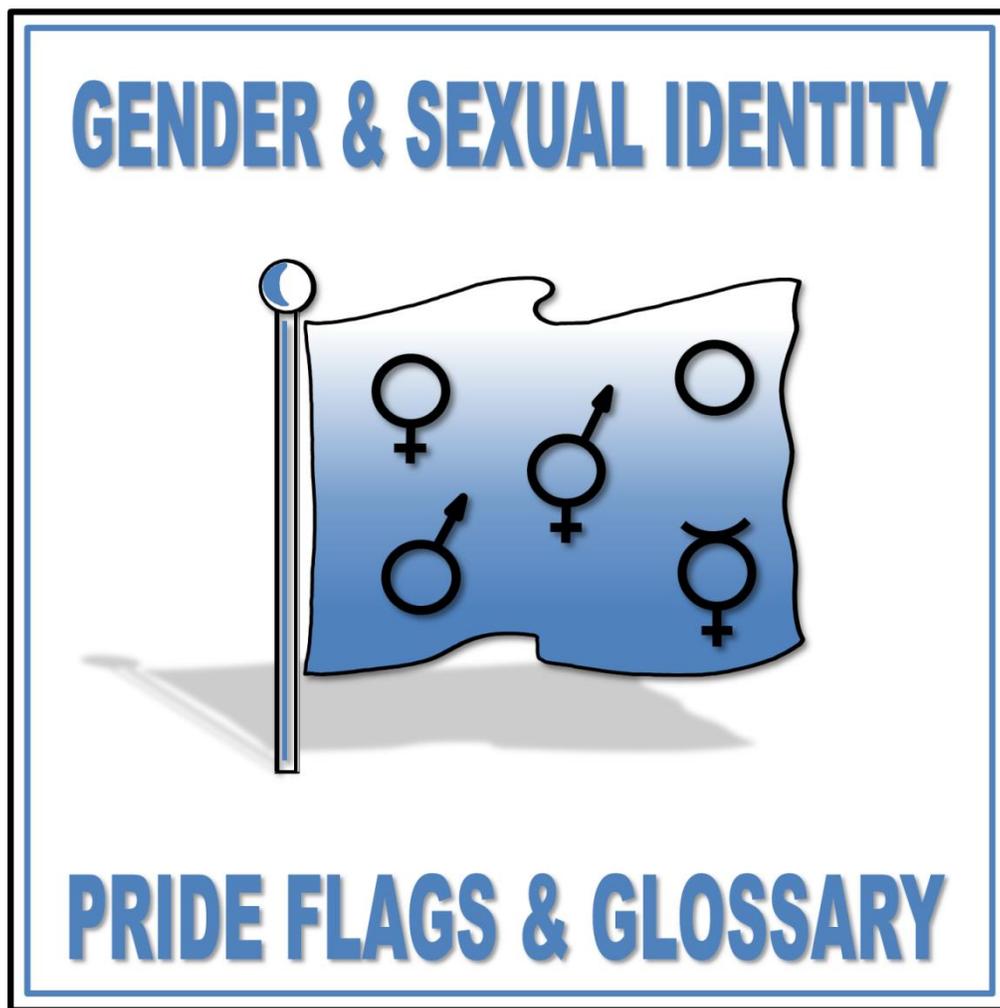


# Illustrated Glossary of Gender & Sexual Identity Terms

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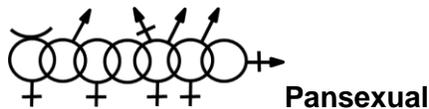
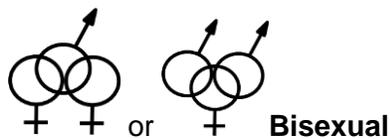
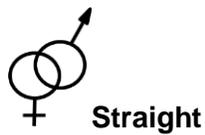
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Many individuals do not like to be categorized or labeled in any way. I agree that labels may “box one in” but an individual’s self-identity is critical. We must know who we are. It is labels that translate our identity to language. The spirit world is a place in which souls can be fluid, boundary free, label-less, and uncategorized. However, the purpose of incarnating on Earth is to experience dualities, polarities, and various points on a spectrum. From these experiences a soul learns balance.

Many new gender and sexual identity terms have been created in recent years. Some similar terms seem to have little to no differentiation between them. I believe that the new influx of terms is a result of individuals trying to describe their alternative identity. I suspect as individuals become more comfortable in gender fluidity, many of these labels will disappear and we will all simply assume our own unique identity that does not require a label. Perhaps eventually the various labels can be brought together under one acronym that represents the state of infinite choice that multiple identities provide – AGASI, Alternative Gender and Sexual Identity.

Note: All of these flags, with the exception of the Chameleosexual one, were designed by others and found from various sources.

## **IDENTITY SYMBOLS**





Other Gender



Intersex (DSD)



Transgender



Non-binary Transgender

## GENDER IDENTITIES

**AGASI** – Acronym for Alternative Gender and Sexual Identity



**Agender** – An individual of any physical sex but with a null gender identity. (Same as Gender Neutral).



**Androgynous** (Androgyne) – An individual that has both male and female gender characteristics.



**Bigender** (Ambigender) – A gender identity structure that allows for only two genders: male and female. Also, may be an individual that lives a dual life of separate male and female roles including separate names, pronouns, social circles, and identities. Ambigender may also be interpreted as short for ambiguous gender.

**Birth Assigned Sex** – The anatomical sex as determined by biology or genetics. Not all babies are born with genitalia that can be clearly defined as either male or female. And not all babies develop a gender identity that matches their birth assigned sex.



**Boi** (Boy) – A lesbian or gender-queer individual who identifies mostly with their male energy and presents as male in their appearance.

**Cisgender** – An individual whose gender identity and gender role matches their birth assigned sex. They fit well into the binary gender system. *Cis* is Latin for “on the same side” or “on this side of”.



**Demiboy** – An individual who partially identifies as a boy or man, no matter what their assigned gender at birth is.



**Demigirl** – An individual who partially identifies as a girl or woman, no matter what their birth assigned sex is.

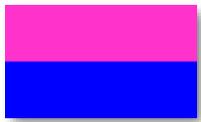


**Drag (Crossdresser)** – An individual that dresses in clothing opposite their birth assigned sex.

**Eunuch** – A male who has been castrated.

**Female (Woman/Ciswoman)** – An individual whose gender identity of female matches her birth assigned sex of female.

**Femme** – An individual, usually gay or lesbian, who exhibits stereotypical feminine traits, often in an exaggerated way.



**Gender Binary** – A gender identity structure that allows for only two genders: male and female.

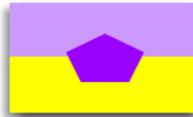
**Gender Diversity** – Individuals that do not identify as being either male or female but as a mix of both. A person may feel more male some days and more female other days or these individuals do not want to be classified as male or female. Other terms used are: ambigender, androgynous, creatively gendered, gender bender, gender blender, gender breaker, gender diverse, gender dysphoric, gender fairy, gender fluid, gender fuck, genderfree, gender chameleon, gender nonconformist, gender outlaw, gender queer, gender revolutionary, gender shapeshifter, gender transgressor, gender trickster, gender variant, gynandrous, human-gender, intergender, metagender, multigender, nongender, omnigender, pan-gender, per, polygender, third-gender, trans-androgynous, trans-variant, tweener, and variant expressive.

**Gender Free** – An individual that does not identify with the accepted definitions and standards of binary gender structures.

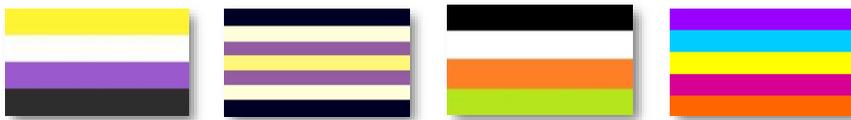


**Gender Fluid** – An individual whose identity changes between male, female, and neutral.

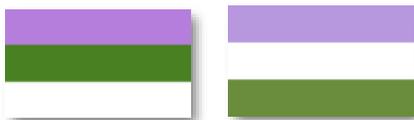
**Gender Identity** – The way in which an individual expresses their gender. Sex is the biological classification of male or female. Gender is associated with the mental body and sex is associated with the physical body.



**Gender Neutral** – An individual of any physical sex with a null (no) gender identity.



**Gender Nonbinary** – A gender identity structure that embraces a rainbow of genders rather than just male and female.



**Gender Queer** – Any individual that does not identify as cis-hetero-normative within a binary belief system. These individuals may identify as both male and female, or as neither male nor female (genderless or agender). Queer Theory is about doing gender not being a gender or having a gender identity. In other words, we have a body, we have desires, and we perform/present a gender.

**Gender Questioning** – An individual who is questioning their current gender identity, role, and/or expression.

**Gender Variant (Gender Nonconforming)** – An individual’s behavior or gender expression does not match the gender roles set by society for males and females.

**Hermaphrodite** – Obsolete term for intersexual.

**Human-gender** – An individual whose gender identity is not based on masculine or feminine characteristics but on the entire range of human characteristics.

**Intergender** – An individual who identifies across or beyond male/female gender ideals.



**Intersexual** – An individual displaying ambiguous sexual characteristics of both male and

female at birth. It is not proper to use this term as a noun or verb i.e. “intersexed”. Also called DSD (Diverse Sexual Development).

**LGBT+** – LGBT is commonly used as an acronym for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community. Other letters that are frequently added are: “G” for Genderqueer, “T\*” for Transgender, Transsexual, and Third Gender, “Q” for Queer and Questioning, “I” for Intersex, “A” for Ally, Asexual, Androgynous, and Autosexual, “P” for Pansexual, and “H” for Heterosexual, Hetero–flexible, and Homo–flexible.

**Male** (Man, Cisman) – An individual whose gender identity of male matches his birth assigned sex of male.

**Metagender** – An individual who has a tenuous connection to the concept of gender. Meta usually means “after” or “beyond”.

**Multigender** – Individuals with multiple gender identities such as nonbinary or trans\*.



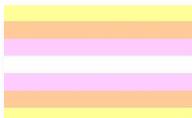
**Metrosexual** – A heterosexual male who is focused on his personal grooming, wardrobe, and appearance.



**Neutrois** – An individual that does not identify with gender and often feels that they fall neutrally between male and female. This non–gendered class includes agender, gender neutral, genderless, or having a null gender.

**Neuter** – An individual who has no sex or gender identification.

**Nongender** – An individual who has no gender identification.



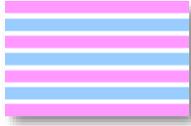
**Pangender** (Polygendered, Omnigender) – An individual that possesses all genders. The term emphasizes there are more than only two genders.

**PoMogendered** – Short for “postmodernly gendered”, which means an individual has a non–orientation. They disregard gender and sexual labels altogether. From the book *PoMoSexuals: Challenging Assumptions about Gender and Sexuality* edited by Carol Queen and Lawrence Schimel.

**Postgenderist** – An individual whose social and political viewpoint supports the elimination of human gender identity and includes the advocacy of assistive reproductive technology.

**Queen** – A feminine gay man. May also be short for Drag Queen.





**Transsexual** – An individual that emotionally and psychologically feel that they belong to the opposite gender of their birth assigned gender. These individuals usually take steps to change their birth assigned sex through Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) and Genital Reassignment Surgeries (GRS). Sex Reassignment Surgery (SRS) and Gender Reassignment Surgery (GRS) are now considered obsolete terms by many. The correct terms are Gender Confirmation Surgery (GCS), Genital Reconstruction Surgery (GRS), or Genital Reassignment Surgery (GRS).

**Transman** (FTM, F2M) – A female-to-male trans\* individual.

**Transvestite** – An individual that likes to dress and spend part time in the gender role that is opposite the birth assigned sex. These individuals do not desire to change their birth assigned sex. Transvestite is an obsolete term. The current term used is "crossdresser".

**Transwoman** (MTR, M2F) – A male-to-female trans\* individual.



**Trigender** – An individual whose gender identity changes between male, female, and third gender.



**Twink** – Boyish-looking, young gay man, typically aged 18–22, that may have some effeminate characteristics.



**Two Spirit** – Gender queer individuals that fulfill mixed gender roles in Native American and Canadian First Nations groups. Two Spirit is not an identity but a sacred, spiritual, and ceremonial role that an individual assumes.

## **SEXUAL IDENTITIES**

**AGASI** – Acronym for Alternative Gender and Sexual Identity

**Ambiphilia** (Biphilia) – An individual that is sexually, romantically, or emotionally attracted to both masculinity (men) and femininity (women).



**Androphilia** – An individual that is sexually, romantically, or emotionally attracted to men and masculinity.

**Androgynophile** – An individual that is sexually, romantically, or emotionally attracted to males and females.



**Asexual** – An individual that feels little or no sexual attraction to anyone.



**Autochorissexual** – An asexual individual that is disconnected from targets of arousal. They may experience sexual fantasies but lack the desire to be a participant in the sexual activities.



**Autosexual** – An individual that prefers masturbation over other forms of sexual attraction.

**Banjee** – A young Latino, Black, or multiracial man, dressing in masculine urban fashion, who has sex with men.

**Bicurious** – An individual that is considering experimenting sexually with individuals of the same sex.



**Bisexual** – An individual sexually, romantically, or emotionally attracted to both males and females. Bisexual implies a binary gender system whereas pansexual implies a spectrum of genders.

**Celibate** – An individual who abstains from all sexual activity. These individuals can have any sexual orientation but do not act on it.



**Chameleosexual** – An individual whose sexual role is dependent on what the gender orientation of their partner is. In other words, an individual that is sexually versatile

depending on the gender of their partner. An example is an individual that plays the bottom (receptive) role when with male sexual partners and plays the top (active) role when with female sexual partners. *(Created by Drake Bear Stephen)*



**Demisexual** – An individual that does not feel sexual attraction until a strong emotional bond has formed. In other words, the individual feel half sexual and half asexual.

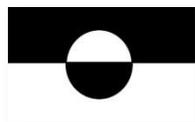


**Ecosexual** – Environmentally conscious individuals who recognize Mother Earth by acts of masturbating in nature, making love to Mother Earth, marrying Earth or other natural elements, and/or using ecological and sustainable birth control, sex toys, and lubricants.

**Ex-gay** – An individual who changed their sexual orientation to heterosexual as a result of participating in ex-gay therapy.



**Gynephilia** – An individual that is sexually attracted to women and femininity.



**Heterosexual (Straight)** – Male-identified individuals who are sexually, romantically, or emotionally attracted to females and female-identified individuals who are sexually, romantically, or emotionally attracted to males.

**Hetero-Flexible** – A heterosexual individual that is open to the possibilities of having a romantic, emotional, or sexual homosexual relationship.



**Homosexual (Gay)** – A male-identified individual who is sexually, romantically, or emotionally attracted to other males.

**Homo-Flexible** – A homosexual individual that is open to the possibilities of having a romantic, emotional, or sexual heterosexual relationship.



**Lesbian** – A female-identified individual who is sexually, romantically, or emotionally attracted to other females.



**Lipstick Lesbian** – Lesbians that are within the feminine gender spectrum.



**Lithsexual** – An individual that feels attraction but does not want the feeling returned in any way.

**Monosexual** – An individual that is sexually and romantically attracted to individuals that identify as one gender i.e., loving males (androphilia) or loving females (gynephilia).

**Panphilia** – An individual that is sexually, romantically, or emotionally attracted to individuals of all genders.



**Pansexual** (Omnisexual, Multisexual) – An individual that is sexually, romantically, or emotionally attracted to individuals of all genders.



**Polyamorous** – Individuals who desire or practice having more than one intimate partner at a time with the consent of all individuals involved.



**Polysexual** – An individual whose gender identity is non-binary and who is sexually, romantically, or emotionally attracted to individuals of all genders.

**PoMosexual** – Short for “postmodernly sexual”, which means an individual has a non-orientation. They disregard gender and sexual labels altogether. From the book *PoMoSexuals: Challenging Assumptions about Gender and Sexuality* edited by Carol Queen and Lawrence Schimel.





**Aromantic** (Antiromantic) – An individual that does not experience romantic attraction towards anyone.



**Biromantic** – An individual who is romantically attracted to both males and females.

**Cupioromantic** – An individual who has desire for a romantic relationship despite not experiencing romantic attraction.



**Demiromantic** – An individual that feels sexual attraction only after a strong emotional bond has been formed.



**Greyromantic** – Greyromantic can be a blanket term for an individual who falls anywhere between Romantic and Aromantic. It is also an umbrella term that includes Lithromantics and Demiromantics.



**Gynoromantic** (Gynoromantic) – An individual who is romantically attracted to individuals expressing femininity.

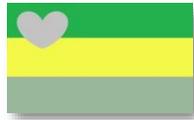


**Heteroromantic** – An individual who is romantically attracted to individuals with a gender other than their own.



**Homoromantic** – An individual who is romantically attracted to individuals of the same gender.

**Idemromantic** – An individual who experiences romantic and platonic feelings in the same way.



**Lithromantic** – An individual that feels attraction but does not want this feeling returned in any way.



**Monoromantic** – An individual who is romantically attracted to individuals of only one gender identity.



**Neuroisromantic** – An individual who is romantically attracted to individuals of null, non-gendered, or non-binary gender identity.



**Panromantic**

(Omniromantic, Ambiromantic) – An individual who is romantically attracted to individuals with any gender including those expressing masculine, feminine, and intersex/third gender-mixing.



**Polyromantic** – An individual who is romantically attracted to multiple, but not all, genders.

**Quoiromantic** – An individual who is unable to distinguish the difference between romantic and platonic feelings, or cannot define romantic attraction, therefore does not know whether or not they have experienced it.

**Recipromantic** – An individual who has a romantic attraction only after another individual is romantically attracted.

**Requiesromantic** – An individual who has little to no romantic attraction because of some mental or emotional exhaustion, likely due to bad experiences of romance in the past.



**Transromantic** (Skolioromantic) – An individual who is romantically attracted to individuals of variant or ambiguous gender or to transgender or intersex individuals.

**Wtfromantic** – An individual who does not experience romanticism in the traditional manner but who cannot say they are fully aromantic or greyaromantic. The specific meanings of the identity is up to each individual. Wtfromantic is generally used as a catch-all term for individuals who fall in the category of semiromantic or alternatively romantic, but do not better fit into any other label.

## **RELATIONSHIP & SEXUALITY SUBCULTURES**



**Bear** – Husky, hirsute masculine gay men.

Grizzly bears are extremely dominant and typically extremely tall, heavy, or hairy. Chubby bear are heavy set and hairy bears. Pocket bear are short bears. Polar bears are older bears with gray hair. Pandas are bears of Asian descent. Black bears are bears of African-American descent. Brown bears are bears of Latin descent. Koala bears are bears of Australian descent. Otters are hairy men who are lean and muscular. A wolf is a rugged and outdoorsy bear who is typically a biker. Daddy bear are mature bears who are often looking for a cub (younger man). A cub may also describe a bear's husband/partner who fulfills the passive role in the sexual relationship. Chasers are men who are sexually attracted to heavy set gay men. Goldilocks is a female who hangs out with a group of bears.



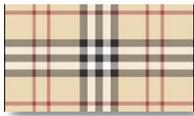
**BDSM** (Bondage Discipline Sadist Masochist) – A sexual subculture based on the erotic practices of bondage/discipline, dominance/submission, and sado/masochism.



**Bootblack** – Individuals that practice or appreciate bootblacks, the caring for boots, shoes, and other leather apparel.



**Boot Fetish** – A sexual fetish dedicated to boots.



**Chav Fetish** – A sexual fetish dedicated to Chavs or Charvers, meaning a young lower-class person who displays brash and loutish behavior and wears real or imitation designer clothes.



**Cowboy Fetish** – A sexual fetish dedicated cowboys.



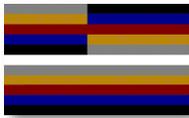
**Gay Cowboy** – A sexual fetish dedicated gay cowboys.



**Fat Fetish** – A sexual fetish dedicated to overweight individuals.



**Foot/Feet Fetish** – A sexual fetish dedicated to feet and related fetishes (hosiery, footwear, foot jobs, submission, crushing, shrimping, etc.).



**Freak** – Individuals with tattoos, piercings, body modifications, unique or strange outward appearances, and fetish wear.



**Furry Canine** – Individuals who into anthropomorphic animal characters with human personalities and characteristics, particularly those of the dog family. Also known as Yiffy, Anthro or Morph community.



**Furry Feline** – Individual who are into anthropomorphic animal characters with human personalities and characteristics, particularly those of the cat family. Also known as Yiffy, Anthro or Morph community.



**Gasmask Fetish** – A sexual fetish dedicated to gas masks.



**Gothic Sexuality** – Individuals into the gothic sex scene.



**Gay Gothic Sexuality** – Gay individuals into the gothic sex scene.



**Leather** – A sexual subculture based on styles of dress organized around sexual activities. Wearing leather garments is associated with BDSM (Bondage/Discipline, Dominance/Submission, Sado/Masochism).



**Longhaired Fetish** – A fetish dedicated to longhairs.



**Master Slave** – A BDSM subculture in which master/slave is a relationship in which one individual (the submissive) gives ultimate authority to another (the dominant).



**Military Uniform Fetish** – A sexual fetish dedicated to military uniforms.



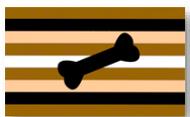
**Muscle** – Individuals who are muscle enthusiasts or who have a fetish for muscular individuals or for building muscle mass.



**Ownership** – A BDSM subculture in which master/slave is a relationship in which one individual (the submissive) gives ultimate authority to another (the dominant).



**Pony** – Individuals into the pony scene.



**Puppy/Dog Play** –

Individuals into anthropomorphic dog characters with human personalities and characteristics.



**Rubber** – A fetish dedicated to rubber or latex clothing and sheets.



**Skinhead Fetish** – Individuals who are into skinhead culture.



**Gay Skinhead Fetish** – Individuals who are into skinhead culture. (The gay skinhead culture is generally not racially biased.)

**Spornosexual** – A blend of sports and the clipping porno, compounded with sexual. The term was coined by Mark Simpson in 2014 to describe a man "who is influenced in his appearance by the stars of sport and pornography". It recognizes young men who use "their toned bodies on social media as a means of feeling valuable in society."



**Switch** – A BDSM subculture that represents the role of the Switch.

## ***MISCELLANEOUS PRIDE FLAGS***



**Human Rights Campaign** – This organization works for LGBT rights.



**Marriage Equality** – Legal recognition of same-sex marriages.