

**Emancipation, not marzipan – keep your fucking boxes of chocolate!  
8th of March is international day of feminist struggles!**

The first „International Women's Day“ was in 1911. Back then, more than 1 million women\* took to the streets to fight for their right to vote. Though even if most people nowadays believe it was about flowers, chocolate boxes and saying thank you for unpaid house work once a year – the history of March 8th is militant!

**But today we've got gender equality!**

Looooool. No.

- First of all, women\* in Germany still don't earn the same wages as men\*.
- The law only knows two genders. So it totally denies the very existence of trans\* and intersex\* people. Children whose doctors decide at birth that their genitals don't match one of the two are often exposed to coercive surgeries. Even though there is no medical need for it and the practice is condemned by the UN anti-torture-convention!
- Lesbians, Inter\*, Trans\* and women\* are still being discriminated – in society and before the law.
- For example, prosecution on grounds of gender identity and sexual orientation rarely qualify for being granted asylum. Authorities humiliate refugees by demanding photos and videos of intimate encounters as proof.
- Sexualized violence is not being taken seriously – unless it can be used for racist propaganda.

**It's not just about gaining new rights, but also about defending those we already won!**

- First of all, not all women, lesbians, trans\* and inter\* enjoy the same rights. Racism, social status, dis\_ability, residence permit status, prison and psychiatry make the sexist conditions worse for many.
- A new law requires sex workers to register in a database and participate in coercive health counseling. This doesn't protect them from harm but instead drives them into illegality. Those who also work in other jobs might be outed and lose their main source of income.
- Christian-conservative and far-right groups fight sex ed and the integration of sexual diversity in schools (with CDU and AfD support in parliament). For them, the heterosexual nuclear family is the only „normal“ way of living. They are against homosexual love and adoption rights. Therefore they reinforce stereotypical role models in which girls\* and women\* are supposed to find their personal fulfillment in motherhood.
- Abortions are still illegal in Germany and only penalty-free under specific circumstances, including coercive counseling. Those groups aim to restrict abortions even further. Making it harder to terminate pregnancies or ban abortions entirely is dangerous: pregnant people would be forced to use unsafe methods without medical supervision. Worldwide unsafe abortions already cost about 47.000 lives per year.
- US president Trump reinstated the global gag rule, an old law which prohibits to give public funding to organisations conducting abortions or even offering counseling that mentions options to terminate a pregnancy. This applies even if the money is not used on anything abortion-related! This leads to a decline in access to medical services, especially in the global south.

**So there are still lots of good reasons to take feminist struggles to the streets!  
March 8th is every day!**