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Headline: [Is There Really a Generational Difference in Identifying as Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual?](#)

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Tweet: Jean Twenge notes that the increase in young Americans identifying as gay or bisexual is matched by self-reported behavior from the General Social Survey, with 20% of young Americans 18-26 reporting having had sex with a same-sex partner.

Summary: Some reports have suggested that increases appear primarily in LGB identification, but not much in behavior. In other words, more young adults identify as LGB, but they are not necessarily acting on it. At least in the data from the General Social Survey, that does not appear to be true: There has also been a significant increase in young adults having homosexual sex (men with men and women with women). In fact, slightly more American young adults have had sex with a same-sex partner — 20% (see Figure 4) than identify as gay, lesbian, or bisexual — 18.5% (see Figure 2). The increases are even larger for 27- to 41-year-olds (the next older age group), perhaps because they have had more time to accumulate sexual partners since age 18. Related: Young Adults in the U.S. Are Reaching Key Life Milestones Later Than in the Past and Is the Surge to the Left Among Young Voters a Trump Blip or the Real Deal?

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