

just asking *If you identify as gay or lesbian, would you date someone who identifies as bisexual? Why or why not?*

Yes, and I have. Why not? It's the ultimate in hypocrisy to fight discrimination only to practice it yourself. What matters in a relationship is how you relate to the other person and whether you enjoy sex with him. If you're worried about who else he's attracted to, you've got bigger problems than "gay" or "bi"—there's always someone cuter than you, no matter what gender or genders your partner is attracted to.

ALAN BATIE
Beaverton

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I am a lesbian. Yes, I would date someone who is bisexual, but it depends too on the relationship that we have and the level of commitment. It really depends on the person, not the "label" she gives herself.

CERENE ADRIENNE
Beaverton

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It would be a possibility if I were single. The cases I wouldn't are: if she feels the need to have both a female and a male partner concurrently and doesn't feel they conflict, if she believes she will marry a man to have the "legal and societal benefits" at some point in time, or it would be delayed if she has had relations recently so I could be sure of no STDs.

KIM FOTHERINGHAM
Vancouver, Wash.

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I am bisexual and am seeing a lesbian. She sees me as the woman she loves. She knows that when I am with someone, I am with them. No one else. She has seen/heard me get discouraged over my bisexuality. She understands that it's not easy for me. When I told her about lesbians

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ideal method if our goal is to "predict the gender of newborns with ambiguous genitalia." Clearly, the Reuters story is way, way off at many levels.

EMI KOYAMA
Intersex Initiative

Power surge

TO THE EDITOR:

Many black people think the white man conquered us with Christianity. I believe whoever is in power realizes that giving the people religion was the biggest mistake they made. People are coming out of penitentiaries and off skid row realizing that a higher power is working miracles in their lives. Keep this up, and jails might have to close. Skid row might smell like flowers. What's wrong with this picture? When people start to become financially free, the people in power really don't have control. This is the reason for taking religion not just out of our schools but out of our culture.

Why the attack on the gay and lesbian community? If you're not sleeping with me, why should I care? Money means power. If you have

in the past who have taken a back step when they found out I'm bisexual, she said, "They just don't see what I see in you."

LUCIA MARIE
Portland

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Yes! Why is there so much emphasis put on someone's sexual orientation? It is not right when the gay/lesbian community feels judged by their sexual orientation by the heterosexuals, and IT IS NOT RIGHT for anyone to judge the bisexual community, either. I believe in the old adage "To each his own!"

The mere fact that someone acknowledges his or her attraction to the opposite sex should be seen as a step toward acceptance for the gay/lesbian community. We all need to accept each other based on WHO a person is, NOT who he or she sleeps with! Live and let live.

MARJORIE MARTINEZ
Victorville, Calif.

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Most likely I wouldn't date a bi woman. Having had that experience in my life before, I found much hurt. I was in a long-term relationship with a bi girl who I adored. Unfortunately for me, she liked to sleep with men behind my back. At one point she became pregnant. (I knew it wasn't me.)

I had hopes at the time of starting a family with her, regardless of her infidelities. She chose the father over me. It was an extremely gut-wrenching experience. I know logically that one woman shouldn't affect my feelings toward others, but it has.

Be this as it may, love is love. If the woman I fall deeply, passionately and completely in love with identifies as bi, then so be it.

TANAZ POLSON
Portland

too much money, you could one day have too much power. The people in power haven't learned how to share that power. I would say the people in power are paranoid schizophrenics, and they are dangerous to society.

MINISTER TYRONE WILLIAMS
Portland

corrections

In the Dec. 5 article "Breaking the Binary Barrier," a statement by Scott Dillinger was misattributed to Laury Weiss. Dillinger said: "Many gay and lesbian people, myself included, have identified as bisexual at one time or another...in an attempt to dip my toe in the water to gauge [my friends'] reaction to the idea that I may be attracted to men. I continued to pursue women, but I was also able to begin being more comfortable and open about my same-sex attraction."

In the Dec. 5 Just Out Holiday Gift Guide, Next Adventure should have been listed as Deek and Bryan's, not Derek and Bryan's.

Just Out regrets the errors.

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