

Glossary of Terms:

Baby Dyke

A baby dyke is a young lesbian, usually in her teens or early twenties.

Barebacking

Barebacking is unprotected anal sex (without a condom) between men.

Being Gay Curious

Questioning your sexual orientation or being gay curious, is really common for a lot of teens.

Bi-curious

A term for people interested in exploring some gender sexual experiences without necessarily identifying as gay, lesbian or bisexual.

Butch

A butch lesbian is a woman who may dress and act in a way that society considers masculine.

Cissexual and Cisgender: Terms for Non-Transsexuals

Cissexual and cisgender are terms for non-transsexual people.

Coming out

Acknowledging one's LGBTQ orientation is called coming out.

Down Low

Being on the down low refers to people who discretely or secretly have sex with other people.

Ex-Gay

The ex-gay movement says people can change their sexual orientation. This is not possible and claiming it promotes anti-gay feelings and hostilities.

Femme

A femme lesbian is a woman who dresses and acts in a way that society considers typically feminine.

Gay/Straight Alliances

A Gay/Straight Alliance is an organisation, often found at schools, that is made up of people who support the LGBTQ community.

Gay Pride

Gay pride refers to feeling positive about being gay or celebrating the LGBTQ community. Many cities hold annual Gay Pride event

Gaydar

Gaydar is the sixth sense some LGBTQ people have which tells them someone else is gay.

Gender Identity Disorder

Gender Identity Disorder (GID) is a controversial psychological diagnosis that may be given to a transgender person.

Gender Non-Conforming

Gender Non-Conforming refers to people who do not adhere to society's rules about dress and activities for people that are based on their sex.

Heteroflexible

Heteroflexible often refers to people who don't identify as gay, lesbian or bisexual but who are still open to experiencing same sex sexual experiences.

Heterosexism

Heterosexism is the assumption that everyone is heterosexual or that being heterosexual is preferable to being LGBTQ.

MSM

MSM stands for 'men who have sex with men'.

No Homo

The offensive phrase, "No homo" is used by people who don't want others to mistake them for gay.

Outing

Outing is telling people that someone else is gay without their permission.

Same-Sex Marriage, Civil Partnership

Same sex marriage is when two people of the same gender wed.

Sexting

Sexting is sending sexual text messages and pictures.

Sexual Orientation

Sexual orientation refers to the direction of a person's romantic and sexual attractions. There are many common sexual orientations.

Sodomy Laws

People often assume the term sodomy refers to anal sex between men. In fact, it is an old term that was used Biblically to refer to oral and anal sex. As a result, numerous laws existed prohibiting this act.

Straight Ally

A straight ally is someone who identifies as heterosexual but supports LGBTQ rights.

What is Gay Bashing?

Gay bashing refers to beating someone up for being gay or for being perceived to be gay. Gay bashing can also refer to beating someone up for being transgender.

WSW

WSW stands for 'women who have sex with women'.

Gay Bear

A gay bear is the term for a subculture of gay men who are often hairy, large or chubby.

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