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## SPEAKERS

Jimmy Carper, Gigi, Michelle

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Michelle 00:06

What's your name? Again? Marlon, Marlon.



Gigi 00:10

Earlier we were talking about the process of identifying as bisexual. And when, when we first identified as bisexual. Can you talk a little bit about that?



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Sure. I had a rather late coming out process, I would say, age 20 to 23. I started having feelings for, for, of sexuality for both sexes, male and female, and none was more special than the other. I feel like in society, we have two genders, and both genders are part of our personalities. So I would say everyone needs to honor those, respect those genders. And that's, that's basically my feelings for for bisexuality.



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I got a I got a question. I'm sorry. I don't mean interrupt. We I do mean interrupt. That's why I interrupted because you're a guy. That's right. I'm talking over the screen. I still have yet to find it necessary. Unless I'm asking that it bothers me that I'm asked why is it so important to be identified as a, gay, B, lesbian, C, bisexual, D all the above? etc, etc, etc. Can Can you guys help me out on this?



Michelle 01:50

Well, if the reason i There's a couple of reasons I identify as bisexual. And one of the reasons is just, I mean, when I'm talking to somebody, it's just a word that kind of gives, like an idea of

something of who I am. Instead of like, somebody, you know, if somebody asked me about sexual orientation, and I don't have much time, I don't want to go into this like really long. If there wasn't the word bisexual, I'd have to say, Well, I'm attracted to men I'm attracted to women. And I tend to clarify afterwards but bisexual is kind of a nice concise way of saying that. And also also just for me, staying on bisexual says identify with the bisexual community, it's like, these are my people

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Gigi 02:33

identify as bisexual is because I remember, wouldn't go to my senior prom because I couldn't take both boy died in a girl day. It made a difference in our society and were discriminated against whether we're gay, lesbian, or bi. If we don't fit the regular mold in our society, then we can lose jobs. We can be beaten, battered, beaten, any number of things can happen. And you know, it's just you listen to the most music on most radio stations. Where do you hear boy meets girl falls in love and marital bliss they were after in 2.5 kids? Well, hey, I don't want that.



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Unless the country



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then it's my wife has left me and 2.5 children and took the dog. Oh, yes.

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Gigi 03:32

Bills. Yes. But I think my point is, is that, you know, we're in our society, we're taught to be individuals, as long as you fit the mold. Now, there's something wrong there. What's wrong with this picture? Can



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y'all tell me the individual but fit a mold?



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I think I mean, I'm pretty conscious of the fact that identifying as bisexual is a political act. You're here because it is much the same way that being lesbian identifying as lesbian and gay as a political act. It's it's claiming who you are. It's it's refusing to be silenced. It's been open about matters of your sexual preference, which does affect a lot of how you spend your time and how you view the world. Whether you vote Republican or Democrat, you know, see





Gigi 04:26

people walking down the street every day displaying their rampant heterosexual reality. I mean, you know, they hold hands in public, they kiss in public, but if I was to kiss jam in public, in most places in this city, just think what the outrage would be. Okay.



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Yes, indeed. Yeah, it's not fair.



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reads the reason why I don't like it is because I think what a person Under some circumstances is trying to do is fine. He's going to He's going to judge how he treats you and comes across to you, based on your sexuality. It's like, we can have his great combo. Okay, I'll give you a real good example. There's some guys that I see every day in the gym. I have great time. And I'm a great athlete. I'm this and that, God forbid, they're here. They hear me on the show. And I think they have a much different opinion of me. And it's like, well, I was okay. Before midnight tonight. And now all of a sudden, I'm not okay. Simply because of who I choose to sleep with or go out with or hug. I just don't I don't think it's fair. And it's like, I maybe I think they're Griffin's ugly. But I'm not going to treat them any different. Because they're going out with a, I don't know, an ugly girl. So why should they treat me any different? Or why should they question my sexuality? When it's really, it has nothing to do with with our relationship?



Michelle 06:13

Yeah, really? Something I don't understand is why, like, how is my sexuality relevant to somebody? If I'm not going to be in a relationship



Gigi 06:21

with right? I'd like to ask another question to the group and just get some comments. Do you have a preference for men? Or for women? Why don't we just start around starting with Michelle?



Michelle 06:41

Well, to be honest, I really watch and I tend to like, I tend to question this a lot. I don't know. I always identify as bisexual. It just, it just seems like some sometimes. I guess I still feel that pressure from society to like, categorize myself in this like either or kind of dichotomy. And I just kind of like, every once in a while, I'll be Oh, wow. Now I found all these men attractive today. So I must be must be straight, you know, and it's like, if I find all these women, attractive, LM SP lesbian, you know, just kind of after going back and forth through that for so long. Eventually I just said, I just started saying to myself, look, I'm bisexual. That's cool. You know, I should just like, kind of get over this continuing, like, struggle within myself. I mean, what difference does it make if I'm attracted to more men than women are more women than

men? I mean, it's just, I'm attract the individuals that I'm attracted to is what's important, and it doesn't matter if they happen to be men or happen to be women or, or just about anything else. Labor



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I think I find myself attracted to an equal number of, of men and and women who Finn



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straggler I am.



Gigi 07:54

And why don't you just get off that silly little finance and make up your mind?



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Having having had having had sexual experiences with both genders? It's sex with women is better considered therapy? Hands down sex with women is better.



Michelle 08:16

A question for you is sex with men as women is better than Why do you have sex with men?



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Because it's pretty good to



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strike that one.




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But I don't think I think that I'm equally kind of equally in the middle of being attracted to men and women. And sometimes I'm not that much attracted to either sex. I mean, sometimes I'm just on a break from being attracted. Okay.



Gigi 08:47



That's pretty cool. What about TV show?



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Well, I want to have sex with women. I'm more attracted to women. When I want to have sex with men. I'm more attracted to men. It's hard. I don't have a schedule. Like you know, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Sky Day. And Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. It's woman day. It's, it's the situation.



Michelle 09:14

I have another question for you then. Something. This is also a common kind of fear of gay and lesbians when dating bisexuals is that, like what you're saying about sometimes I'm attracted to men sometimes attracted to women. Like suppose you're in a relationship with a woman, which you all of a sudden, one day say Oh, I'm attracted to men now so I'm not attracted to her anymore? Or do you form long lasting relationships with one person? Can you form long lasting relationships with one person?



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Course it it's like, how can I say it's it's like changing I don't I don't know a diet. If you like Coke and one day you go to the Pepsi machine you buy Pepsi doesn't mean like Coke anymore. No just just wanted a Pepsi. It's It's, it's not people always equate their worth with how the other person treats them sexually. And sex is not a personal thing every time. Just because I am in a relationship with a woman. And I'll look at a guy and say, Man, that's a nice looking guy that does not translate into now you're an ugly Oh bag. I just saw a nice looking guy. It has nothing to do with you. It's nothing personal, against the female. It's just stating a fact about how I feel and how I think about another individual. I think a lot of times it comes down to how the person is with themselves, how are they with themselves emotionally, and sexually. Insecurity breeds a lot of contempt and a lot of problems. If you've if you're okay with yourself. No pun intended, you know, but if you're alright insecure with yourself, then what the other person does isn't going to have that much effect on what you think of yourself. You don't walk away thinking oh man, how can he be with them when he's got me? It's not see once again, it's not a personal vendetta.



Gigi 11:28

It's not a switch that goes on and off.



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No, no Oh, I'm





Gigi 11:34

just a Marlin. What about you you have a preference for men or women or



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I basically am I believe in the concept of being gender less not being specific orientation toward either gender either or it's personality that I'm interested in personality traits of individuals. When I feel like I have the need for more emotion, I feel more attracted to women. And if I feel like I need more pleasure than men,



Gigi 12:19

I need to interrupt for a minute we missed a station ID you are listening to Kpf T 90 point



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numbers KPFT Houston, Houston and this is after hours a continuing tradition and all that nifty stuff. Okay,



Gigi 12:39

back to you Marlon.



Michelle 12:41

That's like this this radio station 90 point something that's all you need.



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As I was saying earlier, I believe in dating a personality a person's personality traits rather than a gender we both have both gender qualities in each individual. And that would be it would make the world flow much smoother I feel if if everyone would relate to the male and female sides of when picking or choosing individual partners all of this these mind games is playing aside. We only have one life and it's very short. So why not make life meaningful?



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Let's see follow that right? Okay.



Gigi 13:48

Come on hahv

Come on, baby.



13:51

We got confidence in you.



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Yes, yes. Yes. Let's see. Am I attracted to men or women? What was the question that again is am I more attracted to men are more attracted to women?



14:07

Okay.



Gigi 14:11

Be careful Big Brother is watching. Yes. Jim is watching.



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It depends. Well, okay. Physically, I noticed more. Yes.



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We also believe in honesty



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take the Fifth Amendment works.



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Yes. Well, at WHO? I find women more physically attracted. Some are attracted to women. Yes, I find find women more physically attractive. And, well. The related relationships Okay. With men, it's more okay. The sex thing is more it's more like an animal. Fang just like kind of a release. It's a big yes. A big rallying grunting thing and all this kind of stuff. And with women, it's more of a yes.



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And with women Yes, it's more of an emotional thing is more of an emotional release and also kind of an animal grunting and groaning thing as long as there's animal grunting and groaning in there. I guess it's okay with either one. And we got to take a break you say? I don't know if



Gigi 15:38

he wants you to play with labor



Jimmy Carper 15:44

to say that you're listening to after hours on KPFT? Houston.



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Oh, I thought we did that already. Yes, we were y'all did. He hasn't been listening.



Michelle 16:00

or listening to after hours. 90.1 KPFT station hasn't moved.



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It's a delayed echo reaction.



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On KPFT 90.1 FM K for radio



Jimmy Carper 16:11

with that. Well,



Gigi 16:13

we're back to Jimmy, we still want an answer on.



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Women. Okay, there I said it. I'm more attracted to women, I think. But men are still pretty good. There's still a lot of men out there. I see. And it's like, Hey, that guy looks pretty good. And it's happening a little more often lately. I don't know what the deal is. But anyway, that's



about it. Well,

 Gigi 16:42

we all know, Gigi's preference. I like a man and a woman at the same time.

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Oh, yeah. Yeah. Like, we could all have that every day, then I'd be a happy man.

 Gigi 16:56

Play hard at it.

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Gigi. I got a question. I guess I'll direct you to the group. Also, I haven't experienced this much because I'm not first in the in the in the bar scene. But I have, I've got the impression that there is a little bias against bisexual in the homosexual and lesbian community. And if anybody's experienced that, I'd love to hear about it. And also ask the question, why do you think that is? So

 Gigi 17:30

I know, for me, I've experienced a whole spectrum of things. And what I have found is people are people, it doesn't matter if you're by you're gay or straight. I've had straights that have been totally accepting me in my lifestyle, and totally rejecting. And I've had gay men, I had one gay guy come up at a party and said, Well, if you're bisexual, you should just make up your mind, and I hate bisexuals. And that's a little baby, maybe you have some problems you need to let get to. But I've also gotten some very good support from some gay man. And from last, I mean, I've got this lesbian friend that loves to go shoot pool with me, we get dressed to the hilt and got out to the girl bars and have a blast, you know. And it's like, she's very supportive. You know, I just found that there's a lot of times prejudice in the world. And sometimes there's people that come from the heart, and see me as a human being first. And as bisexual second,

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about the females.

 Michelle 18:48

I felt that too. Just from, like I was in when I was involved with some gay and lesbian groups, I kind of I kind of got the impression that people were being they weren't being as nice to me. I

mean, just because, I guess I guess I was very, very vocal about being bisexual. I was, you know, just out there. And like, I was like, kind of the token bisexual in this group. And, and I really, you know, I felt like they, they were kind of being neutral toward me, or, or sometimes even hostile. And it really bothered me, especially since like, every once in a while one of them would come up to me and say, Oh, well, you know, like, I had a guy comfy. Oh, well, you know, I have to admit that, that I find women attractive every once in a while, but I'm still gonna say I'm gay because I don't want to lose my gay friends or anything. And as much as as much as homophobia from the straight community upsets me. What upsets me even more is when people who are have already experienced oppression based on their sexual orientation, turn around and just do the same thing to other people. That that's the thing that just really disgusts me. The medicine makes me angry.



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Yeah, yeah, that's it.



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I believe we, as individuals have to take risks. And people are afraid to take risks. So it's easy to place the blame on the minorities, or the people that don't seem to have any kind of backing by the majority of society. Therefore the dishonesty, all the mind games, the favoritism, the prejudice, all of that comes into play. When individual personalities seem to our jealousy for for that matter, may come into play when an



Gigi 20:42

ugly monster comes.



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Yes. So you had a question? I definitely, I definitely think that things have evolved in the lesbian community that I was in in California in the early 1980s, there was definitely this feeling that bisexuals are gay people, lesbians that haven't made up their mind yet. That they're in the process of coming out. This is a stage. And they're kind of it's kind of a dangerous stage. Furthermore,



Gigi 21:19

because this one, actually, too, because I've heard this come up in group before. And that is that, you know, when I as bisexual sleep with a man that I'm really being gay, and when I sleep with a woman, I'm really being straight. And, you know, I'm kind of this divided force that can't make up its mind. And yet, you know, the way I feel is that I'm bisexual, whether I'm sleeping with a man or woman. Does that kind of fit?



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I think that's why we're organizing. I mean, I think that's why we're coming together to talk because it is self it is an all encompassing identity, it's as valid as being straight, it's as valid as being gay. And as yet we have encountered a lot of people saying it's not valid, it is. It's way out there. It's real different. It's indecisive, it's fencing. But well, we were, it's why we're organizing in order to say, you know, that this is not a phase, this is the way we are, and we are, we are a full totality of a person, not not made up of two different parts that don't really mesh together to two halves that are somehow existing, you know, in our, in our body and in a fighting state. That we are we exist as whole people. And I think that's why we're coming together and organizing now. I have seen it, I have seen an evolving thing in the gay and lesbian community where there is more acceptance, but I don't think I think that as a bisexual woman, I'll never be as warmly as accepted as if I was lesbian identified.



Gigi 23:04

I think this kind of leads us to the next question I have, and it really fits in quite well. How does bisexuality is each of you see it fit into the Cole queer movement.



Michelle 23:17

I feel that the bisexuals have a lot of issues, issues in common with with the queer movement and the gay and lesbian movement. Because, I mean, we're fighting for basically the same thing. So I mean, bisexuals are fighting for the rights of, of same sex marriages to be recognized fighting for the rights of, of our partnerships to be recognized with members of the same sex. I mean, we don't have to, we don't have to fight for the rights of our partnerships with the opposite sex to be recognized. Because side, you'll have absolutely no problem with that. It's just like, like, if I'm paying a guy, you know, we can all hold hands, we can have hands on the street and kiss and do all those things. And, and I mean, society will not care one bit. So don't be like, Oh, that's cool. But if I'm, if I'm with a woman holding hands, kissing society, I'll be like, You mainstream society will just look at us like this is totally wrong. You shouldn't be doing this. And so in that case, you know, we're fighting for the exact same thing that gays and lesbians are fighting for, which is to have all of our relationships recognized, and not just the heterosexual ones.



Gigi 24:19

And I think that brings up a point. It's like, when we go out to the gay bars, and or press, they don't oppress just half of us. Oh, my laptop's getting beaten today, because I'm gay on this side now and work that way. It's like the whole body gets it. We don't get half fired from jobs because we're bisexual in our straight half can't come back to the job the next day. Yeah,



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that's a good point. To understand. We face a lot of the same thing. We face a lot of the same issues. Also, I mean, bisexual I think bisexual men are seen have an even tougher role in a way because they're seen as being the people that spread aids into the straight community And

because they're seen as being the people that spread AIDS into the straight community. And that's that's a really heavy burden for bisexual men to bear. And identified bisexual men are the ones who can be taken to task for that, whereas there's a lot of bisexual behavior among people that don't identify as bisexuals. And we have to, we have to we have to acknowledge it that goes on. But there's a lot

 Gigi 25:39

I think what we have to acknowledge is that unsafe sex practices spread any sexual behavior that is done in Safeway spreads the disease? It's not bisexuals, sex. I mean, if that were true, then guys could have unprotected sex and stripes could have unprotected sex. And the only way it would get spread is by bisexuals. Now, it's unsafe sex practices,

 Michelle 26:06

there was something that that really bothered me it was this last week at Rice University, it was AIDS Awareness Week. And we had we had a sign it they had a sign up discussing like some of the high risk behaviors for for transmitting AIDS. And some of those things were like having sex with a bisexual man. Get ill being a bisexual man, it just said, bisexual men are at very high risk for AIDS. And, I mean, I was just, I was just like, totally shocked by that, to be honest. So

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let's blame the victims. That's kind of a medical model that's been around for a while. And unfortunately, a lot of people go for it. It's the medical model. And it it's only part of the story. Does the

 Gigi 26:50

virus jump through my little condom? Just because I'm bisexual? Sure.

 Jimmy Carper 26:59

Let me jump in on this.

 Gigi 27:02

Well, Marlon had the the

 Jimmy Carper 27:05

Hold on. Oh, yeah. I'm jumping in on on this.



27:09

Yeah, he doesn't have headphones, so he can't hear you. Yes.



Jimmy Carper 27:16

The point being, it's the behavior that causes AIDS. Yeah. And that more likely, people who identify as bisexual are going to be more attuned to safer sex practices. And it's the people who are practicing bisexuality in the closet, who are not into the safer sex practices.



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Hmm.



Jimmy Carper 27:42

I know it's that way in the gay community. Yeah, you got that all those guys out in the in the rest stops and all of that all those married guys that the rest stops having gay sex. That's, that's where the big problem is.



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I wanted to go for this. It was brought to my attention that a big one big step in being a lesbian or a gay male is the coming out process. And I have found that by being bisexual, coming out, is like a two fold process. Not only do you have to come out as being quote, deviant, then you have to come out as being bisexual. Is anybody else.



Gigi 28:35

Before we move to that? I'd like to kind of finish where we were on the query moment question. How do you How did you Marlon's is fitting into the queer community.



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I think bisexuals can be a liaison between homosexuals and heterosexuals in that respect that we can mediate the struggles basically have a little bit more understanding for the unsympathetic heterosexuals towards some of the gay issues as well as on separate on sympathetic toward some of the homosexual issues to coming across to the strike community. So so the liaison work would be our best asset



Gigi 29:41

about your iam

about your jam.



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The way I see the movement



Gigi 29:47

How do you see bisexuals fitting into the queer community in the quarter movement? What role do you see us by?



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Well see i i have a hard time seeing myself as being part of a queer community. Because I'm not. Well, I don't know, it depends on how you define things, but I'm not really gay. I'm not really straight. So, I mean, I don't know where that fits in the end, you know, because it is so divided. There's no middle ground. That's so where do we fit in the community is? I don't know. I mean, I think you know, there are a lot of bisexuals out there at the, at all the rallies and everything they have. They have all the little pink triangles on in their little, you know, Froot Loop things on their necks and everything. And but I don't know, what does that stand for bisexuality? I mean, that's being part of the gay movement, but that's not really a bi movement isn't what I'm not



Gigi 31:09

trying to distinguish between gay or bi um, I think that's why I call it the queer movement. I mean, we all have to take apart and fighting oppression, definitely.



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the queer movement thing I think is a was kind of more youth oriented that started with queer nation and act up. Around that time. It's kind of encompassing a lot of younger people and encompasses a lot of the diversity within the gay and lesbian community encompasses transgender people and encompasses s&m and compasses, leather, and does a better job encompassing bisexuality than the previous incarnation of the movement does. And acknowledging that we're all part of, we're all part of the struggle against homophobia, we're all part of the we're all part of a queer nation. That is a little bit on the outskirts and of mainstream society for a lot of the same reasons.



Gigi 32:07

One of the roles I see us doing and buying that, and that's happening in other large cities all across the country is that we're becoming a visible community. For so long, we've been isolated, alone, standing on our own as bisexual individuals hiding in a big closet. And, you

know, all across the country, bisexuals are coming in and, and forming communities. Like by now Houston here.



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Yeah, it is easier, I think, for people to come out as bisexual if they have a community to come out to where, you know, like them. The gay there's a definite gay community, there's a lesbian community, there's, there's kind of a support system. There. The



Gigi 33:00

other thing is that, you know, I kind of have a rental. How do you tell when a bisexuals walking down the street? Usually, we like it. If we see two men holding hands, we're saying they're gay immediately. If we're seeing a man and a woman walking in and hand we assume that their strike hat, you know, it's like, we are an invisible, just walking down the street in the sense.



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So how do how do we need? That's why we need groups. Like that's why we need groups.



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Yeah, well, I don't know, I see it as I don't know, I kind of live in this little fantasy world, I guess where everything is okay. And people get along. And you know, and all this kind of stuff. No, it doesn't really exist. But I'd like to think it does that that doesn't really matter. What made who you're attracted to who you have sex with? I mean, what does it



Michelle 34:02

really matter? Yeah, I feel that way to that. That's a very strong idea which I have, but, but I have to admit that I also am very aware of just you know, in day to day existence that this doesn't happen. I mean, if I'm, I mean, if I let certain people know about my, like, like at work, for example, if they knew of my sexual preference, I'm sure that I don't know if my boss could handle that. I mean, she'd be like, because my boss, my boss is wonderful, but she's very conservative woman. And just like being like, she's like, wow. Of course, that's why I'm broadcasting this on the radio, but yeah, really.



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I, I think activism is the clue for some individuals are not going to respond to everybody's day to day tales or our life stories. So You need some sort of with with the media being very dramatic, very sensationalist. the only the only thing individual is going to look at are the activist, the activist movement are going to take them off their feet, so to speak, open their

ears, allow them to listen. And that's unfortunate that we can't listen to one another without being hyper about it using a lot of hype, and activism, but it's just one of the unfortunate things about society.

 Gigi 35:44

Be shy, it raised the point a little while, a question a little while, and then likely to repeat the question, kind of give us an idea.

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And in the homosexual community, coming out, is usually a big step. It's usually associated with a lot of trauma. And it's a hurdle that once you've gotten over it, it gets easier to be whatever sexual orientation you choose to be. And it's not something that you repeat over and over and over again, you may do it to, to a certain degree at different times. But that first step is usually the end of it. But being bisexual, there's a, it's contrary to that, because not only do you come out as Oh, I really can't say being either gay or lesbian, I'll see. When you come out as being different. You have to also come out again, as being even more different. It's as if you, you come outside and you say, Okay, you heterosexual people, I'm one of them now. And then you go to them and say, I'm one of them.

 Gigi 37:05

And but is that what we're saying?

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Well, no, not not. I'm not saying it to the, in a way as being a freak of nature. What I'm saying is, you, you have to incense come out twice.

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I think that's very true. coming out process, and that's why it's been noted that the process of coming out for bisexual a lot of times happens later in life. Then, a lot of times people are when they're lesbian or gay are aware from a very young age that they're definitely attracted just to just one gender, whereas bisexual people become aware that they're attracted to one gender, and then the other gender and may take a longer time sorting all that out. And we also have quite a complex relationship to the lesbian and gay community

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with me. Sorry, go ahead with me, I felt once I found myself attracted to males. I felt that I had to make a decision. And, but then at the same time, I found myself uncomfortable with making a decision. And someone just mentioned that you come out as bisexual. Later in life. I agree



with that, because I didn't think being bisexual was an option. You were either Are you they're heterosexual, lesbian or gay. There was no such creature as bisexual. And even in heterosexual community, you will hear people say I'm not gay. You know, I messed around every once in a while, but I'm heterosexual. And to me, that's sort of contrary it's it's that's a conflict.

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Michelle 38:59

For me, it was I did come out fairly early in life. I'm 21 right now. But for me, the the thing that that I really feel is different for me than for for previous for previous generations was the I was exposed to bisexual community people. Actually, it was it was mostly on the internet that I found a lot of bisexual people from from other cities, I guess where they had already established a community. And, and that enabled me to come out. Yeah, it was kind of difficult for me to really discover, you know, my same sex attractions just because I mean, I was, you know, heterosexual relationships can work for me. I'm like, it's not like a gay and lesbian person who, you know, when they try out heterosexual relationships, they realize no, this is totally wrong. This is not this is not right for me. For me, it's like it's like yeah, you know, this is fine. This is right for me. Sure. But, but I still had to acknowledge the other part of myself that also goes both ways.

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Gigi 40:02

Like, Oh, Marlon, you want to decide?

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Yes, I, I think it's a risk factor that one has to take into consideration when they're coming out doing the coming out process. And if you, you must do it twice I think it's, it's important to know who you are, first of all, and if you feel comfortable with who you are as an individual, and the element of practice, as, as, the more often that you come out to individuals, the more comfortable you'll build yourself up and feel comfortable about who you are as an individual, then the easier it will be to reveal yourself to individuals, whether you call it a coming out process of 123, or our I believe sexuality, as well as life or on a continuum. So every day, you're coming out to individuals.

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Okay, then that kind of raises the question. Okay, for me, it is Why do you have to be out all the time, I mean, again, there are only certain individuals who really need to know that kind of thing, right,

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there's a need to know clause that I utilize. If if that individual is, if I perceive that individual as being supportive of me, and supportive of who I want to be, or who and is supportive of my, my personality, then I'm going to take a risk. I think, also, I'm coming out true,



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I think we tend to put a label, or try to have a one a generic way of coming out. And I think coming out with your sexuality is as individual as the person that is doing it. With me. 10 years ago, the only association I had with the homosexual community were in the dark of night, and I think a lot of us can identify with that. And I never could see myself as doing the, I guess what you would consider the traditional coming out, say at the family reunion or to friends. But it was brought to my attention by a friend that by me being seen with openly being seen with gay people being on this radio show. Admitting that I'm bisexual, that's coming out. It's to me, when I was concealing my sexuality with fear. I was to me that's hiding. You know, Jim brought up Why do you have to bring it out? It's one thing to do. So it's kind of like being inside of a house. If you stay inside your house, because when I'm tired, I don't want to be bothered. That's privacy. But when you are concealing something, for fear of whatever reason, to me that's hiding. And that's something that you can only do so long because you everyone gets tired of hiding, because hiding is very restrictive to you. It's like, heavy, it's like being suffocated



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or oppression. Other individuals will will see right through your excuses.



Gigi 43:54

Okay, let's take a break just music for a short while and we'll come back and talk some more. This is certainly a complex set of issues. I mean, we've got everything from gender identity to sex. We haven't even gotten into the topic of different types of sexuality. Ooh. And we will be coming back to that shortly.