

HOW DO WE SURVIVE AND THRIVE DURING THE BACKLASH?

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Survival
Solidarity
Continuity

Community
Change
Joy



Youth organising and trans rights

What's on stake

- gender affirming health care
- child- and youth specific rights and protection
- principle of self-determination
- weakening of our movements and support systems within our community
- increased violence against trans people



The backlash

The backlash

- trans exclusionary radical feminism (transphobia)
- rise of conservatism, nationalism and traditionalism
- time-defining and narrative-writing "gender ideology"
- racism, fascism, eco fascism, right wing extremism
- challenges to the right to gender affirming health care
- global inequality and the impact of the COVID-19 crisis

The roots of the backlash

- racism
- capitalism
- sexism, transmisogyny, transphobia
- conservatism
- traditionalism
- lgbtqi-phobia
- COVID-19 pandemic and crisis



threats against
the right for trans people to
exist
thrive
fight



"Somebody, please think of the children!"

Veiled transphobia laced with ageism and ableism

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Worried parents, sometimes without trans children

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Health care professionals with other specialities

Science-based or opinion?

- 🚩 changing health care routines to restrict access
- 🚩 trans health care influenced or affected by public debate
- 🚩 anti-trans alliances spreading propaganda

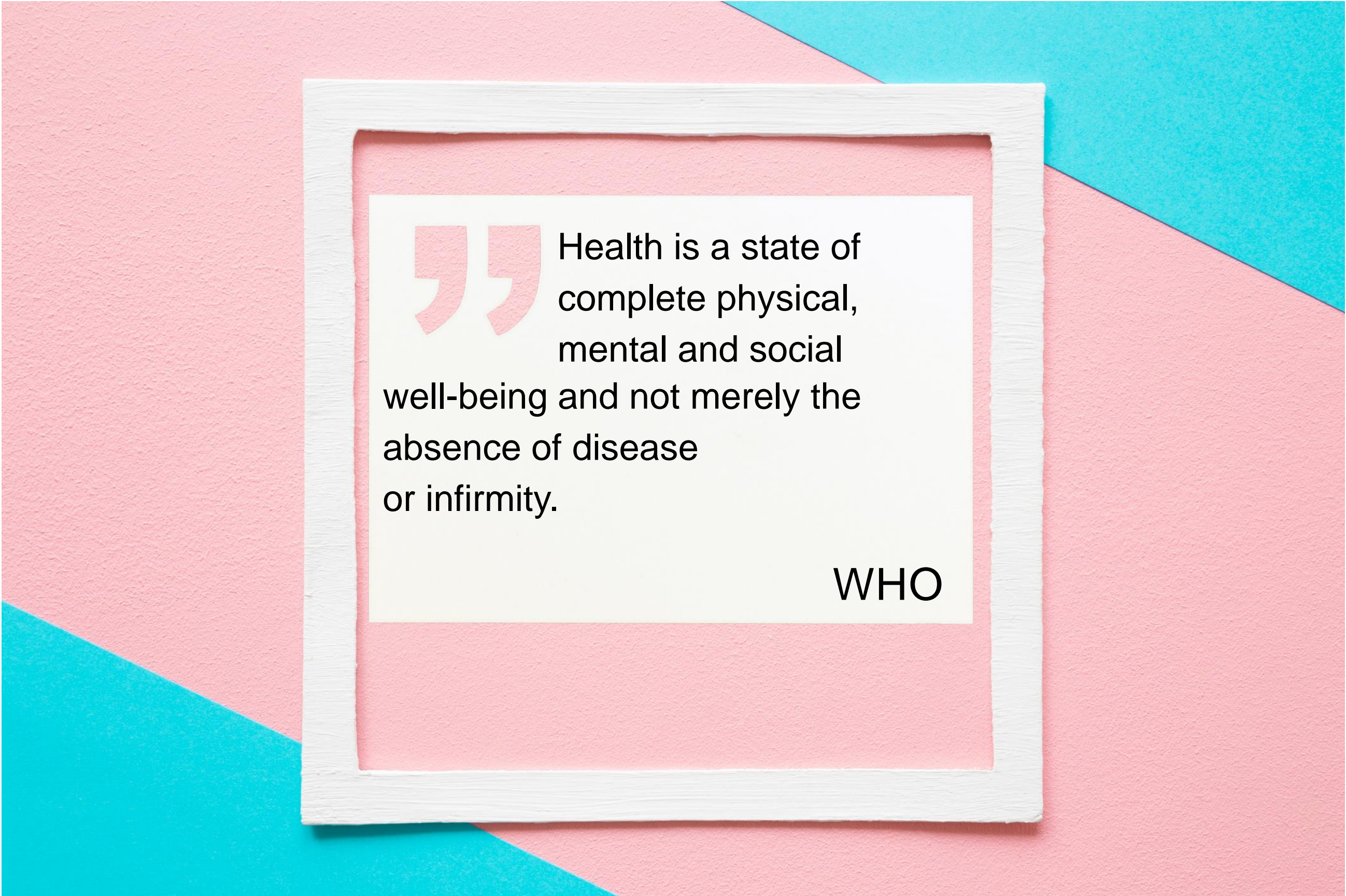
Our perspectives, our realities

Principle of self-determination

about us → with us

risks with transgender care → risks with transphobia





“ Health is a state of
complete physical,
mental and social
well-being and not merely the
absence of disease
or infirmity.

WHO



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We want
to thrive,
not only
survive.

Redefining and reconnecting trans health care

- empowerment
- right to self-determination
- respect for child rights and the UNCRC



a world where young trans people
don't have to fight for their own rights

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