald Trump delayed would have given more than three million women the right to get paid for overtime. Because of unequal wages based on gender, women would have had the greatest advantage of overtime payment. The budget Donald Trump has defined for the USA detracts more than 400 million U.S.-dollars from the budget of nurse training programs and health profession. Mostly women are working in this jobs. Because of the cuts the wages are sinking and fewer workplaces can be offered. The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program also has major cuts of their funding because of Trump's budget.⁶⁴ As a result there will be more teen pregnancies which might also lead to more unprofessional abortions. Donald Trump's immigration policies also include detention of pregnant women who are illegal immigrants. Before, the ICE which enforces immigration laws, automatically didn't detain pregnant immigrants but with Trump's new policy detention of pregnant women will be decided case by case. Custody is dangerous for pregnant women, not only for themselves but also for the unborn children because it can lead to serious health problems.⁶⁵ Undocumented pregnant immigrants also might not be going to doctors even with serious health problems because of the fear of detention. Trump left "important women's leadership roles across the federal government"⁶⁶ empty, for example the office of the director on Violence Against Women which is at the Department of Justice of the U.S.. In addition to that he filled important offices with men who don't care about women's rights or even have a negative attitude towards women.⁶⁷ The results are less governmental attention on women's rights and women's problems and undermining of women's rights. Because it's not an effect of a special policy, the Women's March 2017 which took place on 21st January 2017, Trump's first full day in office, is a completely different effect of Donald Trump's politics. Main points of the demonstration were of course women's rights but also the rights of immigrants and LGBT which all are in danger because of Trump's presidency. The protest in Washington DC was the biggest with more than 500.000 people participating⁶⁸ but apparently there have been protests in more than 500 cities across the U.S.. The demonstration was the largest in American History.⁶⁹

⁶³ See: Paquette

⁶⁴ See: Frothingham, Phadke

⁶⁵ See: Abigail Abrams: ICE Will Now Detain Pregnant women Because of President Trump's Executive Order. TIME, 30.03.2018

⁶⁶ Frothingham, Phadke

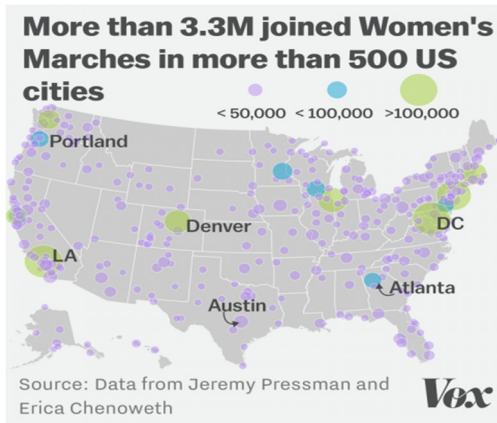
⁶⁷ See: Frothingham, Phadke

⁶⁸ "Women's March on Washington: Historic Protest Three Times Larger Than Trump's Inaugural Crowd", Democracy Now!, 23.01.2017, See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74B_WBo3RFI

⁶⁹ See: "Trump Causes Largest Protest In US History", the Young Turks, 23.01.2018, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Mp8loMGLIA>

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Picture 3: Women's March 2017 across the U.S.



(<https://portside.org/2017-01-22/womens-marches-may-have-been-largest-demonstration-us-history>)

Symbol of the women's march were the so called "pu**y hats", pink-knitted hats that were inspired by Donald Trump's sentence: "Grab them by the pu**y."^{70,71} The march united people across the U.S. but especially women. Women stood up to fight for their rights and to represent their opinions and political positions.

Picture 4 (in attachment): Pu**y hats

Donald Trump's policy about the tax cut and Obama's health insurance have a special impact on LGBT Americans because less people suffering from HIV have healthcare. HIV is a widespread virus which can't be healed and causes sure death without the right medication. Especially LGBT people have and get this virus.⁷² Without healthcare LGBT people can't afford the necessary medication. This causes more deaths because of HIV. In addition to that Trump didn't propose anyone to the Office of National AIDS Policy, leaving it vacant. The results are even less attention to the problem of HIV which is a problem of LGBT.⁷³

In 2017 LGBT people were less accepted in the U.S. compared to the year before.⁷⁴ One reason for this development is Donald Trump's attitude towards LGBT or rather his politics about LGBT. Politics and the attitude of a president influence the public opinion. Some parts of this influence, Trump's influence, are called the "Trump Effect". The Trump Effect is defined as "an increase in bullying in schools caused by the rhetoric Donald Trump used during his presidential campaign"⁷⁵ as well as an increase in "religious and racial bullying by adults as well as: misogyny, sexual assault, and other socially unacceptable behaviors"⁷⁶. On his first day in office Trump has removed content which relates to LGBT from the official websites of the White House and the Department of State. This openly separates the government from LGBT. This separation makes a contribution to the decrease of the general acceptance of LGBT people in the U.S.. Donald Trump's policy to abolish the law which should have secured fair wages, not only effects women in a special way but also LGBT workers.

⁷⁰ The Daily Conversation, YouTube

⁷¹ See: Sabrina Siddiqui: "How has Donald Trump's first year affected women?", The Guardian, 18.01.2018

⁷² See: "How HIV Impacts LGBTQ People", HRC, <https://www.hrc.org/resources/hrc-issues-brief-hiv-aids-and-the-lgbt-community>

⁷³ See: Darby

⁷⁴ See: Susan Miller: Tolerance takes a hit: Americans less accepting of LGBT people in 2017, survey shows. USA Today, 25.01.2018

⁷⁵ Rosemary K.M. Sword, Philip Zimbardo Ph.D.: The Trump Effect: An Update. Psychology Today, 30.01.2018

⁷⁶ Sword, Zimbardo

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LGBT people are more likely to get unfair wages, just like women. The policy promotes discrimination against LGBT workers and unfair wages.⁷⁷ By taking away the right of transgender children to use the bathroom in school which fits with their gender identity Trump made it even harder for transgender children to openly be transgender.⁷⁸ They feel less accepted, not only by the people around them but also by the government. The policy is a discrimination against transgender children because the gender they identify with doesn't count and only their biological gender is important. The recall of the guidance to protect transsexual children from discrimination includes not only this aspect, for example it also allowed transgender students to use the locker room their gender identifies with. This makes the situation even worse because the children in addition have to fear discrimination against them.⁷⁹ The policy is taking away the rights of transgender Americans. Donald Trump banned transgender Americans from serving in the military.⁸⁰ The policy is an example of discrimination against transgender people. By taking away the rights of transgender Americans, Donald Trump is transforming them into a excluded and isolated social group. The same effect but on the whole LGBT community has his policy allowing discrimination under the aspect of religious liberty. The law specifically allows discrimination based on gender identity and/or sexuality "if it is motivated by one of three beliefs: that marriage is a union between one man and one woman, that sexual relations can take place only within such a marriage, and that gender is an immutable biological characteristic"⁸¹. Doctors and lawyers, for example, are now allowed to discriminate against LGBT people.⁸² They can refuse to treat or work for LGBT people because of the abovementioned reasons. Other effects of this law are that LGBT Americans are less frequent represented in court, making it harder for them to fight for their rights and less access to medical care. It also leads to an increase of unemployed or underpaid LGBT Americans because they can be disadvantaged legally when it comes to applications for employment and makes it harder for same-sex couples to adopt a child. It also allows discrimination on workplace and makes it harder for same-sex couples to buy an apartment or a house. Because Donald Trump dropped older LGBT Americans out of the data of NSOAAP, health and care of older LGBT Americans is threatened. The NSOAAP helps to evaluate whether aging programs which are federally funded, for example caregiver and/or nutrition support services accurately meet the needs of older Americans. Because LGBT Americans aren't be documented anymore, decisions about limiting these programs are made based on inexact information. They also will be even more isolated than before. Older LGBT Americans were discriminated against most of their life what leads them to more likely be poor or financial instable. This makes not being part of funded aging programs even harder. The law which allows discrimination against LGBT people makes things even worse because some doctors refuse to take them as their clients and, in combination with that, the higher chance for LGBT people to have HIV.⁸³ Allowing discrimination against transgender workers⁸⁴ makes it more difficult for them to find work that is paid good or rather employment in general. Discrimination can cause depression which can be treated. The treatment is paid by healthcare insurance. Because of the undermining of Obama's healthcare system through tax cuts and because of allowing discrimination against LGBT people in general which allows doctors to refuse treatment, allowing discrimination against

⁷⁷ See: Mary Emily O'Hara: "First 100 days: How President Trump Has Impacted LGBTQ Rights", NBC News, 26.04.2017, <https://www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out/first-100-days-how-president-trump-has-impacted-lgbtq-rights-n750191>

⁷⁸ See: Darby

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⁸⁰ See: "Trump transgender Military ban"

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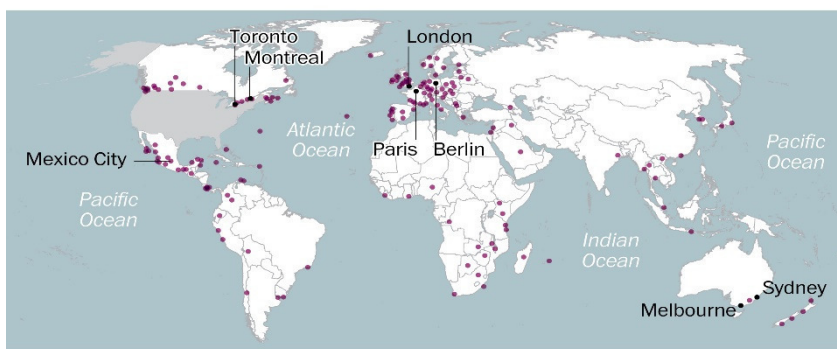
transgender workers can affect them a lot. Donald Trump has nominated many judges for the empty seats of the federal courts who are against LGBT people and want to cut their rights. Being a federal judge usually is a duty for lifetime. That means that LGBT Americans will face a hard time in court in the future. It's also easier for Donald Trump to fulfill his laws against LGBT Americans and their rights.⁸⁵

4.2 Global effects

The Women's March 2017 whose main motivation was Donald Trump didn't only take place in the U.S. but around the world. Across seven continents in more than 600 locations, those in the U.S. are among those numbers, millions of people supported those in the U.S..⁸⁶ Especially in Europe there have been many supportive women's marches. Women across the world were united to fight for their rights and to stand up.

Picture 5: Women's marches outside the U.S. 2017

Women's March sister marches outside the U.S.



Source: Women's March

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(https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/2017/live-updates/politics/live-coverage-of-trumps-inauguration/crowds-gather-for-the-womens-march-on-washington/?utm_term=.2ee38dad7dee)

Donald Trump and his administration have cut the contribution to the U.N. Population Fund by the U.S.. This fund operates worldwide and helps financing and fighting for maternal health, gender equity programs, family planning and women's rights worldwide.⁸⁷ Less funding means less possibilities to help women to be treated equal and to have more rights. This also applies to forced marriages. In addition to that the fund has financed contraceptives for poor women. These women usually don't know how they are supposed to take care of all their children because of their poverty. The fund has provided them a chance for a better life, not only for the women but also for their children. Now, less women have access to help. Other effects are of course more pregnancies and as a result of more pregnancies also more abortions as well as more maternal deaths. Also, there are many diseases that are sexually transmitted, for example HIV. Contraceptives can protect against infection but without the U.S. Population Fund more women infect themselves or their partners. The new version of the Mexico City policy forces non-profit organizations to not promote or perform abortions worldwide if they want to be funded by the U.S. under the aspect of health assistance. By cutting the contributions of the U.S. to health funding on global level, Trump effectuated an even poorer health status and the death of really poor women, especially in Africa. The policy also shuts down health clinics. Another effect of this policy is that more women

⁸⁵ See: Lambda Legal: "Trump's Judicial Assault on LGBT Rights", Lambda Legal, 20.12.2017, https://www.lambdalegal.org/blog/20171220_trumps-judicial-assault-on-lgbt-rights

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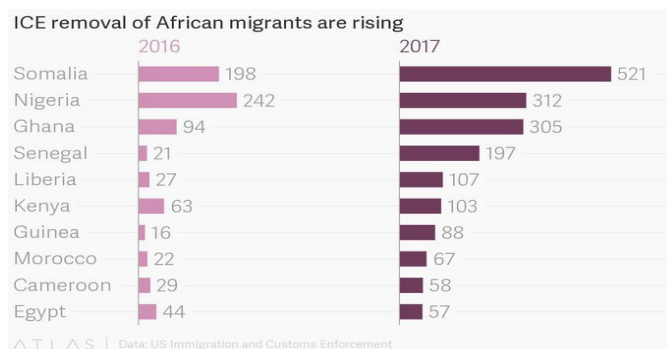
⁸⁷ See: Frothingham, Phadke

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worldwide will use unprofessional abortion. Unprofessional abortions hold great risks of health and life of women as I have mentioned above.⁸⁸ Trump's stricter immigration policies make it harder for women to receive asylum, when they try to flee from bad conditions for women in their native countries. Some of those conditions are mentioned above. In addition to that, more women are deported nowadays.⁸⁹ Because of that, the cut of funding by the U.S. have an even worse impact on women in Africa. There is less improvement of their lives in Africa but escaping became even more difficult.

Trump's travel ban which was blocked later also referred to LGBT refugees out of the effected countries. They fled and still flee from persecution because of their gender identity and/or sexuality. For them the ban was like a sentence to death.⁹⁰ Because of President Trump's stricter immigration policies, more illegal African immigrants are deported. Somalis are removed the most.⁹¹

Picture 6: ICE removal of African migrants are rising



(<https://qz.com/1204111/tumps-immigration-ice-kicked-out-more-africans-than-ever-while-reducing-overall-removals>)

Some of these immigrants or rather asylum seekers are LGBT people. They flee from their countries "to avoid criminalization, torture, violence, public persecution, political scapegoating, and moral cleansing"⁹². Sending those people back to the countries they came from exposes them to great danger and sometimes even death. Donald Trump has cut the U.S. contributions to PEPFAR, a global AIDS funding, and to all "U.S. global health funding"⁹³. LGBT people worldwide, especially in Africa, have problems receiving proper healthcare. Especially AIDS which is the final stage of HIV needs to be treated. This has led and will lead to suffering and deaths of LGBT people. A positive side effect of Trump's politics is the increasing tolerance of LGBT people in Europe. Thinking about and/or seeing the effects of Donald Trump's actions on LGBT people not only in the U.S. but also in Africa let many people re-think their attitude towards LGBT people and their rights. This effect is hugely supported by the fact that Trump is mentioned in the media very often. There are countless reports about him and his policies. An example of that are the Women's Marches in 2017. Even though it was Donald Trump's first full day in office which means that there have only been speculations about

⁸⁸ See: Boseley

⁸⁹ See: Samira Sadeque: "Trump's ICE removed a higher number of Africans in 2017, even as overall removals fell", Quartz, 10.02.2018, <https://qz.com/1204111/tumps-immigration-ice-kicked-out-more-africans-than-ever-while-reducing-overall-removals>

⁹⁰ See: O'Hara

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⁹² Reverend Irene Monroe: "LGBT Africans and Haitians Don't Need Trump's Insults, They Need Asylum", Advocate, 22.01.2018

⁹³ "State Department Retains LGBTI Special Envoy", The Council for Global Equality, <http://www.globalequality.org>

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possible policies and their effects, the protesters not only stood up for women's rights but also for LGBT rights.

5. Conclusion (personal opinion)

I personally think that Donald Trump's impact on women has good and bad aspects, even though the good effects in all likelihood weren't intended. On the one hand, he did motivate more women to stand up and fight for their rights and to run for important political positions. Trump and his politics also united women around the world during the Women's Marches in 2017. On the other hand did he not only harm the rights of women in the U.S., he also threatens happiness, health and life of women around the world, especially in his own nation and in many African countries. But Donald Trump's impact on LGBT people is, in my opinion, almost only negative. The only good aspect is the increase of tolerance of LGBT people in Europe. Apart from that the effects have been and still are more discrimination against LGBT people, increasing inequality, loss of rights and again threat of happiness, health and life of LGBT people around the world.

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6. Attachment

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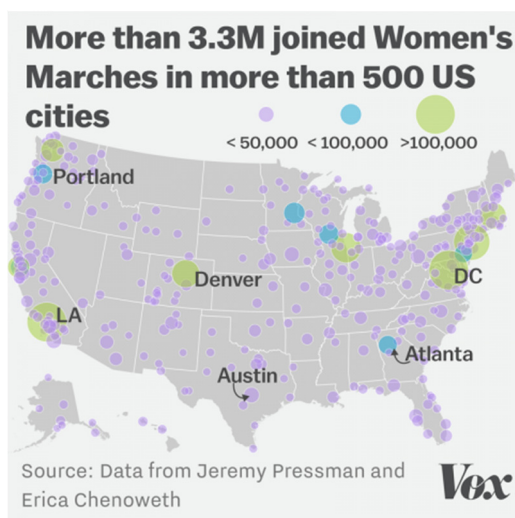


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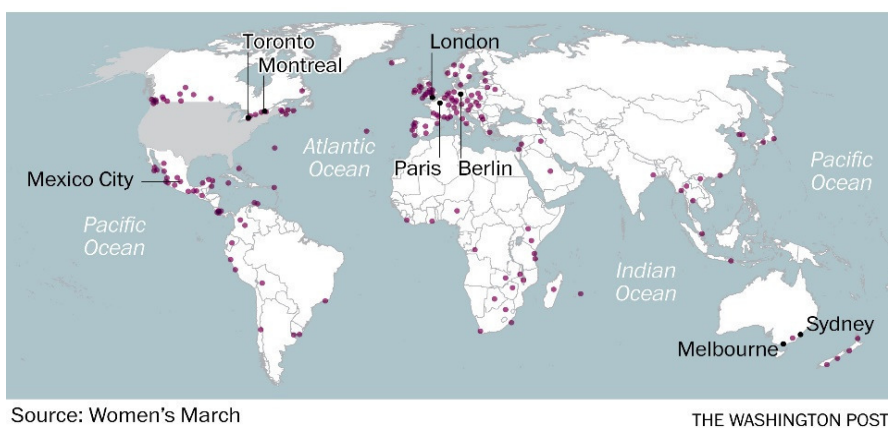
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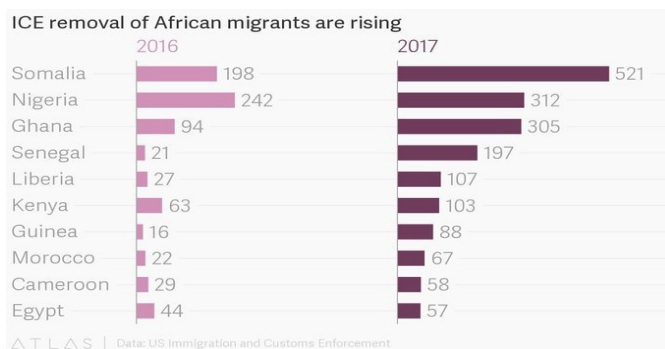


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