

OPINION

What is wrong with bisexuality

Every relationship has at least one thing in common, they all need boundaries. Some are clearer than others, while some boundaries are so blurred that they almost don't exist. If people live with either too few or too many boundaries, then there is usually trouble.

For instance, if a professor makes sexual or provocative jokes with a student, that professor has stepped over the student/professor boundary and into the gray world of sexual harassment.

If your significant other asks your best friend out, and your best friend accepts, they have both stepped over very clear boundaries and have probably destroyed both relationships.

On the other hand, when people have too many boundaries, they spend a lot of their time making sure those boundaries are protected.

However, people who are lacking in boundaries often reach out to everyone and have trouble saying "no" to anything. A lot of these people end up abusing drugs or living reckless lives.

One social phenomenon that has no boundaries is bisexuality.

Newsweek wrote a positively gleeful article last week chronicling the rise of a "new generation of sexuality."

The bisexual people featured in this article were not only excited, but eager to share details about their open marriages, free sexuality and cutting-edge coolness.

Many of the people quoted seemed to be coming from not only another perspective, but another planet.

For instance, Howard University professor and new father Elias Farajaje-Jones, who believes that gender lines aren't definite, said that when people ask if his child is a girl or a

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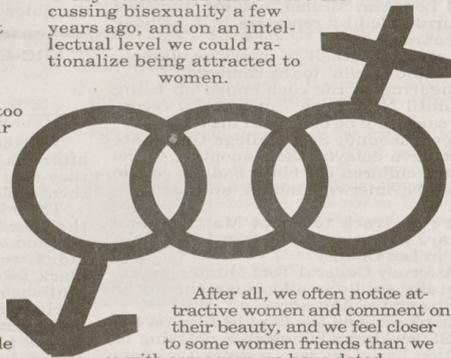


boy, he replies, "Ask the baby." In another example, a 25-year-old bisexual man, said "I don't desire a gender, I desire a person."

Bisexuals are not necessarily promiscuous, and several who were interviewed were involved in long-term, committed relationships.

However, sexual orientation destroys many boundaries that are better left alone.

My best friend and I were discussing bisexuality a few years ago, and on an intellectual level we could rationalize being attracted to women.



After all, we often notice attractive women and comment on their beauty, and we feel closer to some women friends than we do with some men we have dated.

However, we realized that as soon as both genders are objects of sexual attraction, problems would arise.

This would make both genders subject to the weird and crazy feelings that usually accompany sexual relationships.

When I am fighting with a boyfriend or am sad about a bad date, my women friends are people who I can count on to be

sympathetic and understanding of my problems. Likewise, homosexuals have the opposite gender who they can count on for non-sexual friendship and advice.

With friends of the opposite sex - even men who I have never had any romantic interest in - there is always an edge of sexual tension - whether good or bad, intense or slight.

If I find the person attractive, I am more likely to flirt and tease, whereas if I do not find them attractive, I am always extremely careful not to flirt or act in a sexual manner.

However, bisexuals have no boundaries set up against sexuality, because every relationship that they participate in has sexual potential.

Jenny, a 23-year-old bisexual I spoke with, said this isn't a problem because sex brings people closer together. "I sleep with my best friend because it gives us a different bond than most friendships. Also, my husband and I don't believe in monogamy. Why should we limit ourselves to one person or one sex when you can explore the bounds of your sexuality with every gender?"

I couldn't have argued against bisexuality any better myself.

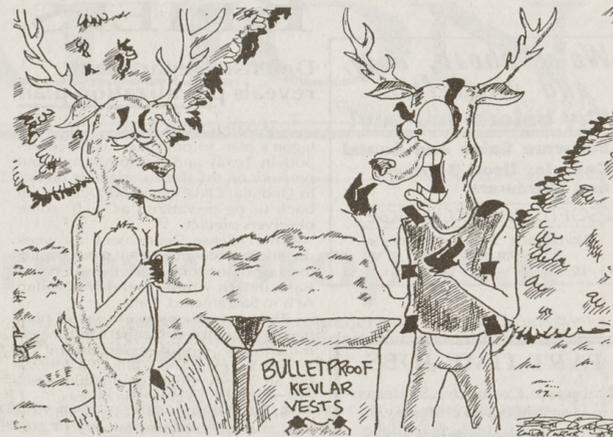
Sexuality is important and provides many comforting and tender moments.

But any sexual relationship is occasionally fraught with tension, despair, nervousness and jealousy. In a non-sexual relationship these things generally are missing, or at least they are not felt as passionately or as often.

Instead, non-sexual relationships offer stability and a calm that many sexual relationships cannot match.

Bisexuality is not wrong. But it is a world without boundaries, a needlessly-complicated world where sexuality saturates too many aspects of life.

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FLAWED FOCUS

Race should not be a factor in deciding the fate of adoptions.

A Texas court case concerning allegations that an Austin couple's adoption was delayed by state social workers because the children were of a different race than their prospective parents, has raised questions about the adoption process and the ethics involved in interracial adoptions.

The couple, an American Indian and her Caucasian husband, currently is seeking the adoption of two black children and claims that state social workers are delaying the adoption process based on the fact that the adoption would be create an interracial family.

Hopefully, this is not the case.

Adoption agencies are responsible for finding the best possible homes for those children who are without families or whose families have deserted them.

Neither the race of the children nor that of the parents should even be a factor in deciding the fate of the adoption.

For an adoption agency to deny an adoption based on the issue of race smacks of

segregation and should not be tolerated.

If a state agency decides that one family is better than another simply because of race, this action clearly would be racist.

Far too many children today are in need of families that can provide the love and attention that orphanages and state agencies cannot.

When the adoption process is halted by such a trivial issue, the entire process suffers.

Couples interested in adopting children can become discouraged, and the placement of the children in loving homes can become delayed even more.

The children are the most important reasons of all for the adoption process to not focus on such particulars.

Adoption agencies should worry about more important things such as the number of children who are in need of families and the number of children who are being abused or neglected.

The couples who are interested in adoptions are acting in the children's interest.

The state should follow their lead.

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Judge Ito, have you heard public interest in the Simpson case is waning?

SHHH! The Susan Smith trial is on...

Today's youth must actively take part in shaping the future

The laws of time teach us that there are 60 minutes in an hour, 24 hours in a day and 365 days in a year. These are cold, boring facts which we rarely pay attention to.

However, if we are not careful, the constant march of time passing by can lull us to sleep. And the deeper into sleep we go, the harder it is to wake us up.

Today, America's youth are comatose. We have been put to sleep by society. We have been taught not to care if we ever wake up.

We have learned to think so little of ourselves that we are only satisfied when we sleep.

I admit that I too have been sleeping. I took a dose of America's sleeping pill and fell into a deep slumber.

Now I have awakened ... and my, how things have changed.

I remember the days of the movement to free Nelson Mandela, when shanties were erected on Texas A&M's campus (and each time destroyed in the night).

Public Enemy had us fighting the power, and Spike Lee told us to "do the right thing."

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"X" caps in red, black and green were spotted everywhere, and a march was held following the Rodney King verdict (which is a misnomer - King wasn't on trial).

I look around A&M today and see that students have disappeared from the scene, both physically and mentally.

Why? The problems still exist. Minority enrollment has increased, but not substantially, and not from a percentage basis. The faculty still shines with a dominant white hue. "Multiculturalism" is still a foreign word that seems to translate as an expletive.

Athletics is still more important than academics. The Aggie Band still has a larger budget than the Department of Multicultural Services. And more money will be spent on a special-events center than on expanding the library.

In all fairness, however, I shouldn't blame the students' disappearance entirely on Texas A&M. The reality is that society as a whole has destroyed us.

We are taught that our young minds are only good for talk shows that give us free rein to shame ourselves.

Attending college can be an unrealistic pipe dream because some students must endlessly search on campus for anyone that looks like them.

These are the stale messages that are fed to us everyday, seasoned with self-hate. We have foolishly eaten this poison and actually thanked society for giving us something to do.

The messages we receive from this community alone reek with the stench of destruction and worthlessness.

Some law-enforcement officers feel paddywagons are necessary to convince us to quiet down at a house party.

And others haunt our every pool party, hiding behind the facade of "we received a complaint."

We often are seen as gang-banging, car-dropping, bass-booming punks who cannot be allowed to freely associate without supervision.

Ironically, society teaches us that all of this was our creation. We are the ones who brought this about. It's the way we live. It's a fact of our lives.

The time has come to wake up. We must rise up and destroy these negative characteristics that have been unjustly put upon us.

If we return to the business of educating ourselves, involving ourselves, and changing our-

selves, we will overcome society's desire to judge us by their prejudices.

But, we must first reject the notion that we are too young to make a difference. We cannot fall prey to society's desire to talk "at" us like children while speaking "for" us as if we were mute.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was in his mid-20s when the Montgomery Bus Boycott began. SNCC stood for the "Student" Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. The fraternities and sororities we now join were started by students.

If we choose to, we can set our minds on rebuilding ourselves. We can enter into intellectual conversations about the state of this world and our unrealized dreams.

We can fight every time we see society pointing us in a negative direction. We can attack every instance of prejudice and reshape society's attitude toward us.

We can stand tall and proud, with dignity, class and self-respect. Our youth is our strength. We are the future. Let us lead, for we have the energy. We simply need to wake up and find the desire.

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