

## Fear of "The Other" -- South Dakota

This is my twelfth blog posting documenting the rise of hatred and intolerance in the United States under the heading [Fear of the Other](#). The specific manifestations of fear and hatred in each state are different but the themes are depressingly similar. Unfortunately, South Dakota seems to be leading the pack right now in attacking the LGBTQ+ community. These entries are just the tip of the iceberg, as many people experiencing bigotry don't report it or make a public statement about it that gets picked up by the news media.

Entries are illustrative, not exhaustive, and appear in reverse chronological order.



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