

INDIANA QUEER  
PRISONER SOLIDARITY

# Particular Challenges faced by Queer Prisoners

Increased targeting/forced closeting

Wrong housing for trans people

Overlapping oppression

More abuse/assault

Outside perception

HIV

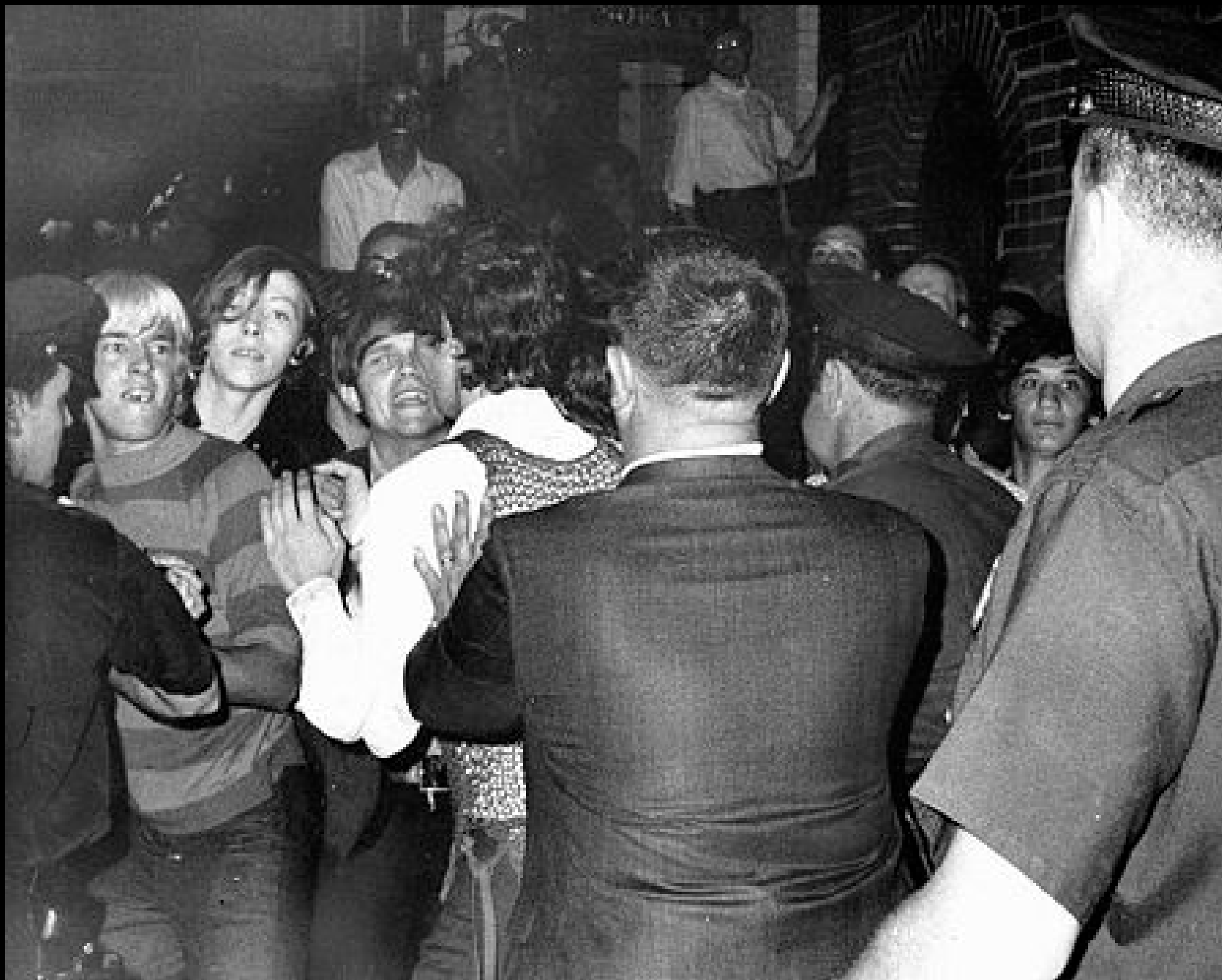
Lack of access to hormones

Forced participation in gendered body regulations

Protective segregation/isolation

FROM RIOT TO  
RESPECTABILITY:  
QUEER ANTAGONISM,  
QUEER ASSIMILATION,  
1969-present







The year that  
one liberation movement  
turned militant

# Homosexuals in revolt



When a 20-year-old homosexual approached the homosexuals called in New York's City Center all last spring, someone answered a tiny, dark, tinny, with the radio, the voice a shrill note "Gay Power," they started thinking the building. He was announced a makeshift table covered with homosexual copies of the New York City's and could be a person destined to lead nothing better to homosexuals. The book later introduced the idea, which was published only in the face of opposition.



**I**t was the most shocking act in many American, the most surprising liberation movement yet, under the slogan "Out of the streets and into the streets," thousands of homosexuals, male and female, were proudly parading what they had long hidden. They were, moreover, making loud direct conversation with conventional society. Their battle was far from easy. But in 1970 militant homosexuals showed that they were prepared to fight it, and a report on their efforts is shown on these 11 pages.

No one knows how many homosexuals there are in the U.S. Estimates range from two million to 10 million. Now is there any real knowledge of why someone is sexually attracted to a person of the same sex

last page 70. The last Dr. Alfred Kinsey following long-term investigations, estimated that most people have elements of both heterosexual and homosexual in their makeup. But those who have founded together in the "gay liberation" movement argue that homosexuality is a perfectly defined way of life. They mean what they consider to be sexual discrimination against them could lead to a profession that they did not choose and which they cannot—and do not want to—change. And a little more will admit that "straight" society's attitude toward homosexuals, they argued, is the change that all homosexuals are gay-riders and interests—with the first really say "Gay Is Good?"

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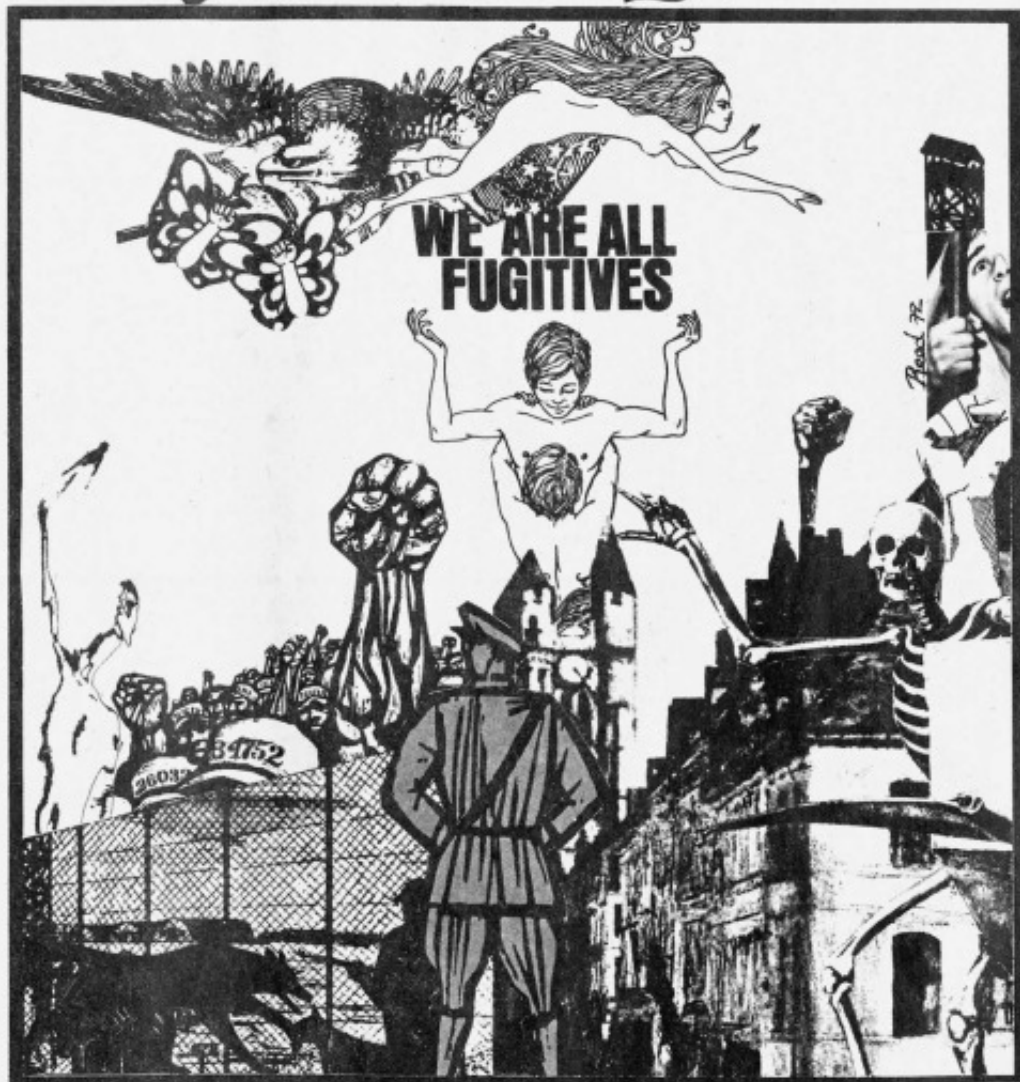
is utilization and history. They're the state still have so-called "locking laws" on their books, which provide for homosexuals who. Though rarely enforced, these laws justify harassment against homosexuals in employment and housing.

The article notes that most lawmakers are still reluctant to back repeal of the laws. But they are prepared for a long battle. "Nothing has ever been done the same since angry homosexuals fought New York police in the streets outside a Greenwich Village bar called the Stonewall Inn back in June 1969. "The homosexual general has to fight these laws," says another movement leader Frank Kameny, "and, believe me, until we get what we want, we are going to keep on fighting back."





# Gay Sunshine



A NEWSPAPER  
OF GAY LIBERATION

no.14

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Calif.



*Sylvia Rivera (holding the banner) and Marsha P. Johnson (with cooler) of the Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (S.T.A.R.) at the Christopher Street Liberation Day, Gay Pride Parade, NYC (24 June 1970). Photographer Leonard Fink. Reprinted, by permission, from National History Archives of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center.*





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**The Power of the People  
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**Political Statement of the  
George Jackson Brigade**

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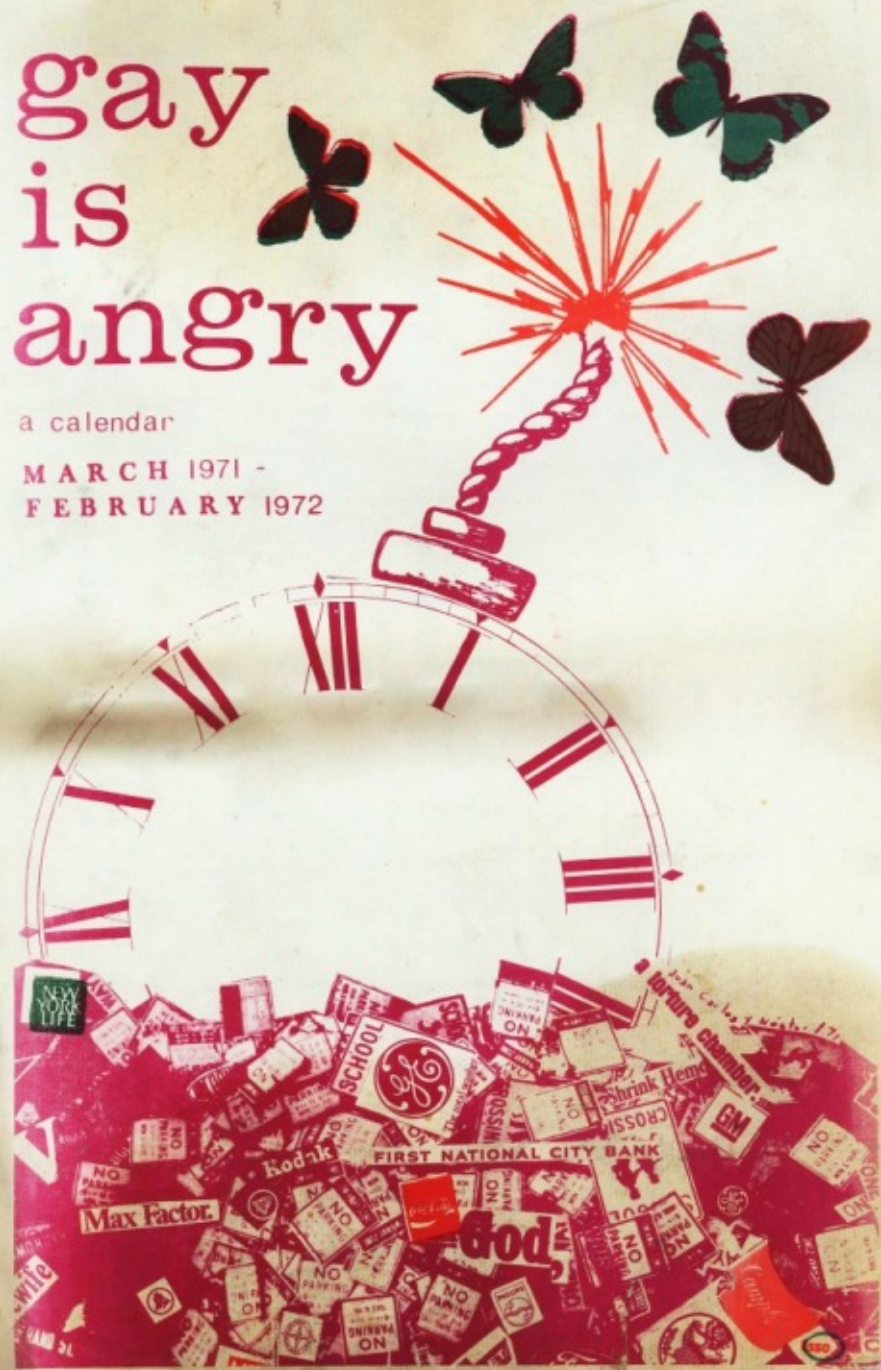




# gay is angry

a calendar

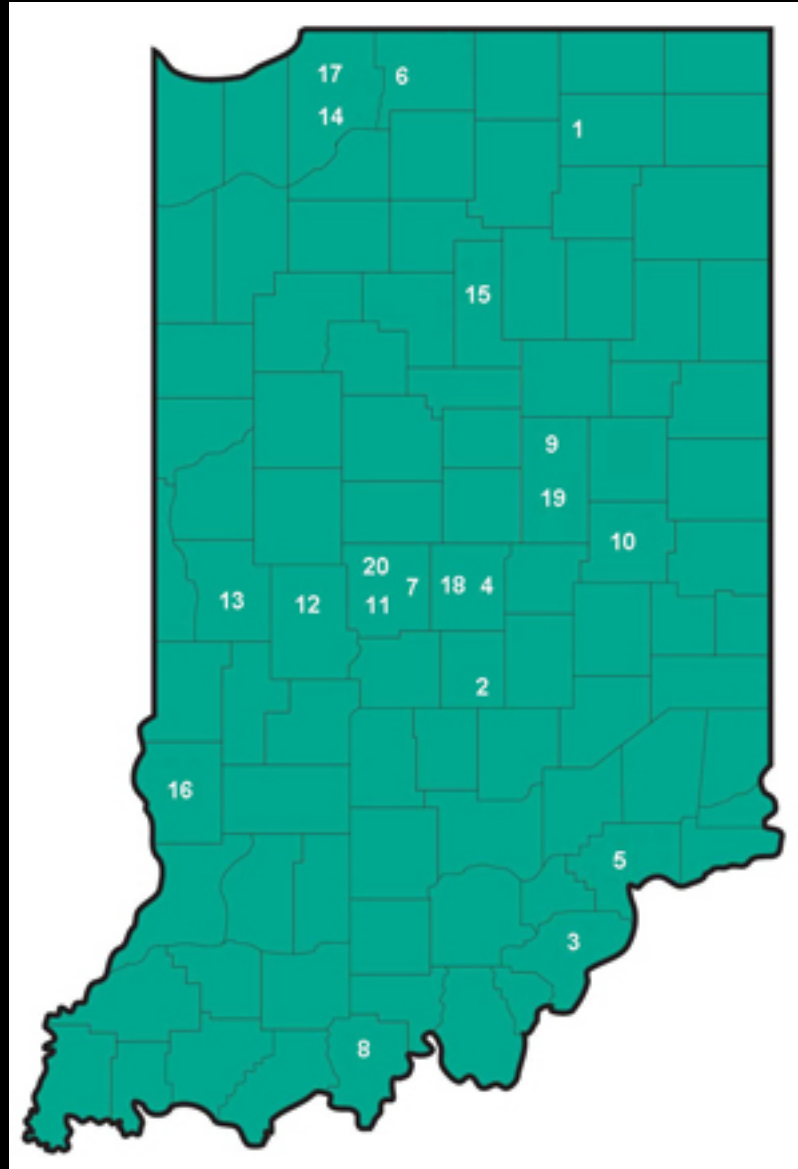
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# CURRENT STRUGGLE IN INDIANA PRISONS



<http://www.in.gov/idoc/2332.htm>



# Pendleton Correctional Facility

Madison County

# Summary of what we do

- ◆ Build personal relationships with queer prisoners in indiana
- ◆ Focus on what inmates want and need rather than our political platform
- ◆ Distribute literature
- ◆ Raise awareness in a conflictual manner and otherwise among outside queers

# WHAT YOU CAN DO

- ◆ Spread awareness of the importance of queer prisoner support
- ◆ Make writing to prisoners a part of your daily life
- ◆ Organize and attend fundraisers for incarcerated queers
- ◆ Make our daily lives as queers one of opposition to the state and its repression rather than asking for rights, agreeing to be compliant, and turning a blind eye to those of us who refuse or are never granted those rights



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ARE FOR  
BURNING.**