

BISEXUAL AWARENESS

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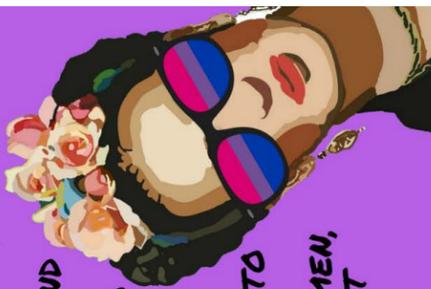
KEY TERMS

Bisexuality

A term used to describe a person who has (or desires to have) emotional, intellectual, spiritual and/or physical relations with someone of the same or other gender.

Biphobia

Biphobia is the fear of, discrimination against or hatred of bisexuals (although in practice it extends to pansexual and asexual people too). It need not include homophobia or heterophobia, because there are stereotypes specific to bisexuals.



FRIDA KAHLO IS RECOGNIZED FOR HER DISTINCTIVE ART STYLE AND EXPLORING THEMES OF FEMININE POWER, INDIGENOUS TRADITIONS, MEXICAN NATIONALISM, AND DISABILITY. BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT SHE WAS ALSO BISEXUAL? ALTHOUGH SHE WAS MARRIED TO DIEGO RIVERA FOR MUCH OF HER LIFE, SHE IS ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE HAD ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH WOMEN, INCLUDING AMERICAN POET GEORGIA O'KEEFE.

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The Bi+ Umbrella!

There are many variations of bisexual that people can identify. Note that someone can identify with these identities with or without identifying as bisexual.

Homoflexible

Mostly attracted to people of the same gender, but might occasionally be attracted to people of other genders.

Heteroflexible

Mostly attracted to people of different genders, but may occasionally be attracted to people of the same gender.

Bi-curious

Describes homosexual or heterosexual people who are curious about experimenting with people different from their usual preference.

Bisexual Erasure

When the existence or legitimacy of bisexuality is denied or questioned.

Examples:

- Assuming someone is homosexual or heterosexual when they are in a relationship with the same or opposite sex, respectively.
- "It's just a phase"
- "gay marriage" instead of "same-sex marriage"



History

Although bisexuality has been documented to have existed since the ancient civilizations, the modern use of the word "bisexual" can be attributed to Charles Gilbert Chaddock's translation of Kraft-Ebing's Psychopathia Sexualis.

The concept of bisexuality and human sexuality as a spectrum can be attributed to Alfred Kinsey. In 1948, Kinsey created a spectrum of sexuality which rated attraction to the same or opposite gender on a scale of 0 to 6.

The bisexual flag was designed by Michael Page in 1998.

Blue: Attraction to the opposite sex

Purple: Attraction to both sexes. Results from the overlap between pink and blue.

Pink: Attraction to the same sex

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