

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

**“Bisexuality doesn’t really exist, people are just gay or straight”**

*This statement denies the fluidity of sexuality and dismisses people’s experiences and definitions of self. People deserve the right to define their identities any way they wish. Honor people’s identities.*

**“I think everyone is really Bisexual”**

*People often say this as a way to acknowledge the fluidity of sexuality, however it dismisses people who identify as Bisexual and their experiences.*

# WORDS THAT ARE BIPHOBIC and why

**“You’re too femme/butch to be Bisexual”**

*A person’s gender presentation does not indicate their sexual orientation. Bisexual people have a range of gender presentations, just like everyone else.*

**Not all Bisexual people define their identity the same way. There are many ways of defining Bisexual identity. Don’t make assumptions that you know how individuals define themselves.**

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

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

**USING “GAY” AS AN UMBRELLA TERM FOR THE LGBT COMMUNITY LEAVES OUT MANY PEOPLE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.**

**“Bisexual people just want straight privilege.”**

*Bisexual people experience discrimination from both the gay and lesbian community and from the straight community. They never fully experience straight privilege, because they are not straight. Often their identities are invisible and denied.*

**Identity  Behavior**

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

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

*This stereotypes bisexual people and assumes they are all promiscuous. It creates negative attitudes towards sex and works against creating a sex positive climate. It also comes from the notion that bisexuality is not a legitimate identity but is only about behavior.*