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PROTECT STUDENTS TARGETED FOR SPEAKING OUT

Students across the USA have faced detention and deportation simply for exercising their right to protest.

Many of these students have spoken out against the genocide in Gaza and the US government's role in supporting the Israeli authorities' ongoing apartheid and illegal occupation against Palestinians.

Earlier this year, US immigration authorities wrongfully arrested and detained at least 10 students. All were targeted for using their right to protest. These incidents are part of a broader, deeply troubling crackdown on student activism, dissent and civic space. We are seeing the same pattern echoed on campuses in the UK. This is a warning to the world: our hard-won rights can be lost overnight.

We refuse to remain silent in the face of the Trump administration's human rights abuses. The right to protest, organise and speak out must be defended. All students should feel like they belong on their campus and are free to be themselves without being harassed or singled out.

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TAKE ACTION

Email the US Secretary of Homeland Security to demand the authorities stop the wrongful removal of students' visas and residency status and respect their human rights.



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REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

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Abortion Support Network (ASN) was Europe's first abortion fund, set up in 2009 to help people who couldn't access an abortion in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man. It has since grown to support people across Europe who can't access an abortion where they live.

Abortion is restricted in some way in every country in Europe. ASN is contacted every day by people who want an abortion for various reasons but will need to travel hundreds of miles overseas to access one.

Its helpline is powered by a team of more than 60 volunteers, who help people make appointments at clinics. ASN also provides support with covering the costs of abortion care, as well as travel and accommodation.

Abortion is healthcare and a human right. Amnesty International calls for universal access and full decriminalisation as a matter of justice and autonomy.

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Email asn@amnesty.org.uk and we'll
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why do people have to travel for abortion care?

Abortion is restricted in some way in every country in Europe. In some countries, abortion is criminalised or there is no provision for it at all. In other countries, abortion is available in some circumstances up to 12 or 14 weeks – which isn't enough time for many people who need to access one. In others, abortion may be technically available but is hard to access due to a high level of conscientious objection from medical professionals.

What are the main countries ASN serves?

The largest group ASN supports is people from Poland, where a 2020 ruling removed the provision of abortion in cases of foetal anomaly – leaving no abortion provision to speak of. The organisation also works in partnership with the Abortion Without Borders network, which collectively supports thousands of people in Poland to access an abortion, either at home with pills or by travelling for care in another country.

The second largest group is people in Ireland, where many people still can't access care despite abortion being legalised up to 11 weeks six days in 2019. Most of the people who contact us find out they are pregnant after this point, and many have received a devastating diagnosis of foetal anomaly but are not eligible for abortion care in Ireland.

After Poland and Ireland, the largest groups of abortion-seekers who contact ASN are in France, Malta, Spain, Germany, Belgium and Romania. But ASN helps people from every country in Europe.

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