TWINK PSA

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NARRATOR
It’s 2025, and in Trump’s America, queer people are in more danger than ever before.

Somber music plays, as we see various shots of congress hearings, protests, etc.

NARRATOR (CONT’D)
With anti-gender-affirming care laws and drag shows bans being passed in spades, the LGBTQ+ community has just one to thing to ask from their cishet allies.

Somber music cuts out. We see QUEER MAN 1, pissed.

QUEER MAN
Could y’all, like, cool it with saying the word ‘twink?’ Like, it was cool when we were doing it, but now that y’all are doing it... I don’t know. I don’t know!

TWINK, wearing glasses and a cashmere sweater like he’s a college professor, sits in a chair. As he talks, various historical diagrams of “twinks” show across the screen.

TWINK
There’s a lot of history with the word, ‘twink.’ It started as a phrase used amongst queer people to refer to a skinny, hairless man. Now it means “Literally any fruity person I don’t like.”

We see various screenshots of straight people using the word “twink” in a derogatory manner. Maybe show the headline, “Will Elon's Team of Elite Math Twinks Tell Him That You Can't Close a $1.8 Trillion Budget Gap By Eliminating a $0.04 Trillion Agency?” which is real by the way.

TWINK (CONT’D)
It was fun when it was just some jokes amongst friends about pass-around party bottoms and guys who make doing molly their entire personality, but it’s gotten out of hand.

QUEER MAN
Like, it's fine when we make fun of twinks, but when you do it, it's hateful. Mostly because you don't know what the fuck twink means.

A BEAR sits, scrolling through his phone.

BEAR
I tweeted, "brat summer might be over, but fatboy fall has just started" and a fourteen-year-old girl from Kentucky replied with this image.

He shows his phone. It's a movie poster of Adam Sandler's 'Click,' with the words "SILENCE, TWINK" posted at the bottom in impact fun. It's posted by an account named "Tabitha."

BEAR (CONT'D)
I'm a p-bottom bunk. That stands for powerbottom bear-hunk, *Tabitha*.

Bear chokes back a sob.

BEAR (CONT'D)
My stepdad kicked me out when I was fourteen, and this
(points at his phone)
was the worst moment of my life.

We see QUEER WOMAN 1 looking somberly at a picture of Tom Holland doing his little Umbrella dance.

QUEER WOMAN
It was funny when we were all calling Tom Holland a twink after he did that cunty little number on Lip Sync Battle, but now it's used everywhere.

As BUTCH talks, pictures of all the people she's talking about appear on screen before getting stamped with the word "TWINK."

BUTCH
Timothée Chalamet is a twink. Cole Sprouse is a twink. Fucking Jojo Siwa is a twink. What's next? Am I a twink?

She looks at her hand like she's having a genuine identity crisis.

BUTCH (CONT'D)
Am I... a twink?

Queer Man sits, ready to have an honest conversation.

QUEER MAN
We get it. Effeminate men still give you the ick, but you're not allowed to say faggot anymore. It's a tough situation to be in.

BEAR
But please, don't take your anger out on twinks. It's gotten to the point where you're being homophobic, and even worse, kind of annoying.

QUEER WOMAN
Fortunately, we have a solution that might make everyone happy. If you ever wanna call someone a twink...

In succession with each other, as INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC swells.

BUTCH
Just call them a slur.

BEAR
Just call them a slur.

TWINK
We know what you mean. Just call them a slur!

QUEER MAN
And I know what you're thinking. "If I actually say faggot, won't there be consequences? Like, I might literally lose my job." And to that we say...
(pause)
Okay. And?

QUEER WOMAN
If you're gonna be nasty to gay people, do it with your full chest. Have pride.

BEAR
Now, obviously 'twink' and 'faggot' aren't the same...
(with judgement)
(MORE)

BEAR (CONT'D)
But with the way some of y'all use 'twink,' they might as well be.

QUEER MAN
The next time you're calling someone a twink online, write faggot instead. And ask yourself, does this feel good? Am I proud of myself? And then delete your account.

We pan out wide. Queer Man, Queer Woman, Bear, Twink, and Butch all stand together, hand-in-hand.

TWINK
So please, listen to queer people, and...

ALL
Stop saying the word twink!

BUTCH
I mean, seriously. People are calling Troye Sivan a twink.

QUEER MAN
Okay but, Troye Sivan actually is a twink.

BUTCH
Really?

BEAR
Yeah, *Rush* was about poppers.

QUEER WOMAN
To be fair, straight people are using poppers now.

QUEER MAN
Straight people are using *what*?

We immediately cut to an outro screen.

NARRATOR
If you wanna say a slur, just say a slur. This PSA has been brought to you by The Trevor Project.

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