| Variable | Value |
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| Person | R\_TvVJj3crMr4EG6R |
| Country | United States |
| Age | 31 |
| Gender | Cisgender Man |
| Sexual Orientation | Panromantic/Pansexual |
| Race | White/European |
| Minority Statuses |  |
| Qualitative Data | I moved to a conservative part of the US for graduate school. Although I live in a â€œprogressiveâ€ town that is heralded as being â€œsuper supportive of the LGBTQ community,â€ I find the community to be almost nonexistent. Dating is extremely challenging because so many people have internalized homophobia and because most people my age are substantially more politically conservative than I. I do not feel a sense of safety related to my identities when in public, and this becomes much more salient in rural suburbs. I find myself code switching to pass as straight to keep questions from coming my way. Although our campus is tolerant of the LGBTQ community, there are very few opportunities to meet and interact with others on campus and almost zero opportunities to meet other gay graduate students. Itâ€™s a lonely experience that will thankfully end soon. |