

Lewd Jaw Returns With Defiant New Single 'Illegal Me'

Lewd Jaw is back with "Illegal Me", a provocative new release that transforms frustration into a blistering anthem of defiance.

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California punk outfit [Lewd Jaw](#) are back with their explosive new song, "Illegal Me", a blistering anthem for anyone who has ever been made to feel like simply existing is an act of defiance.



Lewd Jaw is Forrest Heise (vocals/guitar), Devin Mackelburg (bass), and Xander England (drums)

Blending relentless drumming, hook-heavy vocals, and a dose of raw youthful energy, "Illegal Me" is both a middle finger to conformity and a celebration of individuality. Written in response to the recent wave of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation introduced across the United States, the track fuses the urgency of classic punk with modern pop sensibilities, all while confronting a political moment that has real consequences for real people.

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Lewd Jaw's single 'Illegal Me' is the epitome of biting pointed and fast political punk rock - the perfect soundtrack for a disillusioned era of turbulence.”

Phi Psionic, Razorgirl Magazine

"Illegal" surges forward with purpose, only momentarily letting up during a My Chemical Romance-inspired bridge before launching back into a guitar solo. Other mid-aughties influences like Billy Talent and All-American Rejects abound, but the song manages to avoid feeling like a deliberate throwback. Lyrically, singer and guitarist Forrest Heise makes multiple references to Metro's "Criminal World," widely considered an LGBTQ anthem. Complete with a call and response style chorus, it's a song made to be screamed back from the front row.

Speaking on the release, the band said "'Illegal Me' is a protest song, point blank. Watching these asshole politicians debate whether people deserve to exist openly and safely was impossible to

ignore. This is a song that says 'we are not going away no matter what you try and throw at us'."

Following a string of west coast tours and a growing reputation for unforgettable live shows, "Illegal Me" marks the next chapter for Lewd Jaw – a band determined to keep pushing forward while staying true to their roots.

"Illegal Me" will be available on all major streaming platforms on July 17, 2026.

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