

LGBTQ+ History

Presented by Austin High's GSA
(Gender Sexuality Alliance)

Different Sexualities & Definitions

Lesbian: Women attracted to other women.

Bisexual: Someone who likes multiple genders

Pansexual: A sexuality that is not limited in sexual choice, with regard to biological sex, gender, or gender identity.

Gay: Men attracted to other men. Also used as an umbrella term by the LGBTQ+ community.

Queer: A reclaimed term used by those who are not exclusively heterosexual but perceive labels like gay, lesbian, and bisexual as too limiting and not applicable to their particular sexuality.

Different Gender Identities & Definitions

Transgender: Anyone that does not identify with the sex assigned to them at birth.

Non-binary: Someone who does not identify with the gender binary of being a woman or a man. Most commonly, a non-binary person will use they/them pronouns.

Genderfluid: Someone who doesn't identify with a fixed gender. Shifts between presenting as masculine and feminine.

What does it mean to be CISGENDER?

You may have heard the word “cis” or “cisgender” but not known the meaning. It’s quite simple, **cisgender means anyone who identifies with the sex assigned to them as birth.** For example, if you were born a female and identify as a woman, you are cisgender.

Significance of Pronouns

Pronouns include: she/her, he/him, they/them

Why are pronouns important for EVERYONE, even cisgender people?

By sharing your pronouns when you meet someone or on social media, **you normalize the use of pronouns**, in the hopes that people who are not cisgender feel more comfortable and not alienized by sharing their pronouns.

Stonewall Riot (June 28, 1969)

- After a police raid of the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York
- Officers assaulted patrons of the bar
- Riots started and lasted for 5 days
- Led towards victories for years to come in LGBTQ+ rights



Marsha P. Johnson & Sylvia Rivera

- Prominent drag performers in NYC who did not conform to gendered dressing
- Known as the mothers of the Gay Civil Rights Movement
- Founded STAR: Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries to support homeless queer youth
- Despite kick-starting the modern queer rights movement, they were largely ignored and sidelined for their transgender identity

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/29/arts/transgender-monument-stonewall.html>



AIDS Epidemic (1981- Present)

- In June of 1981, the first official case of AIDS was documented in America.
- The New York Times prints an article referring to a “Rare Cancer seen in 41 Homosexuals”, minting the term ‘**gay cancer**’ and adding to the subsequent myth that AIDS can only be passed by homosexual intercourse.
- This was the beginning of a devastating pandemic, resulting in more than 1.1 million people living with HIV and 700,000 dead since 1981.

<https://www.hiv.gov/hiv-basics/overview/history/hiv-and-aids-timeline>



Memorial Cross on Hart Island, NYC to mark mass graves for AIDS casualties.

Other Important Gay History Events

1963- Bayard Rustin, a gay man, was the chief organizer of the March on Washington

1973- the American Psychiatric Association votes to remove homosexuality from the official list of mental illnesses

1977- Harvey Milk, the first openly gay politician, is elected to the position of city manager of San Francisco.

1978- Harvey Milk is assassinated by Dan White

1989- Denmark becomes the first country to legally recognize same-sex partnerships

<https://www.glsen.org/lgbtq-history>

Other Important Gay History Events

1997- Ellen DeGeneres came out and *Ellen* became the first show with a leading lesbian character

2002- New York City passes the first legislation protecting gender-nonconforming individuals' human rights

2003- Supreme court repeals anti-sodomy laws

2014- Laverne Cox is the first trans woman to win an emmy for producing the documentary *Laverne Cox Presents: the T Word*

2015 - Universal legalization of gay marriage in US via Supreme Court ruling

Homosexuality Called a “Mental Illness”

- Until 1973, homosexuality was on a list of diagnosable mental illnesses
- Then, the American Board of Psychiatry removed it from their lists
- By the majority of mainstream psychologists and psychiatrists now not considered a mental illness

**NEW THEORY CLAIMS
HOMOSEXUALITY
CAN BE CURED**

Modern medicine sees deviation as physical problem—disputing old belief that homos are made—not born!

By ANTONY JAMES

HOMOSEXUALS are born, not made. That's the startling new theory put forth by several American and European scientists who are seeking the answer to mankind's oldest riddle—the Third Sex.

The problem of homosexuality has long been considered psychological, rather than physical. Generations of psychologists, psychiatrists and physicians accepted Dr. Freud's view that homosexuals reflected "mirror images" of the dominant mother—withdrawn father pattern.

Because homosexuality has long been assumed to have been a vice rather than an illness, the deviate has lived in a shadowy half-world of fear.

UNKANNED MAGAZINE OCT 1969

Above: completely false ad claims that homosexuality can be “cured”

Modern Anti-LGBT Legislation

- In most of the south-eastern United States, including TX, a series of discriminatory laws known as “No Promo Homo” laws falsely restrict proper sexual education specifically surrounding LGBTQ+ individuals.

“Course materials and instruction relating to sexual education or sexually transmitted diseases should include:.. (8) emphasis, provided in a factual manner and **from a public health perspective**, that **homosexuality is not a lifestyle acceptable to the general public..**”

Take Action : [Petition to Repeal No Promo Homo Laws in TX](#)

People you may not have known were LGBTQ+



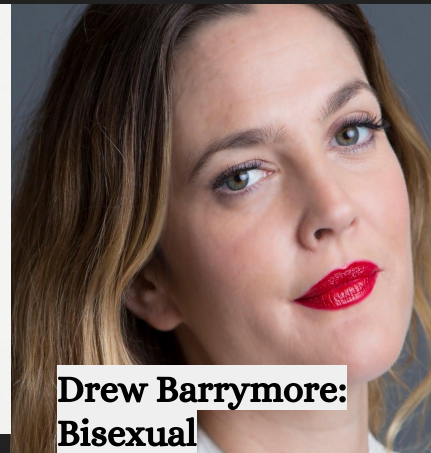
Marilyn Monroe:
Bisexual



Joy Huerta:
Pansexual



Wanda Sykes:
Lesbian



Drew Barrymore:
Bisexual



Jason Collins (NBA star):
Gay



Miley Cyrus:
Gender-Fluid
& Pansexual



**Ricky
Martin:**
Gay



Nikkie de Jager:
Transgender

Was this presentation interesting to you?

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Text @ahsgsacl to 81010

You will receive the zoom code once you have joined remind.

Mental Health Resources

The Trevor Project- text START to **678-678** or call **1-866-488-7386** for confidential crisis intervention and suicide prevention

For additional information go to <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

National Suicide Prevention Hotline - call **1-800-273-8255**

Austin Travis County Integral Care Crisis Hotline - **512-472-HELP (512-472-4357)**

Texas Youth Healthline- **1-800-98-YOUTH**