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Baseless Anti-Trans Claims Fuel Adoption of Harmful Laws – Two Criminologists Explain

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It has been seven years since North Carolina made headlines for enacting a “**bathroom bill**” – legislation intended to prevent transgender people from using restrooms that align with their gender identity.

After boycotts threatened to cost the state more than **US\$3.7 billion**, legislators **repealed the law** in 2017. Since then, however, **religious and political conservatives** have successfully spread an **anti-trans moral panic**, or irrational fear, across the United States.