TRANS HEALTH **PROTEST** CHANTS

These chants were made by trans health campaigners in the UK in 2022.

The chants are liberationist and anti-state. We don't give a fuck about respectability or visibility. We want everything.

They came from protest testing, folk knowledge, and suggestions on social media.

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GIMME AN A

GIMME A B

ABOLISH
THE GIC

HRT HRT

OVER THE COUNTER AND ALL FOR FREE

WE DON'T NEED YOUR DIAGNOSIS

WE DON'T NEED YOUR GIC

GIVE US MONES
AND GIVE US TITTIES

GIVE US DESIGNER SURGERY

HEY HO

PSYCHIATRY
HAS GOT TO GO

HO HEY

HEALTH LIBERATION IS HERE TO STAY

BE GAY
DO CRIME
BE GAY
DO CRIME
OUT OF
THE CLINIC
INTO
THE STREETS

FUCK YOUR BMI
MY FAT IS MIGHTY FINE
MY SURGERY IS MINE
SO FUCK YOUR BMI

BOTTOMS
TOPS
WE ALL
HATE COPS

TRANNIES
DYKES
WE ALL
HATE PSYCHS

GENDER
BENDERS
CIS-TEM
OFFENDERS

FREE THE T FREE THE T CRIMINALISATION IS THE TRAVESTY

HOW MANY YEARS ON THE WAITING LIST?

SIX LONG YEARS CHOP OFF MY TITS

HOW MANY YEARS
ON THE WAITING LIST?

SEVEN LONG YEARS INVERT MY DICK

HOW MANY YEARS
ON THE WAITING LIST?

EIGHT LONG YEARS
GET IT FIXED

WE'RE QUEER
WE'RE FRUITS
WE'RE HERE
AND WE RECRUIT

WE'RE HOT
WE'RE FUN
WE'RE GONNAE
TRANS YER MUM

WE WILL NOT BE QUIET STONEWALL WAS A RIOT

WE WILL NOT
PLAY NICE
WE'RE FIGHTING
FOR OUR LIVES

WE PISS WHERE WE LIKE

WE PISS
WHERE WE LIKE

WE'RE TRANNIES FAGS AND DYKES

WE PISS
WHERE WE LIKE

FUCK YOUR SYSTEM FUCK YOUR HATE WE ARE NOT HERE FOR DEBATE

FUCK YOUR CLINIC FUCK YOUR WAIT OUR HEALTHCARE IS OURS TO MAKE

TELL US WHAT'S IN YOUR PANTS

ANGER

TELL US WHAT'S IN YOUR PANTS

FREEDOM

TELL US WHAT'S IN YOUR PANTS

JUSTICE

FREE DRUGS FREE NEEDLES FREE TESTS FREE MONES

NO BORDERS

NO NATIONS

TRANS
LIBERATION

Space to write your own

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How to write a good chant

Stay short, crowds can't learn complex.

Keep a beat, use rhyme, best words on the stresses.

Mix classic formats and new ideas.

Make opportunities for call and response.

Study football chants, nick their tunes.

A good chant doesn't ask. A good chant builds power and takes.

Concrete demands > Vague platitudes. Dykes > Rights.

How to chant at protests

Practice before so you have them perfect.

Bring a cheap megaphone, a pal with a loud voice, a posse, or ideally all three.

Start a chant when it's got quiet, or when a speaker has finished. Keep energy going.

Drink water. Take breaks. Switch leaders.

How to teach a crowd a chant

Use call and response. Double each line if the chant doesn't have it.

For the first few rounds, shout the whole thing. Then just do half each chant to save your voice and check the crowd.

Use classic formats to build crowd confidence and get libs to say things they wouldn't otherwise. Then teach new ones.

If it flops, move on. Every crowd is different.

Pro tips

Bigger crowds need slower and simpler chants. Smaller crowds can be inventive.

Switch up the chant after 10-15 rounds. Less is too quick, more gets boring fast.

Pick one favourite simple chant as a base. Keep returning to it after each new chant.

Work out what chant rhythms go well together for easy switching.

For a daft finish, take a simple chant and go faster and faster till everyone cracks up. That's a good moment for a tranny-oi.

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