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Honored as one of 20 under 40 "Shapers of the Future" worldwide by *Encyclopedia Britannica* in social activism and politics, Perry is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including being recognized as one of the Andrew Goodman Foundation's 50 "Hero Citizens;" Out Magazine's "Hidden 105" and The Advocate's "193 Reasons to Have Pride," and "40 under 40.