

LGBT Community Terminology and Flags

Sexual, romantic, and gender identities are very personal and often change from person to person. The information below is simply a general guide to some popular LGBT community terms. When dealing with these terms it is important to remember that gender identity, romantic attraction, and sexuality are independent of each other. Some of these terms can be used in a derogatory way and care should be used when speaking with someone about their gender identity, sexuality, or romantic attraction. It is always a best practice to ask the person which terms they prefer.

Sexual Orientation
































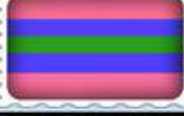

The way a person defines their sexual preferences.

Gender Identity

The way a person expresses their personal feelings about where they fall on the spectrum of genders between male and female.

Romantic Attraction

the feeling that causes people to desire intimacy, monogamy, and/or sexual activities with another person.

	Gay Males who are sexually, romantically, or emotionally attracted to other Males. Also used as an umbrella term to describe any male or female who feels attraction to the same gender.		Gender Fluid A person whose gender identity fluidly changed between male, female, and neutral.		Aromantic A person who does not experience romantic attraction. This has nothing to do with sexuality. Community members can fit anywhere on the sexuality spectrum.
	Gay Bear Gay male Subculture. Generally focus heavily on masculinity. Some bears are described as bulky, hairy, and cuddly.		Androgynous An umbrella term for a person who exhibits both male and female characteristics and gender identities		Greyromantic Umbrella term for Lithromantics and Demiromantic
	Androphilia A person who is sexual attraction to men or masculinity, regardless of their gender identity		Drag / Feather A person who dresses in clothing opposite their gender. This is usually done for personal expression and/or entertainment.		Lithromantic A person who feels attraction but does not want their feeling to be returned in any way.
	Lesbian Females who are sexually, romantically, or emotionally attracted to other Females		Genderqueer An umbrella term for people whose gender identity is different from that assigned at birth.		Demiromantic A person who only feels romantic attraction after a strong emotional bond has been formed. Generally described as only feeling romantic attraction a few times in their life, if ever.
	Lipstick Lesbian Lesbians that tend to fall heavily in the feminine gender spectrum.		Bigender A gender identity structure that allows for only male and female gender identities		Biromantic A person who feels romantic attraction to both male and female-identified individuals.
	Gynephilia A person that is sexual attraction to women or femininity, regardless of their gender identity		Gender Non-Binary A gender identity structure that embraces a rainbow of genders instead of strictly male and female.		Panromantic A person who feels romantic attraction regardless of the other person's gender.
	Asexual A person who feels little or no sexual attraction to anyone or any gender identity.		Hermaphrodite A person with both male and female genitalia	Relationship	
	Demisexual A person who does not feel sexual attraction until a strong emotional bond has been formed.		Intersexual A person who is born with characteristics or genitalia that are neither male nor female.		
	Autosexual A person who prefers self gratification over other types of sexual activities.		Neutrois A person who does not identify with gender and often feel that they fall neutrally between male and female.	Heterosexual	
	Bisexual A person who is attracted to both males and females.		Transsexual A person who emotionally and psychologically feels that they belong to the gender opposite of their birth assignment.		
	Pansexual A person who is sexually, romantically, or emotionally attracted to people of all genders.		Transgender A person whose gender identity is different than that assigned at birth.		
	Polysexual A person whose gender identity is non-binary and who is sexually, romantically, or emotionally attracted to others regardless of their gender identity.		Two-Spirit A Native America term for gender-queer individuals within their communities		
	Skoliosexual A person who is romantically and/or sexually attracted to non-binary identified individuals		Trigender A person whose gender identity changes between male, female, and thirdgender.		
	Lithsexual A person who experiences sexual attraction but does not desire reciprocation for their attraction.	Live Loud Graphics Education is the cure for homophobia		* This is not all the terms under the LGBT umbrella and there are more being discovered every day. If you have a sexual orientation, gender identity, or romantic attraction that is not a part of this list please contact me so that I can add it to this list. I cannot promise that every group will be added or when I will get to it, but I will do my best to be as inclusive and timely as possible. ** I plan on making a separate list for, BDSM and fetish, as well as kink terms and their flags. Any relevant resources would be greatly appreciated.	