

Traps Are Not Gay, an Argument.

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Introduction

Are traps gay? This question has haunted many a straight man when they find that they are attracted to, let's say, Blaire White. This question is asked for good reason. Typically, with the way we have traditionally defined gender in our societies, a man was one with a penis, and a woman was one with a vagina. As the world advanced, though, our ideas of gender are opening up. No longer do man and woman mean the same thing as male and female (the key difference being between sex and gender), and in the same way, no longer does the word homosexual solely deal with the sex of the two (or more) parties involved. My purpose in writing this is to finally dispel the myth that traps are gay by making multiple arguments to cover all possible ways that traps could be considered gay.

Section 1: What is a Trap?

The urban dictionary defines a trap as, "A crossdresser, usually a fictional character in an anime, who dresses up in the opposite gender's clothing to trick people into thinking that they're the opposite gender." From this definition, we can pull out the key information of crossdresser. Crossdressers, for the uninitiated, are people who choose to wear the clothes of the opposite gender. Many definitions of trap, including the one quoted earlier, exclude transgender (trans) people from the definition of "trap." I believe this is a misstep and downplays the use of the word to address trans people. If one peruses Reddit, and goes to a place like r/traps, for example, there are no crossdressers to be found. Instead, the majority of posts involve trans women. To exclude trans people from the definition of trap denies the fact that the term has become ubiquitous to address both crossdressers and trans people.

So, to provide a simplified definition to the word's actual use, a trap is a crossdresser or transgender person (usually Male to Female).

Section 2: The Opposition's Primary Argument

The primary objection to the phrase, "traps aren't gay," is the biological fact that traps are, in most cases, biologically male. They believe that because traps are born male, having relations with one would be a necessarily gay act. This is a valid point, as taking the 'sex' part of the word homosexual would imply that to be homosexual one would need to have relations with someone of the same sex. As stated earlier, I do not believe the definition of homosexual in the modern era supports this. As gender has become more open to interpretation, so has our definition of homosexual. I believe the 'sex' part of homosexual no longer refers to sex, but gender. For example, if a cis woman and a trans woman had relations, it would be considered a lesbian relationship as it is two women being together. Therefore, with the modern definition of homosexual, a man having relations with a Male-to-Female trap, the act would not be gay. However, this argument only covers the trans part of the definition of trap, and not the crossdresser part.

Section 3: The Argument for Femininity

The most powerful argument used in the support of the statement, "traps aren't gay," is the statement that femininity, not sex or gender, determine the homosexual nature of an act, with femininity being the perceived gender of the trap. If one perceives that another is a woman due to their feminine appearance, and proceeds to perform an act on the other under that notion, the act is not gay. This is because the person performing the act is under the impression that they are performing a straight act, therefore negating any way of the act being considered gay *for the one*

performing it. The trap itself could choose to say that it was a gay relationship, but in this document I am only considering the trapped, not the trap.

The other argument that involves femininity is that straight men are naturally attracted to femininity, and therefore being attracted to something feminine is not gay. While previous arguments discussed actually performing sexual acts with, this deals more with the basic attraction, which is the main area in which straight men question their sexuality. In my mind, if what attracted the man was the femininity of the person, and not any masculine traits, then the attraction is not gay. However, this definition only applies to attraction, and could not protect a man who continues to engage in relations with the trap after the initial attraction/trap. That is governed, instead, by the feminine penis argument.

Section 4: The Feminine Penis Argument

The feminine penis argument revolves around the idea that someone's sex organs do not necessarily need to align with their gender; gender again being the defining factor in homosexuality in the modern age. This argument also plays on the fact that trans women experience feminization of the penis and scrotum during transition, which is basically just the shrinking of the scrotum and softening of the penis. This argument would state that someone born male, who identifies as a woman, would have a feminine penis. Even if the person is not transgender, the penis is still feminine as the defining factor would be the gender, or perceived gender, of the trap. Under previous arguments, it would only be gay to have traditional relations with the trap, or to have the trap perform something like a blowjob on you, but under this argument, all actions regarding a trap's penis enter the area of not being gay. This includes things like giving a trap a blowjob and handling a trap's penis.

Conclusion

In conclusion, based on arguments involving linguistics, femininity, and feminine penises, traps are not gay. This means that if you are a straight male who has experienced sexual attraction to a trap, you are not gay. That is, unless you define yourself as gay. Ultimately, the deciding factor as to whether or not something is gay is the discretion of the individual. Though I may not see traps as gay, it is perfectly okay if you do, and in that way refuse to have a relationship with a trap. Anyone who says that all straight people must be open to relationships with traps are ill informed, and only seeking to be on the progressive side of the social spectrum. It is the right of each individual person to decide who they want to enter into a relationship with, and if someone having a penis turns someone off, then they should be allowed to deny a relationship with a trap.

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