

# LGBTQ: LOVE IS TOO BEAUTIFUL TO HATE

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## ABSTRACT

Love is a feeling which a person should never be ashamed of. Feeling loved is a blessing itself, but why do people put barriers in love? Why can't we choose the person we want to fall in love with? Do gender matters? It's been told since childhood that a man should fall in love with a woman and if a woman is not married to a man she can't be said complete. I ask why?

What is Love? Love is a word which has no definition, it's a feeling and is expressed in different definitions by different people. If a man falling in love with a woman is normal then so is a man falling in love with another man should be considered as normal. Love should not be bounded or restricted due to barriers set by the society, it should be felt by heart. It should be expressed openly to the world without being ashamed of any criticism. The society has set rules for the people falling in love. The term **LGBTQ** (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer), denotes the people who believe that there should be no barriers in love. The love should blossom whether it's between men and men, women and men, women and women and whether they want to live their life as a transgender.

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## I. Introduction

LGBTQ is an *initialism* used since 1990s functions as an *umbrella term* for certain sexualities and gender identities. It is a term used for lesbians and gay community beginning in the mid to late 1980s. LGBTQ stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer the term LGB was used since 80s excluding transgender people. It may refer to anyone who is non-heterosexual and cisgender people. The term Gay was first introduced in United States in 1970s, then the terms lesbians and gay were commonly used. LGBTQ adds Q in it which stands for *queer* or questioning their identity or gender sexuality. The term LGBT was accepted by every community therefore, LGBTQ was established to respect every community.

LGBTQ denotes the "sexual orientation" of different genders. Sexual Orientation refers to an individual's physical, emotional and romantic attraction towards same/or different gender. It also supports the "gender identity" of different people. Gender identity refers to sense of one's own gender. It may or may not corresponds the biological sex assigned to a person. LGBTQ is used an acronym used for supporting Human rights for all genders.

## II. History

Back in time, the term *Homosexual* was used for denoting people with preferring marriage in same sex but the community declared it as a negative connotation in the United States, therefore it was declared to be used in scientific context only and named the community as *Gay*. The term gay was accepted and used commonly but it was only used for men community, the women were lagging here as acceptance in the country. As the *gay rights* were prevailed in the society and the *feminism* was lagging, the society was considered as *patriarchal*. The society was full of *gaychavinism* and the feminists refused to work with them. This was creating a battle with between the *butch* and the *femme*. Then, the term *Lesbian* was introduced for denoting romantic relation between a woman and woman to bring equality in the society.

In the late 1970s and the early 1980s, after the elation of change following group action in the 1969 in New York City, some gays and lesbians became less accepting of bisexual or transgender people. Critics said that transgender people were acting out stereotypes and bisexuals were simply gay men or lesbian women who were afraid to come out and be honest about their identity. Each community has struggled to get valued in the society and being accepted by the people. LGBTQ activists raised awareness in the society by creating campaigns, posters and movements to give equality to the transgender and queer. In 1990s, LGBTQ was totally accepted by all the communities in the United States.

### III. Criticism and Acceptance

When it comes to criticism, the LGBTQ+ community has faced a lot of criticism to be counted as an acceptable community in the society. In the United States, the community took almost many years to earn a place in the hearts of the people. In India, the community is now acceptable by the youth but they are still not accepted by oldies. The youth accepts the love between same sexes but the person who has given birth to that beauty does not accept the truth. In Indian society there's a saying, "*Woh chaar log kya kahenge*", the people think about these 4 people what would they think of them but they don't even hesitate for once about how the person is feeling right now. It's a shame on the society that no one cares about the emotions felt by the lover but everyone cares about those hypothetical people who they don't even know exists. The feeling of love grows every time they are abstained from falling in love. Nobody can stop a human from falling in love whether they fall for same sex or opposite sex, love is beautiful in every way.

### IV. Cases

There are many cases which exhibit that how long lgbtq+ community has come so far. *Navtej Singh Johar & others vs Union of India*. In this case, the *Supreme Court of India* decriminalized all consensual sex among adults including *Homosexual sex*. This verdict was declared as the landmark decision for the Lgbtq community. The case *Justice K.S Puttuswamy (Retd.) vs Union of India*, In this Right of Privacy, Article 21 of Constitution of India was challenged related to lgbtq. The verdict stated that sexual orientation is a private topic and it is there private decision to choose whom they want to have relations with. There were many campaigns and movements started in the United States for promoting lgbtq, *Human Rights Campaign, Gay Movement* which were also criticized and taken to the judicial level. The supporters were criticized and mocked for supporting such community who are sexual not accepted in the society, but the Lgbtq+ did found a place in the hearts of the nations and now the beauty of their love is undisguised.

### V. Conclusion

The love between two people can't be disguised from the people and it's a feeling which must not be hidden. Love should be expressed as much as you can, you never know how long that person is a part of your life. The love must be cherished whether it's between same or opposite sex. The journey of Lgbtq+ was hard, but the people didn't give up to be accepted in the nation. The feeling of love cannot be hidden, one day it has to be expressed. Lgbtq+ is now has a special place in the heart of every human on this earth. Their choice is being accepted, their presence is being cherished and the love is allowed to be blossom. Every love is beautiful. Love is too beautiful to hate.

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