I Am who I Am

LGBTQ and the Criminal Justice System

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Finish this sentence: I am a ___________.

What word popped in your mind? Did that word have a gender affiliation?

Identity is a broad term used to describe a person’s conception and expression of their individuality or group affiliation.

An important part of identity is gender identity.
* Gender Identity: One’s initial sense of being male, female, both, or neither.
* Gender Expression: Way of communicating internal sense of gender to the world (through dress, speech, mannerism, etc.)
* Gender role: Feelings and behaviors socially defined as appropriate for men or for women (societal expectations).
* Socially constructed and some characteristics of gender that may be accepted as masculine, feminine, or neutral in one culture may not be assessed similarly in another.

* Social constructions of gender evolve/fluctuate over time and are driven according to “popular demand”.

**GENDER NORMS**
* **Sex**: Physical/biological aspects
  ✓ Reproductive system, chromosomes, hormones, etc.

* **Gender**: Social/psychological aspects
  ✓ How someone feels and expresses themselves
* Race
* Career
* Political views
* Religious views
* 1869- German homosexual rights advocate Karl Heinrich Ulrichs introduced the idea of self-disclosure as a means of emancipation. Claiming that invisibility was a major obstacle toward changing public opinion, he urged homosexual people to reveal their same-sex attractions.
Yep, I’m Gay

EXCLUSIVE: Ellen DeGeneres explains why she’s coming out

The changing nature of sex on TV

ANTARCTICA’S SECRET BACKLASH AGAINST HINDU

Sports Illustrated

EXCLUSIVE

The Gay Athlete

“I didn’t set out to be the first openly gay athlete in a major American team sport. But since I am, I’m happy to start the conversation.”

By Jason Collins

In the Accustomed
Coming Out

- Entering a LGB Community
- Exiting a Heterosexual Identity
- Developing a Personal LGB Identity Status
- Developing a LGB Intimacy Status
- Claiming an Identity as a LGB Offspring
- Developing a LGB Social Identity
* 1: companionship or association with one's fellows: friendly or intimate intercourse: company

* 2: a voluntary association of individuals for common ends; especially: an organized group working together or periodically meeting because of common interests, beliefs, or profession

* 3 a: an enduring and cooperating social group whose members have developed organized patterns of relationships through interaction with one another

* b: a community, nation, or broad grouping of people having common traditions, institutions, and collective activities and interests

* 4 a: a part of a community that is a unit distinguishable by particular aims or standards of living or conduct: a social circle or a group of social circles having a clearly marked identity <literary society>

* b: a part of the community that sets itself apart as a leisure class and that regards itself as the arbiter of fashion and manners
Synonyms: board, brotherhood, chamber, club, college, congress, consortium, council, fellowship, fraternity, guild (also gild), institute, institution, league, order, organization, association, sodality

Related: Commune, community, cooperative; alliance, bloc, camp, coalition, partnership; body, cadre, group; circle, clan, clique, coterie, set; crew, outfit, party, squad, team; branch, chapter, local; faithful, fold, membership; sisterhood, sorority; cabal, camarilla, camorra, confederacy, conspiracy; band, gang, ring; cartel, combine.

Antonyms: forlornness, loneliness, lonesomeness
A: The totality of socially transmitted behavior patterns, arts, beliefs, institutions, and all other products of human work and thought.

B: These patterns, traits, and products considered as the expression of a particular period, class, community, or population: Edwardian culture; Japanese culture; the culture of poverty.

C: The integrated pattern of human knowledge, belief, and behavior that depends upon the capacity for learning and transmitting knowledge to succeeding generations.

D: The customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group; also: the characteristic features of everyday existence (as diversions or a way of life) shared by people in a place or time <popular culture> <southern culture>

E: The set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes an institution or organization <a corporate culture focused on the bottom line>

F: The set of values, conventions, or social practices associated with a particular field, activity, or societal characteristic.
* Related Words: education, intellectualism, intellectuality, knowledge, learning, literacy, scholarship; cosmopolitanism, sophistication, urbanity; breeding, manners; class, elegance, grace, taste; civility, courteousness, courtesy, politeness,

* Antonyms: ignorance, illiteracy; parochialism, provincialism, rusticity, unsophistication; boorishness, churlishness, clownishness, coarseness, crudeness, vulgarity

* culture is the full range of learned human behavior patterns. (2002-2006 by Dennis O'Neil.)
Precisely at the point when you begin to develop a conscience...

You must find yourself at war with your society.

–James Baldwin
The mama pajama rolled outta bed, and she ran to the police station
When the papa found out, he began to shout, and he started the investigation
It's against the law, it was against the law
What the mama saw, it was against the law
“The mama looked down and spit on the ground every time my name gets mentioned
The papa said oy, if I get that boy
I'm gonna stick him in the house of detention
Well I'm on my way, I don't know where I'm goin'
I'm on my way, I'm takin' my time, but I don't know where”
Goodbye to Rosie the queen of Corona
See you, me and Julio
Down by the schootyard
See you, me and Julio
Down by the schoolyard
Me and Julio down by the schoolyard

In a couple of days they come and
Take me away
But the press let the story leak
And when the radical priest
Come to get me released
We was all on the cover of Newsweek
And I'm on my way
I don't know where I'm going
I'm on my way I'm taking my time
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CHRISTOPHER GAY LIBERATION DAY 1970

"Gay & loud, gay and proud!"
1969 - The Stonewall riots occur in New York.
1970 - The first Gay Liberation Day March is held in New York City; The first LGBT Pride Parade is held in New York;
1973 - The American Psychiatric Association removes homosexuality from its Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-II), based largely on the research and advocacy of Evelyn Hooker
1979 - The first national homosexual rights march on Washington, DC is held
How Gay Is Gay?
Homosexuality in America
Gay New Jersey Man Beaten To Death 2011.

Transgender Harlem woman dies days after being assaulted, August 17th 2013.
George Steven Lopez Mercado
* Found on November 14th 2009 burned, dismembered and decapitated.

* The police investigator responded to questions concerning the murder by stating that "people who lead this type of lifestyle need to be aware that this will happen."

* The Puerto Rican government added sexual orientation to its hate crimes laws in 2002. LGBT activists have complained that local police have not used it to prosecute those accused of anti-Gay violence.

* Prosecutor Bermúdez indicated that he will request that this offense be treated as a hate crime.
Barriers to addressing LGBT intimate partner violence

- The belief that domestic violence does not occur in LGBT relationships and/or is a gender based issue;
- Societal anti-LGBT bias (homophobia, biphobia and transphobia);
- Lack of appropriate training regarding LGBT domestic violence for service providers;
- A fear that airing of the problems among the LGBT population will take away from progress toward equality or fuel anti-LGBT bias.
- Domestic violence shelters are typically female only, thus transgender people may not be allowed entrance into shelters or emergency facilities due to their gender/genital/legal status.
*Family Acceptance Project: LGBTQ youth who experience high levels of rejection from their families during adolescence were—

- 8 times more likely to attempt suicide
- 6 times more likely to report high levels of depression
- 3 times more likely to use illegal drugs
- 3 times more likely to be at high risk for HIV or other STD/STI’s

*Suicide among LGBTQ Youth*
Genetics

Development
social/emotional competence, brain maturation, puberty

Behavior
personality/temperament, externalizing/internalizing disorders

Environment
peer influence, stress, availability

Physiology
alcohol metabolism, craving, reward, tolerance, withdrawal
* Biological vulnerabilities predispose individuals to different conditions such as cancer, heart disease, and mental health conditions like major depression, a risk for suicide.

* Environmental stress can increase the probability that individuals will develop that condition.

* Diathesis-stress model
The concept of minority stress stems from several social and psychological theoretical orientations and can be described as a relationship between minority and dominant values and resultant conflict with the social environment experienced by minority group members (Meyer, 1995; Mirowsky & Ross, 1989; Pearlin, 1989).

Minority stress theory proposes that sexual minority health disparities can be explained in large part by stressors induced by a hostile, homophobic culture, which often results in a lifetime of harassment, maltreatment, discrimination and victimization (Marshal et al., 2008; Meyer, 2003) and may ultimately impact access to care.

The Meyer (2003) minority stress model — minority stress processes in lesbian, gay and bisexual populations — is based on factors associated with various stressors and coping mechanisms and their positive or negative impact on mental health outcomes.
A new Russian law that criminalizes "propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations among minors".

* 2013: A new Russian law that criminalizes "propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations among minors".
“In its 12th year of existence, the Rio Gay Pride Parade is a pretty rare occurrence in a country with a serious problem with homophobia. This year, about 1.2 million showed up to Copacabana for the Carnaval-like beach party. The organizers of the event promoted a bill I mentioned in a previous entry that would make homophobic-based crimes federal offenses.”
Victory! Puerto Rico passes LGBT nondiscrimination protections!
“The law prohibits “acts of gross indecency” (generally interpreted as any kind of physical intimacy) between persons of the same sex, in public or in private, which are punishable by 10 years in prison. There is also an “antibuggery” law that prohibits consensual same-sex sexual conduct between men, but it was not widely enforced. Homophobia was widespread in the country, and through the songs and the behavior of some musicians, the country’s dancehall culture helped perpetuate homophobia.”
http://www.ecoi.net/local_link/237355/346375_en.html
The Jamaican Harlem Shake ends with a call for Jamaica to retain its anti-sodomy, anti-intimacy laws that have a penalty of ten years in jail for being gay.
ARE YOU LISTENING?
FULL EQUALITY FOR ALL
Madonna Delivers Gay Rights Speech Amid Violence Threats in Russia

“The gay community here, and all around the world, have the same rights, to be treated with dignity, with respect, with tolerance, with compassion, with love,”
* Google images
* http://www.merriam-webster.com
* Huffington Post
* www.nytimes.com
* www.cnn.com
* Lyrics by Paul Simon; *Me and Julio, down by the school yard*
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