

**Submission for thematic report to
HRC62: Violence and discrimination
experienced by lesbian, bisexual,
and queer (LBQ) women**

About LGB Alliance Australia

Our Vision

Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals living free from discrimination or disadvantage based on their sexual orientation.

Our Mission

To advance lesbian, gay and bisexual rights

We advance the interests of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals, and stand up for our right to live as same-sex attracted people without discrimination or disadvantage.

We will ensure that the voices of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals are heard in all public and political discussions affecting our lives.

To highlight the dual discrimination faced by lesbians

We amplify the voices of lesbians and highlight the dual discrimination experienced by lesbians as women who are same-sex attracted in a male-dominated society.

To protect children who may grow up to be lesbian, gay, or bisexual

We work to protect children from harmful, unscientific ideologies that may lead them to believe either their personality or their body is in need of changing. Any child growing up to be lesbian, gay or bisexual has the right to be happy and confident about their sexuality and who they are.

To promote free speech on lesbian, gay and bisexual issues

We promote freedom of speech and informed dialogue on issues concerning the rights of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals. We assert that different opinions, even those we may disagree with, should be heard as part of the public debate.

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Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

In Australia, lesbian women are prevented from organising and participating in public single-sex events as a result of the operation and interpretation of anti-discrimination law. This legal framework denies lesbians meaningful access to publicly available venues and community spaces unless they accept compulsory mixed-sex participation.

Lesbians who seek to organise or attend female-only public events have faced hostility, intimidation, and threats of violence. This has created a chilling effect on lesbians' ability to exercise their rights to freedom of association and cultural participation on equal terms with other protected groups.

Issue 1 – The Sex Discrimination Act

The Sex Discrimination Act (SDA henceforth) amendments of 2013 effectively deny the right of sex-based protection in law in favour of “gender identity”. This was done by removing the definitions of man and woman (adult human males and females) and adding “gender identity” to the Act.

There are two high-profile and significant cases currently being heard by the Federal Court of Australia that are challenging these changes to the SDA. This submission focuses on the Lesbian Action Group vs Australian Human Rights Commission for the purposes of this report. (LAG and AHRC henceforth).

LAG applied for a single-sex exemption to hold single-sex public lesbian events for a period of five years. This exemption was denied by the AHRC. Single-sex exemptions have been previously granted to places such as female-only gyms, Muslim women's pool parties and for gay men to have single-sex spaces. A single-sex exemption gives an opportunity for legal discrimination so a minority group can achieve substantive equality.

The single-sex exemption sought by LAG would give lesbians the right to have lesbian only events, excluding heterosexual, homosexual and bisexual males, heterosexual females and trans people not born female. LAG was told they could legally discriminate against all these cohorts EXCEPT trans women i.e. males.

The effect of this decision is that a large Australian government department are denying lesbians the right to public assembly which goes against the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Articles 17, 19(2), 21, 22, 26, 27.

This includes freedom of expression, oral, written on all media, the right not to be subjected to unlawful attacks on honour and reputation, the right not to be discriminated against based on sex, which includes **same-sex sexual orientation**, and equal protection under the law, and **freedoms of peaceful assembly and association with own cultural group** and equal protection under the law to do so.

Issue 2 – Homophobia from Mainstream LGBTIQ Organisations and Government

Corporate mainstream LGBTIQ+ organisations have also come out against lesbians' right to freedom of assembly in their own cultural group. The multimillion-dollar, state government funded, Victorian Pride Centre, denied LAG a booking to have a lesbian only event there.

Other high-profile mainstream LGBTIQ+ organisations have come out against lesbians having single-sex events because of the LAG case. Mainstream LGBTIQ+ organisations enforce compulsory mixed-sex events under the guise of "diversity and inclusion", however, what this does is discriminate against lesbians' right to their own self-determination.

Being forced to have public mixed-sex events has had a devastating impact on the lesbian community. The lesbian community in Australia has been largely underground for at least the last twenty years to continue having single-sex events. This has made it very hard for young or newly emerging lesbians to find their community. We are hearing terrible stories of sexual harassment lesbians are facing in mixed-sex spaces, including online dating sites, which are now full of males who "identify" as lesbian. A thriving lesbian community used to exist before being subsumed by mainstream LGBTIQ+ organisations and changes to law making public single-sex spaces impossible to have.

Please refer to [LGB Alliance Australia's Lost Lesbian Spaces](#) project which documents the disappearance of lesbian space in Victoria.

Issue 3 – Redefinition of the Word “Lesbian”

We also want to emphasise that mammals, including humans, cannot change sex. It is a biological impossibility, and we strongly reject that males can be lesbians. We and our thousands of supporters around the world, categorically reject the redefinition of the term lesbian to be “same gender attracted”. We want to remind you that a lesbian is a female who is exclusively sexually attracted to other females.

The term lesbian has also been redefined by mainstream LGBTIQ+ organisations and government to include males who “identify” as lesbians. There has been no negotiation, consultation nor consent given by lesbians to include males in their community and dating pool. This has been forced upon them. We see this as being highly homophobic and misogynistic.

With self-identification laws here in Australia, all safeguards have been removed. A male simply has to declare he’s a lesbian and he has full access to lesbian and female only spaces, whilst still being a fully intact male in most cases. This is a major safeguarding issue for lesbians who want nothing more than safe, single-sex spaces and events.

Issue 4 – Violence against Lesbians

Many lesbians, like many women in general, have suffered from violence at the hand of males and historically lesbians have been “correctively” raped by males. This is where males rape lesbians to “cure” them of their lesbianism. This still goes on. South Africa is just one country where corrective rape is [frequently reported](#).

There is also plenty of evidence that many trans-identified males have a sexual fetish called auto gynephilia and are sexually aroused being in lesbian and female only spaces. We would like you to think very carefully about why males want access to previously safe female-only spaces. And then have a look at [Evidence of Trans Women’s crimes in female spaces](#) which documents sexual offending by males with trans identities.

Studies have shown that men who transitioned “retain a male pattern regarding criminality” including violent crime and sexual offences, as men who did not transition, (Dhejne et al, 2011 : 6).

The fact that the term “lesbian” is one of the top searches in online porn websites, consumed predominantly heterosexual men, is also of great concern. These men now have an open door to lesbian events and spaces because of self-ID laws which lesbians have not consented to.

Males, no matter how they identify, can never be lesbians and to say they are puts lesbian boundaries and right to say no in jeopardy. Forcing males into female spaces, when consent hasn't been given and when boundaries are violated is rape culture. And this rape culture is coming from the top in Australia, via homophobic and misogynistic LGBTIQ+ organisations and government enacted legislation.

It is very important for lesbians to have single-sex public events so lesbians can find each other, but it is also very important to have spaces to be out of the male gaze and be free of male sexual harassment and advances. See appendices for examples of sexual harassment being enacted on lesbians in mixed-sex spaces.

Trans rights activists, brand lesbians wanting single-sex spaces as being TERFs (Trans Exclusionary Radical Feminists) or sexual racists, genital fetishists, transphobic bigots etc. and there is plenty of evidence of the violence these activists will enact on anyone they deem to be TERFs.

See [Dr. Megan Blake’s evidence](#) of violence threatened by trans activists toward women wanting single sex spaces given at the LAG vs AHRC hearing.

Many lesbians are in fact, scared to be in mixed-sex spaces that are only on offer at mainstream LGBTIQ+ events.

Lesbians are being discriminated against by mainstream LGBTIQ+ organisations for standing up for their rights and boundaries as exclusively same-sex attracted women.

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LGB Alliance Australia exists to expose the homophobia coming from LGBTIQ+ organisations and to support LGB people who are affected by this homophobia. We have thousands of members worldwide who support single-sex spaces for same-sex attracted people. See LGB Alliance Australia's [2023 survey, question 19](#). The vast majority of our members want us to campaign for single-sex spaces.

Issue 5 - Unnecessary Medicalisation of Lesbians

The most serious violence and discrimination seen against lesbians in recent times is that of experimental medicalisation on children who do not conform to gender stereotypes. Of these, some 70% are girls – the vast majority of whom are same-sex attracted and who will grow up to be lesbian or bisexual if left to mature naturally. See [Cass Review - final report and recommendations](#).

It is well documented that the majority of gender-non-conforming children and young people grow up to be same sex attracted. It is also common for butch lesbians and effeminate gay men to have experienced periods of gender confusion or incongruence (often referred to today as dysphoria).

Many older lesbians have witnessed a generation of young women, the majority of whom are same sex attracted, adopt a trans identity and reject their biological sex, homosexuality or bisexuality.

They have been told by mainstream LGBTIQ organisations that they were “born in the wrong body” and have been placed on a medical pathway that is unnecessary for most and carries long-term, irreversible, and serious consequences, including:

- Shortened lifespan
- Arrested cognitive development and function
- Low bone mineral density and osteoporosis, fractures
- Cardiovascular disease and stroke (up to 4x higher risk)
- Infertility
- Sexual dysfunction, inability to orgasm
- Mood changes: mood swings, depression, and anxiety
- Increased risk of dementia and cognitive decline

Other health issues: increased risk of ovarian and colon cancers, cataracts and gum disease.

The UN must speak out to highlight the appalling physical abuse that is taking place right now. We see this as being conversion therapy, except as in conversion therapy of the past, where our minds and behaviour were changed, today our bodies are being changed to create faux-heterosexuals.

This is a worldwide medical scandal and those most badly affected are young lesbians.

Issue 6 - LGBTIQ+ is not one homogenous group

The LGBTIQ+ is not one big happy, homogenous group, but is rather, a very diverse mix of sexualities and identities, each with their own unique needs. And yet we are treated as one big homogenous group and are told we must confirm to the groupthink of mainstream LGBTIQ+ organisations. To deny lesbians the right to publicly assemble, to deny their self-determination and self-definition is the epitome of homophobia.

We note that numerous organisations in Australia provide trans only events for trans people:

(e.g. <https://www.tgv.org.au/events> and <https://www.melbournefringe.com.au/whats-on/events/t4t-a-transgender-showcase>)

We wholeheartedly support this and yet lesbians are denied the right to their own public events.

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Summary

We call on the UN to take a leadership role here, just as your Special Rapporteur for violence against women and girls has done. Reem Alsalem has consistently stood up for the biologically based rights of women and girls. We ask you to do the same.

We ask you to acknowledge that the LGBTIQ+ is not a homogenous group, but rather, numerous groups with vastly differing needs and to support those differing needs.

We ask you to acknowledge that women and lesbians standing up for our sex-based rights is not bigotry, or hatred and that we have a right to draw our own boundaries and define ourselves without interference from males, no matter how they identify.

We ask you to acknowledge that lesbians (and gay men) have a right to self-determination and single-sex spaces, as we have always had.

We ask you to acknowledge the homophobia and misogyny coming out of mainstream LGBTIQ+ organisations and governments and to do something about this.

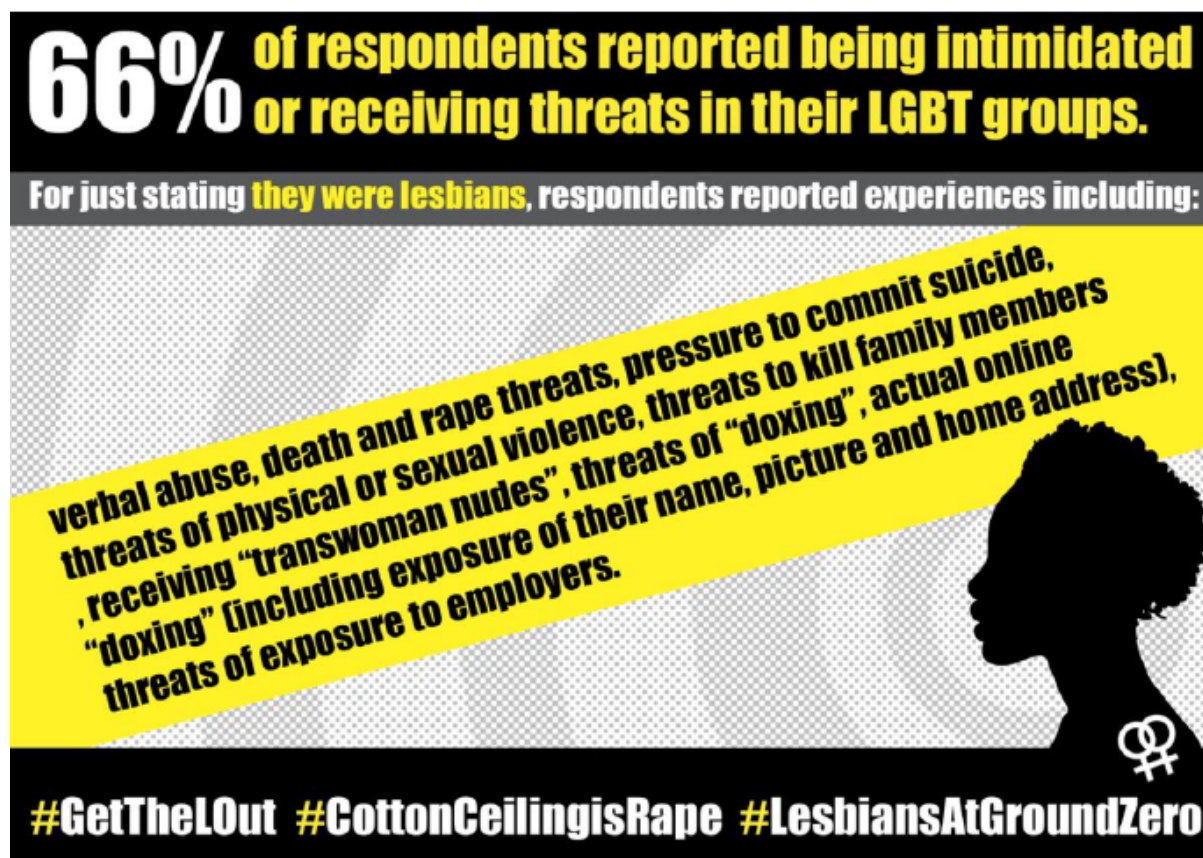
We ask you to stop the non-consensual redefinition of our sexuality that includes people of the opposite sex.

We want to live in a world where people respect the boundaries of women and lesbians and acknowledge that we have a right to draw boundaries around whom we associate with, without fear of recriminations or violence.

We are more than happy to speak with you if you need any further information.

Appendices

In 2019, a group called Get the L Out conducted a survey of 80 lesbians and reported how common it is for lesbians to be abused for stating that we are same sex attracted. Here is one of the illustrations and an article reporting the research from the BBC. That this is a form of violence hardly needs to be said.



<http://www.gettheloutuk.com/blog/category/research/lesbians-at-ground-zero.html>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-57853385>

Quotes from lesbian women about harassment experienced in mixed spaces, particularly from trans identified males.

"lesbian woman, 26-year-old Chloe, said she felt so pressured she ended up having penetrative sex with a trans woman at university after repeatedly explaining she was not interested." "I was told that homosexuality doesn't exist and I owed it to my trans sisters to unlearn my 'genital confusion' so I can enjoy letting them penetrate me"

"We know a minority, but still a sizeable minority of trans women, do pressure lesbians to go out with them and have sex with them and it's a very disturbing phenomenon."

"What we are seeing is a regression where once again young lesbians are being told 'How do you know you don't like dick if you haven't tried it?'"

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"They tried to do the right thing and they gave them a chance, and realised that they are a lesbian and they didn't want to be with someone with a male body, and the concept of transphobia and bigotry is used as an emotional weapon, that you can't leave because otherwise you're a transphobe,"

One (lesbian) compared going on dates with trans women to so-called conversion therapy - the controversial practice of trying to change someone's sexual orientation.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-57853385>

"One night we went out to a queer club night, and the group included a male friend who used they/them pronouns. We were in the club when a stereotypically gay song came on, and I made a joke that 'I have to dance to this because I'm a lesbian'. This friend said to me 'so am I' and I thought they were joking - I only knew they used they/them pronouns, I'd never heard them call themselves a lesbian before, but they joined me on the dancefloor. I realised that they were trying to insinuate some kind of similarity between us, some kind of lesbian camaraderie. They were dancing really close to me and tried to put their arm around my waist. This friend had a beard and had not even remotely transitioned to female. I remember thinking 'I don't want a man to touch me' and was disgusted at my own reaction - I felt like someone would be able to sense my transphobia."

<https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home>

"Last spring for weeks a young man who was taking hormones to grow breasts (I know this because they were wearing only a white bra made out of T-Shirt material and you could see everything. It was obscene and in 45 years I have NEVER seen a woman dressed like that-- they were essentially topless) dressed as a woman, wearing a very short miniskirt flashed me his penis on multiple occasions"

<https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/3> PAGE 12

"I was at a 'lesbian' swingers' club a couple of months back. It was originally advertised in its Facebook group as an event for 'people with vulvas', but the trans activists and their comrades jumped on it and the group ended up changing their entry qualifications. So on the actual night there were a whole bunch of 50+ year-old men masturbating over girls getting it on with each other. A group of men ended up having a gangbang in an open room for all to see. (I don't think any of us wanted to see that). One bloke just wore a terrible cheap blonde wig and a white string vest dress thing, and literally stood masturbating over two women 69ing upstairs. He wasn't even pretending. Apparently we lesbians are no longer allowed to just enjoy women and be alone with women. Men and their penises must always be included."

<https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/20>

"I was cotton ceiling-ed by a trans-identified male on Facebook by DM. He was wanting to come up and hang out with me. I wasn't interested, I said 'No, I am same-sex attracted', and that I'm only interested in being friends. The next thing I'm being called a genital

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fetishist and a transphobe! I have never had this happen before, so I contacted an admin of the lesbian group he was on, and complained.”

<https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/23>

“About 15 years ago, before the current trans politics became so powerful, I came out as a lesbian and attended several organised social gatherings and support groups. Already there were trans-identified males turning up and taking part as “lesbians” and no one said anything, I think because women are so socialised to be nice. The males’ behaviour was mostly ok, but just having them there made me uncomfortable and changed the vibe, it just wasn’t a lesbian group any more. One male was severely mentally ill and treated the group as his personal therapy session which was exhausting and off putting for women who came there just wanting to meet each other. I’m sure things are much much worse now. I have a lesbian friend who was tricked into a date with a male and felt too scared / embarrassed to leave. It’s a green light for creeps.”

<https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/32>

“It was advertised as a women’s dance. Being a Chillout (2019) event we thought it reasonable to expect mostly, if not all, lesbians at the dance. There were 4 individuals present who were clearly males trying to present themselves as women. It just spoilt the entire vibe. To top it off, of course they used the women’s toilet. We live in country Victoria and there is so little social stuff for lesbians. When we queried the presence of these trans-identified males (TIMs) at a women’s/lesbian dance we were told: “if they say they are women then they have to be allowed to attend”. The same thing happened at the Red Velvet Ball, TIMs came, only a few but it is just wrong. It has the same selfish tone as blokes who would sleaze on to lesbians in gay pubs. Their very presence is invasive and off-putting. It is all about them getting validation by intruding into lesbian spaces. It made us so angry and sad. Why can’t we just have one dance a year that is just for lesbians? You know, adult human females who are same-sex attracted. There is no respect.”

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<https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/40>

“There’s a club in my home town that only has gender-neutral toilets. One night in there when I’d gone to see a gig, a man cornered me in one of the rows of cubicles, put his face right up close to mine, and said ‘I’m gonna rape you so hard’. He then laughed and walked off. A couple of weeks later a woman was raped in these toilets in the same club, leading to the club being closed down for a while.”

<https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/49>

“There is one remaining lesbian bar in London, called ‘She’ bar. The decor is about as imaginative as the name, with it resembling something of the inside a shipping container. But it’s all we have, so it’s where everyone goes. It’s underground, down a flight of stairs leading from a busy Soho street. Little signage outside means most people would likely

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walk by without knowing of its existence. The point, I suspect, is probably to be nondescript and discrete, so that lesbians catch knowledge of it by word of mouth, but general passersby wouldn't bother descending the steps.

Lesbian spaces are often guarded like that. This is partly because some men like to leer at us (women generally, but especially women kissing) and also what exactly would be the point in having a very mixed lesbian bar? Chat-up attempts would have a significantly higher fail rate(!) and the whole point of lesbian bars is to make lesbian connections possible, whether platonic or romantic.

Into that social context, the last time I was at She bar there was a very tall, large man in hyper feminine clothing (mini skirt, stiletto heels, bright lipstick) stood at the bar. Not simply getting a drink at the bar, but hanging around in front of it, staying in everybody's field of vision, purposefully making a show of himself. He would titter about on his heels and sort of look around, swaying back and forth, then stroke the sides of his torso down to his hips, suck the end of his straw, twirl a strand of hair on his big blonde wig, before cat walking up and down a bit more. His presence meant the bar wasn't very busy.

Lots of lesbians sat at their tables with empty drink glasses because this man was putting everyone off going up to order. Maybe it would've been different if he was sat on a stool, or chatting to bar staff, but he just seemed to be loitering and looking to be noticed or for 'something' to happen. In the end, out of frustration, and as an experiment to discover what would happen, I said I would buy everyone at my table a round of drinks.

The bar is short, there's not much space, so I ended standing very much in the vicinity of this colossal man as he had placed himself smack bang in the centre of the bar. "Hello lovely..." he said to me, to which I briefly laughed, having expected something cliché like that. "Alright mate", I said back, grinning at him. But he didn't like my response (because it is assertive, pointedly friendly, and often how people who are equals address one another i.e. how men speak to each other) and so he turned away, wandering off.

The rest of the night everyone sat at their tables chatting whilst this glammed-up bloke switched between hovering around the bar and sort of vaguely dancing in the middle the floor. No one else could dance because we all felt too uncomfortable by his presence. In a way, had he not been asserting himself physically in this manner it wouldn't have been such an issue.

She bar isn't 'women only', it even has male staff members (to the consternation of some), but it was this guy's manner and attempt to dominate the space that made all the women present hold ourselves back from readily ordering drinks, or milling about between tables mixing, or dancing.

The entire point of lesbian bars is to create a relaxed atmosphere for meeting one another. The fact of a man's presence, and how he wielded his presence, meant we all felt like we had to breathe in, be guarded, and worry about what he was trying to engineer. This defies the purpose of a lesbian space entirely. It took just one man dominating the

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space to make dozens of lesbians feel uncomfortable. He didn't care, he was enjoying himself, and probably felt hard done by that he wasn't 'included' by any of us socially (or sexually) that night.

Male entitlement like this risks robbing lesbians of the few spaces on the planet we have left. Make women feel uncomfortable, or at risk somewhere, and they simply won't visit that place again. That's before we even consider things like male sexual harassment, presumably the next step in the encroachment on our sexualities and advancement on lesbian existence." <https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/49>

"I went to a lesbian night club in Soho with my date (a woman). It felt really good to be able to be ourselves and not feel self conscious about expressing our sexuality and affection for one another. Occasionally, my date and I would kiss but I noticed that every time we kissed a transwoman was staring at us. "She" wasn't talking to or interacting with anyone. "She" was just sitting alone in the middle of floor while we (women) were dancing and making out. I stopped kissing because I could see the transwoman was getting off watching us and it felt voyeuristic. Most of all "her" gaze resembled the seedy look men give women. I felt a combination of anger and other indescribable feelings including a sense of powerlessness. This was meant to be a safe space and it would have been if the creepy transwoman hadn't been there. We shouldn't be made to feel uncomfortable in our own spaces."

<https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/51>

"We, the signers of this forum, testify to having experienced gender-based, punitive and sexual violence aimed at "correcting" our sexual orientation within spaces presenting themselves as LGBTQIAP+. It is not an urban legend. These are not isolated cases. Moreover, when following these attacks, we undertake to create other spaces to meet in complete safety and together to live our homosexuality serenely, we still suffer from bullying (physical attacks, cyber harassment ...)

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<https://marianne.net/agora/tribunes-libres/quand-les-ultra-progressistes-defendent-lesagressions-sexuelles-envers-les-lesbiennes>

"It seems like it's taboo for lesbians to have any boundaries anymore. If we don't either identify as male or date males who want to be treated like women, we're TERFs and deserving of death."

<https://unspeakablelgbtq.weebly.com/the-stories/it-seems-like-its-taboo-for-lesbiansto-have-any-boundaries-anymore>

"I was told that homosexuality doesn't exist and I owe it to my trans sisters' to unlearn my "genital confusion" so I can enjoy letting them penetrate me" One recalled being pressured to kiss and touch a transwoman against her will in a club, another the violating experience of having a "transwoman slapping her ass" in the women's toilet of a gay club.

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"The man I went on a date with, unknowingly, was mutual friends with people I knew, he threatened to out me as a terf and my job if I refused to sleep with him. I was too young to argue and had been brainwashed by queer theory so he was a "woman" even if every fibre in my being was screaming throughout so I agreed to go home with him. He used physical force when I changed my mind upon seeing his penis and he raped me"

<http://www.gettheloutuk.com/attachments/LesbiansAtGroundZeroFindings.pdf>

"Some lesbians reported turning down transwomen on online dating sites and being subjected to threats of violence, threats of sexual violence and rape, threats of corrective rape, attempts immediately being contacted by underage girls looking for sex, hopes that another transwoman rapes them and demands to meet despite the women clearly having already said no.

One lesbian reported being invited to participate in incestuous relationship with her sister and an older transwoman after turning the transwoman down.

One woman was told that a "girl dick" was just a built in dildo.

One woman reported saying she frequently got comments like, "[T]his penis makes me more of a woman than you, with this penis I'm going to dominate all of you[.] [W]e're going to rape you until you kneel before males[.] [D]eath awaits you. I'm going to pour gasoline on you so that you burn faster fucking whores[.]

If a woman tells me she doesn't want to fuck with me, I rape her. I'm much more of a woman than you, [you] shit privileged[.] [Y]ou envy trans because men prefer to fuck with us."

One woman said she was asked repeatedly about where she masturbated, including if she masturbated in university bathrooms, and was accused of being a prude after saying no and that she didn't know any women who did that.

One woman said she had to delete the Her app because the abuse from transwomen on the site towards lesbians like herself was horrible.

One woman was said, "There were several times when I expressed gender critical beliefs that a "transwoman" threatened to "out" me locally and shortly after this conversation I was receiving private messages from these kinds of males, some were pictures of their penis."

One lesbian was told they needed to see a psychiatrist to cure their internalized homophobia and "genital preference" after turning down transwomen on online dating sites and apps.

Four women also report being called TERFs if their orientation was known or they indicated a lack of attraction to male bodies.

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Other women reported being told they were not actually women. Another was told she would be single forever despite being engaged at the time.

Several women said their experiences in dealing with transwomen and sexual harassment was the same as their experiences dealing with men and sexual harassment.

One lesbian said that she faced continual online persecution from a transwoman who said because she is a masculine lesbian, she should be a trans."

<https://4w.pub/content/files/2023/04/Cotton-Ceiling-paper---blind-submission.pdf>

"One lesbian was told by a man that his dick would make her normal. Some women said this abuse was because they rejected online male advances. One woman said after she rejected advances from either a transwoman or transfeminine man, the person said, "Come one. You're a slut. I know you like it because you're a dirty and mean slut." This despite the fact that she never talked like that at all to the person.

A woman on PinkCupid (dating app) said that having her settings say she was a lesbian interested in other women meant that she received huge amounts of abuse from men in their 30s and 40s who sent her streams of angry messages after viewing her profile."

<https://4w.pub/content/files/2023/04/Cotton-Ceiling-paper---blind-submission.pdf>

"Transwoman, close to 30, not operated. After clarifying several times that I didn't want to have sex with her because I didn't have sex with people with a penis, he grabbed my head to put it on her genital organs, insulting me: "fucking transphobic whore."

Another woman described her incident of sexual pressure as, "A transfeminine man cornered me in a nightclub bathroom and told me he wanted to help me put in a tampon. He touched my boobs and tried to touch my genitals. I screamed really loud and he ran away. They are aggressors because they are men."

Another story of sexual pressure by a transwoman told by a respondent was, "In a bar, after an argument, a man who claimed to be a transwoman showed me his genitals and, grabbing my arm, forced me to touch it."

<https://4w.pub/content/files/2023/04/Cotton-Ceiling-paper---blind-submission.pdf>

"Has a transwoman ever sexually pressured you or forced you to have sexual contact (genital touching, oral sex, anal sex, or vaginal sex) against your will or without your consent?" 18.1% of women responded yes, having an average age of 34.

The average age of the women who said no was 33.4. Bisexual women were much less likely than lesbian women to be sexually pressured, with a rate of 8.5% compared to 30.9%.

50.0% cis woman reported being sexually pressured.

40.0% of women in the United States reported being sexually pressured by transwomen compared to 17.7% in Spain, 16.7% in Mexico and 33.3% in Argentina.

Call for input to thematic report to HRC62: Violence and discrimination experienced by lesbian, bisexual, and queer (LBQ) women

Women in rural areas were least likely to be sexually pressured by transwomen at 14.3%, while 17.2% of women in cities and 26.3% of women in the suburbs 48 reported being sexually pressured by transwomen.

0% of mixed-race women, Hispanic / Latina women and Gitana women reported being sexually pressured by transwomen, while 16.7% of Mediterranean white women, 20.7% of white women, 25.0% of women who declined to state their race or where their race was unknown, and 33.3% of black women reported having been sexually pressured by transwomen. 20.5% of women who reported using dating sites were sexually pressured by transwomen compared to 13.9% who did not use dating sites.”

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