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BISEXUALITY

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FIRST, LET'S ADDRESS A COMMON MYTH:

THE 1990 BISEXUAL MANIFESTO
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NONBINARY
PEOPLE EXIST, AND MANY BISEXUAL
GROUPS STARTED DEFINING BISEXUAL
AS BEING ATTRACTED TO TWO OR
MORE GENDERS.

**BISEXUALITY DOES NOT ERASE OR
EXCLUDE NON-BINARY FOLKS.**

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BISEXUALITY

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PEOPLE USE WORDS TO MEAN DIFFERENT THINGS—HERE ARE SOME WAYS BISEXUALITY IS OFTEN DEFINED:

- AN ATTRACTION TO TWO OR MORE GENDERS OR MULTIPLE GENDERS
- AN ATTRACTION TO PEOPLE OF THE SAME GENDER AND PEOPLE WHO ARE ANOTHER GENDER

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PANSEXUALITY

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LIKE BISEXUALITY, THE DEFINITION CAN VARY SOMEWHAT—HERE ARE SOME WAYS PANSEXUALITY IS OFTEN DEFINED:

- AN ATTRACTION TO PEOPLE BASED ON PERSONALITY, NOT GENDER
- AN ATTRACTION TO PEOPLE OF ALL GENDERS

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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

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BISEXUALITY:
ATTRACTED TO MULTIPLE GENDERS
(BUT CAN BE TO ALL GENDERS TOO)

PANSEXUALITY:
ATTRACTED TO ALL GENDERS
(& GENDER MIGHT NOT FACTOR
INTO THE ATTRACTION AT ALL)

THESE ARE DIFFERENT BECAUSE
“MULTIPLE” ISN’T THE SAME THING
AS “ALL.”

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THEY'RE EQUALLY VALID

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- BOTH BISEXUAL AND PANSEXUAL ARE EQUALLY VALID IDENTITIES
- MANY, BUT NOT ALL, FOLKS USE THE TERMS INTERCHANGEABLY
- BISEXUALITY INCLUDES NON-BINARY FOLKS—IN FACT, MANY NB PEOPLE IDENTIFY AS BISEXUAL!

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1 in 4 women will have an abortion in their lifetime. Maybe your mother, sister, cousin, best friend, etc. And while they may not shout it from the mountaintops, they're reading your posts about how you think they're garbage human beings for making a choice that they agonized over and was best for them.

If it's not your pregnancy, it's not your business. And your lack of compassion does not go unnoticed.

Mind your own uterus and stop worrying about something that has zero affect on you.

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**CANADIAN
SCHOOLBOYS ARE
PROTESTING
DRESS CODE
REGULATIONS &
GENDER NORMS BY
WEARING SKIRTS
TO SCHOOL.**

Boys in schools scattered across Montreal and the South Shore started a movement to *protest against the dresscode* of skirts being worn 10 cm above the knee, *with no equivalent restrictions on clothing such as shorts.*

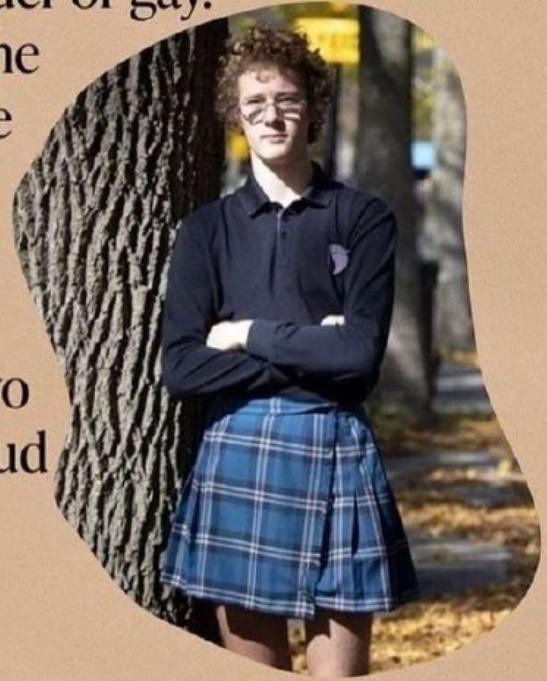
The fight against gender norms fueled the movement as well. By wearing skirts, the boys hoped to allow other *non-binary people or boys to have the courage to wear skirts if they desired,* without any judgement.

“It started off with my class, there were about fifteen guys that said, ‘Okay let's do it, ***let's make it a movement***’ and then a couple of other kids from other class did it too.” – student Giuseppe Cosentino.

“I asked myself a couple of questions about today's society and ***I really think girls shouldn't be sexualised for what they wear***, or how they wear, so I decided to wear a skirt to symbolize the movement,” said Bejamin Royz, a student at College Sainte-Anne.

When Colin Renaud arrived to school, he was reprimanded by a monitor who asked him if he was transgender or gay. Colin was brought to the principal's office, where a secretary told him skirts are for girls.

"The movement has two objectives," Colin Renaud says. "One is to fight against the hypersexualization of women's bodies, to allow them to wear what they want, and break the codes of our society – to stop saying there's a gender for everything, this is for boys and this is for girls."



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**IF YOUR RELIGION MAKES YOU HATE
SOMEONE, YOU NEED A NEW RELIGION**

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Straight people.

If a restaurant was taking the money they make and giving it to organizations trying to dissolve your marriage and take your kids away from you, you wouldn't give a shit if they "have really good lemonade." You wouldn't eat there.

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Don't eat at Chick-fil-A.

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Sam Bosworth ♂🔥

@_SamBosworth

Non-disabled people don't realise that disabled folks don't just 'get' mobility aids, or medication, or surgery, or any support whatsoever. It is a CONSTANT fight to be 'disabled enough' for the support you need from a system that is desperate to find a reason not to help.

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need from a system that is desperate to find a reason not to help." [source](#)

**"My people,
my heritage,
were not born with
the right to vote,
and they had to fight.
I owe them my vote.
They fought hard and
shed blood and died
so that I could be here
in 2020 to vote."**

**- Carole Blount,
Detroit, Michigan**



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Vivian

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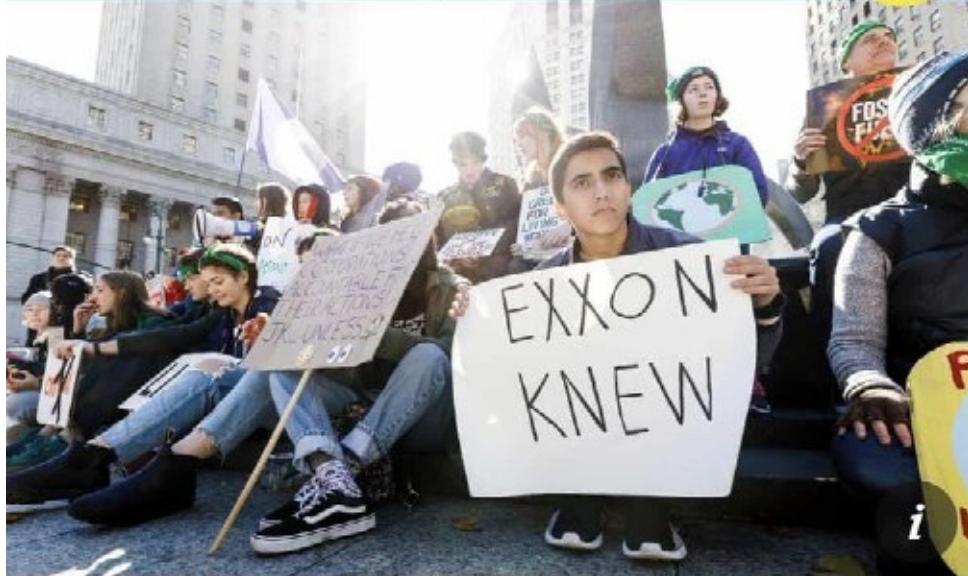
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we still need feminism because...

**women's
equality is not
achieved until
the equality of
trans women
is achieved**

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Sexualising professions conventionally dominated by women through ‘sexy teacher,’ ‘sexy nurse’ etc. tropes, serves to diminish women’s labour by reducing it to a sexual fantasy that exists to titillate men. This removes any reference to how difficult these professions are, and reinforces their status as ‘lesser’ careers, thus contributing to women’s work remaining underpaid and disrespected.

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"We should be honoring them every day" @AOC and [@RepGraceMeng](#) reflect on how the women of Elmhurst hospital bravely faced the COVID-19 pandemic.
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Gina Ortiz Jones, Mondaire Jones, and Sarah McBride. AP; Mondaire For Congress

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These candidates are also more racially diverse than in past election cycles, according to the findings.

“A historic number of openly LGBTQ people are running for office this year and we have the opportunity to elect an unprecedented number on Election Day,” former Houston Mayor Annise Parker, president and CEO of the LGBTQ Victory Fund, said in a statement. “While LGBTQ candidates are significantly

more diverse than U.S. candidates overall, we must continue to break down the barriers LGBTQ people of color, women and trans people face when considering a run for office. Our government must reflect the diversity of America.”

Another record year

At least 1,006 openly LGBTQ people ran or are still running for office this election cycle, up from 716 in the 2018 midterms, according to Victory’s Out on the Trail report. Of these candidates, 574 will appear on the general election ballot in November, up from 432 in 2018, representing a 33 percent increase.

There are eight nonincumbent LGBTQ candidates running for the House of Representatives. If they all win, they would more than double LGBTQ representation in Congress’ lower chamber from seven to 15. There are currently two LGBTQ U.S. senators — Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., and Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz. — though neither is up for re-election this year.

Some of these congressional hopefuls are looking to unseat incumbent conservatives. Tracy Mitrano, a lawyer and cybersecurity expert, is one of them. She’s gunning for incumbent Republican Tom Reed’s job in New York’s 23rd Congressional District.

“This district can do better than what it has had as representation in Congress for the past 10 years,” Mitrano told local NBC affiliate WTEM-TV on Saturday. “Affordable health care, good education, infrastructure, the internet. Let’s get jobs back, but the only way you’re going to do that is if you lay the foundation of health and education and infrastructure.”

Former U.S. Air Force Capt. Gina Ortiz Jones is looking to beat Republican nominee Tony Gonzales, a Navy veteran, and flip Texas’ 23rd Congressional District for Democrats. If she wins, Jones would be both the first Filipino American woman to serve in Congress and the first openly gay representative from Texas.

“I really felt called to protect the opportunities that allowed me to grow up healthy, get an education and serve our country,” Jones told NBC News. “That made my story, my service, possible, and that’s why I’m so committed to fighting for working families in this district.”

Jon Hoadley is currently in his third term as a Michigan state representative. He is taking on incumbent Rep. Fred Upton, who opposed nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQ people and voted to ban same-sex marriage. Upton has represented the historically conservative district since 1986.

“For his entire political career, Fred Upton has worked to deny basic rights and protections to LGBTQ people – so it will be poetic justice when he is defeated by an openly gay challenger next November,” Parker said of the race. “Few 2020 Congressional races are more important than this one – a swing seat in a swing state with a stark choice for voters. Jon aims to uplift all constituents and put real people at the center of his decision-making, while Fred Upton continues to play cynical politics with people’s lives and well-being.”

If elected, Hoadley would be the first openly LGBTQ member of Congress from Michigan.

Increasing racial and ethnic diversity

A notable trend this year is the substantial increase in the number of LGBTQ candidates of color. Nearly a third of the LGBTQ candidates who ran this year are people of color, compared to 10 percent of all candidates — LGBTQ and non-LGBTQ — who ran in 2018, the report states.

Two favorites to win their congressional races are Democrats Ritchie Torres and Mondaire Jones, who are running for New York’s 15th and 17th Congressional districts, respectively,

Both Torres and Jones would be the first Black gay men elected to Congress if they were to prevail Nov. 3.

Rep. Sharice Davids won her House bid in 2018 and became the first openly gay Native American woman elected to Congress, and the first LGBTQ person Kansas has ever elected to federal office. She is back on the ballot this November, favored to beat Republican challenger Amanda Adkins, a former health care executive.

Georgette Gomez, currently a San Diego City council member, is running against another Democrat, Sara Jacobs, for the open seat left by Rep. Susan Davis’ retirement. If elected, Gomez would be the first Latina LGBTQ member

of Congress.

Beyond the L and the G

Gay men and lesbians continue to make up the majority of LGBTQ candidates. However, bisexual, queer and pansexual candidates saw the greatest proportional growth since 2018, according to the report.

Compared to 2018, the number of transgender candidates decreased, but the number of candidates identifying as genderqueer, nonbinary or gender-nonconforming jumped considerably, from 6 to 25, marking a 325 percent increase from 2018.

For example, Louise Snodgrass is hoping to become the first genderqueer state legislator in South Dakota.

While the overall number of transgender individuals running for office this cycle went down, those who are running are serious contenders and could have an important impact at the state level. For example, Sarah McBride is on track to become the first openly transgender person elected to Delaware's General Assembly and the first transgender state senator anywhere in the U.S.

After winning the Democratic primary in August, Taylor Small is a shoo-in to become the first openly transgender state legislator in Vermont. And in Kansas, Stephanie Byers is also favored to win her race against Republican Cyndi Howerton to fill the open seat in the state legislature. If elected, Byers would become the first openly transgender legislator in the Kansas House of Representatives.

Jessica Katzenmeyer is running for Wisconsin State Assembly, and Madeline Eden is running for the Texas House of Representatives. If elected, both women would be the first openly transgender lawmakers in their states' legislatures.

Shifting geography of LGBTQ candidates

California, Texas and Florida boast the highest number of LGBTQ candidates running in 2020, according to the Victory Fund. These candidates could make an especially big impact on the Texas House of Representatives, where Democrats need to pick up nine seats to flip that chamber. Several LGBTQ candidates are in

key races, especially out lesbians Ann Johnson and Eliz Markowitz.

Alabama is the only state this cycle that has no openly LGBTQ person running for office at any level, according to the report. At present, State Rep. Neil Rafferty is the only openly LGBTQ person in office in Alabama.

Five states — Alaska, Tennessee, Louisiana, Delaware and Mississippi — have never elected an openly LGBTQ state legislator, though that could soon change for three of them. In addition to McBride in Delaware, lesbian Lyn Franks is running for the state Legislature in Alaska, and Torrey Harris, a bisexual man, and Brandon Thomas, a gay man, are running in Tennessee.

While the number of openly lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer elected officials across the U.S. has been steadily increasing, just 0.17 percent of the country's roughly half million elected officials are LGBTQ, according to the Victory Institute. In order for LGBTQ people — who make up an estimated 5 percent of the U.S. population — to achieve “equitable representation,” there would need to be 22,544 more of them in elected office, according to the organization.

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This means that New Zealand will have the highest proportion of LGBT+ MPs in the world. The UK has the highest number of openly queer MPs, with 45 across 650 seats, but this only amounts to a 7 per cent representation.

“Numbers do matter,” the lesbian Labour MP Louisa Wall told AAP before the election. “We have a critical mass with high visibility and we’re seen as valid. If we do end up being the most LGBTQI representative parliament in the world, that would be simply great.”

Alongside Wall, the New Zealand Labour party’s queer MPs are Grant Robertson, Meka Whaitiri, Tamati Coffey, Kiri Allan, Ayesha Verrall, Glen Bennett and Shanan Halbert.

Although prime minister Ardern won enough seats to form a single-party government, she is expected to make a coalition with the Greens, which is celebrating the election of openly LGBT+ MPs Jan Logie, Chloe Swarbrick, Elizabeth Kerekere and Ricardo Menendez March.

LGBT+ representation in the new parliament will be proportionate to that of the general population by the Kinsey Report’s figures, but significantly higher than New Zealand’s 2018 general social survey, which was 3.5 per cent.

Paul Spoonley, professor at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences of Massey University in Palmerston North, told The Independent that the new parliament represents an important generational change.

“A number of longstanding MPs – older, white, male – have left but they have been replaced by a much more diverse new intake – Maori, Pasifika, other ethnicities and the Rainbow community,” he said.

“Half of the Labour caucus are women. The Labour party and the Greens represent the contemporary face of New Zealand in parliament.”

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