

IF YOU CAN ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS...

- Do you think bisexuals are really straight?
- Do you think bisexuals are really lesbian/gay?
- Do you think bisexuals are unreliable?
- Do you feel sad when someone comes out to you as Bi?
- Do bisexuals think “Everyone’s bisexual really”?

OR NO TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS...

- Would you have sex with someone who was bisexual?
- Do you know where your nearest Bi group is?
- Can your Bi friends come out to you?
- Even the Lesbian and Gay ones?
- Do you think bisexual oppression is as important as lesbian and gay oppression?

THEN IT’S TIME TO READ THIS!!

**HEY HEY! HO HO!
BIPHOBIA’S GOT TO GO!**

Hostility and prejudice towards bi people is a painful reality in our lives, but it’s still widely seen as acceptable. Jokes and behaviour which would clearly be recognised as oppressive if directed at other groups go unchallenged when aimed at us. We need to make the links and name biphobia as the abuse of power that it is. It is no more acceptable and no less harmful than racism or sexism.

If you think that bisexual people don’t have to live with discrimination then that’s a biphobic attitude itself.

But we are more than victims of bigotry – we’ve survived it and are fighting back. We’re kicking down the closet doors that straights, lesbians, and gays have put up. We are not going to go away:

we’re here to take up our place in a community of lesbians, gay men, and bisexual people.

We have been putting energy into the fight against heterosexism ever since that struggle began. Now bi people across the world are demanding recognition and our share of the spaces and resources that we helped to create.

Biphobia: If you’re not part of the solution, you’re part of the problem.

**WE’RE HERE – WE’RE QUEER
WE’RE BI!**

Heterosexism is our common enemy. As men who love men and women who love women we must unite for a liberated future. Biphobia keeps oppression alive by refusing to accept the range of human sexuality, and by separating bi people from other queers it stops us forming a powerful coalition against heterosexism and patriarchy.

We’re accused of passing as straight but the reality is we are struggling to be visible in all communities – and all of them are trying to keep us invisible. We don’t want to “pass” as anything, it’s other people who don’t want us to be who we are. We have nothing to gain by hiding. We know how many lesbians and gays come out to us as bi because they daren’t come out in their own communities.

Bi people have always been here. Our queer love has always been under attack – often from lesbians and gay men. Now it’s time to recognise our shared goals and shared desire.

SING IF YOU’RE GLAD TO BE BI!

The bi movement is growing and can no longer be ignored. Our politics is a vision of the liberation of all peoples – and any action taken, or decision made, without bi people involved, is not challenging oppression on all fronts.

We are proud to have a movement which claims it’s right to organise separately when needed, while refusing separatism: we will always be involved – politically, emotionally, and sexually – with people of other sexualities.

Our sexuality is a source of joy, pride, pleasure, and strength. Sexuality is dynamic and changing – and bisexuality is a real part of it. Not a phase, but a powerful desire in its own right, out of which we have made powerful politics.

We know how good bisexuality feels, and how real it is and how much we fight for it. When you deny any of that you deny our lives. We’ve put our passion into our politics and now we’re putting our passion into your politics.

As this happens there won’t be any more “you” and “us” – we’ll be together as a queer community, no longer divided against each other, strong in our differences.

OUR RESPONSES

You say: I wouldn’t have sex with a bisexual.

We say: We wouldn’t have sex with a biphobe!

You say: Bi women are sleeping with the enemy.

We say: Bi women are proud of their relationships with men and women.

You say: I’ve been left by a bisexual.

We say: We’ve been left and been left out by lesbians and gays.

You say: Bisexuals are an HIV risk.

We say: Make bi-sex safe sex.

You say: It’s just a fashion.

We say: If you don’t know that bisexuality is here to stay, you’re out of date.

You say: Bisexuals are confused about their sexuality.

We say: It’s you who are confused about our sexuality.

You say: Bisexuals are different.

We say: We’re your mothers, fathers, friends, brothers, sisters, lovers, comrades, and partners.

You say: I’m not prejudiced but...

We say: Stop treating us like straight bigots treat you.

You say: You don’t want us.

We say: What are you really afraid of?

BISEXUALS

ARE...	ARE NOT...
QUEER	A COP OUT
MARRIED	STRAIGHT
MONOGAMOUS	UNDECIDED
WOMEN	FENCE SITTING
SINGLE	A PHASE
PROUD	CONFUSED
DISABLED	50-50
NON-MONOGAMOUS	SWINGERS
MEN	ASHAMED
CELIBATE	AN AIDS RISK
ANGRY	INCOMPLETE
S&M	A FASHION
BLACK	HETEROSEXUAL
PROMISCUOUS	DOING THINGS BY
RADICAL	HALVES
ABLE-BODIED	TRAITORS
VANILLA	SELF-CONFESSED
LESBIAN	CLOSET GAYS
IDENTIFIED	UNSAFE
WHITE	HOMOPHOBIC
POLITICAL	A PROBLEM
BI-IDENTIFIED	INVISIBLE
PARENTS	UNRELIABLE
TRANSEXUALS	
HERE	GOING AWAY

Sydney Bisexual Network

SBN is a social and support group, based in Sydney. It has regular social activities and members undertake various activities to raise the awareness of bisexuality.

The best way to keep up with our activities is via the Web. Our web page is:

<http://sbn.bi.org>

If you only have email you can request info from:
sbn-admin@yahoogroups.com

We also have an info line with a message detailing upcoming events: **(02) 9565 4281**

If you want information in the traditional manner please send a business-sized, stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

SBN
PO Box 281
Broadway NSW 2007

Australian Bisexual Network

The Australian Bisexual Network is a national body for bisexual men, women and their partners. It is affiliated with the Sydney Bisexual Network and other Australian bisexual groups.

ABN's bi-monthly publication, *National Biways*, contains national and international news, articles by and for bisexuals and their partners, personal columns, reviews, and more.

For information about ABN the web page is:
www.rainbow.net.au/~ausbinet/

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For mailed info on ABN and *National Biways*, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

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Bisexuality.



Attention All Lesbians and Gay Men...