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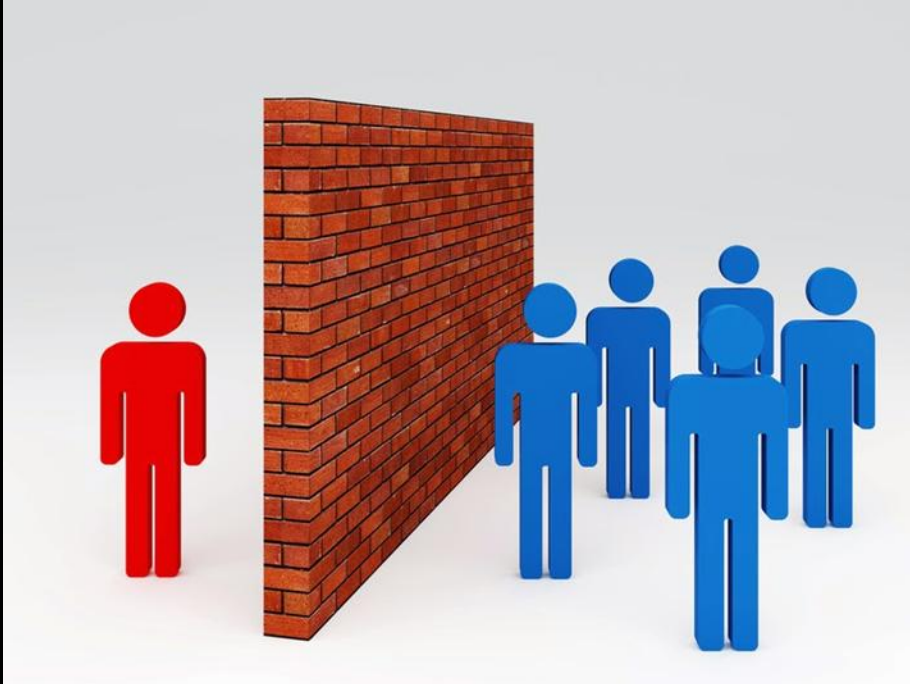
# Barriers to Healthcare for Transgender People

**In The USA, Brazil, and South Africa**

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# The Big Questions

- **What barriers do transgender people face globally?**
- **Are there commonalities across countries?**



**There are many barriers transgender people face globally**

**Commonalities do exist**

**These barriers can be removed with changes to the perception of transgender people and the healthcare systems**



# Which Countries and Why?

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South Africa: Public and Private, public covers some costs for everyone

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Brazil: Completely public

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U.S.: Public and Private, public only helps seniors, disabled, and low-income people



## Similarities in Barriers to Healthcare Across Countries

- Knowledge
- Discrimination
- Availability



**SIMILARITIES**



# Comparisons

## USA

Explaining Medical  
History

Perceived Invasive  
Exams

Insurance Issues



# Comparisons



## Brazil

Lack of Knowledge in  
Sexuality and Body parts

Religious Interference

Age and diagnostic  
requirements

# Comparisons

## South Africa

Lack of Knowledge of  
Transgender People

All problems considered  
transgender problems

Transgender people  
turned into spectacle

Lack of facilities that  
provide gender-affirming  
care



# Transgender People face Similar Difficulties Regardless of Country

What this means:

Issues need to be addressed on a global scale

More accessible healthcare in the meantime

Standardized education on transgender people





# What an Ideal System may look like

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- Education on transgender healthcare
- Universal or cheaper healthcare
- More available healthcare
- Discrimination training



# What these countries need to focus on

U.S.A. – Universal/cheaper healthcare

Brazil – Discrimination Training

South Africa – More available healthcare facilities





# Why it All Matters

- 2% of population is transgender (World Population Review, 2024)
- Potential decline in access to healthcare over time
- Restrictive policies being passed

