



LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH IS HERE

LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH IS CELEBRATED IN THE MONTH OF JUNE AND DEDICATED TO THE UPLIFTING OF LGBTQIA+ VOICES, CELEBRATION OF LGBTQIA+ CULTURE, AND THE SUPPORT OF LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS.

PRIDE MONTH IS HONORED IN JUNE TO COMMEMORATE THE STONEWALL UPRISING IN MANHATTAN THAT OCCURRED ON JUNE 28, 1969. THE STONEWALL UPRISING WAS A TIPPING POINT FOR THE GAY LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.





HOW TO BE AN ALLY
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Check your Privilege

**Confront your
unconscious biases and
prejudice**

**Think of "Ally" as an
action- rather than a
title**

**Be open to learn, listen,
and educate yourself**

Don't Assume

**Know that language
matters**





"Untitled, (World)"
Keith Haring

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"Medallion" and "Gluck"
Gluck

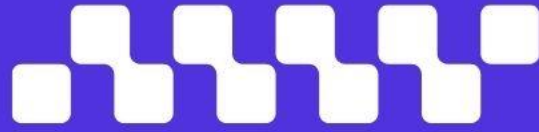


"Self Portrait"
Claude Cahun

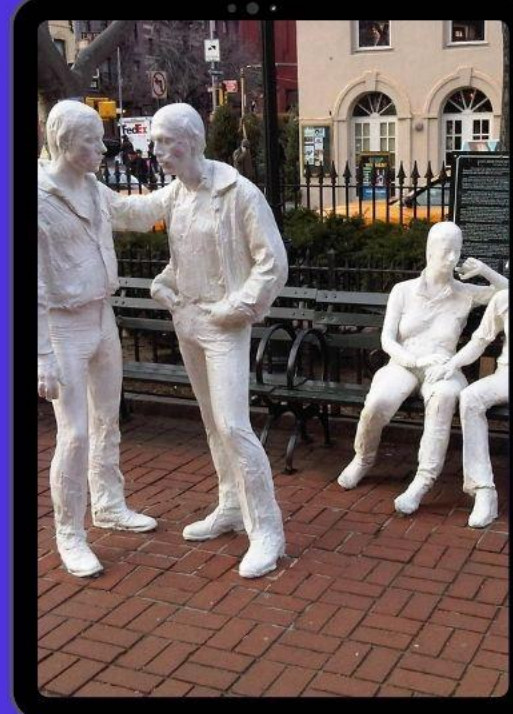


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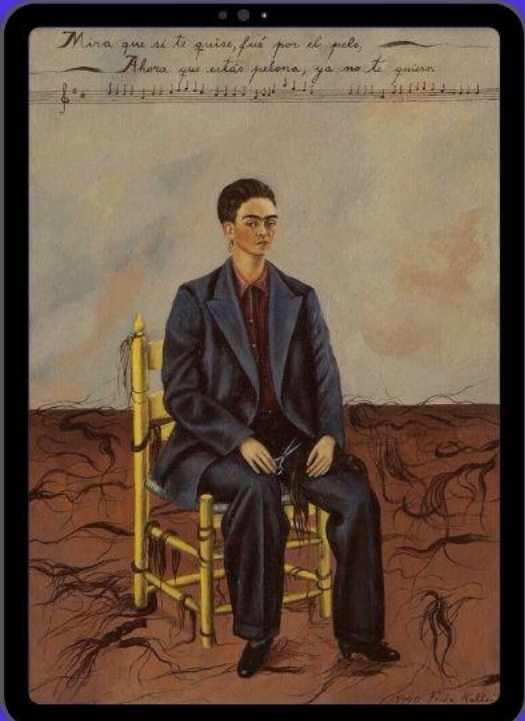
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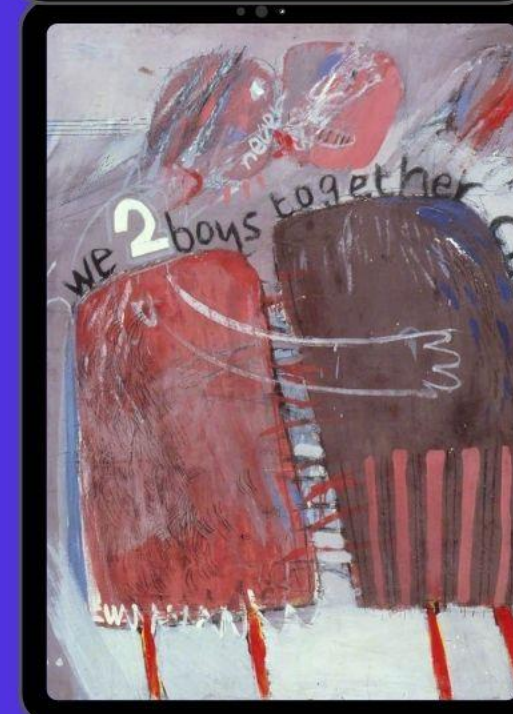
"Gay Liberation"
George Segal



"Two Men Dancing"
Robert Mapplethorpe



*"Self Portrait
With Cropped Hair"*
Frida Kahlo



*"We Two Boys
Together Clinging"*
David Hockney



Blair Imani (1993-)

Writer, Activist, Historian

- Advocates for the black, LGBTQ+ and Muslim communities.
- Being a writer and activist, Blair Imani has no fear to celebrate all of her identities at once, being a Queer, Black Muslim woman in America.
- Author of Modern HERstory: Stories of Women and Nonbinary People Rewriting History and the forthcoming, Making Our Way Home: The Great Migration and The Black American Dream.
- An official Ambassador for Muslims for Progressive Values, one of the oldest Muslim organizations to support the LGBTQIA+ community.

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Justin Fashanu (1961-1998)

Football Player

- Justinus Soni "Justin" Fashanu was an English Footballer who played for a variety of clubs between 1978 and 1997.
- He was known by his early clubs to be Gay and came out publicly later in his career, becoming the first professional Footballer to be openly Gay.
- Although 30 years have passed he remains the only male Footballer to reveal his sexuality while playing professionally in the top tiers.



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Sappho (650BC-570BC)

Poet



- Sappho was an ancient Greek female poet who wrote lyrical poetry famous for its intense passion and description of love. Being born on the Isle of Lesbos she is also referred to as the first Lesbian Poet.
- Most of Sappho's poetry is now lost, and what is extant has mostly survived in fragmentary form; only the "Ode to Aphrodite" is certainly complete.
- Her poetry refers to the intrigue of court life and attended events, such as festivals and military parades. She appears to have attracted a group of female students who were interested in the teachings and poetry of Sappho.

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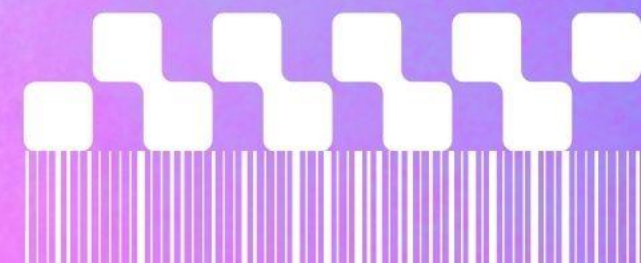
Marsha P Johnson (1945-1992)

Activist



- Marsha was an American gay liberation activist and self-identified drag queen.
- Known as an outspoken advocate for gay rights, Johnson was one of the prominent figures in the Stonewall uprising of 1969.
- Johnson was a founding member of the Gay Liberation Front and co-founded the radical activist group Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (S.T.A.R.), alongside close friend Sylvia Rivera. Johnson was also a popular figure in New York City's gay and art scene, modeling for Andy Warhol, and performing onstage with the drag performance troupe Hot Peaches.

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Josephine Baker (1906-1975)

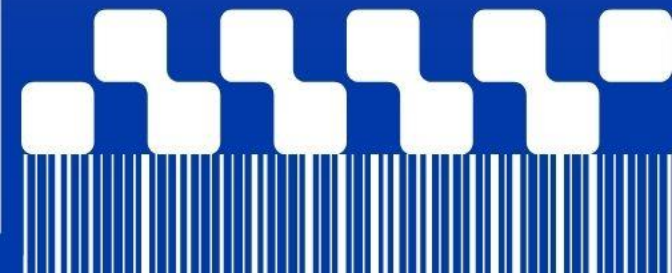
Entertainer, Activist

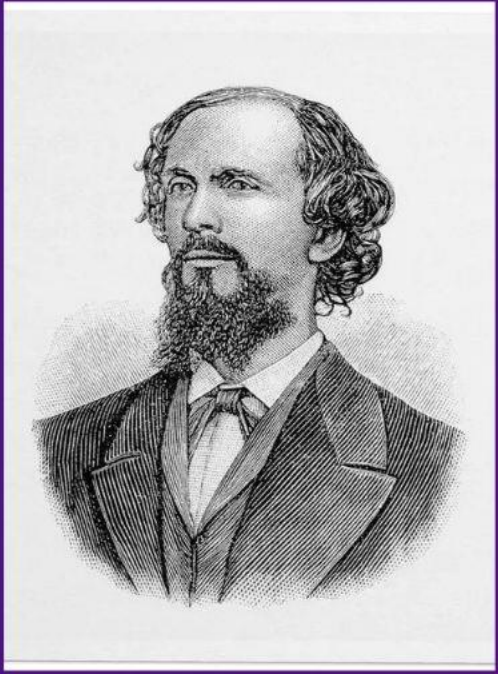


- She was an American-born French Entertainer, French Resistance Agent, and Civil Rights Activist.
- Her career was centered primarily in Europe, mostly in her adopted France. She was the first Black woman to star in a major motion picture, the 1927 silent film *Siren of the Tropics*, Directed by Mario Nalpas and Henri Étievant.
- During her participation in the Civil Rights Movement, Baker began to adopt children, forming a family which she often referred to as "The Rainbow Tribe".
- Baker wanted to prove that "children of different ethnicities and religions could still be brothers."

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Karl Heinrich Ulrichs (1825-1895)

Lawyer, Pioneer of Sexology

- He was a German Lawyer, Jurist, Journalist, and Writer who is regarded today as a pioneer of sexology and the modern Gay Rights movement.
- Ulrichs has been described as the "first Gay man in world history." Though we know LGBTQIA+ folks have been present throughout human history.
- On 29 August 1867 Ulrichs became the first homosexual to speak out publicly in defense of homosexuality when he pleaded at the Congress of German Jurists in Munich for a resolution urging the repeal of anti-homosexual laws.

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Sylvia Rivera (1951-2002)

Activist



- A veteran of the 1969 Stonewall Inn uprising, Sylvia Rivera was a tireless advocate for those silenced and disregarded by larger movements.
- Throughout her life, she fought against the exclusion of transgender people, especially Transgender people of color, from the larger movement for Gay Rights.
- Along with Marsha P. Johnson, Rivera started the Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (STAR) around 1971, and the two were actively involved in the Stonewall riots.

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Michael Dillon (1915-1962)

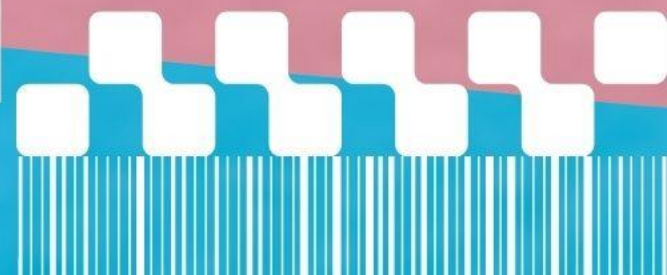
Physician



- Dillon was a British Physician and the first noted trans man to undergo phalloplasty.
- In 1946 Dillon published *Self: A Study in Ethics and Endocrinology*, a book about what would now be called transsexualism
- Transsexualism would not be introduced into the English language until 1949, when David Oliver Cauldwell introduced the word directly based on Magnus Hirschfeld's coinage (in German) of the term *Transsexualismus* in 1923.

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Virginia Woolf (1882-1941)

Author

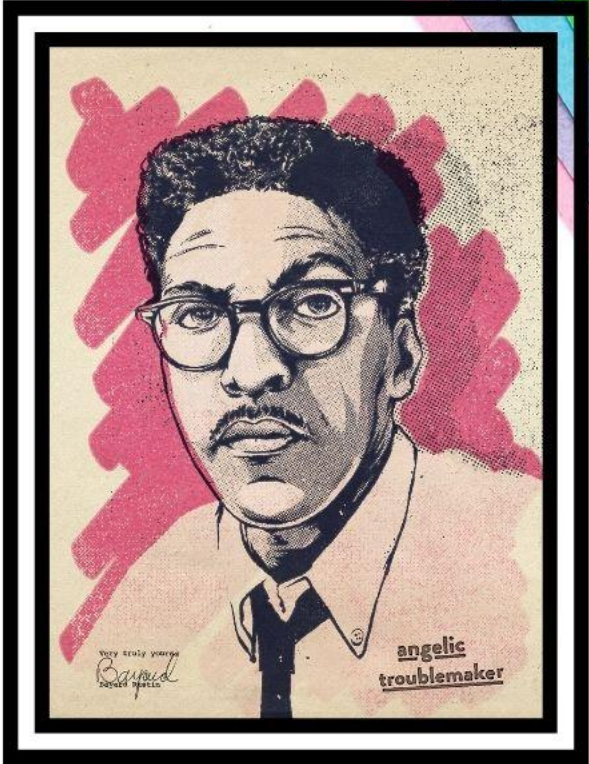


- Woolf was an English Writer, considered one of the most important modernist 20th-century Authors and a Pioneer in the use of stream of consciousness as a narrative device.
- Virginia was most likely a Lesbian, some debate that she was Bisexual.
- However she had several affairs with women, the most notable being with Vita Sackville-West which inspired *Orlando: A Biography*.
- The two of them remained lovers for a decade and stayed close friends for the rest of Virginia's life.

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Bayard Rustin (1912-1987)

Activist

- Rustin worked on the March on Washington Movement, in 1941, to press for an end to racial discrimination in employment.
- Rustin later organized Freedom Rides, and helped to organize the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to strengthen Martin Luther King Jr.'s leadership and teaching King about nonviolence.
- Rustin was a Gay man and, due to criticism over his sexuality, he usually acted as an influential adviser behind the scenes to Civil Rights Leaders.
- In the 1980s, he became a public advocate on behalf of gay causes, speaking at events as an activist and supporter of human rights.

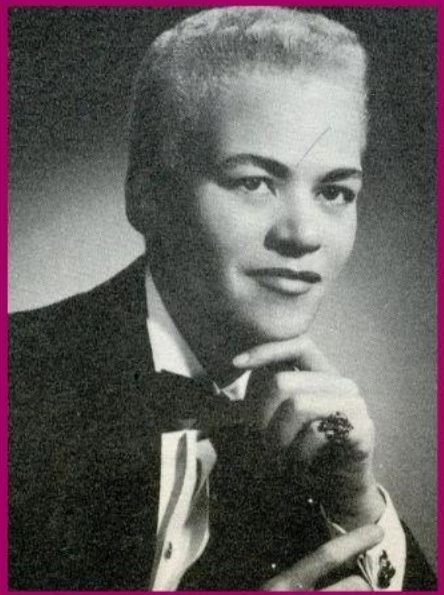
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Stormé DeLarverie (1907-1954)

Entertainers



- She was an American woman known as the butch Lesbian whose scuffle with police was, according to Stormé and many eyewitnesses, the spark that ignited the Stonewall riots, spurring the crowd to action.
- She is remembered as a Gay Civil Rights Icon and Entertainer, who performed and hosted at the Apollo Theater and Radio City Music Hall.
- She worked for much of her life as an MC, Singer, Bouncer, Bodyguard, and Volunteer Street Patrol Worker, the "Guardian of Lesbians in the Village."
- She is known as "the Rosa Parks of the Gay community."

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Ceyenne Doroshow

Author, Activist, Executive Director

- She is an Author, Activist, and Founder and Executive Director of Gays and Lesbians Living in a Transgender Society (G.L.I.T.S.)
- The G.L.I.T.S is an organization dedicated to creating sustainable housing and healthcare for Black Transgender people.
- Doroshow was described in GQ as "A Godmother of the Black Trans Lives Matter Movement".
- In June 2020, Doroshow co-organized the historic liberation march, a Black Trans Lives Matter silent march in Brooklyn, NY.

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Ernestine Eckstein (1941-1992)

Activist

- She was an African-American woman who helped steer the United States Lesbian and Gay Rights movement during the 1960s.
- She was a Leader in the New York chapter of Daughters of Bilitis (DOB).
- Her influence helped the DOB move away from negotiating with medical professionals and towards tactics of public demonstrations.
- Her understanding of, and work in, the Civil Rights Movement lent valuable experience on public protest to the Lesbian and Gay movement.

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Barbara Gittings (1932-2007)

Activist



- Gittings was a prominent American Activist for LGBT equality and organized the New York chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB) from 1958 to 1963.
- She worked closely with Frank Kameny on the first picket lines that brought attention to the ban on employment of Gay people by the United States Government.
- Her early experiences with trying to learn more about Lesbianism fueled her lifetime work with libraries.
- In 1965, Gittings marched in the first Gay picket lines at the White House.

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Elton John (1947-)

British Singer, Pianist, Composer

- In 2019 he received France's Highest Civilian Award, the Legion d'honneur, by President Emmanuel Macron, who called him one of the first gay artists to give a voice to the LGBTQ+ community.
- He and his partner David Furnish were among the first couples in the UK to get a Civil Partnership in 2005, when the law was changed to allow Gay relationships to be legally recognized.
- He has sold over 300 million records worldwide, making him one of the best-selling Music Artist of all time.

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Major Griffin-Gracy (1940-)

Activist

- Often referred to as Miss Major, is a Trans woman Activist and Community Leader for Transgender rights, with focus on women of color.
- She served as the original Executive Director for the Transgender Gender Variant Intersex Justice Project, which aims to assist Transgender persons, who are disproportionately incarcerated.
- She has participated in the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City.
- Griffin-Gracy relied on the black market for her hormones.
- Her lived experience includes over twenty years of homelessness and participation in sex work.



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Ifti Nasim (1946-2011)

Poet

- Nasim was a gay Pakistani American poet, having moved to the United States to escape persecution for his sexual orientation.
- He became known locally for establishing Sangat, an organization to support LGBTQ+ South-Asian youths, and internationally for publishing Narman.
- Narman is a poetry collection that was the first open expression of homosexual themes in the Urdu language.
- Nasim was inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame in 1996.



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Audre Lorde (1934-1992)

Poet



- Lorde was an American Writer, Feminist, Womanist, Librarian, and Civil Rights Activist.
- She was a self-described "Black, Lesbian, Mother, Warrior, Poet," who "dedicated both her life and her creative talent to confronting and addressing injustices of Racism, Sexism, Classism, and Homophobia."
- As a Poet, she is best known for technical mastery and emotional expression, as well as her poems that express anger and outrage at civil and social injustices she observed throughout her life.

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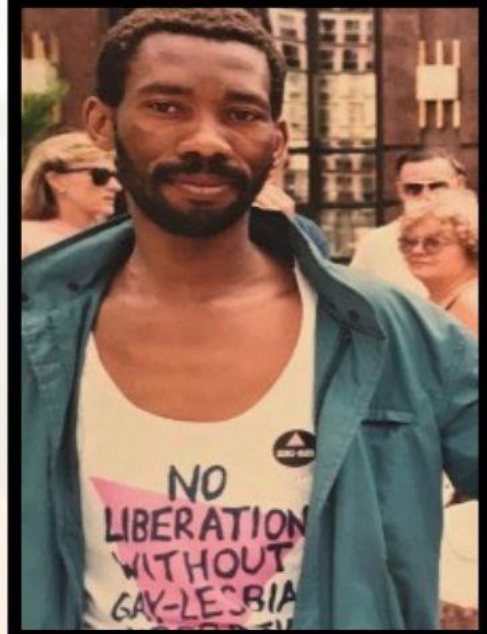
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Simon Nkloi (1946-2011)

Activist

- He was an anti-apartheid, Gay Rights and AIDS Activist in South Africa.
- Nkloi was born in Soweto in a Sesotho-speaking family.
- Nkloi became a Youth Activist against apartheid, joining the Congress of South African Students (COSAS) and with the United Democratic Front.
- He helped found the Gay Association of South Africa (GASA) and the Gay and Lesbian Organizations of the Witwatersrand (GLOW).
- Nkloi helped to pave the way for South African Queer rights.



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Edith Windsor (1929-2017)

Activist

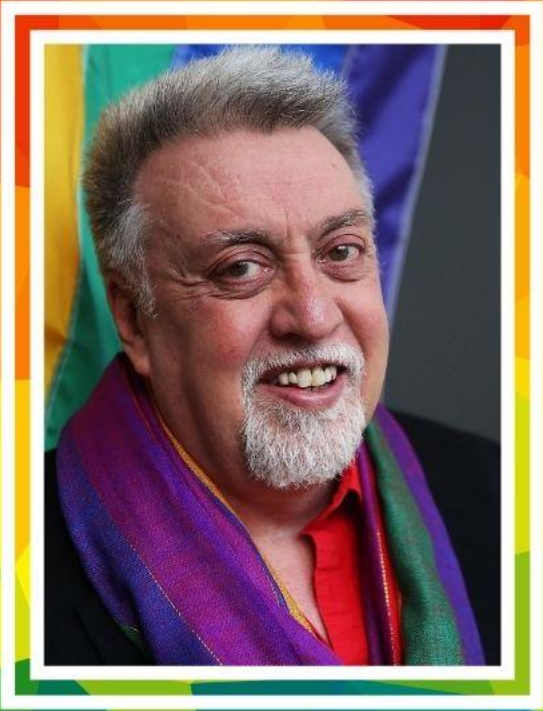


- Her case against the American justice system was the first time same-sex marriage was recognized as legal in America.
- She was the Lead Plaintiff in the 2013 Supreme Court of the United States case: *United States v. Windsor*
- It overturned Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act and was considered a landmark legal victory for the same-sex marriage movement in the United States.
- The Obama administration and federal agencies extended rights, privileges and benefits to married same-sex couples because of the decision.

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Gilbert Baker (1951-2017)

Artist

- Gilbert Baker was an American Artist, Gay Rights Activist who designed the flag to have eight stripes instead of the six normally seen now.
- It first made an appearance back in 1978 and has become associated with LGBT+ rights all over the world.
- Although it would have made him a lot of money, Gilbert refused to trademark it, saying it was a symbol for everyone.
- To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, Baker created the world's LGBTQIA+ pride largest flag, at the time.

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Phyll Opoku-Gyimah, Lady Phyll (1974-) Activist



- She is a British LGBTQIA+ Rights Activist and Anti-racism Campaigner.
- She is the Co-founder of UK Black Pride, which began in 2005 as a day trip to Southend-on-Sea in England.
- It now attracts nearly 8,000 people every year.
- Lady Phyll created the event to promote unity and cooperation among all LGBT+ people of African, Asian, Caribbean, Middle Eastern and Latin American descent in the UK, as well as their friends and families.

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Allan Horsfall (1927-2012)

British Gay Rights Campaigner

- These days he's often called the grandfather of the gay rights movement, for openly campaigning as a Gay man when homosexuality was still illegal.
- In 1964 Allan Horsfall and a group of friends set up the North West Homosexual Law Reform Committee, even giving out his home address as the base for the organisation.
- It became the first campaigning organization outside of London set up and run by Gay men, and its work directly led to homosexuality no longer being illegal.

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Maureen Colquhoun (1928-2021)

Former Member of Parliament of the UK



- Maureen Colquhoun was the Labour MP for Northampton North from 1974 to 1979 and a crusading politician whose radical feminism was so far ahead of her time that it destroyed her parliamentary career.
- Although she lost her seat in a general election, she had effectively already been disavowed by the Labour party after coming out as a Lesbian.
- She was the first MP to take such a courageous step, while publicly acknowledging at the time that in doing so she had ruined her chances of remaining in the House of Commons.

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James Baldwin (1924-1987)

American Writer

- Baldwin's work fictionalizes fundamental personal questions and dilemmas amid complex social and psychological pressures.
- Themes of masculinity, sexuality, race, and class intertwine to create intricate narratives that run parallel with some of the major political movements toward social change in mid-twentieth century America, such as the civil rights movement and the Gay liberation movement.
- Baldwin's protagonists are often but not exclusively African American, and Gay and Bisexual men frequently feature prominently in his literature.



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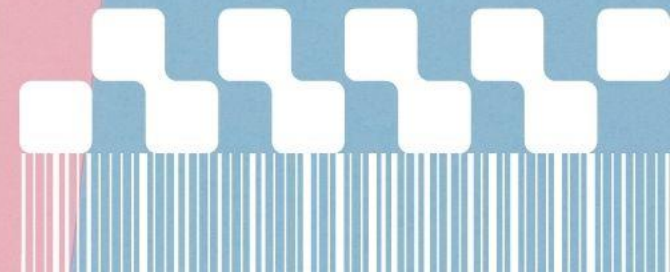
Christine Jorgensen (1926-1989)

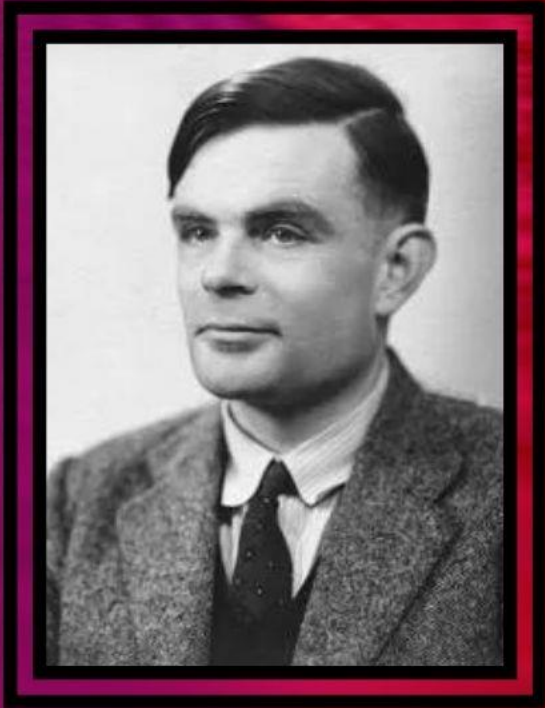
American Actress

- She was one of the first people to come out publicly as Transgender.
- After hormone therapy and sex reassignment surgery in Europe, Jorgensen returned to the US in the 1950s as Christine.
- Overnight, she became a Celebrity, as the media and the general public were fascinated with her physical transformation.
- She used her platform to advocate for Transgender people.

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Alan Turing (1854-1900)

Mathematician

- Alan Turing was not a well known figure during his lifetime, but today he is famous and celebrated for the crucial part he played in the victory over Nazi Germany in WW2.
- Turing was a Mathematician who cracked something called the Enigma code, which is thought to have shortened the war by several years.
- He was also a victim of mid-20th Century attitudes to homosexuality and in 1952 was arrested because being homosexual was illegal in Britain at this time.

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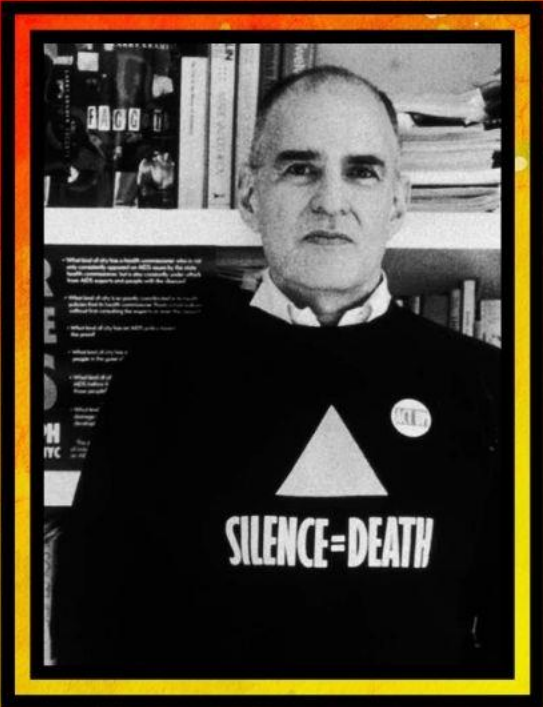
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Larry Kramer (1935-2020)

Writer

- Larry Kramer is known for his writings, but he also created two influential organizations during the AIDS crisis.
- Larry Kramer was on the frontlines of the AIDS crisis, trying to bring attention to the disease Gay men were facing around the country.
- In 1981, he created the Gay Men's Health Crisis organization, which was the only group devoted to helping those affected by HIV/AIDS.
- He later created Act Up (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power), which was an organization that held high-profile demonstrations.



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Billie Jean King (1943-)

Tennis Player



- She is a Professional Tennis Player who was outed as a Lesbian in 1981 and became the first openly Gay Athlete.
- She earned 39 Grand Slam titles from 1966 to 1975. She also beat Bobby Riggs in the famous "Battle of the Sexes" match.
- But in 1981, King was outed as a Lesbian, and her Publicists told her to deny the claim. Instead, she confirmed that she was a Lesbian and became the first openly Gay Athlete.

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Harvey Milk (1930-1978)

Activist, Politician

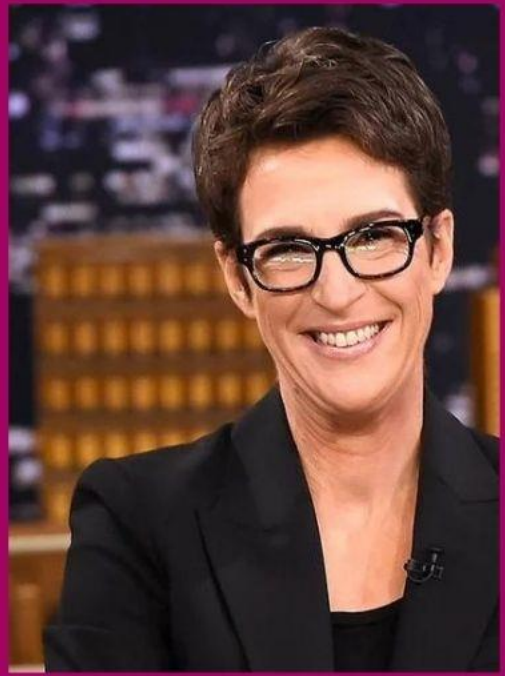
- Harvey Milk was a Gay Rights Activist and politician in San Francisco.
- Harvey Milk was one of the first openly Gay Politicians to ever be elected in California.
- While on San Francisco's Board of Supervisors, Milk made a name for himself as a prominent, outspoken LGBTQ Activist.
- Eerily, Milk predicted his death by saying, "If a bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet destroy every closet door in the country." He was assassinated in 1978 in City Hall.



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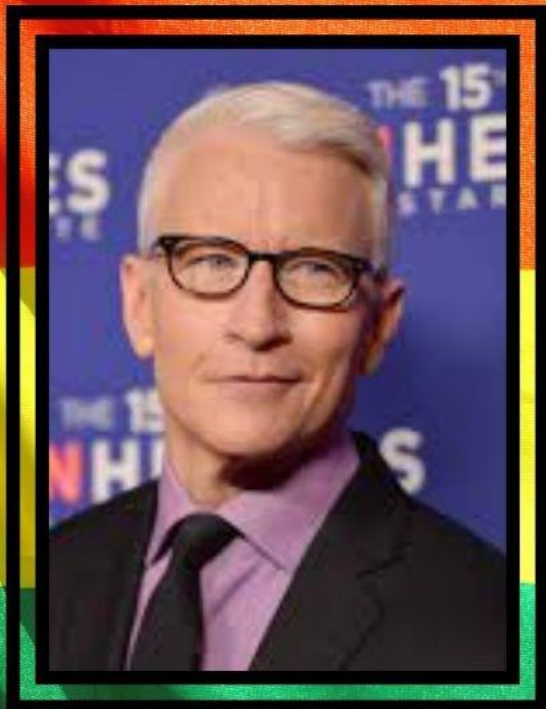
Rachel Maddow (1973-)

Commentator, Activist

- After college, a young Rachel Maddow became an AIDS Activist, joining Act Up and the AIDS Legal Referral Panel in San Francisco.
- After that, she became the first openly Gay woman to be a Rhodes Scholar, and she studied AIDS in prisons.
- Maddow hosted her own radio show, which was eventually turned into "The Rachel Maddow Show" on MSNBC in 2008.
- The show still airs today, and she continues to be a public LGBTQ Activist.

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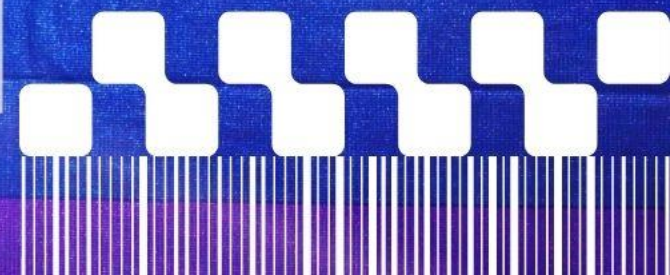
Anderson Cooper (1967-)

American Broadcaster

- Anderson Cooper started as a Correspondent for ABC News, but in 2003 he got his own show on CNN, "Anderson Cooper 360."
- In 2012, he became the news story when he came out as Gay.
- In 2020, he revealed he had a son via surrogate and that he would be raising him with his ex-partner.
- He helped lead CNN's Peabody Award-winning coverage of Hurricane Katrina.

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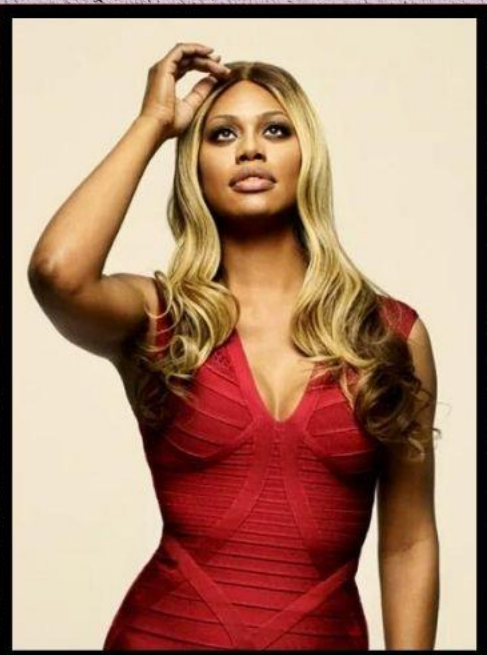
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Laverne Cox (1972-)

American Actress

- Laverne Cox became the first openly Trans person to be nominated for an Emmy Award.
- In 2015, she won a Daytime Emmy Award in Outstanding Special Class Special as executive producer for Laverne Cox Presents: The T Word, making her the first Transgender woman to win the award.
- Breakout famous role appearing on the Netflix series *Orange Is the New Black*, as Sophia Burset.
- She is the first Transgender person to be on the cover of *Times Magazine*.



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Jonathon Van Ness (03/28/1987-)

American Hairstylist, Podcast Host, Television Personality

- J.V.N. is known for his award-winning television personality and his routinely sold-out stand-up comedy tours.
- While identifying as "non-binary" J.V.N. uses he/him, she/her, and they/them pronouns interchangeably.
- He was the first male cheerleader at Quincy Senior High School and continued cheerleading in college at the University of Arizona.
- J.V.N. is also an HIV "truth teller".



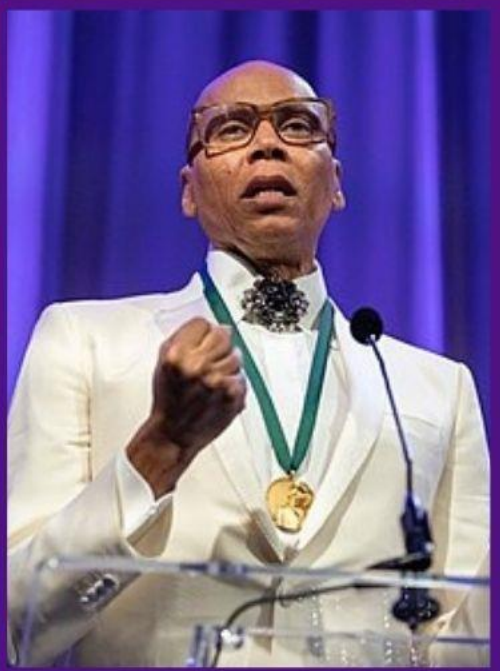
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RuPaul Andre Charles (11/17/1960-) Drag Queen, Singer

- RuPaul is best known for *RuPaul's Drag Race*, which is a reality competition TV show he produces and hosts.
- In 2020, a species of Australian soldier fly was named *Opaluma rupaul*. The name was chosen in reference to the fly's "costume of shiny metallic rainbow colors."
- *RuPaul's Drag Race* and its spinoffs have awarded RuPaul 12 Primetime Emmy Awards.
- RuPaul met his husband Georges LaBar in 1994 and married in 2017,



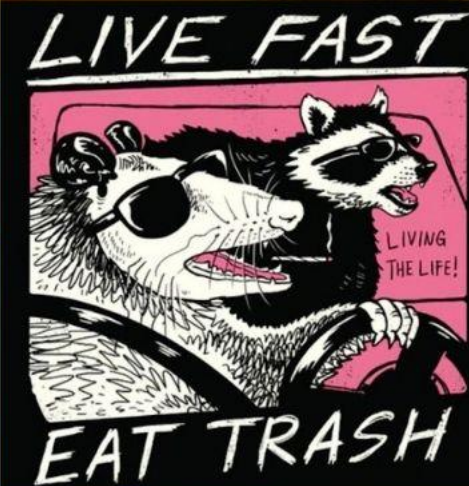
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Pete "Mayor Pete" Buttigieg (01/19/1982-) Politician

- Buttigieg was the first openly gay man to run for president for a major party.
- Buttigieg joined the Navy Reserves and in 2014 was stationed in Afghanistan for 7 months.
- On December 15 President Joe Biden nominated Pete Buttigieg for Secretary of Transportation
- He won first prize in the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum's Profiles in Courage essay contest.



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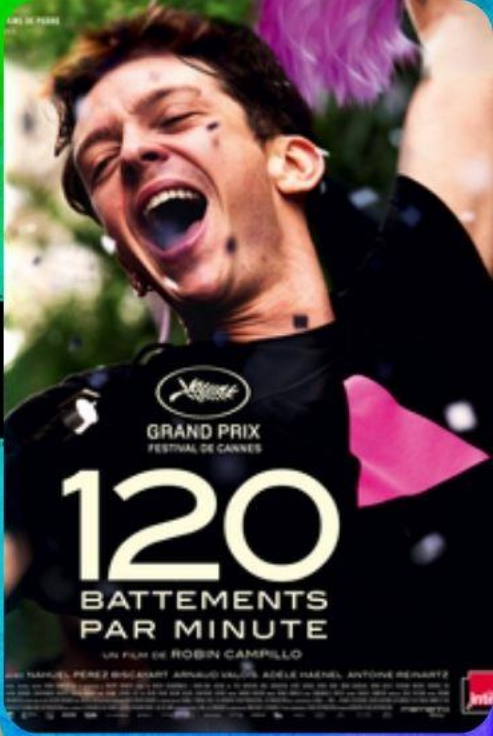
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QUEER MOVIES TO LOOK OUT FOR



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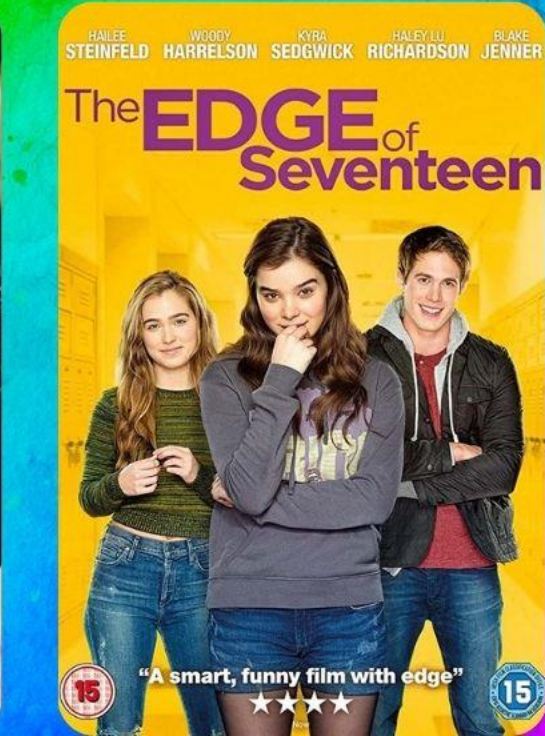
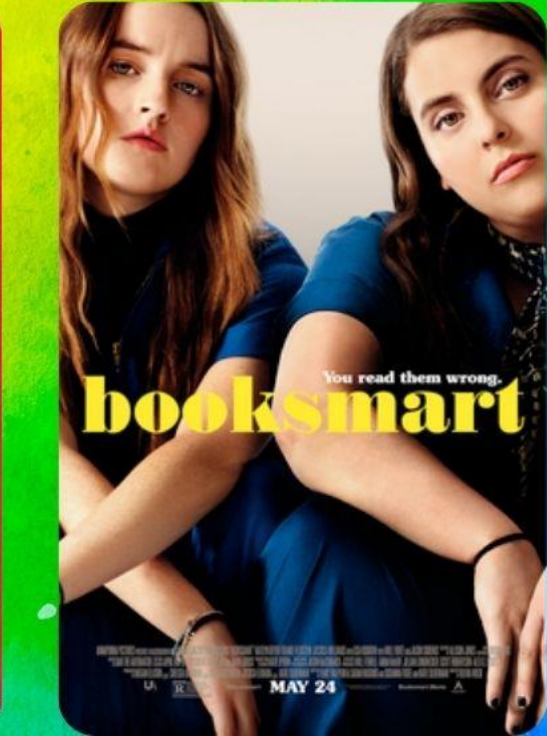
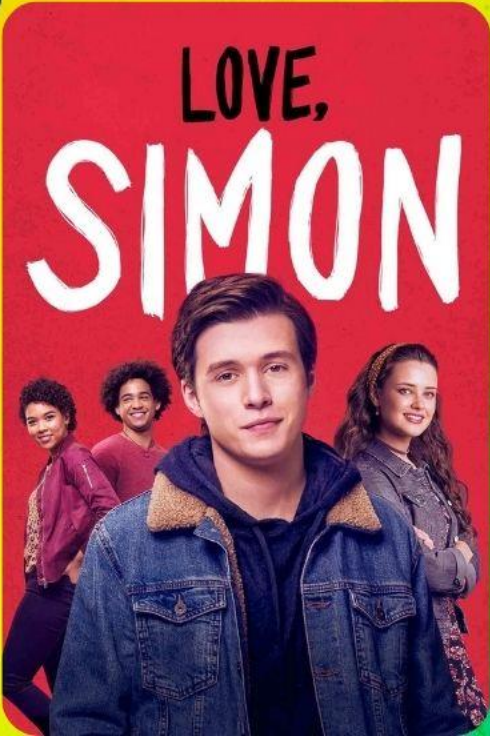




QUEER MEDIA FOR YOUTH



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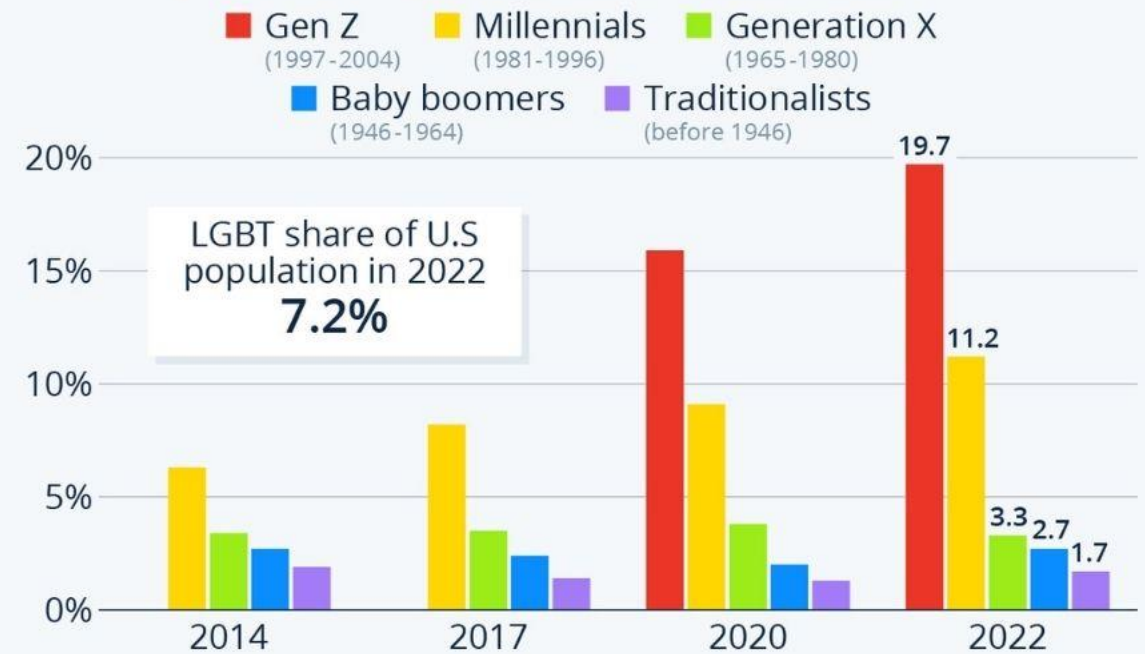


7.1% OF U.S. ADULTS IDENTIFY AS LGBTQIA+

AN ESTIMATED 20 MILLION PEOPLE ARE A PART OF THIS COMMUNITY

7.2 Percent of U.S. Adults Identify as LGBT

Share of American adults who identify as LGBT, by birth year



Source: Gallup



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