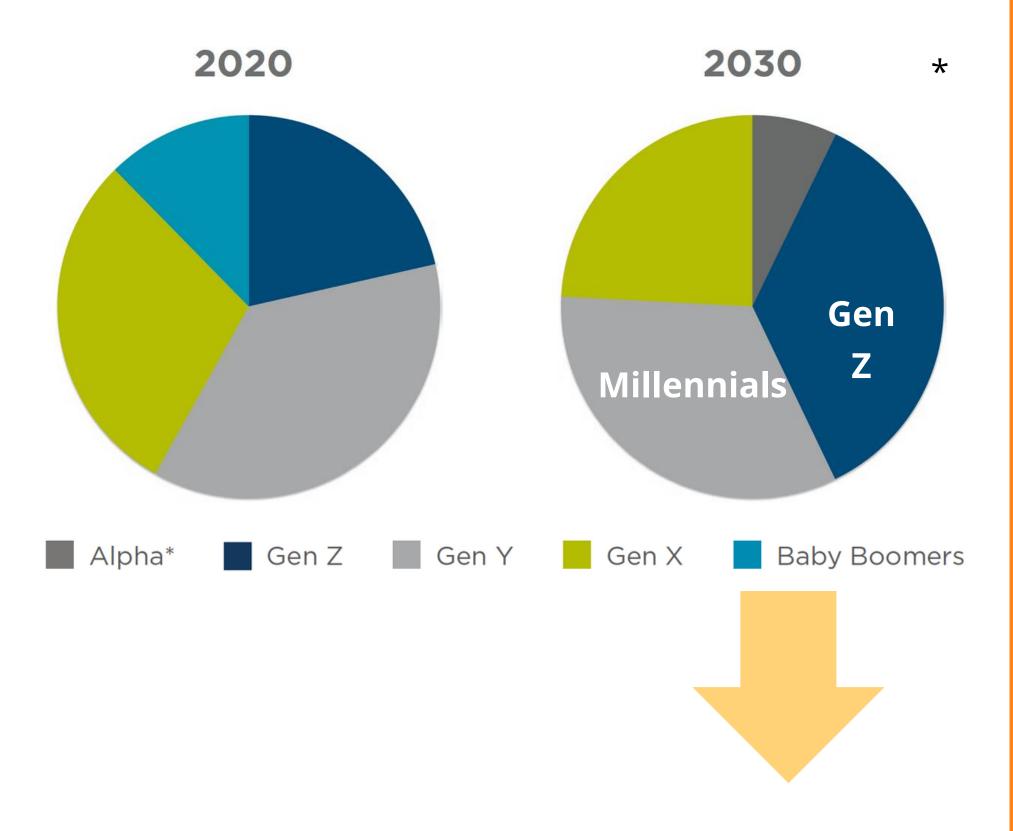
# Gender Diversity in the Workplace

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59% of Gen Zs and 50% of millennials say forms should include options other than "man" or "woman."\*\*

### Why?

Why should you care about generational differences related to gender diversity?

Gen Z brings a very different perspective into the workplace!

### Agenda

WHAT WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY

- Understanding
- GenerationalDifference
- Gender Outside the Binary
- Gender Diversity
  within The Workplace



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# IN 2030

THE OLDEST
MILLENNIAL
WILL BE 50

693 MILLION BABY BOOMERS REACH RETIRE AGE

Millennials make up 40% of workforce between 2020-2030 Gen Z is the largest generation in human history



### Generational Difference

Gen Z

1997-2012

Ages in 2030 18-33

20.8% identify as LGBT

35% know a person using gender neutral pronouns

Millennials

1981-1996

Ages in 2030 34-49

10.5% identify as LGBT

25% know a person using gender neutral pronouns

Gen X

1965-1980

Ages in 2030 50-65

4.2% identify as LGBT

16% know a person using gender neutral pronouns

**Baby Boomers** 

1946-1964

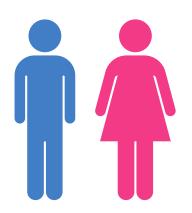
Ages in 2030 66-84

2.6% identify as LGBT

12% know a person using gender neutral pronouns



### Sex vs Gender



#### Sex is a not binary

Intersex is a wide range of conditions where a person's reproductive or sexual anatomy doesn't quite fit the usual male or female definitions.

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- Intersex Society of North America



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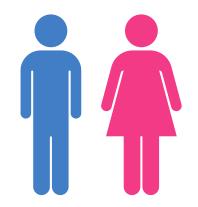
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#### REFLECTION

In what ways do you "do" your gender?
What decisions do you make based on your gender?



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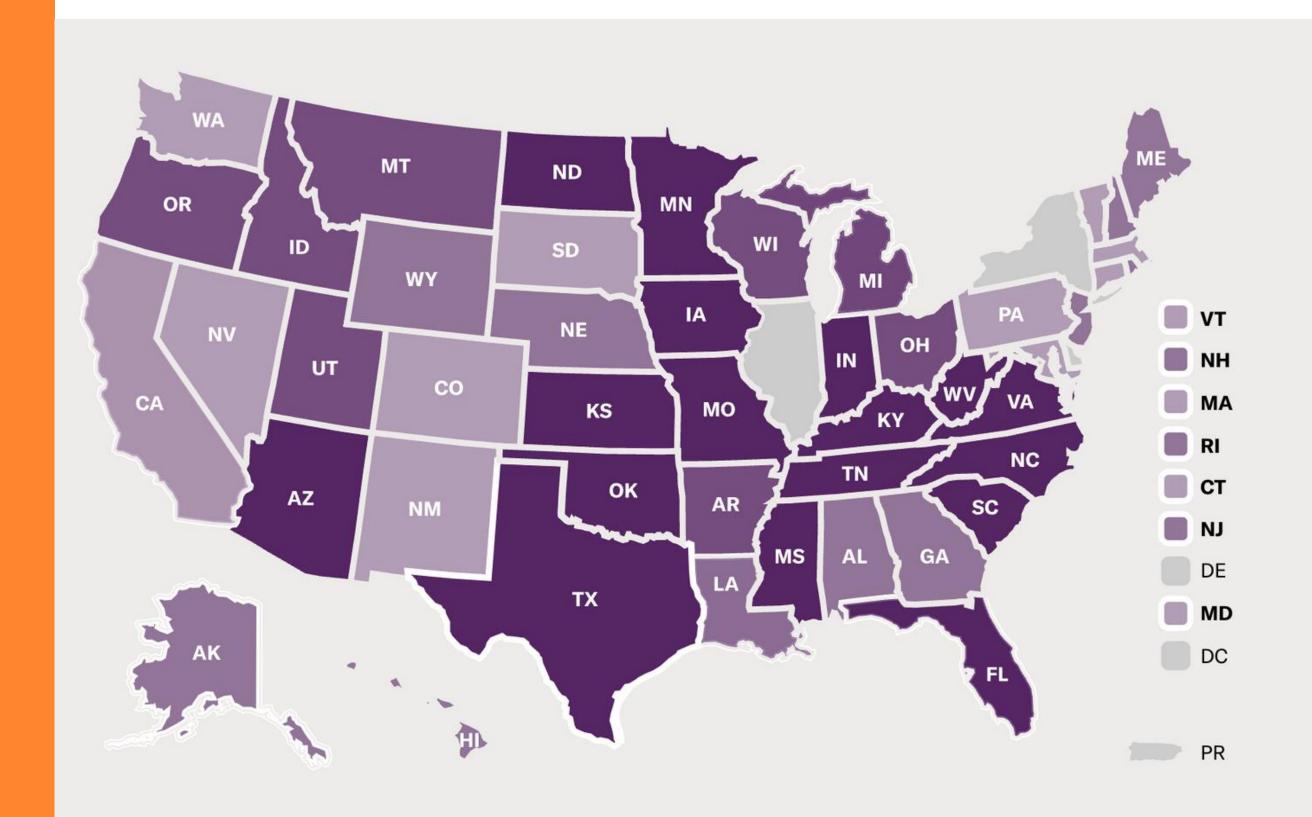
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# Current Climate for Gender Diversity

#### 501 anti-LGBTQ bills across the nation



# Workplace Climate

# **Companies Are Failing Trans Employees**

 1/3 of trans or gender nonconforming employees are out at work

They want to separate their private and professional lives. They also cited concerns around negative reactions from clients, customers, or coworkers, as well as career damage.

 60% of trans and gender nonconforming employees reported routinely experiencing negative behaviors at work

These aggressive behaviors and negative experiences range from overhearing gossip about their gender identity to being told not to share their TGNC identity with clients or customers.

#### **MENTAL**



- Invalidation from peers
- Unable to access gender-affirming care
- Distress from constant legislative attacks
- Lack of access to trained mental health professionals



#### **PHYSICAL**

- Lack of access to gender-inclusive spaces
- Hyper-vigilance/violence
- Barriers to healthcare
- Loss of gender-affirming care

#### SOCIAL



- Loss of family and friends
- Experiencing transphobia
- Discrimination in the workplace/unemployment
- Incongruent identification documentation

#### **REFLECTION**

How do you think these stressors affect productivity?



### Pronouns



#### Why ask?

Using correct pronouns is associated with better mental health outcomes.

#### When to ask?

Don't require someone to share pronouns in group settings. You can ask one-on-one.

It's not someone's 'preferred pronoun'. It's just pronoun.

#### What to do if you mess up?

Apologize. Don't over apologize. Do better next time.

## What you can do as...

#### **A LEADER**

- Address transphobic jokes
- Be public about your support of trans folks
- Vote for politicians that support trans rights
- Validate experiences
- Donate to orgs

#### **AN ORGANIZATION**

- Create policies for transitioning
- Create all-gender spaces
- Use language that supports all genders

#### **A TEAM**

- Share pronouns as common practice
- Speak up for gender diverse teammates
- Report any type of transphobic behavior

#### **A COMMUNITY**

- Vote!
- Create support systems for trans folks
- Provide spaces for trans folks
- Educate yourself & loved ones

# Gender is changing

IT'S TIME TO BE PROACTIVE

# Thank you!

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