



LGBTQ+ Frequently Asked Questions

What do the letters in LGBTQIA stand for?

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual.

What does it mean to be lesbian or gay?

An emotional, romantic, and sexual attraction to those of the same sex.

What does it mean to be bisexual?

An emotional, romantic, and sexual attraction to either sex.

What does transgender mean?

Transgender refers to people whose gender identity differs from the social expectations for their biological sex.

What does queer mean?

This is an umbrella term for sexual and gender minorities who are not heterosexual or not cisgender (when your gender identity matches your biological sex).

Is sexual orientation a choice?

No. People cannot choose or change their sexual orientation. Sexual Orientation is biologically determined.

What does it mean to be intersex?

Intersex refers to a variety of conditions in which a person is born with a reproductive or sexual anatomy that doesn't seem to fit the typical definitions of female or male. Being intersex is about as common as being born with red hair.

Can homosexuality be “cured”?

Professional, scientific, and medical organizations condemn “reparative” or “conversion” therapy as ineffective and psychologically harmful.

Is being gay normal?

Homosexuality is perfectly normal. It is a complete package of feelings and relationships that make up a natural and satisfying identity. Homosexuality has existed throughout humanity's existence. Anthropologists report that lesbians and gay men have been and are a part of every culture. Lesbian, gay, and bisexual people are part of every socioeconomic class, educational level, and race/ethnicity. In fact, homosexuality occurs in almost every species.

