

Biological Sex

Sex of one's body as determined by genitals, hormones, and primary and secondary physical characteristics (body hair, breast development, etc.)

Bisexual

Romantic and sexual attraction to other people of either sex.

Drag

Men or women (usually gay or lesbian) who temporarily dress up in clothing of the other sex for entertainment purposes.

Gay/Lesbian/Homosexual

Male romantic and sexual attraction to other men, female attraction to other women.

Gender Identity

An inner sense of being male or female (in transgender people their inner gender identity is in conflict with their outer physical sex). Gender identity is separate from sexual orientation; up to a third of transgender women identify as lesbians and are primarily attracted to women.

Gender Expression

How people communicate feeling or being masculine or feminine through clothing, behavior, hair style, posture, adornment, etc.

LGBT

An acronym for "lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender" that is used to encompass the full diversity of the gay community.

Sexual Orientation

Romantic and sexual attraction to members of one or the other sex. Sexual orientation is separate from gender identity; gay males who are attracted to other males do so as men and would completely reject changing sexes or becoming women.

Transgender

A person who identifies as a sex different from the one they were assigned at birth.

Transsexual

A specific term for transgender people who have or want to change sexes in order to make their physical body agree with their inner gender identity.

