

Gender Identities

The following terms are used in both popular culture and contemporary academic settings to describe the virtually unlimited manifestations of “gender identity”:

Androgeny / Androgenous
Bigendered
Bi Dyke
Boi
Boy
Boydyke
Bro-sis
Butch
ButchDyke
Camp
Cross Dresser (CD)
Cross-Living
Drag (In Drag)
Drag King
Drag Queen
Dyke
FTM or F->M or F2M (Female to Male)
Femme
Femme Dyke
Female
Female Bodied
Female Impersonator (FI)
Fetishistic Transvestite
Gender Illusionist
Gender Neutral
Gender-Bender
Gender-Blender
Genderqueer
Genetic Boy
Genetic Male/Man (GM)
Genetic Female/Woman (GF/GW)
Genetic Girl (GG)
Girl
Grrl
Half-dyke
Hermaphrodite
Heteroflexible
Hir
Intersex
MTF or M->F or M2F (Male to Female)
Male

Male Impersonator
Metamorph
Monogendered
Multigendered
Neuter
No-gendered
Non-op
Omnisexual
Pansexual
Pre-operative Transsexual (Pre-op TS)
Polygendered
Post-operative Transsexual
Queer
Queerboi
Shape Shifter
Stem (a feminine-identified lesbian)
Stud (a masculine-identified lesbian)
Trannyboi
Trannydyke
Trannyfag
Transboi
Transgendered
Transgenderist
Transitioning
Transmale
Transsexual (TS)
Transvestite
Trans-identified
Trisexual
Two-Spirit
Ze

Notable quotes:

"Being queer means pushing the parameters of sex, sexuality, and family; and in the process, transforming the very fabric of society. We must keep our eyes on the goals of providing true alternatives to marriage and of radically reordering society's view of reality." - *Paula Ettelbrick, law professor and homosexual activist*

"I think the fluidity of gender is the next big wave in terms of adolescent development... Gender has become part of the defining way that youth organize themselves and rebel against adults." - *Caitlin Ryan, clinical social worker at San Francisco State University, past president of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation, and consultant to the Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) on the issue of Gay Straight Clubs on high school campuses.*

“At the very basic level, it’s about telling society that we’re not going to adhere to your rules. At some level, it is very political and anti-mainstream society. And on a different level, it’s also very personal — trying to figure yourself out.” - *T.J. Jourian, a 24-year-old graduate student at Michigan State University who specifically calls himself a “transmale.”*

“It’s pretty simple... You are what you feel.” - *Laura Dziejwior, a 17-year-old senior at a Chicago Catholic high school.*

"If you're not a man or woman, words like gay or lesbian don't fit you anymore. The words from just a few years ago aren't adequate to talk about who we are, where we're coming from, and who we are like." - *Sam Davis, founder of United Genders of the Universe*

Comments on labels associated with “gender identity:

“The language thing is tricky.....I feel sorry for straight people.” - *Thom Lynch, director of San Francisco’s LGBT Community Center.*

"Tricky, but healthy and empowering. We in society.....are developing new understandings of sexual orientation and gender identities.....We don't really have enough language to describe that; therefore we have to create new words." - *Carolyn Laub, director of Gay Straight Alliance Network.*

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