https://www.guora.com/Why-do-people-go-to-LGBTQ-pride-parades

One might argue that many don't. It is true that the community is steadily growing and being accepted, but still, a major portion of people do not support them as much as they say. That aside, the people who do support the community, take part in parades for a lot of reasons. Not just to make a difference and play a part, but to enjoy with their partners, dance on the streets, be a part of something bigger than themselves, etc. Reasons could be listed infinitely. The idea is to gather a lot of people and draw attention.

Have you ever witnessed those marriages in India where the groom rides the horse and people dance in front of him? I would be wrong to assume that you have never stopped to see what was going on. The same idea applies here. Their beliefs are that they are not being given enough attention, are being ignored, treated unfairly, etc. but primarily is that they are not being heard. Everybody seems to ignore their genuine problems, including the government. So they gather to play a party and draw attention along with enjoying things along the way.

https://www.quora.com/Should-straight-people-who-consider-themselves-allies-go-to-LGBT Q-pride-parades

Why not? The primary reason for the parades is to attract more allies and to make the community large enough for the rest to take it seriously. But, I actually have a different point of view. I tend to believe in people, not on the basis of sexuality. So, the fact that the person is straight or not doesn't include itself in my lists of attributes to compare. I believe everybody should go and be a part of the parades because they will also get to know a new view or idea instead of presuming as people usually do.

https://www.quora.com/What-do-people-do-at-LGBTQ-pride-parades

I have never been to a pride parade so I dont really know what do they actually do, but I believe that they enjoy themselves. Parades are the one place where they can express themselves freely in the public. They would party, play around and roam in whichever way they want without people giving them a hard time.

https://www.quora.com/What-would-happen-if-the-NYPD-used-water-cannons-to-disperse-the-LGBTQ-pride-parade

I guess there might be some commotion initially and people would start to disperse, but knowing the crowd, there will be some with guts of steel who would attempt at sabotaging the cannons and either shutting them off or start playing in the water in public only. They would then reassemble the lost crowd and continue the parade. It would take a lot more than some water cannons to stop them.

https://www.quora.com/How-come-you-only-see-adults-and-teenagers-at-LGBTQ-pride-parades-but-rarely-children

People would generally prefer not to bring children to such events because of the unpredictability of the same. Who knows what would happen on the parade day? Parents usually prefer to keep children away from sensitive topics like sexuality at least until they turn 18. People of the community might argue that children should also get to know about its existence and possibilities but I do not.