

# Words that are **BIPHOBIC** and **WHY**

Biphobia: Fear or hatred of people who are bisexual, pansexual, omnisexual, or nonmonosexual. Biphobia is closely linked to transphobia and homophobia.

Using “gay” as an umbrella term for the LGBT community leaves out many people within our community.

**IDENTITY**  **BEHAVIOR**

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A person's identity does not determine what behaviors they engage in and vice versa.

**Bisexuality doesn't really exist. People are just gay or straight.**

This denies the fluidity of sexuality and dismisses people's experiences and definitions of self. People deserve the right to define their own identities any way they wish and have those definitions honored.

**I think everyone is really Bisexual.**

While this is often meant to acknowledge the fluidity of sexuality, it dismisses the reality of people who identify as Bisexual and erases their experiences. It also invalidates the self-identifications of non-bisexual people.

**You're too femme/butch to be Bisexual.**

Gender presentation does not indicate sexual orientation. Bisexual people have a wide range of gender presentations.

**Bisexual people just want straight privilege.**

Bisexual people experience discrimination from both the straight community and the queer community. They never fully experience straight privilege because they do not identify as straight. Often their identities are made invisible and denied.

**Bisexual people are just greedy and want to have sex with everyone.**

This stereotypes bisexual people and assumes they are all promiscuous – and that this is a bad thing. It creates negative attitudes towards sex and works against creating a sex positive climate. It also demonstrates an underlying belief that bisexuality is only about behavior and is not a legitimate identity.

**Who do you see yourself ending up with?**

This is another way of implying one has to “end up” gay or straight and ignores bisexuality as a valid identity. It also assumes everyone desires to be in a long-term monogamous relationship.



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Not only are there many ways of defining bisexual identity, not all bisexual people define their identity the same way. Making assumptions about people can be hurtful and invalidating.