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Any person (often one who identifies as STRAIGHT) who opposes heterosexism and homophobia and actively supports LGBT individuals and causes.

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BISEXUAL/BI

A person who has significant romantic, emotional, physical and sexual attractions to members of both sexes*. The frequency, intensity, or quality of attraction is **not necessarily** “divided equally”.

*This term came about before there was much public TRANS awareness, so while the definition (root bi-) necessarily implies two sexes, in practice, this term can also refer to attraction to all genders.
This term refers to individuals who identify with their **assigned gender** (e.g. someone who identifies as a woman and inhabits a body that is considered female); individuals who **do not** identify as **transgender**.
A man whose primary romantic, emotional, physical and sexual attractions are to other men. This term can also be used to apply to lesbians, bisexuals, and on some occasions, be used as an umbrella term for all LGBT people.
How one thinks of one’s own gender. This conviction is not entirely contingent upon the individual’s biological gender/sex assigned at birth.
People who **cross gender lines** through **appearance and behaviors** without necessarily trying to “pass” as a different gender; also, people who **challenge the gender binary** or gender stereotypes or do not feel that they fit into the gender categories of “man” and “woman.”

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HOMOSEXUAL

Defines attraction to the same gender, and is one orientation on the continuum from HOMOSEXUAL to BISEXUAL to HETEROSEXUAL. Many prefer the terms GAY, LESBIAN, or QUEER to describe their identities, as HOMOSEXUAL has a history of use as in a negative medical/clinical context.

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A woman whose primary romantic, emotional, physical and sexual attractions are to other women. Like the word queer, the word dyke was once used in a derogatory way to describe lesbians, but has largely been reclaimed.
The acronym for "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender". The acronym may be expanded to a variation of LGBTQIA to include Intersex, Questioning, Queer folks, or Allies. Can also be used as an adjective (i.e. – "I am an LGBT person.")
A term used by many LGBTQ people whose sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression is not considered "standard." It has historically had negative or derogatory connotations, but has recently been reclaimed as a positive identity.
QUESTIONSING

is a process of exploration by people who may be unsure, still exploring, or concerned about applying a social label to themselves for their SEXUAL_ORIENTATION or GENDER_IDENTITY.

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SEXUAL_ORIENTATION

How one thinks of oneself in terms of to whom one is sexually or romantically attracted. Orientation is not only dependent on physical experience, but also on a person’s feelings, attractions, and sexual history.
A person who is emotionally, romantically, or sexually attracted or committed to members of the opposite gender (heterosexual).
An **umbrella term** used to describe a loose association of people who **transgress gender norms** in a wide variety of ways; also can be a term of **self-identification** for people who identify as a gender other than the one they were assigned at birth.
An individual who self-identifies and presents themselves as a gender different than their assigned sex at birth and may pursue hormone therapy and/or sex reassignment surgeries.