Definitions

- Sexual Identity is the term used to refer to the objective categorization of a person's physiological status as male or female. penis/sperm vs vagina egg etc
- Gender on the other hand is related to the identification with the behavioral, cultural, or psychological traits typically associated with one sex in a given society
 - 1) IE agressive/passive, domineering, compassionate etc.
 - 2) Emphasizes cultural relativity
- **Sexual Orientation** is the term used to refer to a person's preference for either the same or the opposite sex partners

Heterosexual = preference for opposite sex sex partners

Gay = relating to or having a sexual orientation to persons of the same sex.

Lesbian = a gay term applied to females

Bisexual = attraction to persons of both the opposite and same sex

Transgender people are those who experience a mismatch between their gender identity and their biological sex

Transexual is the term used to describe those people having a strong desire to assume the physical characteristics & gender role of the opposite sex

- 1. And who seek medical assistance in the form of hormone treatment & surgery to attain the physical characteristics of the opposite sex.
- Queer Once considered a demeaning slur for being gay, is being reclaimed as a self-affirming umbrella term among those who consider other labels restrictive.
 - 1. Can also mean questioning

Intersex is a general term used for a variety of conditions in which a person is born with a reproductive or sexual anatomy that doesn't fit typical male/female definitions

- 1 For ie a girl may be born with a noticeably large clitoris or lacking a vaginal opening
- 2. Or a boy may be born with a notably small penis, or with a scrotum that is divided

Asexual is lack of sexual attraction to others