

# GSD Alphabet Soup



# GSD

**The acronym that stands for Gender and Sexual Diversity, including but not limited to people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, nonbinary, intersex, queer, asexual, and/or allies**

# Ally

Someone who advocates for and supports members of a community other than their own. These individuals reach across differences to achieve mutual goals.



# Asexual

A term used to describe a lack of either sexual or romantic attraction and/or interest in engaging in sex

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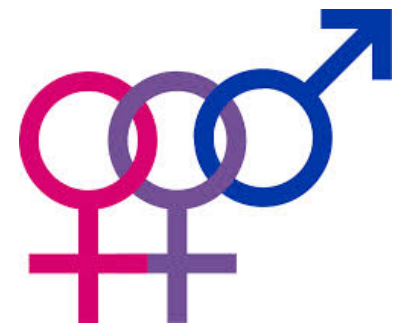
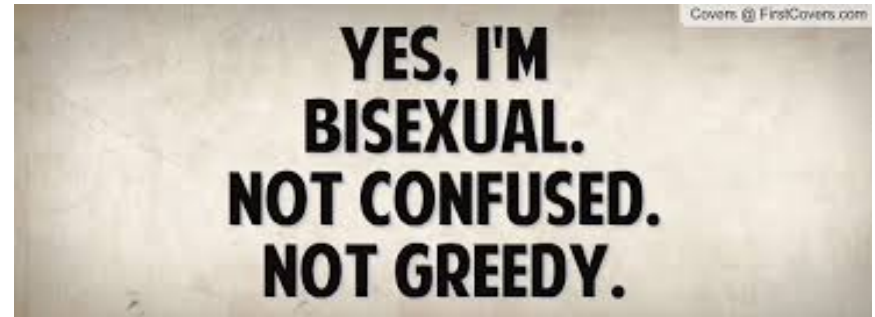
- Abstinence because of a bad relationship
- Abstinence because of religious reasons
- Celibacy
- Sexual repression, aversion, or dysfunction
- Loss of libido due to age or circumstance
- Fear of intimacy
- Inability to find a partner

## ACES MIGHT

- Want friendship, understanding, and empathy
- Fall in love
- Experience arousal and orgasm
- Choose to masturbate
- Choose to engage in sexual activity
- Choose not to engage in sexual activity
- Be of any gender, age, or background
- Have a spouse and/or children

# Bisexual

A person who is physically, romantically, and emotionally attracted to two or more genders







# Diva Drag Show

The annual DIVA Drag Show is one of Eastern's highest student attended events and provides an evening of high quality drag entertainment from professional impersonators! Sponsored by EIU PRIDE, this event in the fall also serves as a fundraiser for both PRIDE and a local charitable or non-profit organization in the Charleston-Mattoon area.



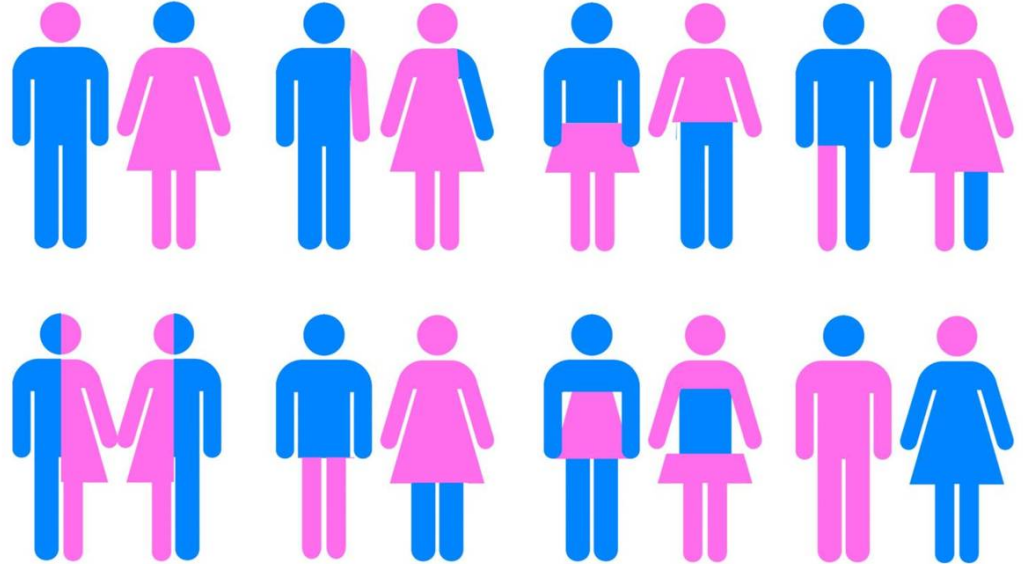


## EIU PRIDE

PRIDE is a Recognized Student Organization (RSO) at EIU. The purposes and goals of the group are to provide a place for LGBTQA people to meet and discuss issues that affect them. PRIDE provides an environment to come and feel comfortable and open.

# Gay

A man who is physically, romantically, and emotionally attracted to other men. Also used to describe someone that is homosexual.



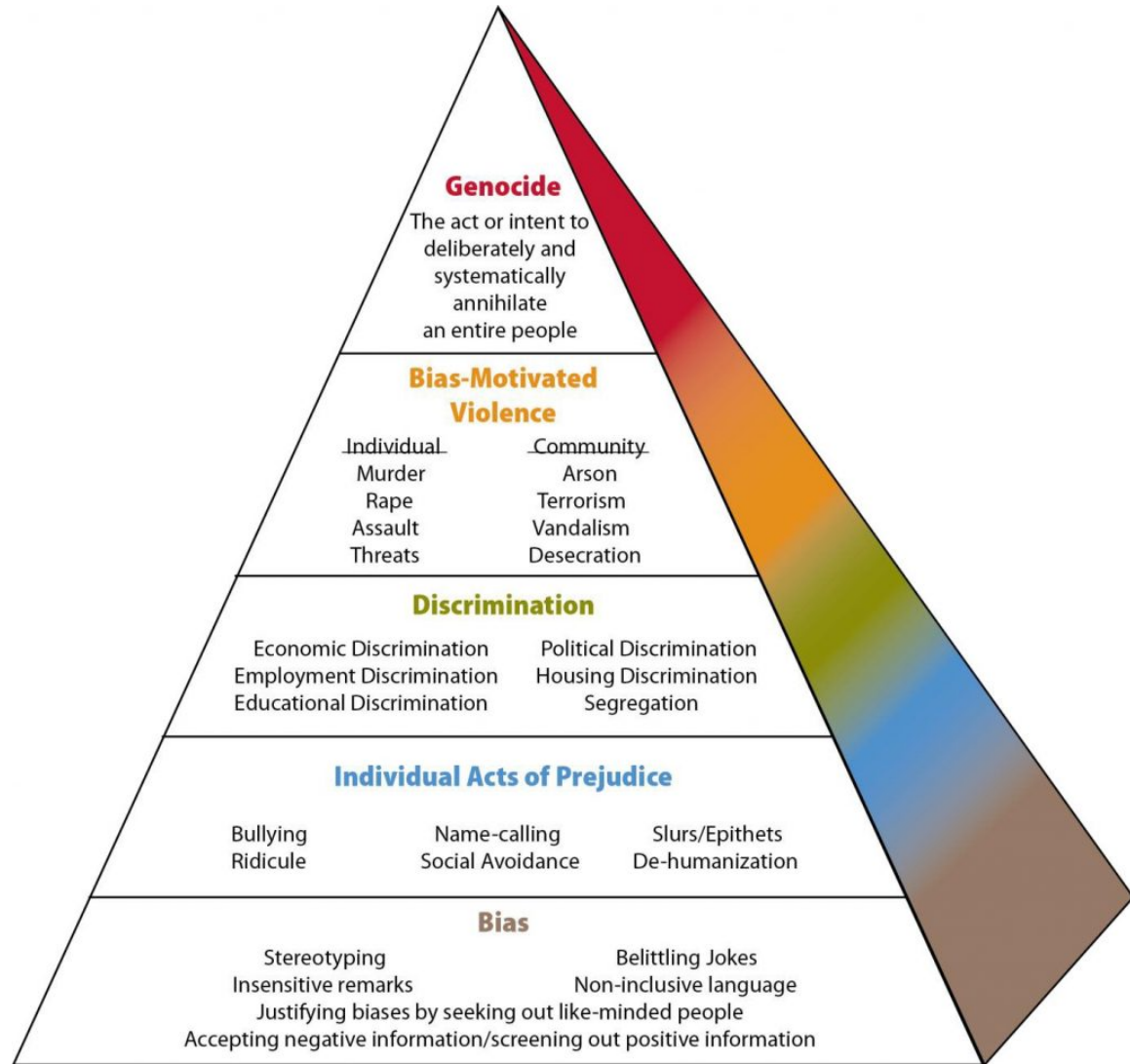
# Gender

The complex interrelationship between one's physical traits and one's internal sense of self as male, female, both or neither as well as one's outward presentations and behaviors related to that perception.



# Homophobia

- The irrational fear of homosexuals, homosexuality or any behavior, belief or attitude of self or others which does not conform to rigid sex and gender-role stereotypes. The extreme behavior of homophobia is violence against gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender persons.



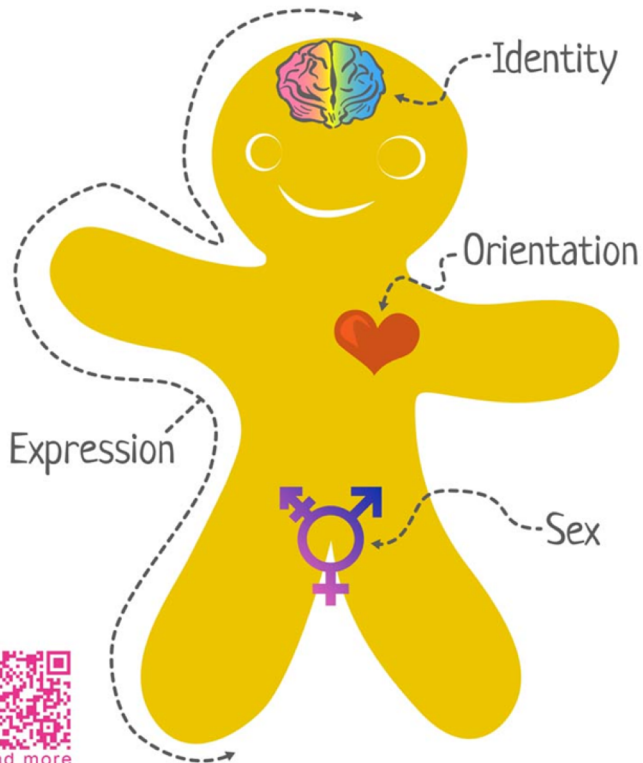


# Intersex

Someone whose biological sex organs are ambiguous at birth

## The Genderbread Person

by [www.ItsPronouncedMetrosexual.com](http://www.ItsPronouncedMetrosexual.com)



### Gender Identity

Woman

Genderqueer

Man

Gender identity is how you, in your head, think about yourself. It's the chemistry that composes you (e.g., hormonal levels) and how you interpret what that means.

### Gender Expression

Feminine

Androgynous

Masculine

Gender expression is how you demonstrate your gender (based on traditional gender roles) through the ways you act, dress, behave, and interact.

### Biological Sex

Female

Intersex

Male

Biological sex refers to the objectively measurable organs, hormones, and chromosomes. Female = vagina, ovaries, XX chromosomes; male = penis, testes, XY chromosomes; intersex = a combination of the two.

### Sexual Orientation

Heterosexual

Bisexual

Homosexual

Sexual orientation is who you are physically, spiritually, and emotionally attracted to, based on their sex/gender in relation to your own.

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## Lesbian

A woman who is physically, romantically, and emotionally attracted to other women



Hearts  
Not  
Parts



## Pansexual

The attraction to others regardless of their gender identity or biological sex.



## Queer

Re-claimed umbrella term used as a self-identifier for GSD people



# Sexual Orientation

A person's physical, romantic and/or emotional attraction to another person



## Sex

A categorization of male or female according to sex hormones, chromosomes, reproductive organs, etc.



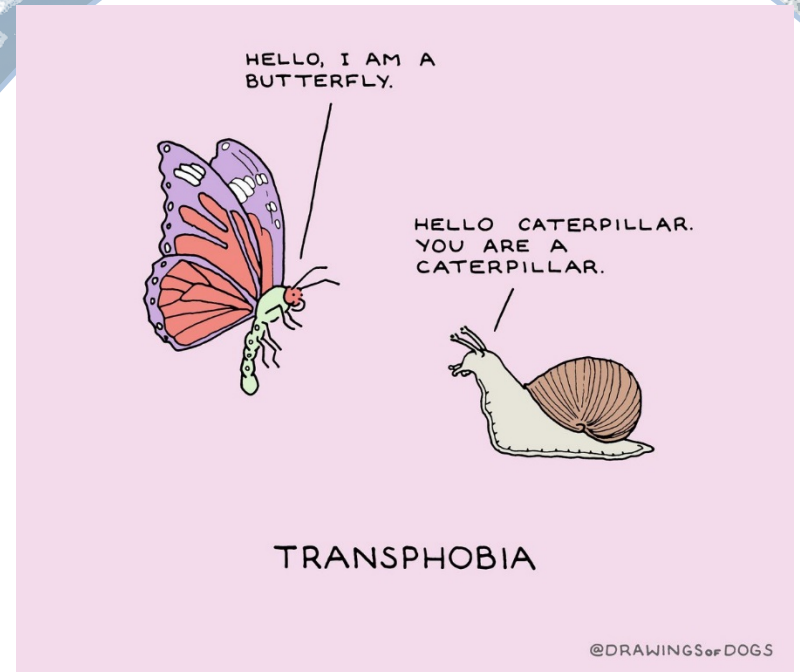
# Transgender

An umbrella term used for people whose gender identity is different from their sex assigned at birth



# Transphobia

The irrational fear of and hostility towards people who are transgender or otherwise transgress traditional gender norms



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