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## What is the “Q” in LGBTQ?

The 2021 U.S. House has passed a bill misnamed the “Equality Act.” It gives special protected class status to anyone involved in LGBTQ behavior. The Senate version of the same bill states that the Q stands for “queer.” This bill includes no legal definition for what “queer” means.

What does “Q” include, and how is it different than LGBT? While Q can mean “questioning,” the Senate bill version of the so-called “Equality Act” states it means “Queer.” The advocacy group LGBTQ Nation also states that Q in LGBTQ means “Queer.” LGBTQ Nation states the **“Q in LGBTQ can also signify other sexual orientations and gender identities not covered by the acronym’s preceding letters. If you’re gender-neutral, non-binary, agender, genderfluid, pansexual, asexual, solosexual or something else not covered by LGBT, the Q has got you covered!”**<sup>1</sup>

LGBTQ Nation continues: “A queer definition is actually hard to provide because the word itself goes far beyond mere sexual orientation or gender identity. ‘Queer’ itself has a rather queer definition.”<sup>2</sup> The publication explains:

“A gay, cisgender, white, Christian, American man might describe himself as ‘gay,’ but he and others might not consider him ‘queer’ because his identities have increasingly become mainstream and afford him many social protections. ...

“Compare this hypothetical gay man to a pansexual, trans, Middle Eastern immigrant living in the United States. This person’s unique combination of sexual orientation, gender identity, lived experiences and outlooks aren’t [*sic*] nearly as ‘mainstream’ as the gay man’s, and they don’t provide nearly as much social protection.

“As such, the term ‘queer’ seemingly fits the pansexual person more than the gay man because the pansexual falls outside of the mainstream as well as the *protection* of the mainstream. ... In this way, ‘queer’ can be seen as a counter-cultural identity.”<sup>3</sup>

*Cosmopolitan* also notes **“Queerness is an umbrella term** that is both an orientation and a community for those on the LGBTQIA+ spectrum.”<sup>4</sup> Note the + sign that signified other behaviors beyond what are already listed in the letters LGBTQIA. It continues: “The vagueness of the term is intentional—**queer is an identity created for anyone outside of the heterosexual norm** and meant to be inclusive and create a sense of acceptance.”<sup>5</sup>

In fact, this umbrella term “Queer” can include about 550 sexual paraphilias. Professor Anil Aggrawal published a book with each of these included in a “comprehensive appendix of paraphilias ... cited in the scientific and lay literature.”<sup>6</sup> And yes, this includes pedophilia.

The writer of the “Silently Queer” blog, admits “Queer” includes being asexual, greysexual, pansexual, autochorrissexual and finally an asexual fetishist all in the same post. The writer clearly states that the other person’s “age, gender, appearance, personality, etc. doesn’t matter to me at all” and that “whether or not I actually participate is irrelevant.” This personal account exposes the willingness of “queer” to blur and cross the line of age and admits, “For many people, their sexual fantasies cannot ever realistically be realized [*sic*] because they would be harmful, or illegal.”<sup>7</sup>

The University of Nebraska Omaha published that “Queer” is “a term for people of marginalized gender identities and sexual orientations.”<sup>8</sup>

In fact, **several organizations are dedicated to normalizing pedophilia.** B4U-ACT is a “collaborative effort of mental health professionals and people who are attracted to children or adolescents”<sup>9</sup> with the goal “to educate the public regarding issues faced by these individuals.”<sup>10</sup> This group provides workshops, presentations at professional conferences, speakers for university classes, collaboration with researchers, “communicates with professional organizations and journalists about the needs and rights of people who are attracted to children”<sup>11</sup> and even “support groups” for pedophiles.<sup>12</sup> The new euphemism for pedophilia is “minor attracted persons.”<sup>13</sup> The “Equality Act” will legislate acceptance for this deviant and dangerous behavior.

The Merck Manual includes “Pedophilic Disorder (Pedophilia)” under its category of “Sexuality, Gender Dysphoria and Paraphilias.”<sup>14</sup> And the manual states, “Paraphilias involve sexual arousal to atypical objects, situations and/or targets (e.g., children, corpses, animals).”<sup>15</sup>

“Queer” thus includes any one of these nearly 550 paraphilias. The mission of B4U-ACT could quickly become the new reality under the “Equality Act.” The mission of B4U-ACT is to promote “compassionate assistance in dealing with the difficulties of living in society with an attraction to minors.”<sup>16</sup> The “Equality Act” would legalize pedophilia and much more.

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<sup>1</sup> Villarreal, D. (2019, Sep 21). What does queer mean? Well, there’s no one definition. *LGBTQ Nation*. <https://www.lgbtqnation.com/2019/09/queer-mean-well-theres-no-one-definition/> (emphasis added).

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Thomas, S. S. & Hsieh C. (2020, Sept 21). What Does It Really Mean to Be Queer? *Cosmopolitan*. <https://www.cosmopolitan.com/sex-love/a25243218/queer-meaning-definition/>

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> Aggrawal, A. (2008, Dec 22). Forensic and Medico-legal Aspects of Sexual Crimes and Unusual Sexual Practices. CRC Press. Boca Raton, Florida.

<sup>7</sup> SilentlyQueer. (2015, Jul 12). Paraphilia: A grey area of asexuality. <https://silentlyqueer.wordpress.com/tag/paraphilia/>

<sup>8</sup> University of Nebraska Omaha, (Accessed: 2021, Mar 1). Queer and Trans Spectrum Definitions. <https://www.unomaha.edu/student-life/inclusion/gender-and-sexuality-resource-center/lgbtqia-resources/queer-trans-spectrum-definitions.php>

<sup>9</sup> B4U-ACT. (Accessed: 2021, Mar 5). About Us. <https://www.b4uact.org/about-us/>.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

<sup>13</sup> MAPs wanted for study on barriers and facilitators in accessing professional support.

<sup>14</sup> Brown, G. R. (Revised: 2019, July). Pedophilic Disorder: (Pedophilia). East Tennessee State University. <https://www.merckmanuals.com/professional/psychiatric-disorders/sexuality,-gender-dysphoria,-and-paraphilias/pedophilic-disorder>

<sup>15</sup> Brown, G. R. (Revised: 2019, July). Overview of Paraphilic Disorders: (Paraphilias) East Tennessee State University.

<https://www.merckmanuals.com/professional/psychiatric-disorders/sexuality,-gender-dysphoria,-and-paraphilias/overview-of-paraphilic-disorders?redirectid=10>.

<sup>16</sup> B4U-ACT. (Accessed: 2021, Mar 5). About Us. <https://www.b4uact.org/about-us/>.