American Problems, Trans Solutions is a three-part docuseries produced by TransLash Media in association with The WNET Group’s Chasing the Dream reporting initiative.

Series Description

Black trans people are among the most marginalized Americans. And because they are also closest to some of the nation’s most pressing problems, they are often able to craft innovative solutions.

Join award-winning journalist Imara Jones as she travels across the country to tell the stories of three Black trans leaders on the frontlines of change: housing advocate Kayla Gore; Breonna McCree, a champion for economic empowerment; and Oluchi Omeoga, who fights for the rights of migrants.

Despite a record-breaking number of anti-trans bills passed in 2023, these Black trans people are addressing critical issues surrounding economic empowerment and human dignity with heart and vision.

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EPISODE DESCRIPTIONS

**Breonna McCree - The Transgender District**
For an entrepreneur, economic independence is the path to freedom, stability, and self-fulfillment. The Transgender District is the first legally recognized transgender district in the world. Located in San Francisco, it was founded by three Black trans women in 2017 with the mission to “create an urban environment that fosters the rich history, culture, legacy, and empowerment of transgender people … in the southeastern Tenderloin neighborhood.” The district also “aims to stabilize and economically empower the transgender community through ownership of homes, businesses, historic and cultural sites, and safe community spaces.”

In this episode we follow the district’s co-executive director, Breonna McCree, as she supports and celebrates the economic empowerment of trans people, opening up opportunity and the possibility of a brighter future for the broader community.

**Kayla Gore - My Sistah’s House**
Home ownership is the cornerstone of stability. Set in Memphis, this episode tells the story of Kayla Gore, whose own experience with homelessness led to her founding My Sistah’s House. Building 20 tiny homes, Kayla’s one-of-a-kind program offers zero-barrier housing for the trans and gender nonconforming community.

Kayla’s journey of overcoming adversity fuels her mission to create a pathway to home ownership for those who are often overlooked.

**Oluchi Omeoga - Black LGBTQIA+ Migrant Project**
For immigrants to the United States, the difficulty of crossing borders is compounded by a volatile political climate. The challenges are even greater for those seeking refuge in the United States because of LGBTQ+ persecution.

This episode focuses on Oluchi Omeoga, who is based in Minneapolis and works to safeguard those at the intersection of immigration status, race and gender identity as the co-director of the Black LGBTQIA+ Migrant Project (BLMP). The project was created in response to the increasing number of Black LGBTQ+ migrants who were in vulnerable situations after fleeing persecution in their home countries or were exposed to discrimination in the U.S. due to their sexual orientation or gender identity.
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