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Why Focus on Equity, Innovation?

- **We must take a hard look at who is being excluded from services and take steps to overcome systemic barriers to connect hardly reached people to HIV services**
 - Stigma, structural racism, other forms of discrimination
- **We must continue to develop and deploy innovative HIV treatment and prevention strategies and technologies suited to the different needs and preferences of diverse populations disproportionately affected by HIV**
 - More robust drug and diagnostic pipelines required
 - More research into HIV care continuum optimization



LGBTQ Rights Under Assault

- **490+ anti-LGBTQ bills are under consideration or have been codified across the United States**
 - Human Rights Campaign declares State of Emergency
- **“Anti-Homosexuality Act” codified in Uganda, similar laws are currently under consideration across East Africa**
 - Clinics providing HIV services in Kampala are empty
- **Stigmatization, criminalization of LGBTQ people is a HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION that is jeopardizing the HIV response**



RESIST.