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The Anti-Gender Movement: What is it?

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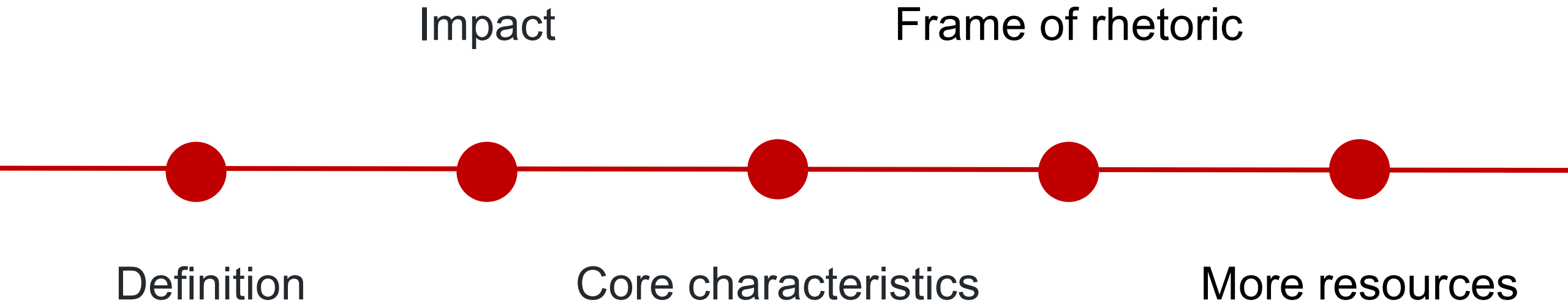
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Overview



Definition

- Over the past decades, and particularly 5-10 years, coordinated attacks on trans rights gains and trans movements.
- Frame progressive discussions around gender and gender identity as manifestations of a dangerous ideology that undermine traditional values, nations, families, order, common sense, and 'natural' ideas about sex, the body, and biology.
- Strong role for the Catholic Church, and Eastern Orthodox Christianity, right-wing populist, authoritarian, and white nationalist movements.
- Fundings are mostly coming from Europe, the US, and Russia.



Impact

- Documentation in Europe and the Americas, and, increasingly, in parts of Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia and the Pacific.
- Generate tremendous challenges for LGBTIQ+ and gender equality campaigners, especially for the most marginalized.
- Great capacity to mobilize broad public support against legal and policy reform on priority issues for LGBTIQ+ and feminist campaigners.

Core characteristics

- **Focus on ‘contentious’ issues**
Capitalize on issues concerning gender, sexuality, and culture, that are the most likely to spark public fear and outrage (e.g. children).
- **Common sub-groups involved**
Large right-wing populist, conservative and/or authoritarian blocks, tending to overlap with more extreme, alt/far right and/or fascist blocks, and fundamentalist or socially conservative religious blocks.
- **Connection with broader anti-progressive movements**
Overlaps with a) racist, anti-migrant, anti-Semitic, white nationalist, and/or pro-imperialism groups; and b) male supremacist, misogynistic, and/or men’s rights activist groups.



Frame of rhetoric

- Efforts to ‘restore’ and legitimize traditional economic and social hierarchies:
 - ‘Social change has gone too far’, or ‘civil society has overreached’ (e.g., as in attacks on ‘political correctness’);
 - Need for greater social order/hierarchy, discipline, and a wide-scale ‘return’ to common sense or traditional values.

More resources?

- [Impact of Anti-Gender Opposition on TGD and LGBTQI Movements: Global Report](#)
- [Trans Rights and Human Rights - Dismantling misconceptions about gender, gender identity, and the human rights of trans people](#)
- [Mapping Anti-gender Movements in the UK](#)