

PROJECT EQUITEE



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2023 DXP FELLOWS





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**TRIGGER
WARNING**





PROJECT EQUITEE RATIONALE

- **There has been a significant uptake in anti-trans and anti-LGBTQ bills being introduced into state legislative sessions**
 - 2023 concluded with 600 anti-trans bills introduced
 - We are 3.5 months into 2024 and 531 anti-trans bills have been introduced
- **There are many Legislative tracking dashboards and tools available**
 - Trans-specific: translegislation.com
 - Comprehensive and often cited tracker of anti and pro-LGBTQIA+ legislation: Erin Reed's Team
- **We saw a gap in terms of holding individual legislators accountable for how they vote on these vicious anti-trans bills**
 - Some state-based LGBTQIA+ groups create their own scorecards, but they are not Trans specific and can require a heavy lift for smaller orgs



Anti-trans legislation exacerbates dire circumstances for transgender individuals, leading to increased mortality rates, particularly impacting Black trans people and trans-masc individuals. We remember Alex Franco, Nex Benedict, TK Righteous Chevy Hill, and Banco Brown, emphasizing the urgent need to address systemic injustices and advocate for equality within the transgender community.



PROJECT EQUITY

- State legislator vote history scorecard
 - Trans-specific
- Only includes vote history on bills that directly affect trans individuals, and has both pro and anti trans bills
- Dataset is for IL & OH for the 2023-2024 legislative session
- REAL-TIME RISKS
 - Doxxing and harassment
 - Safety of Politicians
 - Building these tools on “suppressive” channels

DASHBOARD FEATURES



ACCESSIBLE



STATE BILL DETAILS



FILTER OPTIONS



VOTING HABITS

TARGET AUDIENCE



TRANS PEOPLE



LGBTQ COMMUNITY



LEARNERS



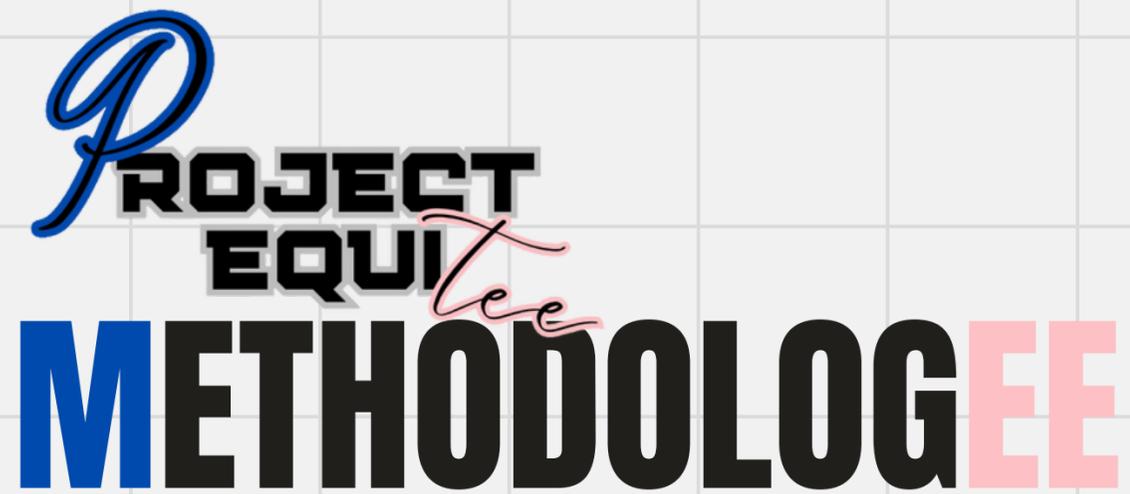
ORGANIZERS



JOURNALISTS



MEDIA OUTLETS



**PROJECT
EQUITY
METHODOLOGY**



- **Informational Interviews**

- **Key Findings**

- Everyone has their own approach to tracking and monitoring legislation
 - Deeper understanding of LegiScan's API
 - Community is NECESSARY to do this work; we need eyes on these bills

- **Bills Included**

- All 2023 IL & OH bills from translegislation.com
 - All 2023 IL & OH trans-specific bills from Erin in the Morning

- **Vote History Data Source**

- LegiScan

- **Grade Calculation**

- **Analysis**

- Grades are based on all votes cast on the measures that are available in the Legiscan dataset, including in committee and on the floor
 - Bills were categorized as anti or pro trans
 - **Bills were assigned one of 6 categories: Bathroom, Education, Healthcare, Military, Social, Sports**

	Bill Vote			
Bill Stance	Yea	Nay	NV	Absent
Anti-Trans	Anti-trans	Pro-trans	Pro-trans	Pro-trans
Pro-Trans	Pro-trans	Anti-trans	Anti-trans	Anti-trans

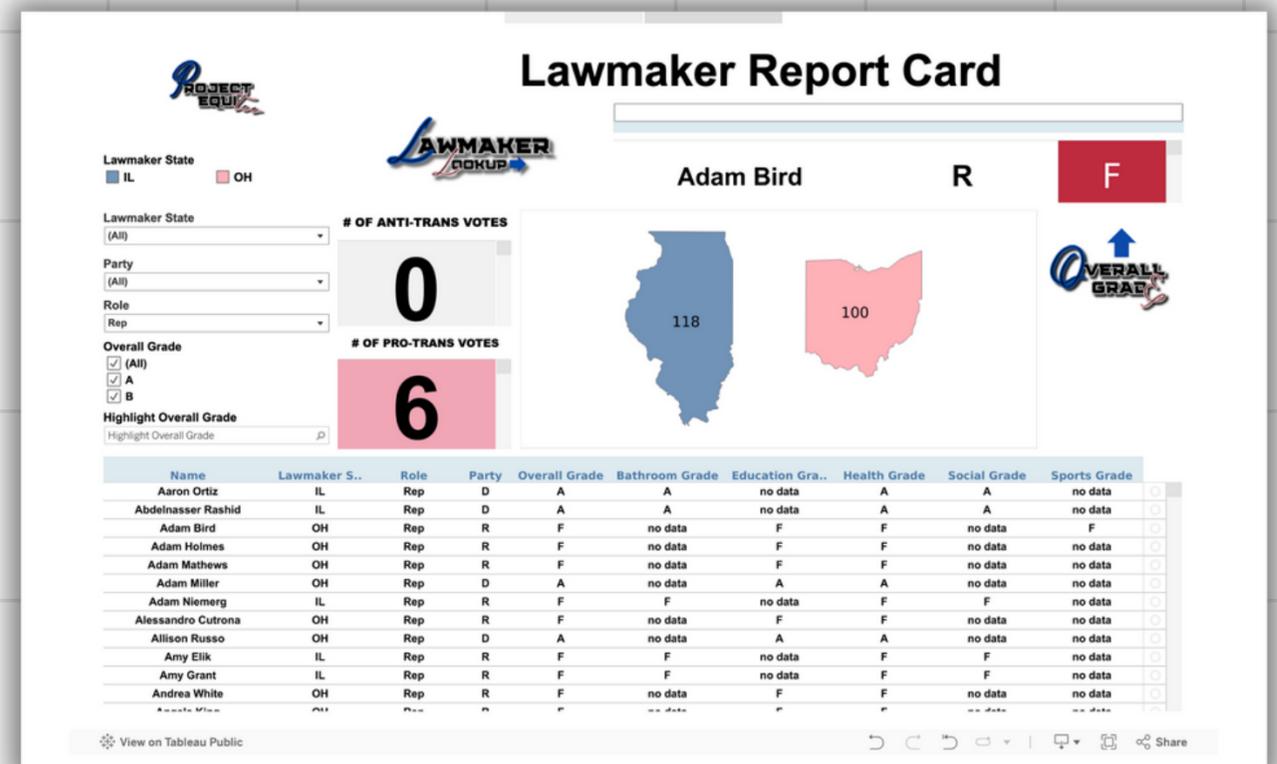
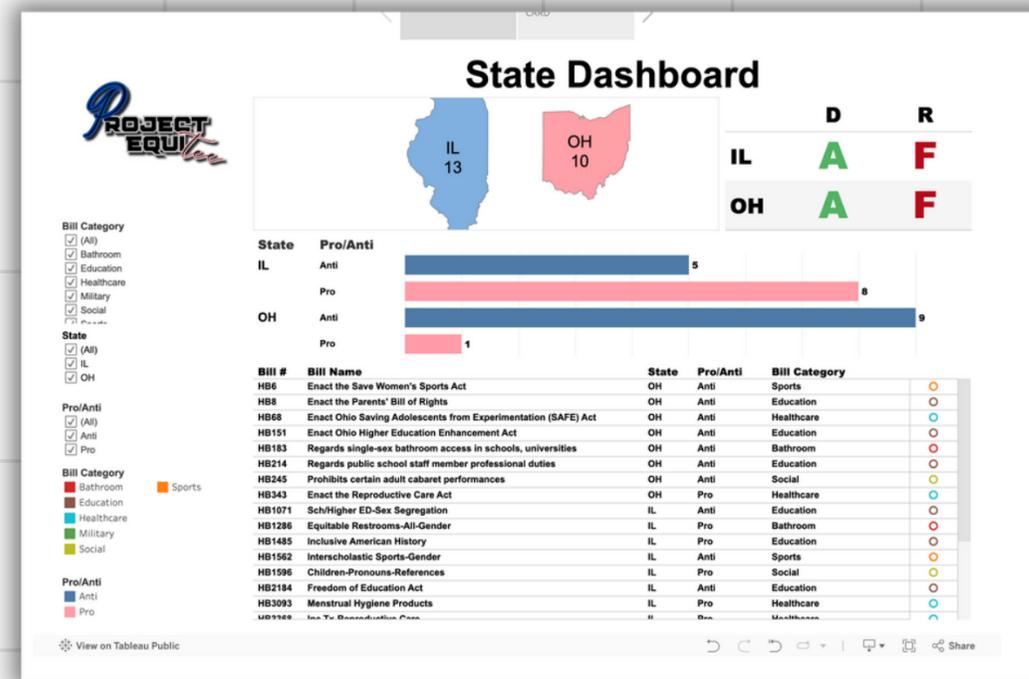
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Bill-Scoring Rubric

Bill Stance	Bill Vote			
	Yea	Nay	NV	Absent
Anti-Trans	Anti-trans	Pro-trans	Pro-trans	Pro-trans
Pro-Trans	Pro-trans	Anti-trans	Anti-trans	Anti-trans

- Legislators who Abstained on a vote are scored as equivalent to a “no” vote in the analysis because passing legislation typically requires a “yes” vote by the majority of all legislators, so failing to cast a vote has the same effect as a “no” vote.
- For example, if a legislator cast five votes on an anti-trans bill as it passed through committees to the floor, their score for the bill will include all five votes; if they voted yes four times and abstained once their pro-trans score would be 20 percent which is an F grade.





**COLLECTING
FEEDBACK**

**ADDING
MORE
STATES**

**LEGISCAN
AUTOMATION**

**PUTTING
CODE ON
GITHUB**

**CASE BY
CASE
ACCESS**

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NEXT STEPS



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