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WHAT SHOULD I DO IF ONE OF MY YOUTH HAS BEEN TRAFFICKED?

It can be difficult for victims of trafficking to disclose their situation and reach out for help. Many victims do not identify as victims of trafficking, fear the repercussions of reporting their situation, or simply do not know that help is available. It is important to continue to build trust and rapport, while giving them the tools to stay safe. Survivors may need specialized anti-trafficking services, such as criminal justice advocacy, assistance vacating prior convictions, or trauma-informed mental health services.

If you believe you are working with a young person who may be a victim of trafficking, you can reach out to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) for advice and referrals to local anti-trafficking services. The NHTRC is a national hotline serving survivors of human trafficking and the broader anti-trafficking community. The toll-free hotline is available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24/7, in over 200 languages.

The NHTRC and the Polaris BeFree Textline are confidential, non-judgmental places to seek assistance. Call 888-373-7888 or text 233733 to talk to a specially trained Hotline Advocate to get help, connect to local services, or get more information about human trafficking. For more information about these helplines, visit polarisproject.org/get-assistance.

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HOW CAN LGBTQ ORGANIZATIONS GET INVOLVED IN ANTI-TRAFFICKING EFFORTS?

- 1 Join your local human trafficking task force or coalition.** A strong anti-trafficking response requires the expertise and skills of all professions. You have an important role to play in supporting LGBTQ youth in your community.
- 2 Partner with local service providers and law enforcement on training efforts.** Peer-to-peer training not only provides an opportunity to build trust and relationships, but sharing expertise on LGBTQ cultural competency and human trafficking results in a stronger response network when youth do come forward.
- 3 Engage your youth on issues of trafficking and exploitation.** Provide youth with safety planning tips, resources about trafficking, and information on how to get help for themselves or others in abusive or exploitative situations.

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Age Range by Generation

Generations defined by name, birth year, and ages in 2022

What are the ages of the generations in 2022? If you do some research, you'll find that dates overlap and names vary. While we hear generational terms all the time, the definitions are not official. However, based on widespread consensus as well as new Gen Z analysis by the [Pew Research Center](#), and the one generation defined by the [U.S. Census Bureau \(Baby Boomers\)](#), these are the birth years and ages of the generations you'll want to use in 2022.

Note: Generation names are based on when members of that generation become adults (18-21).

	Born	Ages
Gen Z	1997 – 2012	10 – 25
Millennials	1981 – 1996	26 – 41
Gen X	1965 – 1980	42 – 57
Boomers II*	1955 – 1964	58 – 67
Boomers I*	1946 – 1954	68 – 76
Post War	1928 – 1945	77 – 94
WWII	1922 – 1927	95 – 100

*We occasionally break up Boomers into two different cohorts because the span is so large, and the oldest of the generation have different sensibilities than the younger. In the U.S., Boomers II are just young enough to have missed being drafted into war.

Thinking we've got it all wrong? Many people are confused by the labels demographers assign to the generations, and some of them email us to tell us we've made a mistake. We haven't. For more background on how the generations are defined, check out these references: [Wikipedia](#), [Kasasa](#), [GenHQ](#) and [NetDNA](#).

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HOW ARE LGBTQ YOUTH MORE VULNERABLE?

LGBTQ youth face higher rates of discrimination, violence, and economic instability than their non-LGBTQ peers.⁸ When faced with fewer resources, employment opportunities, or social supports, LGBTQ youth who are away from home must find ways to meet their basic needs and may therefore enter the street economy, engaging in commercial sex to meet these needs.

Others may then seek to exploit these vulnerabilities in order to compel youth into commercial sex. Traffickers may seek to meet the youth's needs as a way to build rapport and dependency. They may offer a sense of family, protection, or love to build a sense of relationship and loyalty. This bond may complicate the youth's understanding of their situation and prevent them from speaking out against their trafficker.

It is difficult for many individuals who have been trafficked to reach out for assistance, but this is especially true for individuals who fear that they will be mistreated or not believed because of their gender identity or sexual orientation. Studies have found that LGBTQ youth are overrepresented in detention for prostitution-related offenses and report higher levels of police misconduct than their straight peers.⁹

Furthermore, gay and transgender youth may not have access to anti-trafficking services because they are unaware of services in their area, the community lacks resources (e.g. bed space, funding), or they are concerned that providers are not LGBTQ friendly.

LGBTQ youth service programs may be in a unique position to support at-risk youth, identify youth who have experienced trafficking, connect them to needed services, and advocate on their behalf.

HOW DO I KNOW IF A YOUTH HAS EXPERIENCED SEX TRAFFICKING?

It may not be readily apparent that a youth has been trafficked, and every survivor's experience is unique. The red flags listed here signify common features associated with youth who have been trafficked. If you find that several of these red flags are present for a youth with whom you are working, we recommend you engage them in an honest, safe, and non-judgmental dialogue about their potential involvement in commercial sex.

RED FLAGS FOR SEX TRAFFICKING

- Is under the age of 18 and engaged in commercial sex, regardless of force, fraud, or coercion
- Feels they must provide commercial sex in exchange for food, housing, hormones, or other necessities
- Photos of the youth have been placed online for advertising purposes
- Movement or communications are monitored
- Is hesitant to answer questions; scripted responses
- Has been threatened with harm to self or loved ones, arrest, or deportation
- Demonstrates mental health concerns like PTSD, anxiety, self-destructive behavior, or depression
- Suffers from untreated medical concerns, particularly in relation to sexual or reproductive health
- Shows signs of physical or sexual abuse, neglect, malnourishment, or poor hygiene
- Has a debt they cannot pay off
- Earnings are confiscated or held by others
- Frequently moves or travels to new cities with new acquaintances

Sex Trafficking and LGBTQ Youth

Every year, children and young adults are compelled into sex trafficking in the United States. While trafficking affects all demographics, traffickers frequently target individuals who lack strong support networks, are facing financial strains, have experienced violence in the past, or who are marginalized by society. Without adequate community support, youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or questioning (LGBTQ) may be at particular risk for sex trafficking. Service providers who work with LGBTQ youth may be in a position to identify, support, and assist LGBTQ youth who have been trafficked.

WHAT IS SEX TRAFFICKING?

Sex trafficking is a form of modern slavery that exists throughout the United States and around the world. Sex traffickers use violence, threats, lies, debt bondage, and other forms of coercion to compel individuals to engage in commercial sex acts against their will. Under U.S. federal law, any minor under the age of 18 years induced into commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking—regardless of whether or not the trafficker used force, fraud, or coercion.¹

The situations that sex trafficking victims face vary dramatically. Some victims become romantically involved with someone who then forces or manipulates them into prostitution. Others are lured in with false promises of a job, such as modeling or dancing. Some are forced to sell sex by family members, while others are kicked out by their families, placing them in precarious financial situations in which they must trade sex to survive. Victims of sex trafficking may be involved in a trafficking situation for a few days or may remain in the same trafficking situation for years.

HOW DOES SEX TRAFFICKING AFFECT HOMELESS YOUTH?

Too many LGBTQ youth still face significant challenges during adolescence and early adulthood, fighting discrimination, misconceptions, and abuse by peers, family members, and others in their communities.

Up to 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ. Of these:

46% ran away because of family rejection²

7.4x more likely to experience acts of sexual violence than their heterosexual peers³

3-7x more likely to engage in survival sex to meet basic needs,⁴ such as shelter, food, drugs, and toiletries⁵

SAFE HARBOR LAWS

Safe harbor laws are designed to protect minors who are exploited for commercial sex. Safe harbor laws have two main components: legal protection and provision of services.⁶

As of 2015, 34 states had safe harbor laws on the books. These state laws varied greatly, offering immunity, affirmative defense, or pretrial diversion to minors engaged in commercial sex.⁷

Safe harbor also allows a pathway into specialized services, including medical and mental health treatment, housing, education assistance, job training, and legal services.



COMMENTARY Marriage And Family

Young Children Are Being Targeted With Sexual Content. The Equality Act Would Make It Worse.

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

As this year's LGBT+ Pride Month has shown, young children need not look any further than their living rooms or classrooms for highly sexualized content.

By directly targeting children, corporations, media, and schools are seeking to normalize sexual content that is inappropriate and confusing for young audiences.

Parents must commit to their children's welfare by becoming aware of what their children are watching and reading and stay informed on what schools are teaching.

Dating back to the 1860s, Americans celebrate National Children's Day on June 13 to recognize the gift of children and need to foster their welfare and future. John Ross, founder of the grassroots movement that advocated National Children's Day, says Americans "need this day to love, evaluate, and commit to the betterment of our children."

What better way is there to support children's "betterment" than by evaluating what corporations, the media, and schools are exposing children to? As this year's LGBT+ Pride Month has shown, young children need not look any further than their kitchen tables, living

rooms, or classrooms for highly sexualized content.

This Pride Month, Kellogg's released its "Together With Pride" cereal for kids. It features a tear-out "Together Band" that children can use to share their pronouns. The cereal company is donating \$3 for every box sold to GLAAD, an LGBT group. At an age when children are still figuring out what two plus two is, Kellogg's teaches kids that they must choose and express their pronouns.

Likewise, the popular children's cartoon "Blue's Clues" aired an episode featuring a song that celebrates LGBT+ identities. Sung by a cartoon drag queen, the song praises families with gay, lesbian, transgender, and nonbinary members, concluding that "Ace, bi, and pan grownups, you see, can love each other so proudly."

The song, following the melody of "The Ants Go Marching," further pushes LGBT awareness by giving one of the beavers in the cartoon scars from a double mastectomy surgery. The show is intended for preschoolers—children that are just learning their colors and numbers.

Even LEGO introduced its rainbow set called "Everyone Is Awesome" just ahead of Pride Month. The set was released in honor of children—the largest demographic of LEGO consumers—the creator of the set claimed, saying, "Children are our role models, and they welcome everyone, no matter their background."

And yet, although the majority of LEGO users are children, the box indicates the set as appropriate for those 18 years and older.

These are just a few examples of products aimed at exposing children to sexual content. There are also the Care Bears phone cases, Teletubbies Pride Collection, Disney Rainbow Gear, and gay Captain America.

Messages that introduce children to extreme sexual content are also coming from schools.

During a sex ed class for first graders at a New York private school, a teacher showed a cartoon video that explains how it "feels good" for girls and boys to touch their private parts. The video concludes that "it's OK to touch yourself and see how different body parts feel, but it's best to only do it in private."

Fortunately, parents became aware of this content, and the school subsequently removed the video. It took the work of vigilant parents to remove a video that is entirely inappropriate for 6-year-olds who should be learning how to read, not how to masturbate.

A school in Washington state also exposed first graders to sexual content by reading the book “I Am Jazz,” which promotes transgenderism. In California, third graders had to complete an assignment that referenced “experimenting with gender presentation” and the “gender spectrum.”

By directly targeting children, corporations, media, and schools are seeking to normalize sexual content that is inappropriate and confusing for young audiences. In many instances, the content could be considered pornographic material, and some have described the process of normalizing as the first step in grooming children for sexual acts.

Beth Bukoski, an associate professor at the University of Texas’ College of Education, revealed what is going on when she said:

I think parents don’t always give credit to their kids. Because kids can hold and understand a lot more than we think they can ... I think it has to start at a young age. That’s how you normalize it. Normalizing that LGBTQ+ identities exist, have always existed, and are, in fact, quite normal.

What Bukoski fails to take into account is the vast body of research that details the harm of exposing children to sexual content at too young of an age. In contrast to what the UN Children’s Fund may want parents to believe, early exposure to pornography is linked to poor “mental health, life satisfaction, sexual behavior and attitudes, and pornography viewing patterns in adulthood.”

This means that even if children may not fully understand what they are seeing and hearing, they are influenced by those messages and may begin to act on them.

Policies like the Equality Act and Fairness for All, which enshrine radical gender ideology in civil rights law, would only lead to the increased sexualization and harm of young children. The Equality Act would especially open the door for a mandate to include sexual orientation and gender identity ideology in school curricula, while not allowing states or parents to opt out of this kind of curricula.

And while Fairness for All is a well-intended compromise solution, it too would leave children vulnerable to gender ideology.

This is why parents and lawmakers have signed “The Promise to America’s Children,” a commitment to oppose legislation that harms children and to protect their minds, bodies, and relationships with their parents. Stopping the Equality Act and any policy that includes radical gender ideology in law will help protect children from the harms of premature exposure to sexual content.

Ultimately, parents are the ones best suited to determine the right timing to tell their children about sensitive sexual issues, not a cereal company or kindergarten teacher. On National Children’s Day, and every day, parents must commit to their children’s welfare by becoming aware of what their children are watching and reading and stay informed on what schools are teaching.

Only by doing this can parents safeguard their children from the aggressive push to expose kids to sexual content, advancing from all fronts.

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Critics say HB 755 would have the effect of outing LGBTQ students well before they're ready. (Image: Adobe Stock)

On Wednesday night, after the state Senate voted to approve House Bill 755, the "Parents' Bill of Rights," State Rep. Cecil Brockman sounded exhausted.

"I can't believe this is what we're talking about right now in our short session," said Brockman, a Guilford County Democrat and vice-chair of the house standing committee on K-12 education. "It shows the complete wrong priorities when it comes to education in North Carolina."

"After we just saw 19 children killed in a mass shooting in Texas?" Brockman said. "We should be more concerned about guns in classrooms as kids are learning their ABCs than them learning about sexual orientation."

The bill now heads back to the House. If that chamber approves a Senate amendment, the measure heads to Gov. Roy Cooper, who is expected to veto it. Republicans don't have the votes to override the Democratic governor's veto. However, Brockman said bills involving wedge social issues are often not expected to pass, but rather highlight divisive issues for coming elections.

Brockman, a Black Democrat and one of only a handful of out LGBTQ state lawmakers, said Republicans see a rare opportunity to score with non-white voters.

A Black religious conservative, Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson is expected to run for governor. He has made headlines condemning gay couples as inferior to straight couples, and LGBTQ people as "filth" that shouldn't be referenced in public schools. Many of those speeches have been given in churches where that rhetoric resonates, Brockman said.

"When you talk to folks in the Black community and you say, 'Democrats want to teach about homosexuality in our schools and we're trying to get them not to,' that, I think, plays with a lot of folks in the Black community," Brockman said. "I fear us falling into that trap, looking like what we're fighting for is LGBTQ issues to be taught to kindergarteners. That's not what this is."



Rep. Cecil Brockman

The bill would ban any instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity in Kindergarten through third grade. Brockman and other Democrats say this doesn't appear to be a legitimate issue and one that few oppose. But the controversy goes well beyond third grade.

The bill requires schools to notify parents if any student under 18 asks to be addressed by a different gender pronoun. It would also prohibit teachers or administrators from withholding "information about his or her mental, emotional, or physical health," which would include LGBTQ students expressing frustration that they can't come out to families who would not support them.

This would have the effect of outing LGBTQ students well before they're ready, Brockman said. Young people who don't have supportive families often talk to their friends at school, to teachers or counselors they trust, Brockman said. They join school gay-straight alliance groups where they can find support among their peers. But HB 755 threatens to pull those safe spaces out from under LGBTQ youth, Brockman said.

Brockman only **publicly came out as bisexual in 2016** after **the fight over HB2** made national headlines. "I can tell you for me, I wasn't personally ready to come out until I was in my 30s," Brockman said. "I wasn't quite sure if I was ready then."

Provisions of the bill would require schools to "establish a process for parents to learn about the nature and purpose of clubs and activities offered at their child's school," which conservative activists have already framed as a method for opposing and eliminating LGBTQ groups in public schools altogether, characterizing them as "sexual grooming."

It would also require the school to tell parents which books students have checked out from the school library, setting up further challenges to materials that depict LGBTQ characters or discuss the history of LGBTQ people and activism as inappropriate in public schools.

"It's the government saying there's something wrong, something dangerous about homosexuality and parents need to be warned," Brockman said. "And it's only applying that to people being LGBTQ."

Breaking a trust



Multiple speakers told the Senate Rules Committee HB 755 would endanger lives.

The Trevor Project is a nonprofit focused on suicide prevention among LGBTQ youth. Speakers at the Senate Rules Committee meeting this week cited the group's **estimate that 1.8 million LGBTQ youth** in the United States ages 13-24 seriously consider suicide each year, and at least one attempts suicide every 45 seconds.

The Trevor Project's 2022 national survey of nearly 34,000 LGBTQ youth found that fewer than 1 in 3 transgender or nonbinary respondents found their homes to be gender-affirming. LGBTQ youth who found their schools to be gender-affirming reported lower rates of attempted suicide. Concerns about getting parent or guardian permission for mental health services was one of the top reasons cited by youth who wanted mental health services but didn't get them.

The bill "endangers the lives of our young people," said Rev. Vance Haywood Jr. of St. John's Metropolitan Community Church in Raleigh, said Tuesday.



Austin Horne

Austin Horne, an LGBTQ+ specialist at Family Services of the Piedmont, predicted spikes in child abuse and youth homelessness if the bill becomes law.

In his work, Horne works with LGBTQ+ youth who have been abused or kicked out of their homes

by their parents or guardians. He often turns to teachers and counselors to help create supportive environments for students.

"I can't rely on the parents," he said. "Often, I can rely on supportive teachers or guidance counselors to be there for the kid."

The bill would turn teachers and guidance counselors into mandated reporters who tell parents if students come out at school or if faculty members overhear students using different pronouns, he said.

"The kid is going to completely lose trust in the institution that they work with, lose trust with the people they have at school supporting them," Horne said. "When I meet the kid, I can't rely on the parents. Now, often I can rely on supportive teachers or guidance counselors to be there for the kid. But I don't think that that is going to be the case anymore, because they are going to be forced to break their students' trust."

Bill supporters point the language would excuse teachers and schools from reporting to parents "when a reasonably prudent person would believe that disclosure would result in the child becoming an abused juvenile or neglected juvenile."



Rep. Marcia Morey

But that language, like much of the bill, is far too vague, said Rep. Marcia Morey (D-Durham). As a former judge, Morey said she has seen much of the abuse and neglect children face at home happens in secret. Parents and children alike hide it out of shame and fear of consequences.

Asking already overburdened, underpaid teachers to determine whether a family may abuse a child if they follow a mandate to talk to them about their child's sexuality or gender identity is too much, Morey said.

The provision would also only cover those things that are legally defined as abuse and neglect in North Carolina, Morey said. Despite multiple attempts to pass one, there is currently no law preventing parents from **subjecting their children to so-called "conversion therapy"** if they are outed by a teacher or counselor.

The practice – which purports to “cure” people of being LGBTQ – has been completely or partially banned for minors in 25 states and Washington, D.C. It has been condemned by the American Psychiatric Association, the American Medical Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics as harmful. Decades of research has shown it increases the likelihood of depression, self-harm and suicide but has no impact on sexuality or gender identity.

Some of the largest and most prominent such “conversion” programs have fallen apart amid abuse allegations, lawsuits, criminal charges and their leaders coming out as still LGBTQ and repenting for their involvement in them.

“Unfortunately, in North Carolina, it is still perfectly legal to send children to one of these ‘conversion therapy’ camps,” Morey said. “We have tried to pass bills banning it and we can’t even get a vote. So I do think that would be one of the outcomes of this law, among other abuses, for families that don’t accept their children when they come out or they are outed.”

Morey said she left her hometown because it was not a safe place to be an out lesbian. Republican lawmakers should not be trying to expand the number of places LGBTQ young people have to fear being outed and ostracized, she said.

Young people come out first where they feel safest, said Craig White, supportive schools director with the Campaign for Southern Equality, and often that’s at home. If students are coming out first at school, it means that they are looking for an adult ally to figure out how to talk to their parents, he said, or they don’t feel safe going to their parents.

With a mandatory disclosure law, students won’t confide in adults at school, or could be kicked out of their homes by parents.

“One of the prime sources of youth homelessness is kids coming out to their parents as LGBTQ+,” he said. “We’re cutting off the little support that’s available at a time when they’re already in crisis.”

A chilling effect

Teachers, administrators and counselors say they are already reporting a chilling effect from debate over the bill, White said.

Conservative activists are predicting the bill, should it become law, will give them more ammunition to force public schools to align with their religious values.

White said it’s already having that effect, even before passage. He’s already hearing of principals who’ve told teachers to remove all LGBTQ content from all grades to preempt any trouble. He said he has received calls from educators in two North Carolina school districts where parents are complaining about teachers being out at school.

"If a teacher mentions that they have a partner, just a general neutral partner, not even a woman saying 'I have a wife,' the parents are considering that promotion of homosexuality and an attempt to convert children into being LGBTQ," he said.

"I don't think I can overstate the level of hostility in the environment towards LGBTQ people in schools right now," he said. "After the Virginia governor's race, there was a realization that going after trans kids is a winning midterm election issue. There's no doubt that a lot of these politicians have mobilized their base and raised millions of dollars off of this hate speech, off of this fear mongering. The problem is the fallout really lands on some of our most vulnerable young people."

White said that the wording of the bill is so vague that teachers are already concerned about simple assignments such as having young students draw pictures of their families, for fear that it might lead to questions about same-sex parents.



Rep. Allison Dahle

"Those assignments would be off the table," White said.

The language is so vague and general, he said, parents could make a complaint about anything.

That, said Rep. Allison Dahle (D-Wake), is the point.

"There are teachers and there are administrators and school systems where any mention of LGBTQ people is going to be a problem," Dahle said. "And there are places where parents are going to make it a problem even if it's not a problem. But it's not going to be consistent. And in some of the places where these students are most vulnerable, they're going to be targeted."

Treating anything related to LGBTQ people or issues as de facto dangerous will only teach students they aren't safe anywhere, Dahle said.

Rampant misinformation

Transgender students are particularly vulnerable, Dahle said. The bill conflates students wishing to change their gender pronouns with having a mental health problem that must be disclosed to their parents, whether or not their family is supportive.

Gender dysphoria is not a mental illness. The American Psychiatric Association defines it as "a gender conflict between a person's physical or assigned gender and the gender with which he/she/they identify."

More than 40 years' of research into and treatment of transgender people experiencing dysphoria has led psychiatric and medical professionals to conclude the most effective course of treatment is support and acceptance. Gender transition — aligning one's life socially and sometimes physically to better match their gender identity — is not something everyone experiencing dysphoria chooses, just as not all transgender people choose to medically transition. For those for whom it is judged necessary, medical experts agree that it can be life-saving.



Dr. Deanna Adkins

But misinformation about gender dysphoria and the process of transition – including when and how young people may choose that path – is rampant, according to doctors who work with transgender youth.

Dr. Deanna Adkins is a pediatric endocrinologist who helped establish Duke Child and Adolescent Gender Care at Duke University Hospital. Having treated hundreds of transgender patients at her clinic, Adkins is one of the most widely sought medical experts on the issue in the state.

In an interview with Policy Watch this week, she said she is distressed at the characterizations of transgender people and their treatment she has heard in the debate of this bill.

"There are comparisons that are being made that are inappropriate and descriptions of what we do in terms of treatment that do not reflect reality," Adkins said.

In a committee meeting this week, Sen. Ralph Hise (R-Mitchell) told the story of how his son had to have a doctor's signature and parental permission form to bring over-the-counter antacids and Lactaid to school.

"I understand the procedures that require that," Hise said. "I understand that I had to be involved, my doctor had to be involved, in deciding for an antacid. Because there's risk. If it were mixed with something, whatever else, the school doesn't want it distributed. But compare that to a context where we would have a system in our school system whereby a teacher or a school employee, a child could be diagnosed and receive physical treatment or mental health treatment without ever notifying a parent."

Hise was vague in his description, but referred to "dealing with a severe, in this case, issue that requires mental health treatment or requires medical care." Parents must be involved in that process, Hise said, "regardless of how you feel about all these issues."



Sen. Ralph Hise

Neither being LGBTQ or being transgender necessarily requires mental health treatment or medical care, Adkins said. But if care is needed, she said, parents would already – by law and codes of ethical conduct – have to consent to it.

"We don't do any treatment of minors without parental consent and we never have," Adkins said. "That type of treatment isn't being done in public schools and it isn't being done by medical professionals without parental consent and involvement."

Hise's comparison of his son's medication and LGBTQ students being able to talk openly to

supportive teachers and school staff is inappropriate, Adkins said, but far too common in political discussions of LGBTQ issues today.

Last month Hise was a guest at the conservative "Make Education Great Again" conference. During a panel discussion, he told the story of taking his family to Walt Disney World and Disney's Animal Kingdom. Hise said he was "done with Disney" when he saw rainbow-colored Mickey Mouse ears on offer at the parks. Now he takes his children to Dolly Parton's Dollywood amusement park in Tennessee, he said.

Parton is a high profile supporter of LGBTQ issues who has released a number of songs and television shows with messages supporting that community. She spoke out against HB2 was nominated for an Oscar for her song from the film *Transamerica*, a narrative about a transgender woman struggling for acceptance.

Dahle said she was not surprised Hise would make such comments. "That is the mentality that is driving these 'Don't Say Gay' bills around the country," Dahle said. "It's not a coincidence it's happening now, with elections coming, and it's not a coincidence you're seeing this kind of people with these kinds of views."



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175 ESSENTIAL LGBTQ+ TV SHOWS

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TV has been instrumental in the LGBTQ+ rights movement and in changing attitudes towards the community. It has also, perhaps most importantly, been a platform to tell stories that have made gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans, queer, intersex, and more people feel less alone in the world – to know there is a big and varied community to which they belong. One pioneering show at a time, groundbreaking character by groundbreaking character, TV and streaming series have given the world an insight into the LGBTQ+ experience, and provided LGBTQ+ people with reflections of their own lives – stories to laugh along with, to cry with, and to identify with. In this list of essential LGBTQ+ TV shows, we highlight 175 shows that have broken ground, enlightened, and entertained.

We've arranged the list into four categories: shows that were big TV firsts, or featured TV firsts; shows that center on LGBTQ characters or experiences; shows that feature LGBTQ+ characters and stories, but where that isn't necessarily the primary focus or thrust of the series; and reality shows and docuseries. As with all lists like this, even an "essential" one, there will be titles we've missed, and you may disagree with some of our categorizations; we encourage you share your thoughts and add your favorites in the comments, so when we do an update, we can have even more great LGBTQ+ titles to consider.

GROUNDBREAKERS AND BIG FIRSTS

In many ways, nearly all of the series on this list could be called "trailblazers," "pioneers," and recognized for their contribution to furthering fuller LGBTQ+ representation on TV and in streaming. But the titles in this first section stand out for breaking boundaries and crossing major milestones. They did so by being the first network superhero TV show with an LGBTQ+ lead (actress and character), as is the case of the CW's *Batwoman*, or featuring some of the earliest recurring gay characters on American TV, like Vincent Schiavelli's Peter Panama on the short-lived *The Corner Bar*, or Billy Crystal's Jodie Dallas on *Soap*. In this section you'll also find the first Disney Channel show to feature a gay main character (*Andi Mack*), the first animated show to feature a same-sex marriage proposal (*Steven Universe*), and *Pose*, which broke ground with its diverse, largely transgender cast, and for being the series on which Janet Mock became the first transgender woman of color to direct and write an episode of television.

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25 TV Shows True 90s Kids Are Binging Right Now

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Where before watching nostalgia TV was a millennial quirk, now it seems the entire world is craving a journey back in time to a simpler, less absolutely terrifying decade: the 90s. That's right, it turns out we're all rewatching shows we've seen a thousand times.

Why is the 90s the perfect era for this? Well, because these are the shows that for years shaped our (sometimes questionable) fashion choices and became the basis for our lifelong crush on Angel in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*.

Before the era of [TOWIE](#), [Made in Chelsea](#), [Love Island](#) and binge watching on [Netflix](#) took over our lives, true 90s kids will remember this frankly unmatched era of television and guess what? We're ready to dive back in.

How many can you remember? Get the snacks in for a streaming session now.

90s TV Shows



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The Fresh Prince of Bel Air

Who can forget Will Smith and Carlton Banks in this American sitcom ... "Now this is a story all about how my life got flipped-turned up-side down" ...



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Buffy the Vampire slayer

American drama series based on the life of Buffy Summers, who slays vampires and demons



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Sabrina the Teenage Witch

Sabrina the Teenage Witch and her magical talking cat Salem



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RUGRATS

Who can forget Tommy, Chuckie, Lil & Phil (and Dil)? The Nickelodeon show already had four seasons, three movies and a spin-off, and in 2018 it was revealed another series was in the works. Until then, I'm just going to sit munching on my [Reptar Bar](#) and rewatch [episodes on Amazon Prime](#).



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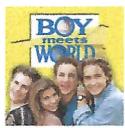


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Saved by the Bell

American sitcom based on high school students Zack Morris, Kelly Kapowski, A .C . Slater, Jessie Spano and Screech Power



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Boy meets World

American sitcom based on the every-day life of Cory Matthews.



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The X-Files

Long-running sci-fi based on FBI special agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully.



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The Simpsons

Animated American sitcom based on the Simpson family - Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie who live in Springfield



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Dawson's Creek

Teen drama series based on college friends including Dawson Leery



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Will & Grace

American sitcom based in New York, based on the relationship between Will, a gay lawyer, and Grace, an interior designer



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Arthur

American animated series based on the life of aardvark Arthur Read



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Dexter's Laboratory

American animated series based on Dexter, genius inventor of a laboratory in the basement of his house, and his sister Dee Dee



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The Powerpuff Girls

American animated series based on super-powered trio Blossom, Bubbles and Buttercup



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American sitcom based on the events of widowed father, Danny Tanner, who has to raise three daughters



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Recess

American animated series based on Third Street School fourth-graders T.J., Ashley, Vince, Gus, Gretchen and Mikey



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Hey Arnold!



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Charmed

Series based on three sisters Prue, Piper and Phoebe who are all witches with individual magical powers



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That 70's Show

American sitcom based on the lives of teenager friends living in 'Point Place', with Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher as part of the cast!

The 90s cartoon characters you never knew were queer

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When you look back on your childhood, you might be surprised how many queer TV characters there were. Especially if your formative years were during the 90s, as LGBTI people were slowly gaining acceptance. Many writers of TV shows back then used codes and stereotypes to convey queerness in the most mainstream of settings: kids TV.

Some dropped small hints through dress or character, and some went full rainbow, and some even did or eventually made those characters' sexuality explicit.

So let's turn back the clock and see exactly who are the 16 most queer characters from 90s kids TV.

1. Spongebob Squarepants

The friendship between Spongebob and Patrick has long been considered homoromantic not only by LGBTI fans, but by Christian conservatives as well.

Not only is there intimacy between the two, but Spongebob is often coded as queer. By combining a preference for male intimacy with a camp and emotionally open personality, he is the fun and friendly cartoon that became a phenomenon.

In 2005, creator Stephen Hillenburg revealed he thought of Spongebob as asexual.

2. Betty DeVille (Rugrats)

There were suggestions Rugrats producers originally intended Phil and Lil to be raised by a single mom: a feminist who was not only capable but also extremely accomplished at taking on 'traditional' male gender roles. In the final show, she had a husband in Howard who was her counterpart – a guy who liked baking and other 'traditional' feminine stuff.

Other than Lil's pink bow, the twins are raised completely gender-neutral and are dressed alike. But there are still instances Betty could have almost intended to be lesbian: the female sign on her shirt, the interest in sports, the intimacy of her friendship with Tommy's mom Didi.

3. HIM (The Powerpuff Girls)

If you delved into the mind of the homophobe, you might find they all think every gay guy is HIM from The Powerpuff Girls.

The effeminate male in the devil's form, HIM wore lipstick, thigh high heeled boots and a skirt. His voice was a singsong hiding a veiled rage.

While some thought HIM could be transgender or non-binary, creator Craig McCracken uses male pronouns for HIM.

4. Daria

When Daria got to college, she could have very easily realized she 's bisexual.

Not only did she and Jane seem to spend time exclusively with each other for the first three seasons, she wasn't interested in men at all.

And when it did come to interest in guys? It ended up being Jane's brother and her boyfriend. A lot of queer girls have done the same thing to get a girl's attention.

5 & 6. Bloaty the Tick and Squirmey the Ringworm (Rocko's Modern Life)

Looking back on Rocko's Modern Life today, you'd be surprised it was ever considered kids TV at all.

Using animals to satirize modern life, Bloaty and Squirmey were two parasites that lived on Rocko's miniature bull terrier Spunky.

Shown to live together and take trips together, they leveled each other out as Bloaty was the excitable one and Squirmey was more of the cynic. In a way, they parallel Cam and Mitch on Modern Family.

7 & 8. The Gromble and Oblina (Aahh!!! Real Monsters)

Two very different types in coding with the Aahh!! Real Monsters. With The Gromble, the antagonistic teacher at the school for monsters, he shares similar characteristics with HIM from The Powerpuff Girls: Even down to the red heels and the black belt.

But with Oblina, the coding is a little more subtle.

Essentially the Hermione Granger of the three main characters, Oblina was awkward but extremely able in her abilities. Her power to induce nightmares could be a metaphor for mental anguish.

Christine Cavanaugh, the voice of Oblina, said she tried to base her voice on Agnes Morehead – the Bewitched actress heavily rumored to be a lesbian.

9 & 10. Ren and Stimpy

Now even though they were a cat and dog, this lovable doofus couple bathed together and often showed their intimacy for each other.

But were they just two bros or was there something homoromantic about the surreal show?

Show creator John Kricfalusi has gone from saying ‘it’s none of his business’ to saying they canonically gay. They were explicitly gay in the adult-spin off.

The main response he has given is that the duo are only gay ‘when it’s funny’.

11. Mystique (X-Men: The Animated Series)

This might be cheating, of course, considering villains Mystique is canonically queer in the comics.

But in the 90s animated show (with the best theme song of all time), the shapeshifting mutant is hinted at still being in a relationship with future-seeing Destiny. Both were the adoptive mothers of Rogue, and shared an intimate relationship.

12. Maggie Sawyer (Superman: The Animated Series)

Again a slight cheat, but one that works. The head of Metropolis Police’s Special Crime Unit, her sexuality was only obliquely referenced to in the show.

While her divorce and struggle to get custody of her daughter is explicitly mentioned, a brief scene makes it clear. While injured in hospital, she is being attended to by an unnamed woman. The credits and DVD commentary is revealed to be Toby Raynes, her long-term partner in the comics.

13 & 14. Robert Simmons and Eugene (Hey Arnold)

Hey Arnold was an adult show, and was not afraid to talk about issues a lot of kids TV shows wouldn't dare talk about.

Teacher Mr Simmons was gay, and had a 'close friend' named Peter.

Creator Craig Bartlett confirmed fan speculation in an interview last year.

'We figured Mr. Simmons was a gay character without having to make a big deal of it, or have it be a special episode or anything like that...it was just part of the show's fabric,' Bartlett said.

'And then you have Eugene. We figured he's not gay yet because he's still a kid. But he will be when he grows up!'

15. Lexington (Disney's Gargoyles)

Lexington's sexuality was long hinted at in the show and comics, but that wasn't always the plan.

Gargoyles creator Greg Weisman said: 'We didn't plan it from the beginning...Over time, we learned more about the characters. And towards the end, it occurred to us that Lexington was gay but that he didn't know it. It wasn't "liberal Hollywood's" plan. It was just the way the character played out.'

But ultimately, Weisman could never show it on screen. 'We were working for a company that would never let us be open about that in those days, so we just tried to write with consistency, if not with courage. And, by the way, the lack of courage is not something I'm particularly proud of.'

16 & 17. Sailor Uranus and Neptune (Sailor Moon)

In the Japanese original, it was clear and factual Sailor Uranus and Neptune were in a relationship. They were intimate together, they were rarely apart, and they lived together to raise an infant.

Weirdly, the American dub made them cousins as they were afraid of broadcasting homosexuality on TV.

Fans then thought the couple were incestuous, which was probably not what the censors had in mind.

18. Smithers (The Simpsons)

When Smithers made his debut as a speaking character in 1990, he was like many of these characters on this list.

His sexuality was hinted at, played with, joked about, but it was never made canon.

If The Simpsons had ended in the 90s, then it probably would have stayed that way.

The benefit of The Simpsons continuing is that as times changed, then characters can be explored.

So that was why, after nearly three decades, Smithers finally came out as gay to his love and to his boss Mr Burns, in an episode last year.

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14 TV Shows That Broke Ground With Gay and Transgender Characters

By Kathryn Shattuck

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Last year was a remarkable time when it came to the representation of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer regular characters on television, according to the latest Glaad report monitoring diversity on the small screen. But that milestone, along with more accurate story lines and fewer stereotypes, has been a long time coming — a turbulent 45-year trajectory from television movies to single episodes involving secondary players to fully fleshed-out characters central to a show's story line. "All of these moments are very important in one way or another, either in progressing our lives as L.G.B.T.Q. people, or being able to help people understand who we are, especially in those times when so many people lived hidden and invisible," said Sarah Kate Ellis, the president and chief executive of Glaad (formerly known as the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation). The following are some of the most momentous.

1972 — ‘THAT CERTAIN SUMMER’ A divorced father (Hal Holbrook) hides his lover (Martin Sheen) from his teenage son in Lamont Johnson's movie for ABC, considered the first sympathetic depiction of gay people on television. (In 2015, Mr. Sheen partnered with Sam Waterston on Netflix's "Grace and Frankie.")

1977 — ‘THE JEFFERSONS’ Norman Lear, who had already shaken up the staid sitcom with shows like "All in The Family" and "Maude," did so again on this CBS sitcom. In the episode "Once a Friend," George Jefferson (Sherman Hemsley) learns that his old Army buddy Eddie is now a transgender woman named Edie (Veronica Redd). (In 1975, Mr. Lear had introduced one of the first gay couples on network television in the short-lived ABC series "Hot l Baltimore.")

1977 — ‘SOAP’ In this ABC sitcom, Billy Crystal plays Jodie Dallas — a gay man having an affair with a famous quarterback and contemplating gender-reassignment surgery — who becomes one of the first gay dads on television.

[See where to stream these, and other great shows, at *Watching*, The New York Times's film and TV recommendation site.]

1985 — ‘AN EARLY FROST’ A Chicago lawyer (Aidan Quinn) returns home to reveal to his parents that he’s gay and has AIDS in this NBC movie by John Erman, setting the stage for feature films like Jonathan Demme’s “Philadelphia.”

1994 — ‘THE REAL WORLD’ Pedro Zamora, the MTV reality show’s first HIV-positive cast member, brings awareness to the illness and commits to his boyfriend, Sean Sasser, in the first same-sex ceremony on television.

1994 — ‘MY SO-CALLED LIFE’ In the episode “Life of Brian,” this ABC drama about high school angst deals with young gay love when Rickie (Wilson Cruz) develops a crush on his new classmate, Corey (Adam Biesk).

1994 — ‘ROSEANNE’ Mariel Hemingway locks lips with Roseanne Barr in “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” — an early same-sex kiss that 30 million viewers tuned in to watch.

1996 — ‘FRIENDS’ In “The One With the Lesbian Wedding,” the marriage of Ross’s ex-wife, Carol (Jane Sibbett), to her partner, Susan (Jessica Hecht), draws 31.6 million viewers to this NBC sitcom — even though the women don’t seal their vows with a kiss.

Ellen DeGeneres, left, and Laura Dern during a taping of “The Puppy Episode” in 1997. Mike Ansell/Touchstone Television

1997 — ‘ELLEN’ Ellen DeGeneres comes out on “The Puppy Episode” on her ABC sitcom

— the first lead character to do so on television — and draws a staggering 42 million viewers. The episode also earns Ms. DeGeneres a Peabody.

1998 — ‘WILL & GRACE’ Two gay men plus two straight women equals 83 Emmy nominations and 16 wins for the show that Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr., in 2012 on “Meet the Press,” said “probably did more to educate the American public than almost anything anybody’s ever done so far.”

Randy Harrison, left, and Gale Harold in “Queer as Folk.” Showtime

2000 — ‘QUEER AS FOLK’ Showtime breaks new ground with the first hourlong drama in the United States about gay men and women, including a character who is H.I.V. positive. The cable channel does it again in 2004 with “The L Word,” giving lesbians visibility they hadn’t previously had.

2009 — ‘MODERN FAMILY’ This ABC sitcom — featuring a gay couple, Mitchell (Jesse Tyler Ferguson) and Cameron (Eric Stonestreet), and their adopted daughter, Lily

(Aubrey Anderson-Emmons), as part of a larger family — “is genius in the way it integrates comedy and inclusion, and is able to educate and open people’s hearts and minds,” Ms. Ellis said.

Taylor Schilling, left, and Uzo Aduba in “Orange Is the New Black.” Netflix

2013 — ‘ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK’ This Netflix series tells the story of a women’s correctional facility and its diverse cast of inmates, including the transgender Sophia (Laverne Cox) and the lesbian Poussey (Samira Wiley), who is killed off in Season 4 — the latest fatality in a 40-year string of lesbian deaths on television, beginning with Julie (Geraldine Brooks) in “Executive Suite” in 1976.

2014 — ‘TRANSPARENT’ This Amazon show stars Jeffrey Tambor as the patriarch of a California family who is transitioning late in life to the woman he has always identified as. Inspired by her own transgender parent, the show’s creator, Jill Soloway, makes a point of putting transgender people both in front of and behind the camera.



Reader's Poll: The 50 Most Important LGBT Television Series

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June is Pride Month, commemorating the 1969 Stonewall riots and asking all of us to remember how we got where we are today. So in our second annual Pride Month poll here at /bent, we asked our readers to tell us the films, television shows, songs and people (both fictional and real) that have been important to them in the past 46 years.

[Check out all the results for every poll here.](#)

127 people responded, and we'll be sharing the results over the next few weeks, with the third list out today: The most important LGBT TV series of the last 46 years. Now, before we get to the results: We do realize doing this kind of thing is highly subjective, which is why we're going with "most important" and not "best." We hoped that what resulted was an eclectic mix of TV series that have helped shape the queer cultural landscape. And we think it really is. But here are some interesting things to note before you go through the list:

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-Newer shows likely fresher in people's minds placed higher than you might think warranted but overall, it was across the board. Most shows on the list started their runs in the 2000s (18), followed by the 2010s (14), 1990s (12), 1980s (4) and 1970s (3).

-HBO had the most series on the list with 9, followed closely by ABC (8). Showtime and Netflix each had 4 (impressive given how new Netflix is). Of the major networks, CBS was the lowest with just 1.

Without further adieu, we present the 25 most important LGBT TV series, according to you. Definitely use the comments section to discuss your thoughts and/or your own choices, but remember – these were your picks – do don't blame us if you're offended about their quality or lack of diversity through the LGBT spectrum.

1. Queer as Folk

Network: Channel 4 (UK); Showtime (US)

On Air: 1999-2000 (UK); 2000-2005 (US)

Note: No surprise here. Both versions got boatloads of votes, and some of you didn't differentiate which version you were voting for... So we've packaged them together and they are indeed the #1 most important LGBT series according to you.

2. Angels in America

Network: HBO

On Air: 2003

Note: This \$60 million HBO miniseries brought Tony Kushner's AIDS-themed play to life as brilliantly as any of us could have hoped. With an incredible cast that featured Al Pacino, Meryl Streep, Emma Thompson, Patrick Wilson, Justin Kirk and Mary-Louise Parker, and perhaps career-high work from director Mike Nichols, "Angels in America" is one of the most important miniseries



Network: ABC

On Air: 1994-1998

Note: The importance of Ellen DeGeneres' 1990s sitcom and the epic coming out that came via its 4th season "Puppy Episode" doesn't need much explanation. It was a huge landmark in the history of LGBT representation that we'd argue might be a space or two too low on this list.

4. **Six Feet Under**

Network: HBO

On Air: 2001-2005

Note: Its "importance" regarding its LGBT content feels a little muted compared to the shows also up here on the list, but people clearly adored "Six Feet Under" (and so did we), which did give us an incredibly unique representation of multiple LGBT characters, including co-protagnist David Fisher.

5. **Will & Grace**

Network: NBC

On Air: 1998-2006

Note: "Ellen" arguably paved the way for "Will & Grace" to become as long-running and successful as it was, though credit is definitely due to the series itself, which won buckets of Emmys and made every woman in America want a gay best friend (for better or worse).

6 (tie). **Roseanne**

Network: ABC

On Air: 1988-1997

Note: The highest ranked series without a primary LGBT character, "Roseanne" undeniably deserves to be here anyway. With multiple supporting and recurring gay characters (Nancy, Leon, eventually Bev), "Roseanne" put LGBT issues on the map in a way no other show ever had: Sensitively, thoughtfully, *hilariously*, and as one the top 5 rated shows on primetime television.

6 (tie). **The L Word**

Network: Showtime

On Air: 2004-2009

Note: For 70 episodes, this Los Angeles-set lesbian soap opera was an addiction for many folks (lesbian and otherwise) as we watched Bette, Tina, Jenny, Alice, Kit, Shane and the rest of them go through a whole lot of drama and give television its first predominantly lesbian dramatic series ever (until "OITNB" at least).

8. **RuPaul's Drag Race**

Network: Logo

On Air: 2009-present

Note: Say what you want about recent controversies surrounding alleged transphobia on the show, but you can't deny how influential and popular "RuPaul's Drag Race" has been. It made stars of dozens of drag queens over the years, in a way no other media outlet has ever done before.

9. **Looking**



polled, shooting into the top 10. Which may be a little premature, but as big fans of the series here at /bent, we aren't going to complain.

10. **The Real World: San Francisco**

Network: MTV

On Air: 1994

Note: There were a few votes for "The Real World" in general, but most singled out its landmark third season, which the depiction of Pedro Zamora's struggle with AIDS, and the season is also notable for featuring the first-ever same-sex commitment ceremony on TV, between Zamora and his partner, Sean Sasser.

11. **Orange is the New Black**

Network: Netflix

On Air: 2013-present

Note: Like "Looking," this might seem a little premature, but as the third season of the prison-set drama continues to attest, "Orange is the New Black" is definitely a landmark series when it comes to portrayals of queer women, trans women and women in general. With a dozen or so LGBT characters in its ensemble, no series with such mainstream popularity has been quite so queer.

12. **My So-Called Life**

Network: ABC

On Air: 1994-1995

Note: Here's one show we don't mind being high on this list despite only having one season: ABC's remarkable teen drama "My So-Called Life," which 20 years later has still given us one of the most layered and interesting LGBT characters ever on television: Rickie Vasquez.

13. **Transparent**

Network: Amazon

On Air: 2014-present

Note: Only one season of Jill Soloway's award-winning portrayal of a family adjusting to its patriarch coming out as a trans woman has aired (though thankfully more is coming), but its impact is already clear. "Transparent" has been a major part of a recent wave of mainstream exposure for stories about transpeople and we can't wait to see what's next.

14. **Dynasty**

Network: ABC

On Air: 1981-1989

Note: Primetime soap "Dynasty" wasn't the most progressive series to feature a primary gay character, but it was one of the first in Steven Carrington (Al Corley), and clearly voters remembered that.

15. **Tales of the City**

Network: PBS/Showtime/Channel 4

On Air: 1993, 1998, 2001

Note: This adaptation of Armistead Maupin's novels aired as three miniseries over a near decade, the first on PBS and the next two on Showtime. Fun fact: HBO originally acquired the rights in 1982, but reportedly ending up feeling that the book's celebratory attitude toward homosexuality, casual sex and marijuana usage would not be deemed acceptable by the viewing public.



Note: A major winner at the Emmys (its won best comedy series for all six of its seasons) and in the ratings, “Modern Family” brought the gay relationship of Mitch and Cam significantly into the mainstream (even if its a wee bit too heteronormative for our liking).

16 (tie). **Soap**

Network: ABC

On Air: 1977-1981

Note: A parody of daytime soap operas, late 1970s sitcom “Soap” was extremely controversial when it aired, in large part for being the first primetime series to feature an open gay character, Billy Crystal’s Jodie Dallas. Even though many gay activists felt Jodie reinforced negative stereotypes and was handled poorly by the writers, there’s no denying “Soap” was important (and should arguably be higher).

18. **Glee**

Network: Fox

On Air: 2009-2015

Note: With multiple LGBT characters and a few seasons of intense popularity (though not so much the last few), “Glee” definitely warrants consideration for the representation and exposure it’s given the LGBT community, particularly youth.

19. **The Normal Heart**

Network: HBO

On Air: 2014

Note: This HBO adaptation of Larry Kramer’s landmark play “The Normal Heart” gave Ryan Murphy two projects in the top 20, this one tackling the onset of the AIDS crisis through the eyes of a group of New York City activists.

20. **The Fosters**

Network: ABC Family

On Air: 2013-present

Note: A blended family of biological, adopted and foster children (including an openly gay tween) raised by an interracial lesbian couple on a family-oriented network? Important, indeed.

21. **Empire**

Network: Fox

On Air: 2015-present

Note: One of the most popular first seasons of a network TV series ever, Lee Daniels and Danny Strong’s “Empire” brought openly gay Jamal Lyons (played by openly gay Jussie Smollett) onto the screens of millions and millions of viewers with refreshingly little controversy.

22 (tie). **Shameless** – 49

Network: Channel 4 (UK); Showtime (US);



Unlike "Skins," the US version proved pretty popular in itself, and both dealt frankly with the homosexuality of primary character Ian Gallagher.

22 (tie). **The Ellen DeGeneres Show**

Network: Syndicated

On Air: 2003-present

Note: After a sitcom that you'll find later on this list, Ellen DeGeneres rose from the ashes of a challenged career (in part due to homophobia resulting from her epic coming out) to essentially become the new Oprah on her extremely popular and influential talk show. Though we'd like to note "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" played a similarly important role and didn't even place in the top 40.

24. **An Early Frost**

Network: NBC

On Air: 1985

Note: This TV movie was the first – made for television or otherwise – to deal with AIDS. It had massive ratings (34 million people), and was nominated for 14 Emmys, winning 3. Really it should be higher on this list in our opinion, but the fact that it's 30 years old probably hurt it.

25 (tie). **Queer Eye For The Straight Guy**

Network: Bravo

On Air: 2003-2007

Note: Hugely popular for a couple years, you can say what you want about "Queer Eye For The Straight Guy" in retrospect – but it still was a major moment for gay visibility.

25 (tie). **Cucumber/Banana/Tofu**

Network: E4/Logo

On Air: 2015-present

Note: We still don't know if we'll get any more of Russell T. Davies' fantastic, innovative trilogy of LGBT content series, but we're happy enough voters saw it to place it this high up on the list.

27. **Oz**

Network: HBO

On Air: 1998-2003

Note: The first one hour dramatic series to be produced by HBO (and one of many on this list), the prison-set "Oz" featured multiple gay characters and was absolutely a pioneering series with regard to its explicitly sexual content.

28. **As The World Turns**

Network: CBS

On Air: 1956-2010

Note: In 1988, the serial made American television history by introducing gay male character, Hank Elliot. Then in 2007, when Luke Snyder and Noah Mayer shared a kiss and formed a relationship, becoming the only gay male couple on daytime television.



Note: Beloved by many, the cult series brought us one of our all-time favorite TV lesbians in Willow Rosenberg.

29 (tie). **Noah's Arc**

Network: Logo

On Air: 2005-2006

Note: One of the few (the only?) shows to ever feature a primary cast entirely made up of African-American or Latino LGBT people. It also spun off a movie, "Noah's Arc: Jumping The Broom."

31. **True Blood**

Network: HBO

On Air: 2008-2014

32. **Degrassi: The Next Generation**

Network: The N/TeenNick/Netflix

On Air: 2001-present

33. **Ugly Betty**

Network: ABC

On Air: 2006-2010

34 (tie). **Orphan Black**

Network: BBC America

On Air: 2013-present

34 (tie). **Please Like Me**

Network: Pivot

On Air: 2013-present

36 (tie). **Sex and the City**

Network: HBO

On Air: 1998-2004

36 (tie). **Skins – 49**

Network: E4 (in the UK)

On Air: 2007-2013

38. **The Kids In The Hall**

Network: CBC

On Air: 1988-1994

39. **The Rachel Maddow Show**

Network: MSNBC

On Air: 2008-present

40 (tie). **Little Britain**

Network: BBC

On Air: 2003-2006

40 (tie). **The Wire**

Network: HBO

On Air: 2002-2008



On Air: 1973

43. **Lip Service**

Network: BBC

On Air: 2010-2012

44 (tie). **House of Cards**

Network: Netflix

On Air: 2013-present

44 (tie). **Friends**

Network: NBC

On Air: 1994-2004

46. **Family**

Network: ABC

On Air: 1976-1980

47. **American Horror Story**

Network: F/X

On Air: 2011-present

48. **The Outs**

Network: Online

On Air: 2012-2013

49 (tie). **Game of Thrones**

Network: HBO

On Air: 2011-present

49 (tie). **Grace & Frankie**

Network: Netflix

On Air: 2015-present

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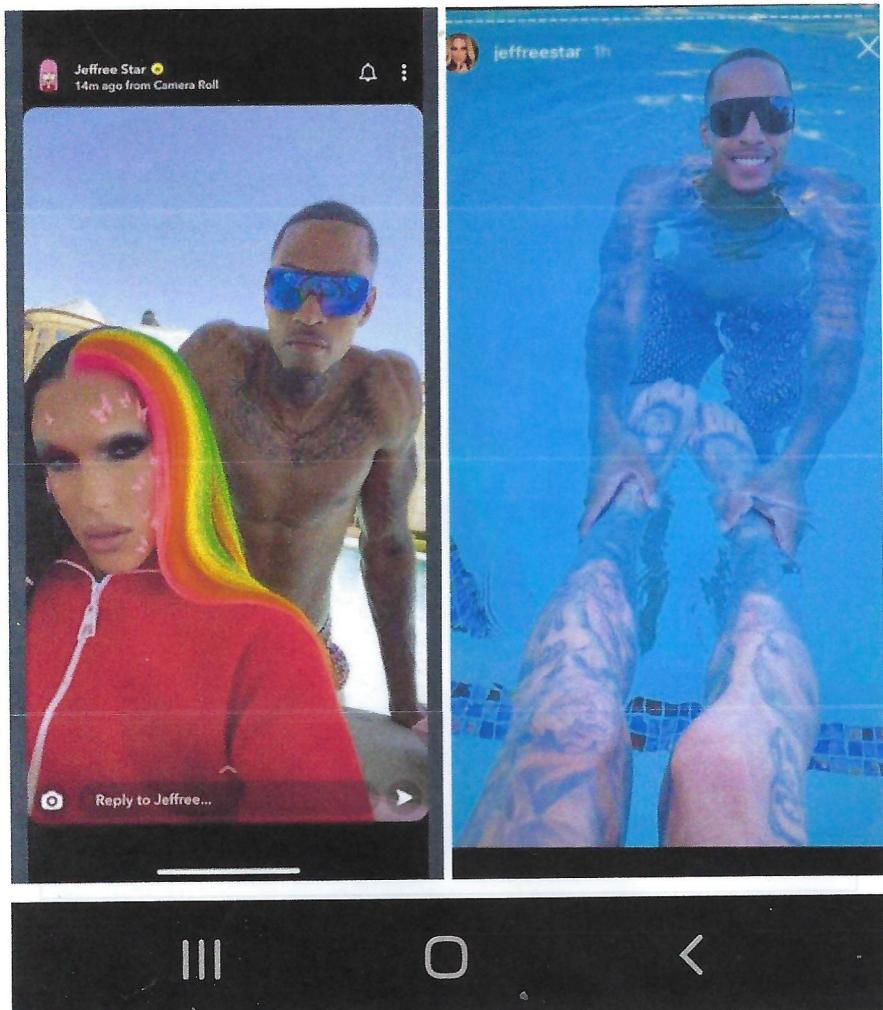
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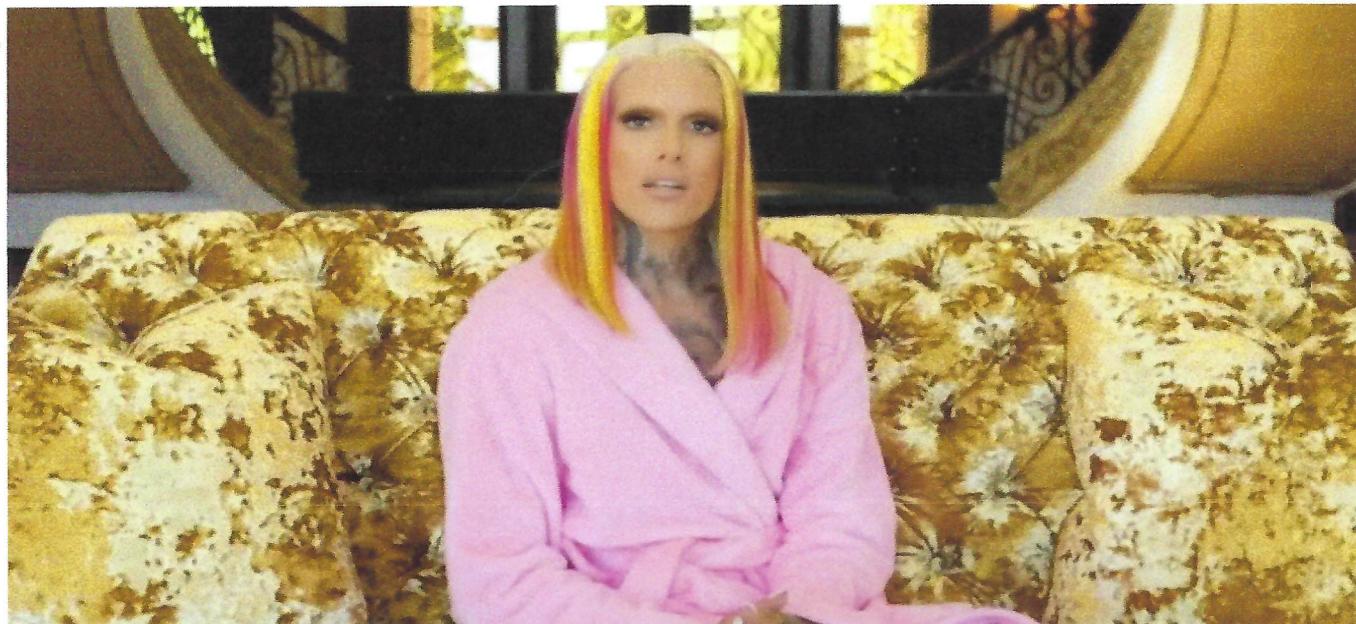


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A timeline of every messed up thing Jeffree Star has done to date

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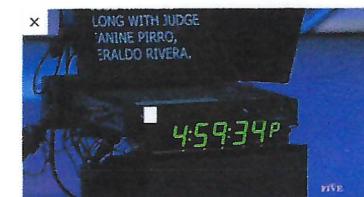
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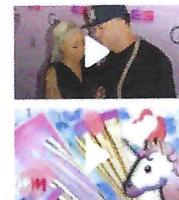
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It seems we can't get through a single day without some new YouTube drama erupting. With 2020 throwing up more controversies than you can shake a stick at, it's certainly been a rollercoaster year for a number of significant creators on the platform. BUT, if there's any faction of catty YouTube beef that takes the biscuit for drama of the year, it has to be Jeffree Star and Shane Dawson and their consistent disruption of the beauty community. ✖

You'll likely have seen the above image from Jeffree's latest apology video regarding his relationship v Charles (here's a list of all the [fucked up stuff that Shane Dawson has done in his time](#)) – but what exactly? And why is no one accepting his apology? Well, as it happens, he's had a pretty easy ride compared to his trap over the years, so let's take a look into his past.



Early 2000's – He established a brand called "Lipstick Nazi"



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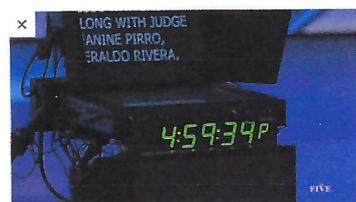
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In the first of many "why the fuck would anyone ever think this was a good idea?" moments, Jeffree established a brand called Lipstick Nazi, in which he used Nazi imagery as his branding. This resurfaced in June 2020 as people presumably sleuthed through his old work in the wake of the Shane Dawson drama.

Jeffree [responded to the resurfacing on Snapchat](#): "I want to talk about something and a very dumb decision I made when I was very young. I created a URL called LipstickNazi.com. Now, back then in the early 2000s, it was a slang term, like on the show Seinfeld someone was a 'soup Nazi' if you were a crazy cook. I used to work at the MAC counter, if you were someone that used to follow customers around in the store you were called a 'door Nazi.'

"It was very narcissistic and I was just going to have the website be a bunch of fucking crazy pictures of me. So the term 'lipstick Nazi' is disgusting and I just want people to know, looking at me, it's wrong and I should never have used it."

2004 – Footage of Jeffree using abusive racial slurs





A 2016 fan-made compilation shows footage of Jeffree racially abusing women in the street. The footage is thought to be from 2004.

Jeffree responded in an [apology video](#), saying: "I think that racism is a very serious subject — especially in today's world. I'm embarrassed as a person because that is not what I've ever stood for. I'm all about self-expression, self-worth, and self-love. I think it's awful that you guys have to see me in that light."

"I am so sorry for my words. I am so sorry you ever had to see me like that. That is not who I am and I apologize deep down to the core of my fucking being."

2006 – Joking about splashing battery acid on a black woman



Another compilation of nasty behaviour on Jeffree's part which probably speaks for itself, the racist coin mark. In the clip, he says: "Well maybe if she wasn't wearing the wrong foundation I wouldn't have to talking about a black woman."

We can presume that his [2017 "RACISM" apology video](#) encompasses a response to this particular clip



2007 – His music video “We Want C*nt” featuring the N-word



Jeffree Star's 2007 smash hit (lol) poetically entitled “We Want C*nt” features various problematic lyrics, and even includes the N-word just 22 seconds in.

2010 – Hitting women, tasing men and calling Pink a “fucking dirty lesbian”

In a 2010 interview with [Red River Noise](#), Jeffree said a number of ridiculous things that really haven't aged well. Whether it's literally admitting to tasing someone because they poured water on him, calling Pink “a fucking dirty lesbian” or calling gay people “fucking annoying”.

He decides it's best to round off the interview nicely though, by saying: “I'm all about business, usually, but of course I like to go out and have fun. The other night I punched a girl and threw drinks everywhere. That's just what happens if people are going to talk shit.”

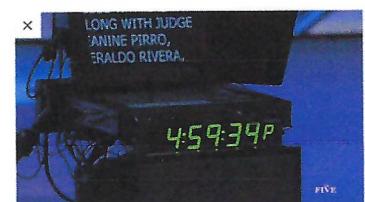
2016 – Telling MakeupShayla that he'd “beat [her] to the fucking ground”

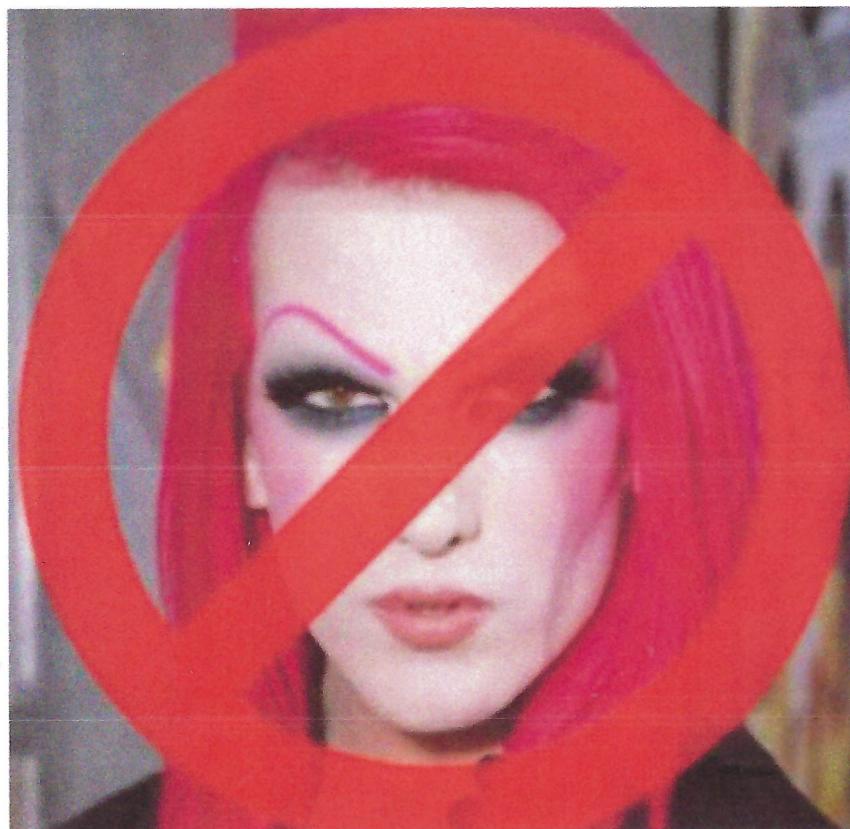
Jeffree has always been known to be vocal against other members of the makeup community, but this seems to be especially sinister when held up to controversies such as his with James Charles.

In 2016, he got into an argument with [MakeupShayla](#) which ended in him calling her a “c*nt” and [saying](#): “I'll actually beat you to the fucking ground and mean it.” Shayla responded with a tweet that suggested that people should never support a man that expresses interest in beating a woman. Jeffree replied: “But you look and sound like more of a man than I do... so relax”.

Next, [he called her a “broke fucking rat”](#).

2016 – That whole boring controversy with Kat Von D





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thekatvond After years of making excuses for, and rationalizing Jeffree's inappropriate behavior (including, promoting drug use, racism, and bullying) I can no longer hold my tongue after recent events. I know that over the years, many of you were introduced to Jeffree through me, and regardless if you chose to continue to follow him or not, I just would like to disassociate myself from him and his brand from this point on. I plan on posting a video explanation as to why I felt compelled to make such a statement. But for the time being, I simply want to apologize to anybody and everybody who has ever had to deal with any of his negativity. And yes, with a heavy heart, I will be pulling the shade "Jeffree" from my collection. Sending extra love to everyone out there. ❤

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Bloody hell, he had a busy 2016, didn't he?! One of the biggest feuds he has been involved in, but unfortunately one of the less interesting ones. Kat put up an Instagram post in 2016 saying she was ending her friendship with him for various reasons, namely because of his "drug use, racism, and bullying."

Jeffree then fired back saying that she'd never supported his brand, accompanied by a [typically long video](#).

2019 – The James Charles drama and his tweeting of James' brother

You know your vested interests are verging on toxic when you try to defile a literal 17-year-old's career to ensure that you're on top. You're probably pretty well acquainted with the whole story, but essentially it has recently been speculated that he and Shane conspired to ruin James' career.

Jeffree [tweeted](#) James's brother at the time saying: "Why is your brother a predator?? Why'd you really move back to NYC? Exactly. Shut the fuck up."

Jeffree [continued](#): "There is a reason that Nathan banned James Charles from ever coming to our home again. There's a reason why I haven't seen him since @GlamLifeGuru's birthday in February. He is a danger to society. Everything Tati said is 100% true." Jeffree is yet to provide any evidence for his claims.

Apology for James Charles drama

The only part of Jeffree Star's video that you need to see: his attempt to use the death of Breonna Taylor, Elijah McClain, and other victims of a failed justice system...

as a distraction from his makeup youtube drama.

This isn't performative activism, this is hijack-tivism. pic.twitter.com/o1q8ThK4Z2

— D'Angelo Wallace (@dangelno) July 19, 2020

And that brings us back to what's going on right now – he's released a video where he apologises to James, briefly references his racism but then says: "Now, Breonna Taylor still has no justice. Black trans women are being murdered every day and the news is silent. Elijah McClain has no justice and the countless other people who are murdered every day, while everyone just goes about their business like nothing's happened" ☹

The above tweet resembles the general consensus on this comment very well. Is it time to let go of Jeff?

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Blackface and anti-Semitism: All the times YouTube's Shane Dawson messed up

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CW: Paedophilia, rape

Shane Dawson is in VERY hot water right now. The YouTube comedian-come-documentary maker has always been known to have a rather controversial past, but he's had the remarkable ability to just be able to sweep it all under the rug and move on.

Like, which other content creator would get away with repeatedly using racist tropes such as blackface or saying the N-word on more than one occasion? Or be able to make constant lighthearted references to paedophilia and murder? It's amazing that he's been able to last this long, but in the same week that [Jenna Marbles cancelled herself over similar accusations](#), he has finally released a full apology video (spoiler alert: people still aren't interested).

So, from the older days of more obvious racism to the newer controversies that he's had, here's every single fuck up that Shane Dawson has made in his time as a YouTuber.

y'all should've listened to jon cozart when he called shane dawson out in front of everyone at the streamys in 2017 pic.twitter.com/y5bSr1t7WQ
— sky ♀ (@witchyhale) June 27, 2020

All the times he did blackface in videos

There are far too many videos with Shane using racial slurs and doing blackface to even begin to imagine making a separate heading for each instance – seriously, we'd be here all day. Luckily, one TikTok user has made a compilation of some of the worst ones:

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i heard there was shane dawson drama so i went STRAIGHT to twitter 

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11:13 PM · Jun 23, 2020

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The old videos of Shane's were almost entirely based upon mocking stereotypes of different groups of people, and as such he displayed a huge amount of racist content to his young fans.

Since, as you'll be able to see on his old channel, [ShaneDawsonTV](#), there are now only two videos remaining and the channel has [reportedly lost nearly 100 million views](#) because of this.

Wow Shane Dawson I am disgusted. pic.twitter.com/GdE3H97zzd
— moonlight 🌟BLM🌟 (@moonlightsouls) June 28, 2020

He addressed these videos in his [latest apology video](#), in which he said: "Blackface was something that I did a lot. Like, I did it a lot on my channel. There's no excuse for it, there's literally no excuse. I made a video six years ago talking about it and I gave excuses, I knew it was wrong, I knew I never wanted to do it again, but I didn't do the work. I didn't actually look into the history of it and why it's so wrong, and why people were so upset."

"My excuse [was] 'I was just being funny, I love black people, I'm not a racist.' I was trying to be funny."

The video featuring Willow Smith

Logan Paul filmed a dead body and still has a career
If Shane Dawson has a career after doing this to willow I'm convinced white people get
away with literally everything pic.twitter.com/q7nGrjmYhO
— john (@iam_johnw) June 27, 2020

This clip is arguably what has caused the most outrage on Twitter, and reignited the cancelling. Resurfacing last week, the video shows Dawson pretending to masturbate to a promotional photo of Willow Smith, who was 11 at the time.

This was clearly the first that the Smith family had seen of the video, which caused both Jaden and his mother Jada to respond in a series of critical tweets.



Jaden  @jaden · 33s

This Man Was Also Doing Black Face On
The Regular  . As The Youth We
Need To Support Creators Who Support
Us And Our Morals. This Is Not Okay.

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Jaden  @jaden · 11m

SHANE DAWSON I AM DISGUSTED BY
YOU. YOU SEXUALIZING AN 11 YEAR OLD
GIRL WHO HAPPENS TO BE MY
SISTER!!!!!! IS THE FURTHEST THING
FROM FUNNY AND NOT OKAY IN THE
SLIGHTEST BIT.

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5,181

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Jaden  @jaden · 1h

IM SCREAMING AT THE TOP OF MY
LUNGS 

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Shane is yet to respond regarding the video of Willow Smith or to the Smith family's tweets.

Making jokes about paedophilia

If you still stan Shane Dawson after this and the willow smith videos you're disgusting.

pic.twitter.com/dtcZcb1D9r

— T 🐻 (@cartiercrack) June 27, 2020

Shane has made jokes about paedophilia for as long as he's been making YouTube videos, making several rather disturbing comments on a podcast and in a video about underage children.

The particular video above shows him joking about killing a baby by having sex with it on a 2013 podcast, while the clip below shows him encouraging a young girl to seductively eat a cocktail sausage for any child predators that might be watching.

This Guy @SpaceGumbyz · Jun 25, 2020



Replying to @SpaceGumbyz

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Shane Dawson is so gross

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Shane responded in 2018 to the controversy around the paedophilia clips, saying: "I am sorry that these [offensive jokes] are making people uncomfortable, but also it's very out of context.

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Y'all let this slip?

#shanedawson

twitter.com/DBakerman94/st...

12:41 PM · Jun 28, 2020



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"When you listen to the full thing, it's still shitty and creepy and bad jokes, but it's not me being a paedophile... I'm proud that I've grown up. I'm proud that I

don't make crazy jokes anymore."

Joking about the death of Trayvon Martin

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Shane Dawson talking about police brutality victim Trayvon Martin. Disgusting. He was in his mid 20s, he knew wtf he was doing so don't @ me with the trauma/mental health bs. This is blatantly insensitive & racist. He doesn't deserve a platform. [#ShaneDawsonIsOverParty](#)

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11:23 AM · Jun 28, 2020



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In this particular clip from a challenge video with Steve Greene, Dawson picks up a piece of paper with Trayvon Martin's name on it, and is expected to roast him. He then suggests that Trayvon wouldn't have died if he "had a job".

Dawson hasn't responded to this video in particular, but Steve and Nikki have, uploading a heavily disliked video in which they try and justify the nature of the video. The caption reads: "Context matters. Regardless, we're sorry to anyone who was hurt from seeing clips from this video."



Anti-semitism

Shane Dawson called out for Anti-Semitism. I covered this extensively in my video on Shane—which someone attached to compilation. In 1st video, Shane literally plays Hitler. If anyone actually has gall to try to justify these jokes, are they Anti-Semitic?
pic.twitter.com/BUdqkNL84I

— Def Noodles (@defnoodles) June 28, 2020

In the above clip, Dawson plays on anti-semitic tropes as he impersonates Hitler. In the video, he plays on the idea that Hitler can read “mean” tweets that have been written about him.

The whole thing is in rather poor taste, and many commentators have accused him of anti-semitism since. He is yet to respond to this video.

Shane having sex with his cat



Shane Dawson 
@shanedawson

i didnt fuck my cat. i didnt cum on my cat. i didnt put my dick anywhere near my cat. I've never done anything weird with my cats. I promised myself i wasnt going to make apology videos after last years thing so im just trying to be as short and honest with this as possible. (1/?)

7:11 PM - 17 Mar 2019

Shane was forced to make statements on comments he made in an old video, where he claimed to have ejaculated on his cat after “spreading its legs”. He later went on to claim that this was just a joke in a series of tweets and a video:



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Cancelling James Charles with Jeffree Star

Shane Dawson  @shanedawson · Jun 21, 2020 

I deleted everything. I'm done. For those who wanted me to "address it" I did. I'm sure u can find it reposted somewhere. But I don't want this energy in my life or on my timeline. I'm too sensitive for this shit and I'm done.

jaid lee
@jaidleee · [Follow](#)

for anyone wondering lol

2:26 AM · Jun 21, 2020

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Shane and Jeffree were always big buds, appearing in a number of each others' videos. During the [controversy between James Charles, Tati Westbrook and Star last year](#), Dawson couldn't help but get involved and [make his siding with Jeffree very well known](#).

Shane responded to these claims in a now-deleted tweet which can be found above.

His apology

But an apology is supposed to make it all better, right? Hrmmm.



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Dawson defends all of his past actions in this video by saying: "All of that is stupid and wrong. And I put that onto the internet as an adult, and that is insane. I think this year specifically changed me as a person and I started seeing black people who I know, who I am friends, who I've known for a long time, I'm seeing them openly talking about the years of anger they've had about racist jokes, about blackface, about micro-aggressions, everything that they've gone through."

This video has come under a lot of criticism, so much so that the like to dislike ratio is 5:3 and a [copypasta](#) has emerged in the comments section reading:

"Depression and anxiety isn't an excuse to sexualize children, Shane."

In addition to this, he has lost many subscribers, putting his channel back at the nine million mark. He has yet to respond to criticism of his apology video.

Congrats on 9 mil king  #ShaneDawsonIsOverParty #jeffreestarIsOverParty
pic.twitter.com/CHOEu3Oodp

— Ew (@Brandon63001995) June 21, 2020

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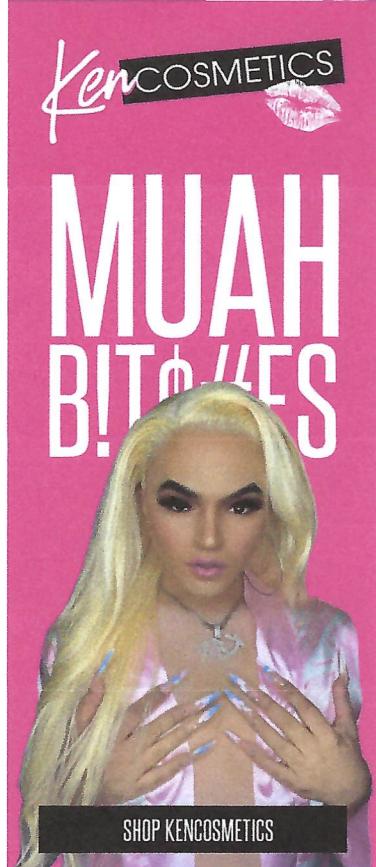
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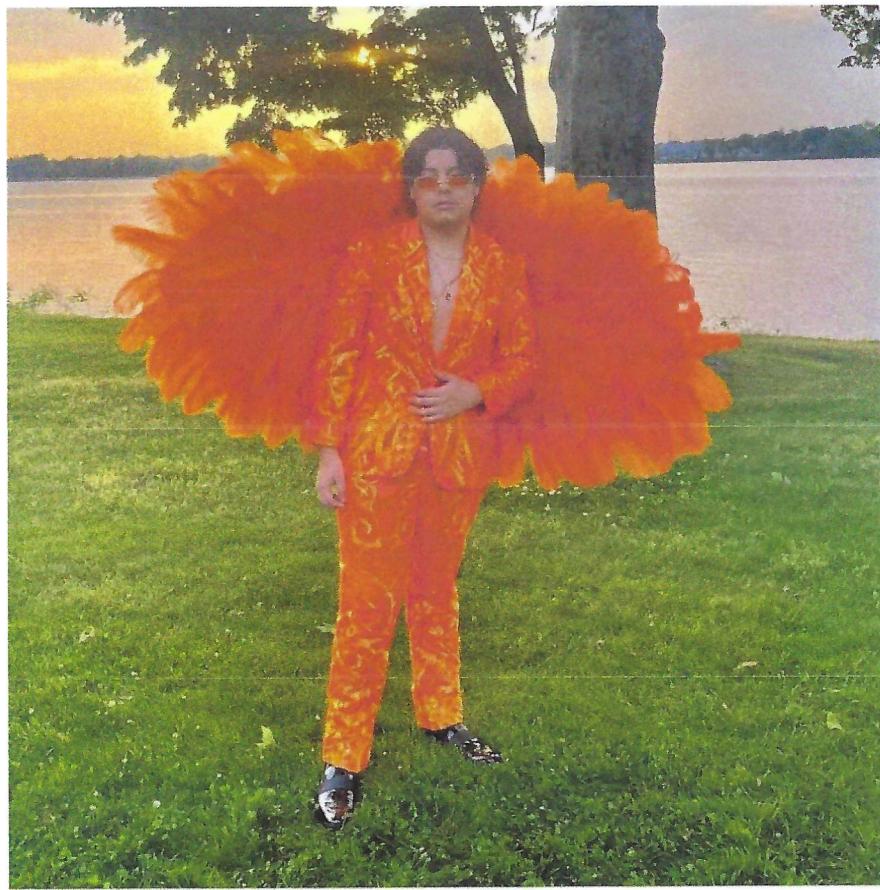
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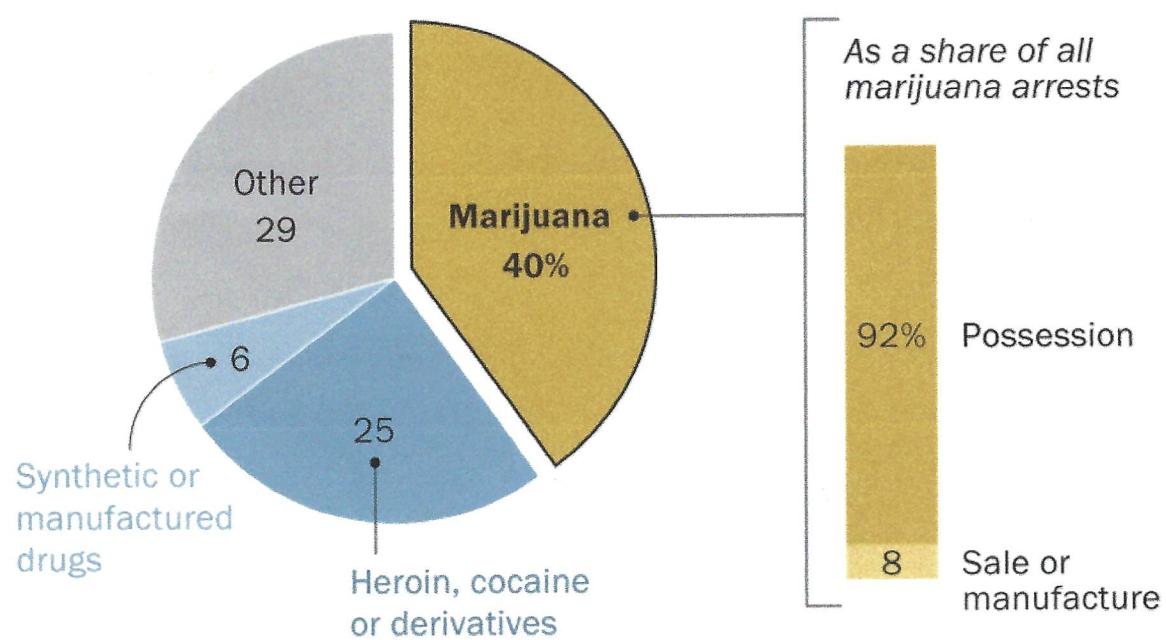


STATISTICAL NUMBERS AND CHARTS ON OUR YOUTH REGARDING CRIME/HOMICIDES, SUICIDE, DRUGS AND ALCOHOL, ETC.

***THE MORE WE ALLOW OUR CHILDREN 2 ACCEPT PAGAN (SATANIC) CULTURE THE MORE THEY BECOME DISRESPECTFUL, MORALLY LOOSE, AND DARK! WE ARE FAILING THEM AS A WHOLE BECAUSE MANY OF US ARE FAILING AS A WHOLE! 😞**

Four-in-ten U.S. drug arrests in 2018 were for possession, sale or manufacture of marijuana

% of arrests for each drug category, including possession, sale and manufacture



Source: FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

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THE GREAT DIVIDE

Cannabis is projected to be a \$70 billion market by 2028—yet those hurt most by the war on drugs lack access

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Who can sell cannabis legally?

As a cannabis entrepreneur based in Long Beach, California, Edgar Cruz's work in the industry's social equity space is personal.

At 15, Cruz had his first run-in with the law when he was arrested and charged for illegal possession of marijuana. That charge, he tells CNBC Make It, has influenced his decision to not only be involved in the now legal market, but to also ensure that entrepreneurs like himself have equal access to the billion-dollar industry.

Today, 18 states, two territories and the District of Columbia have passed legislation to allow adult recreational use of cannabis in the U.S. And 36 states and four territories have passed legislation to allow medical use, according to the [National Conference of State Legislators](#). This increased legalization has put the legal marijuana market on track to be worth [\\$70.6 billion globally](#) by 2028. In the U.S., where marijuana is still illegal at the federal level, legal marijuana sales are expected to hit [\\$24 billion](#) in 2021 alone.

TABLE. Number and percentage of all persons aged ≥ 16 years* who reported driving a vehicle while under the influence of marijuana or illicit drugs other than marijuana[†] in the past year, by demographic characteristics — National Survey on Drug Use and Health, United States, 2018



Characteristic	Marijuana	Illicit drugs other than marijuana		
	No. who reported driving under the influence (x 1,000)	% (95% CI)	No. who reported driving under the influence (x 1,000)	% (95% CI)
Sex				
Male	7,711	6.2 (5.9–6.6)	1,578	1.3 (1.1–1.5)
Female	4,249	3.2 (2.9–3.5)	722	0.5 (0.4–0.7)
Race/Ethnicity[§]				
White	7,913	4.9 (4.5–5.2)	1,601	1.0 (0.9–1.1)
Black	1,576	5.1 (4.5–5.7)	182	0.6 (0.3–0.9)
American Indian/Alaska Native	72	4.9 (2.7–7.1)	18	1.2 (0.2–2.2)
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	35	3.6 (0.9–6.3)	13	1.4 (0.0–3.3)
Asian	336	2.3 (1.2–3.4)	74	0.5 (0.2–0.9)
Multiracial	427	9.2 (6.3–12.1)	50	1.1 (0.5–1.6)
Hispanic	1,602	3.8 (3.2–4.4)	362	0.9 (0.6–1.1)
Total	11,960	4.7 (4.4–4.9)	2,300	0.9 (0.8–1.0)

Abbreviation: CI = confidence interval.

* Numbers and percentages are weighted to represent the 2018 U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population and are not mutually exclusive.

[†] Illicit drugs other than marijuana in this analysis are cocaine, hallucinogens, heroin, inhalants, and methamphetamines.

[§] Whites, blacks, American Indian/Alaska Natives, Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders, Asians, and multiracial persons were non-Hispanic; Hispanic persons could be of any race.

FIGURE. Percentage of all persons aged ≥ 16 years* who reported driving a vehicle under the influence of marijuana or illicit drugs other than marijuana^{†,§,¶} in the past year, by age group — National**




**Americans age 16+ report driving
under the influence during the last 12 months***

 = 1 million people

Alcohol



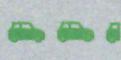
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Marijuana



12 million

Illicit Drugs[†]



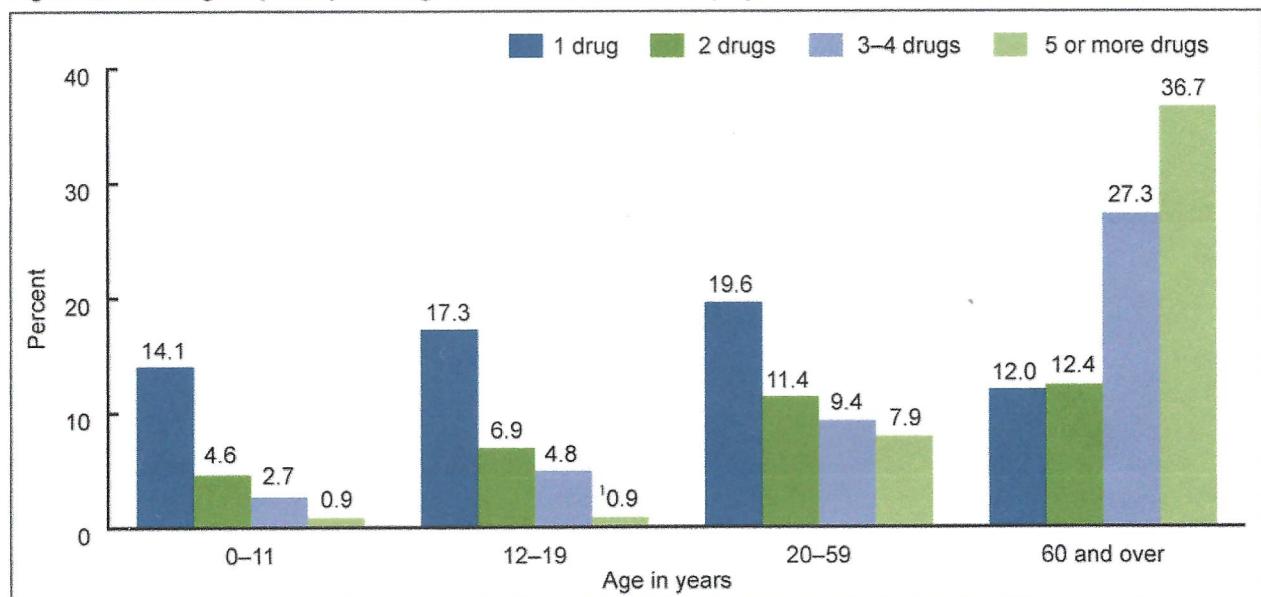
2.3 million

* 2018 † cocaine, hallucinogens, heroin, inhalants, methamphetamine

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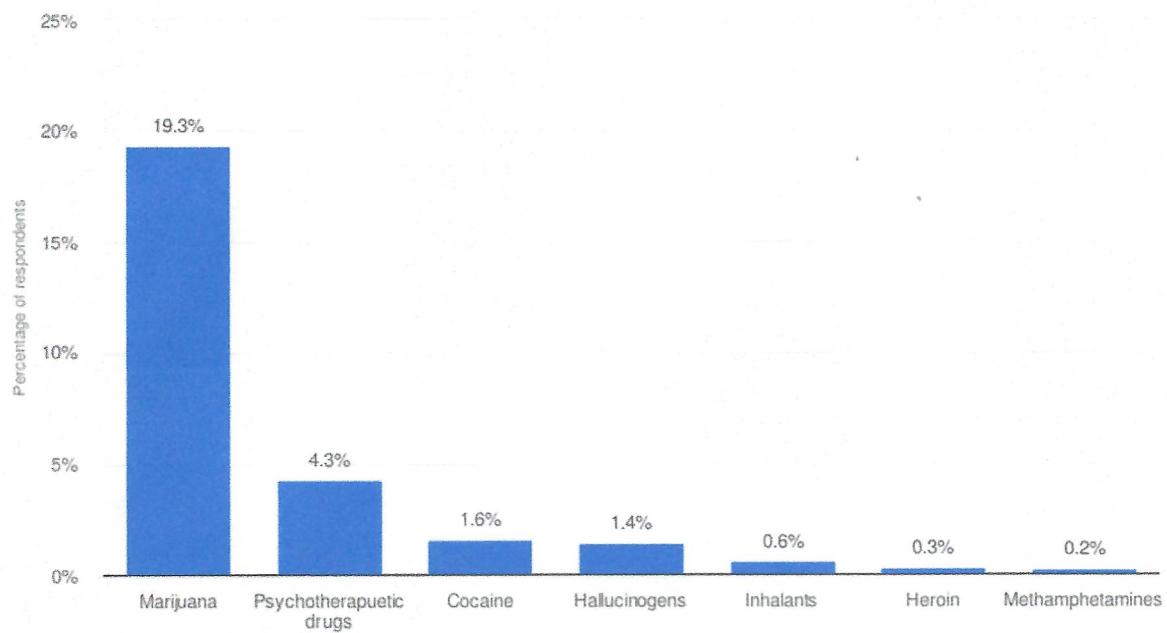
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Figure 2. Percentage of prescription drugs used in the past month, by age: United States, 2007–2008



¹Estimate is unstable; the relative standard error is greater than 30%.
SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

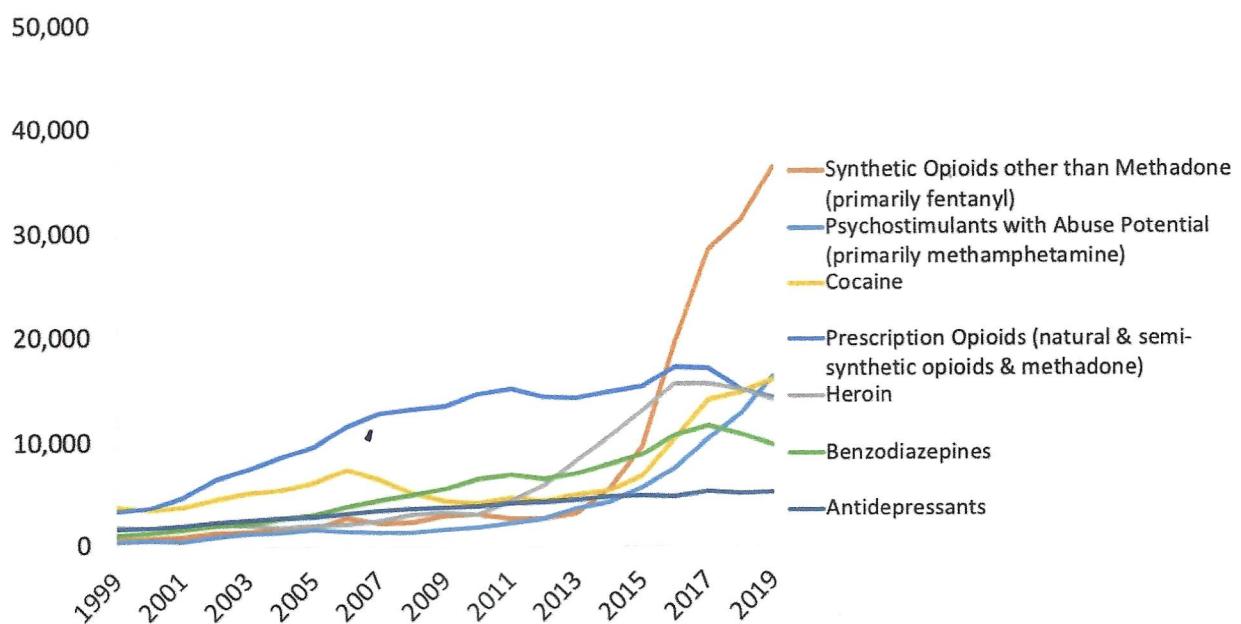
Percentage of African Americans in the U.S. who had used illicit drugs within the past year in 2019, by type of drug



Sources
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Additional Information:
United States: SAMHSA, NSDUH; 2019; around 67,500, 12 years and older, Face-to-face interview

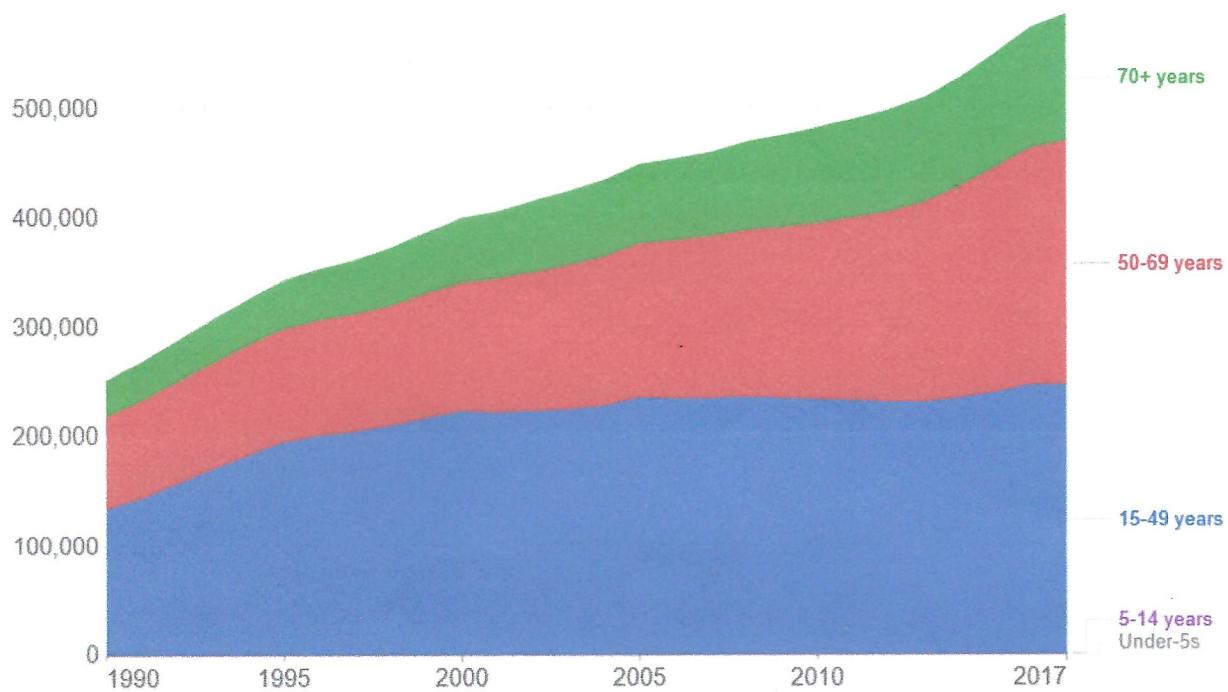
Figure 2. National Drug-Involved Overdose Deaths*, Number Among All Ages, 1999-2019



*Includes deaths with underlying causes of unintentional drug poisoning (X40–X44), suicide drug poisoning (X60–X64), homicide drug poisoning (X85), or drug poisoning of undetermined intent (Y10–Y14), as coded in the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999–2019 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released 12/2020.

Premature deaths from illicit drug use, by age, World, 1990 to 2017

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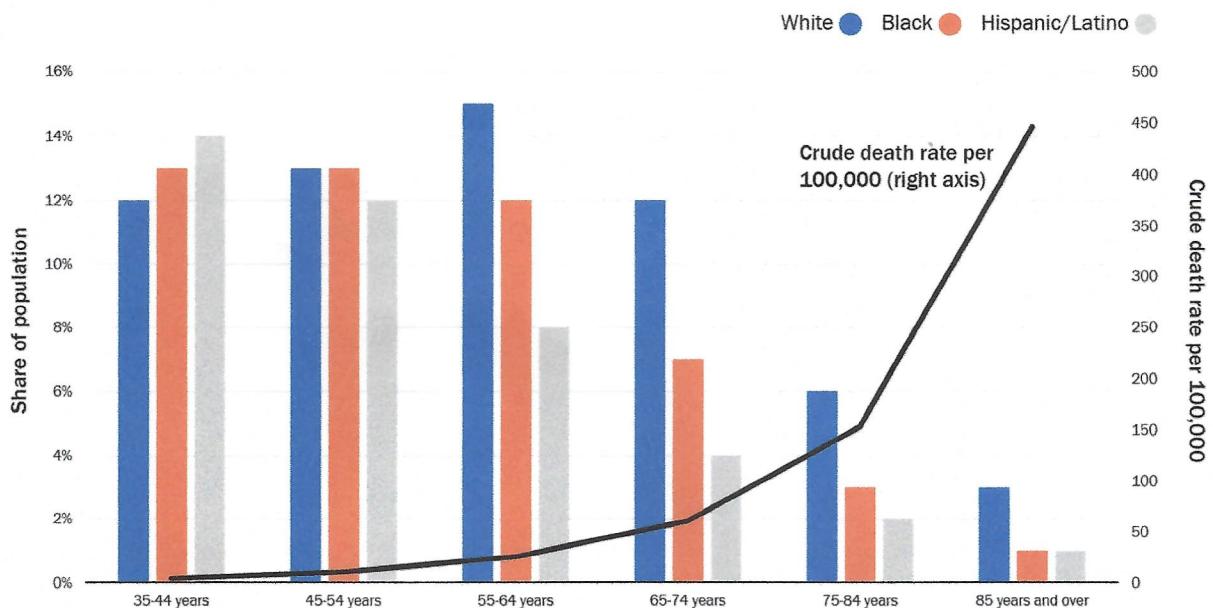


Source: IHME, Global Burden of Disease

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Note: Illicit drugs are drugs that have been prohibited under international drug control treaties. They include opioids, cocaine, amphetamines and cannabis.

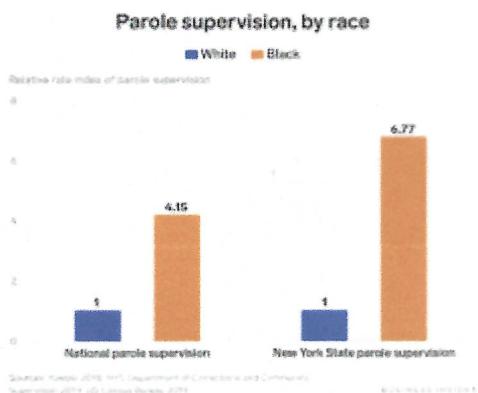
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Age distribution & national crude death rate per 100,000



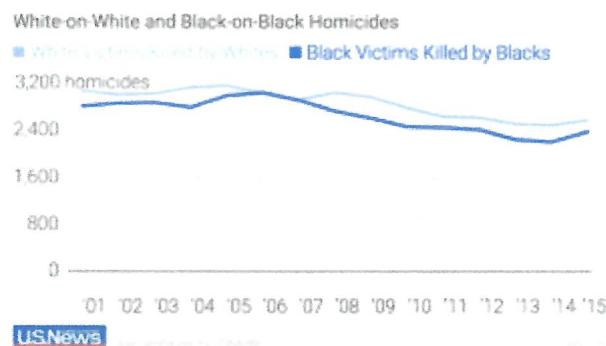
Source: CDC data from 2/1/20–6/6/20 and 2018 Census Population Estimates for USA.

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CRUDE DEATHS - TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS DURING A GIVEN TIME INTERVAL...THIS A CHART SHOWING WHITES DYING “CRUDE DEATHS” AT A HIGHER RATE THAN ANY OTHER RACE IN AMERICA, OVERALL. YET, WE ARE FOLLOWING BEHIND THEM. MAKE IT MAKE SENSE!



AND I’LL END THE STAT SHEETS WITH MORE BRAGGING. SHOWING IT’S WHO YOU KNOW, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU SET THE SYSTEM UP!



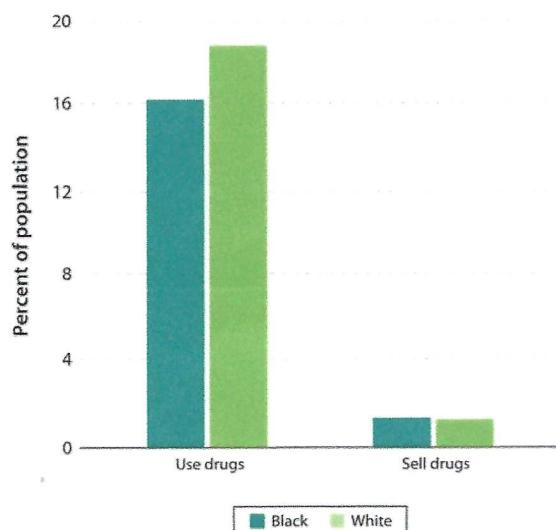
WHEW CHILE, THE GHETTO! WE HAVE GOT 2 WAKE UP, SMELL THE COFFEE, THEN CHUNK IT OUT THE WINDOW AND DRINK WATER. I DON'T EXACTLY KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, BUT I MEANT IT.

WAAAAAAKE UPPPPPPP!!!!

FIGURE 6A.

Rates of Drug Use and Sales, by Race

At the state level, blacks are about 6.5 times as likely as whites to be incarcerated for drug-related crimes.

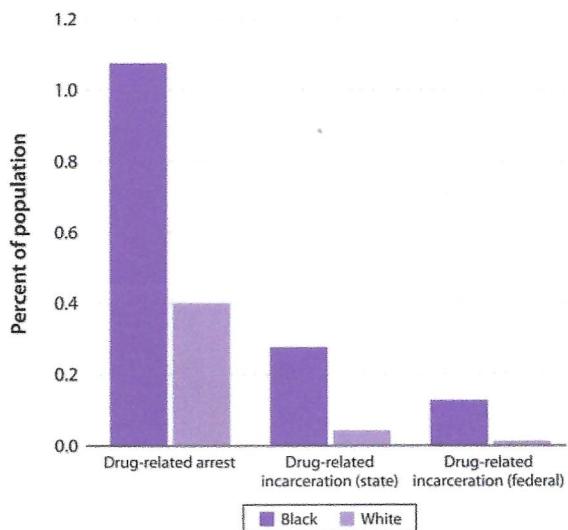


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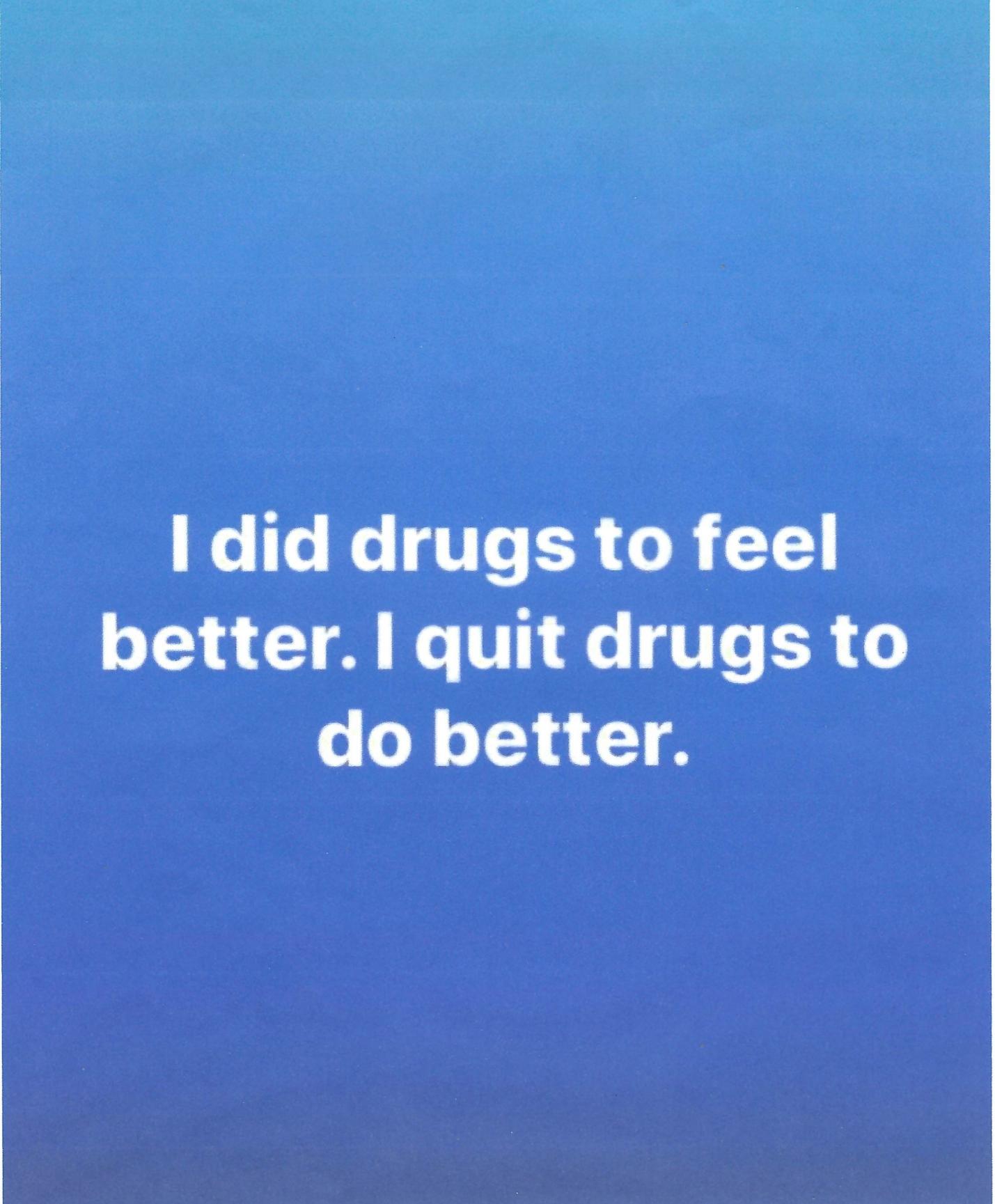
FIGURE 6B.

Rates of Drug-Related Criminal Justice Measures, by Race

At the state level, blacks are about 6.5 times as likely as whites to be incarcerated for drug-related crimes.



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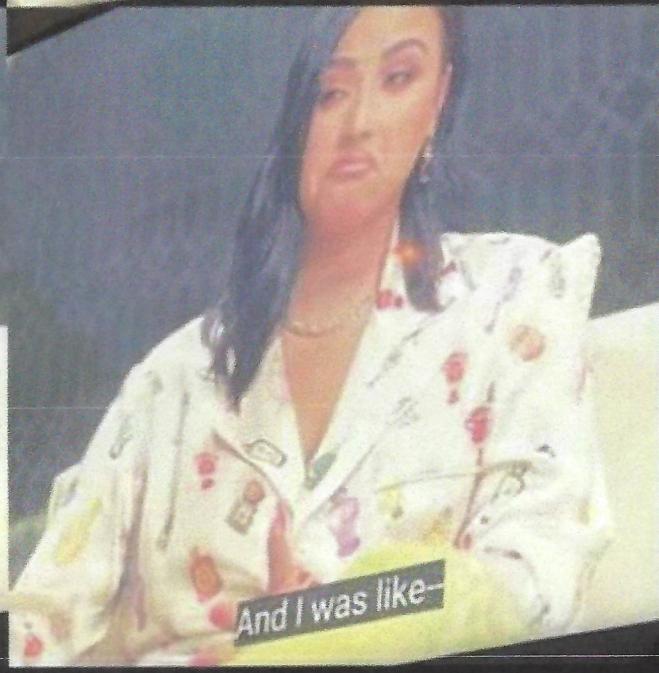
**I did drugs to feel
better. I quit drugs to
do better.**

The longer you look the more Snoop Doggs appear



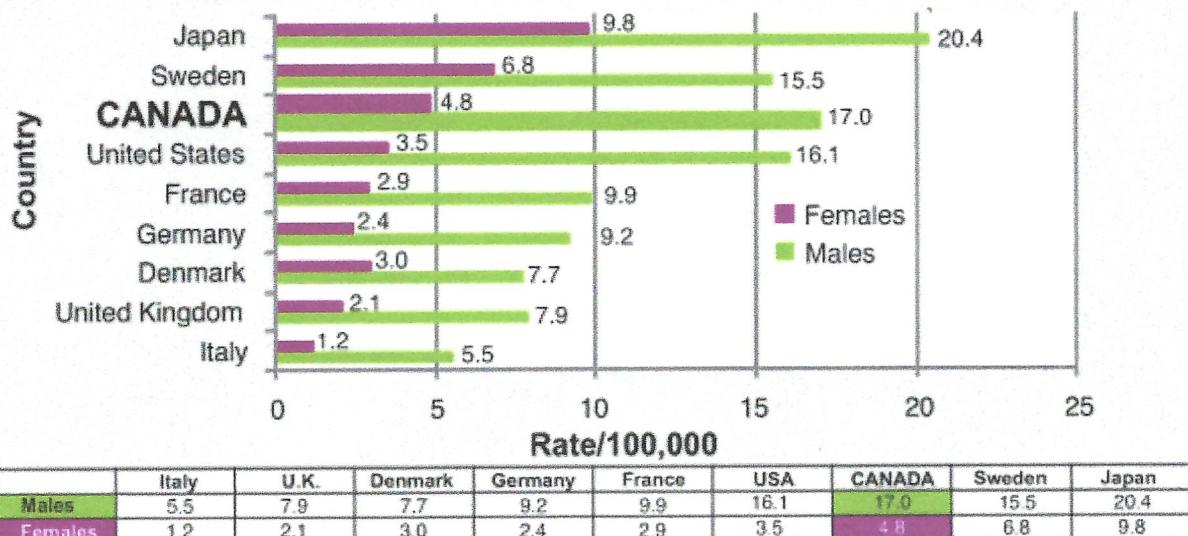
Demi Lovato explaining how she got addicted to d*ugs has me crying

@grandwizardchatnigga



International suicide rates of youth 15 to 24 years of age, Canada and other OECD countries

Fig. 5.5.15 International suicide rates of youth 15 to 24 years of age, Canada and other OECD* countries, mid/late 2000s



*OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) is an organization that acts as a meeting ground for 30 countries that believe strongly in the free market system.

Adapted from the World Health Organization (WHO). Available at: http://www.who.int/mental_health/prevention/suicide/country_reports/en/index.html. Accessed on June 29, 2012.

Implications

National data can hide differences that exist in one country. A new study released by Statistics Canada's health analysis division found that the suicide rate among children and teens in the Inuit homelands was 30 times that of youth in the rest of Canada between 2004 and 2008. For Inuit boys and young men, the rate was 101.6 /100,000, while the rate among boys and young men in the rest of the population was 6.1/100, 000.¹

¹Oliver LN, Peters PA, Kohen DE. (2012). "Mortality Rates Among Children and Teenagers Living in Inuit Nunangat, 1994 to 2008." Available at: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/82-003-x/2012003/article/11695-eng.pdf>. Accessed on June 29, 2012.

Suicide Rate by Country 2022

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Russia

Total Suicide Rate: 25.1

Male Rate: 43.6

Female Rate: 9.1

Countries with the Highest Suicide Rates

Suicide occurs throughout the world, affecting individuals of all nations, cultures, religions, genders, and classes. Other innate factors, such as disorders of the mind and abnormalities at birth, can heighten someone's propensity for experiencing depression, whether as the occasional episode or a lifelong ailment. To lower the rates of deaths resulting from suicide, countries need to address many common underlying factors that add up and make someone more likely to choose suicide as an outlet. Depression rates are one factor that holds serious importance, but other factors to take into consideration are academic, performance, physical condition, mental health and well-being, economic standing, financial struggles, workplace performance, and overall life satisfaction.

In 2019, the ten countries with the highest suicide rates (number of suicides per 100k) were:

1. [Lesotho](#) - 72.4
2. [Guyana](#) - 40.3
3. [Eswatini](#) - 29.4
4. [South Korea](#) - 28.6
5. [Kiribati](#) - 28.3
6. Federated States of [Micronesia](#) - 28.2
7. [Lithuania](#) - 26.1
8. [Suriname](#) - 25.4
9. [Russia](#) - 25.1
10. [South Africa](#) - 23.5

The only western European nation with an exceptionally high suicide rate is [Belgium](#), which ranks at number eleven with 18.3 suicides per 100k. However, it is worth noting that Belgium has some of the world's most liberal [laws on doctor-assisted suicide](#), also known as euthanasia, which is likely to be a factor in its statistics.

Countries with the Lowest Suicide Rates

Perhaps surprisingly, many of the [most troubled nations](#) in the world have comparatively low suicide rates. [Afghanistan](#) has 4.1 suicides per 100k; [Iraq](#) has 3.6, and [Syria](#) has just 2.0. It is not clear if the suicide statistics for these countries reflect suicides committed due to mental health

problems and terminal illnesses (which are the primary reasons for suicide in most of the world) or include suicides committed as part of the ongoing conflicts in these countries.

The world's lowest suicide rates are in the following countries:

1. Antigua and Barbuda - 0.4
2. [Barbados](#) - 0.6
3. [Grenada](#) - 0.7
4. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines - 1.0
5. Sao Tome and Principe - 1.5
6. [Jordan](#) - 1.6
7. Syria - 2.0
8. [Venezuela](#) - 2.1
9. [Honduras](#) - 2.1
10. [Philippines](#) - 2.2

Suicide in South Korea

According to the [World](#) Health Organization, the suicide rate in South Korea is the fourth highest in the world. One factor in its high suicide rate is suicides among the elderly. Traditionally, children have been expected to care for their aging parents; however, because this system has mostly disappeared in the twenty-first century, many older adults commit suicide, rather than feel like they are a financial burden on their families. In addition to the elderly, students have higher-than-average suicide rates, at least partly because they feel high levels of pressure to succeed academically. When they do not achieve their goals, they may feel that they have dishonored their families. Alcohol use, sleep deprivation, stress, and poor social relationships can put students at increased risk of suicide.

One of the most common methods of committing suicide in South Korea is poisoning via carbon monoxide. Additionally, many choose to jump off a bridge. In [Seoul](#), the Mapo Bridge has earned the nickname "The Bridge of Death" or "Suicide Bridge" because of how many people jump off it. The government of South Korea is making efforts to curb the suicide epidemic. It strives to increase mental healthcare access, a necessity as 90% of suicide victims in South Korea may have a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition. It is also providing education to community leaders to help prevent suicides at a local level.

Suicide in [Japan](#)

Japan's total numbers place it significantly outside the top 10, but suicide is nonetheless a serious concern there. Suicide is the leading cause of death in men between the ages of 20-44 and women between the ages of 15-34. The government has been active in intervention to decrease the risk of suicide, particularly among vulnerable populations. Japanese men are twice as likely to commit suicide as their female counterparts, particularly after a divorce. Of particular concern is suicide among men who have recently lost their jobs and are no longer able to provide for their families. People are expected to stay married to a single person and stay on a single job for their

Here are the 10 countries with the highest rates of suicide:

1. [Lesotho](#) (72.4 per 100k people)
2. [Guyana](#) (40.3 per 100k people)
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Suicide Rate by Country 2022

Antigua and Barbuda Barbados Grenada Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Sao Tome and Principe Jordan Honduras Venezuela Philippines Jamaica Turkey Indonesia Algeria Brunei Maldives L ebanon Peru Kuwait Panama Myanmar Papua New Guinea Egypt Mauritania Armenia Tunisia Bahamas Nigeria Cyprus Iraq Timor-Leste Bangladesh Tonga Sudan South Sudan Colombia Azerbaijan Mali Afghanistan Albania Tajikistan Tanzania Nicaragua Liberia Libya Bhutan Uganda Gambia Oman Dominican Republic Cambodia 01020304050607080 Avg: 9.48

Suicide Rate by Country 2022

* Rates are per 100,000 people

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Country Total Suicide Rate

Country	Male Rate	Female Rate	2022	
			Population	
Lesotho	72.4	116	30.1	2,175,699
Guyana	40.3	63	17.4	794,045
Eswatini	29.4	55.1	4.7	1,184,817
South Korea	28.6	40.2	16.9	51,329,899
Kiribati	28.3	48.6	8.7	123,419
Micronesia	28.2	43.2	12.7	117,489
Lithuania	26.1	45.4	9.6	2,661,708
Suriname	25.4	38.8	11.8	596,831
Russia	25.1	43.6	9.1	145,805,947
South Africa	23.5	37.6	9.8	60,756,135
Ukraine	21.6	39.2	6.5	43,192,122

Country	Total Suicide Rate		
	Male Rate	Female Rate	2022 Population
Uruguay	21.2	34.5	8.9 3,496,016
Belarus	21.2	36.7	7.7 9,432,800
Montenegro	21	31.7	10.4 627,950
Latvia	20.1	35.5	7 1,848,837
Slovenia	19.8	31.4	8.3 2,078,034
Belgium	18.3	24.9	11.8 11,668,278
Vanuatu	18	28.1	7.6 321,832
Mongolia	17.9	30.7	5.4 3,378,078
Kazakhstan	17.6	29	6.8 19,205,043
Hungary	16.6	25.9	8.3 9,606,259
Croatia	16.4	25.3	8.1 4,059,286
Botswana	16.1	26.3	6.4 2,441,162
United States	16.1	25	7.5 334,805,269
Finland	15.3	23.2	7.6 5,554,960
Japan	15.3	21.8	9.2 125,584,838
Estonia	14.9	24.3	6.5 1,321,910
Solomon Islands	14.7	27	1.9 721,159
Moldova	14.7	26.1	4.1 4,013,171
Sweden	14.7	19.9	9.5 10,218,971
Austria	14.6	22.8	6.7 9,066,710
Switzerland	14.5	20.2	9 8,773,637
Cuba	14.5	23	6 11,305,652
Zimbabwe	14.1	20	8.8 15,331,428
Sri Lanka	14	22.3	6.2 21,575,842
France	13.8	20.4	7.6 65,584,518
Mozambique	13.6	22	5.7 33,089,461
India	12.7	14.1	11.1 1,406,631,776
Samoa	12.6	18	6.7 202,239
Australia	12.5	18.6	6.4 26,068,792
Central African Republic	12.3	19.6	5.2 5,016,678
Germany	12.3	18.6	6.2 83,883,596
Slovakia	12.1	21.2	3.4 5,460,193
Iceland	11.9	19.8	3.9 345,393
Norway	11.8	15.8	7.7 5,511,370
Netherlands	11.8	15.5	8.3 17,211,447

Country Total Suicide Rate

	Male Rate	Female Rate	2022 Population	
<u>Canada</u>	11.8	17.6	6.1	38,388,419
<u>Portugal</u>	11.5	17.9	5.7	10,140,570
<u>Serbia</u>	11.4	16.6	6.3	8,653,016
<u>Luxembourg</u>	11.3	15.3	7.1	642,371
<u>Poland</u>	11.3	20.1	3.1	37,739,785
<u>Singapore</u>	11.2	15	7.1	5,943,546
<u>New Zealand</u>	11	16.5	5.8	4,898,203
<u>Bosnia And Herzegovina</u>	10.9	17.6	4.5	3,249,317
<u>Eritrea</u>	10.9	16.6	5.2	3,662,244
<u>Denmark</u>	10.7	14.9	6.5	5,834,950
<u>Namibia</u>	9.7	16.7	3.2	2,633,874
<u>Bulgaria</u>	9.7	15.3	4.4	6,844,597
<u>Romania</u>	9.7	16.5	3.3	19,031,335
<u>Djibouti</u>	9.6	12.6	6.4	1,016,097
<u>Ireland</u>	9.6	15.4	3.9	5,020,199
<u>Haiti</u>	9.6	11.8	7.6	11,680,283
<u>Mauritius</u>	9.5	16.3	2.8	1,274,727
<u>North Macedonia</u>	9.4	13.9	4.8	2,081,304
<u>North Korea</u>	9.4	11.2	7.6	25,990,679
<u>Georgia</u>	9.2	16	3	3,968,738
<u>Fiji</u>	9	12.2	5.7	909,466
<u>Chile</u>	9	14.9	3.2	19,250,195
<u>Cameroon</u>	9	13.6	4.4	27,911,548
<u>Nepal</u>	9	16.4	2.7	30,225,582
<u>Bahrain</u>	8.9	12.5	2.4	1,783,983
<u>Ivory Coast</u>	8.9	14.9	2.8	27,742,298
<u>Pakistan</u>	8.9	13.3	4.3	229,488,994
<u>Togo</u>	8.8	13.8	3.9	8,680,837
<u>Thailand</u>	8.8	15	2.9	70,078,203
<u>Trinidad And Tobago</u>	8.7	13.9	3.6	1,406,585
<u>Gabon</u>	8.4	14.2	2.4	2,331,533
<u>Argentina</u>	8.4	13.7	3.3	46,010,234
<u>Seychelles</u>	8.1	14.4	1.4	99,426
<u>Costa Rica</u>	8.1	14.1	2	5,182,354
<u>China</u>	8.1	9.8	6.2	1,448,471,400

Country	Total Suicide Rate	Male Rate	Female Rate	2022 Population
Uzbekistan	8	11.3	4.8	34,382,084
Saint Lucia	7.9	14.3	1.7	185,113
Equatorial Guinea	7.9	9.4	6	1,496,662
Somalia	7.9	12	3.8	16,841,795
United Kingdom	7.9	11.8	4	68,497,907
Benin	7.8	11.8	3.8	12,784,726
Spain	7.7	11.4	4.2	46,719,142
Ecuador	7.6	11.6	3.6	18,113,361
Burkina Faso	7.5	11.3	3.7	22,102,838
Vietnam	7.5	10.4	4.7	98,953,541
Kyrgyzstan	7.4	11.7	3.2	6,728,271
Zambia	7.3	12	2.7	19,470,234
Morocco	7.2	9.7	4.7	37,772,756
Belize	7.1	12.5	1.7	412,190
Guinea Bissau	7	10.2	3.9	2,063,367
Guinea	7	9.2	4.9	13,865,691
Brazil	6.9	10.9	3	215,353,593
Sierra Leone	6.7	8.3	5.1	8,306,436
Italy	6.7	10.1	3.5	60,262,770
DR Congo	6.7	10.6	2.8	95,240,792
Ghana	6.6	11.8	1.2	32,395,450
United Arab Emirates	6.4	8	3	10,081,785
Chad	6.4	9.6	3.3	17,413,580
Bolivia	6.2	8.4	4.1	11,992,656
Burundi	6.2	9.2	3.4	12,624,840
Malta	6.1	9.8	2.3	444,033
El Salvador	6.1	10.5	2.1	6,550,389
Angola	6.1	10	2.3	35,027,343
Kenya	6.1	9.1	3.2	56,215,221
Paraguay	6	8.7	3.2	7,305,843
Senegal	6	9.2	3	17,653,671
Saudi Arabia	6	8.9	2	35,844,909
Guatemala	5.9	9.3	2.6	18,584,039
Qatar	5.8	7.2	1.7	2,979,915
Yemen	5.8	7	4.6	31,154,867

Country	Total Suicide Rate	Male Rate	Female Rate	2022 Population
Turkmenistan	5.7	8.8	2.7	6,201,943
Malaysia	5.7	8.9	2.3	33,181,072
Rwanda	5.6	8.2	3	13,600,464
Madagascar	5.5	7.6	3.4	29,178,077
Comoros	5.4	7	3.8	907,419
Laos	5.4	7.6	3.2	7,481,023
Malawi	5.4	9.2	1.7	20,180,839
Ethiopia	5.4	7.7	3.1	120,812,698
Israel	5.3	8.4	2.3	8,922,892
Niger	5.3	7.2	3.3	26,083,660
Mexico	5.3	8.5	2.2	131,562,772
Iran	5.2	7.7	2.8	86,022,837
Greece	5.1	8.4	1.9	10,316,637
Oman	4.9	6.8	1	5,323,993
Dominican Republic	4.9	8	1.8	11,056,370
Cambodia	4.9	7	2.8	17,168,639
Gambia	4.8	6.6	3	2,558,482
Bhutan	4.6	6.3	2.7	787,941
Uganda	4.6	7.6	1.7	48,432,863
Liberia	4.5	5.6	3.3	5,305,117
Libya	4.5	6	2.9	7,040,745
Nicaragua	4.4	6.9	1.9	6,779,100
Albania	4.3	5.9	2.7	2,866,374
Tajikistan	4.3	5.7	2.8	9,957,464
Tanzania	4.3	6.6	2	63,298,550
Azerbaijan	4.1	6.6	1.6	10,300,205
Mali	4.1	5.3	2.9	21,473,764
Afghanistan	4.1	4.6	3.6	40,754,388
South Sudan	3.9	5.7	2	11,618,511
Colombia	3.9	6.1	1.8	51,512,762
Tonga	3.8	5	2.6	107,749
Sudan	3.8	4.9	2.8	45,992,020
Timor Leste	3.7	5.3	2	1,369,429
Bangladesh	3.7	5.7	1.7	167,885,689
Cyprus	3.6	6	1.3	1,223,387

Country	Total Suicide Rate			2022 Population
	Male Rate	Female Rate		
Iraq	3.6	5.2	2	42,164,965
Bahamas	3.5	5.9	1.3	400,516
Nigeria	3.5	5	1.9	216,746,934
Armenia	3.3	5.6	1.3	2,971,966
Tunisia	3.3	4.7	1.9	12,046,656
Mauritania	3.1	4	2.2	4,901,981
Papua New Guinea	3	4.3	1.6	9,292,169
Egypt	3	4	2	106,156,692
Kuwait	2.9	4.3	0.7	4,380,326
Panama	2.9	4.7	1	4,446,964
Myanmar	2.9	4.9	1.1	55,227,143
Lebanon	2.8	3.8	1.7	6,684,849
Peru	2.8	4.2	1.4	33,684,208
Brunei	2.7	4.4	0.8	445,431
Maldives	2.7	3.9	0.8	540,985
Algeria	2.5	3.1	1.8	45,350,148
Jamaica	2.4	3.7	1.1	2,985,094
Turkey	2.4	3.6	1.2	85,561,976
Indonesia	2.4	3.7	1.1	279,134,505
Philippines	2.2	3.1	1.2	112,508,994
Honduras	2.1	3.3	0.8	10,221,247
Venezuela	2.1	3.5	0.7	29,266,991
Jordan	1.6	2.5	0.7	10,300,869
Sao Tome And Principe	1.5	2.2	0.8	227,679
Saint Vincent And the Grenadines	1	1.3	0.6	111,551
Grenada	0.7	0.6	0.7	113,475
Barbados	0.6	0.9	0.3	288,023
Antigua And Barbuda	0.4	0	0.8	99,509

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Offenses

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Robbery	16,080	5,810	9,910	90	270
Aggravated assault	27,070	15,270	10,740	650	400
Burglary	20,700	11,740	8,180	440	330
Larceny-theft	83,690	46,390	34,290	1,440	1,570
Motor vehicle theft	13,610	6,390	6,760	330	130
Arson	1,800	1,250	490	30	20
Simple assault	126,130	74,840	47,300	2,380	1,620
Forgery and counterfeiting	850	530	300	0	10
Fraud	3,690	1,850	1,710	90	40
Embezzlement	540	250	270	0	20
Stolen property (buying, receiving, possessing)	8,940	3,100	5,580	130	140
Vandalism	31,950	22,240	8,690	710	310
Weapons (carrying, possessing, etc.)	16,080	8,940	6,650	200	300
Prostitution and commercialized vice	290	140	140	0	10
Sex offenses (except rape & prostitution)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Drug abuse violations	81,320	60,830	17,400	1,820	1,270
Gambling	190	110	70	0	10
Offenses against the family and children	3,060	2,050	690	310	10
Driving under the influence	5,570	4,980	330	170	90
Liquor laws	26,650	22,880	1,810	1,580	370
Drunkenness	3,470	2,690	410	330	40

Offenses	All races	White	Black	American Indian	Asian
Disorderly conduct	53,990	29,540	22,590	1,410	460
Vagrancy	350	250	90	10	0
All other offenses (except traffic)	144,160	97,090	42,120	3,140	1,810
Curfew and loitering	14,650	9,640	4,380	380	260
Violent Crime Index	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Property Crime Index	119,790	65,770	49,720	2,250	2,050
Violent crimes*	44,010	21,490	21,080	770	670

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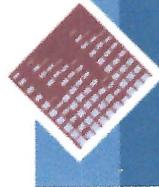
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Offenses	All races	White	Black	American Indian
All offenses	10,085,210	7,014,550	2,667,010	244,200
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	11,060	5,070	5,660	170
Rape	NA	NA	NA	NA
Robbery	74,550	33,290	39,290	840
Aggravated assault	385,280	237,960	128,020	10,100
Burglary	171,590	117,080	49,380	2,500
Larceny-theft	813,070	539,390	245,540	16,070

Offenses	All races	White	Black	American Indian
Motor vehicle theft	80,640	54,500	23,110	1,710
Arson	9,070	6,420	2,240	170
Simple assault	1,025,710	664,630	319,920	23,380
Forgery and counterfeiting	45,180	30,310	13,610	480
Fraud	112,710	74,270	34,440	2,040
Embezzlement	13,500	8,170	4,900	160
Stolen property (buying, receiving, possessing)	88,270	54,250	30,820	1,550
Vandalism	180,500	123,560	49,600	4,570
Weapons (carrying, possessing, etc.)	153,160	85,120	64,070	1,590
Prostitution and commercialized vice	26,710	13,580	11,290	100
Sex offenses (except rape & prostitution)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Drug abuse violations	1,558,860	1,109,600	406,940	20,890
Gambling	2,460	1,400	720	20
Offenses against the family and children	85,690	56,390	24,290	4,170
Driving under the influence	1,024,510	834,890	144,000	19,610
Liquor laws	175,550	136,360	27,270	9,040
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Offenses	All races	White	Black	American Indian
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Curfew and loitering	14,650	9,640	4,380	380
Violent Crime Index	NA	NA	NA	NA
Property Crime Index	1,074,370	717,390	320,270	20,450
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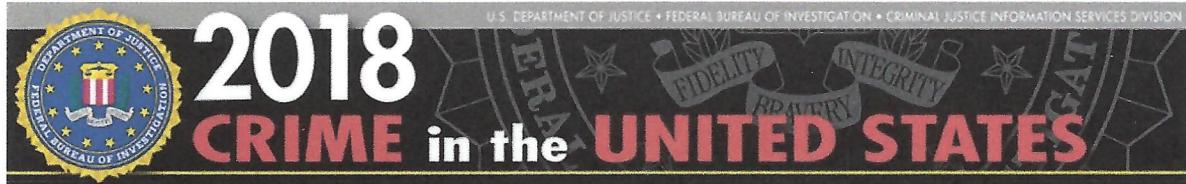
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Race of victim	Race of offender					Sex of offender			Ethnicity of offender		
	Total	White	Black or African American	Other ¹	Unknown	Male	Female	Unknown	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	Unknown
White	3,315	2,677	514	61	63	2,914	383	18	803	1,476	1,036
Black or African American	2,925	234	2,600	17	74	2,603	291	31	83	1,878	964
Other race ¹	220	54	39	122	5	196	22	2	19	132	69
Unknown race	110	46	24	7	33	100	9	1	18	40	52
Race of offender											
Sex of victim	Black or African American					Sex of offender			Ethnicity of offender		
	Total	White	Black or African American	Other ¹	Unknown	Male	Female	Unknown	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	Unknown
Male	4,639	1,942	2,430	133	134	4,073	521	45	675	2,487	1,477
Female	1,921	1,064	745	72	40	1,731	184	6	245	1,036	640
Unknown sex	10	5	2	2	1	9	0	1	3	3	4
Race of offender											
Ethnicity of victim	Black or African American					Sex of offender			Ethnicity of offender		
	Total	White	Black or African American	Other ¹	Unknown	Male	Female	Unknown	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	Unknown
Hispanic or Latino	957	772	143	17	25	888	63	6	655	213	89
Not Hispanic or Latino	4,284	1,685	2,357	148	94	3,751	493	40	231	3,193	860
Unknown	1,329	554	677	42	56	1,174	149	6	37	120	1,172

■ ¹ Includes American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.

■ NOTE: This table is based on incidents where some information about the offender is known by law enforcement; therefore, when the offender age, sex, race, and ethnicity are all reported as unknown, these data are excluded from the table.



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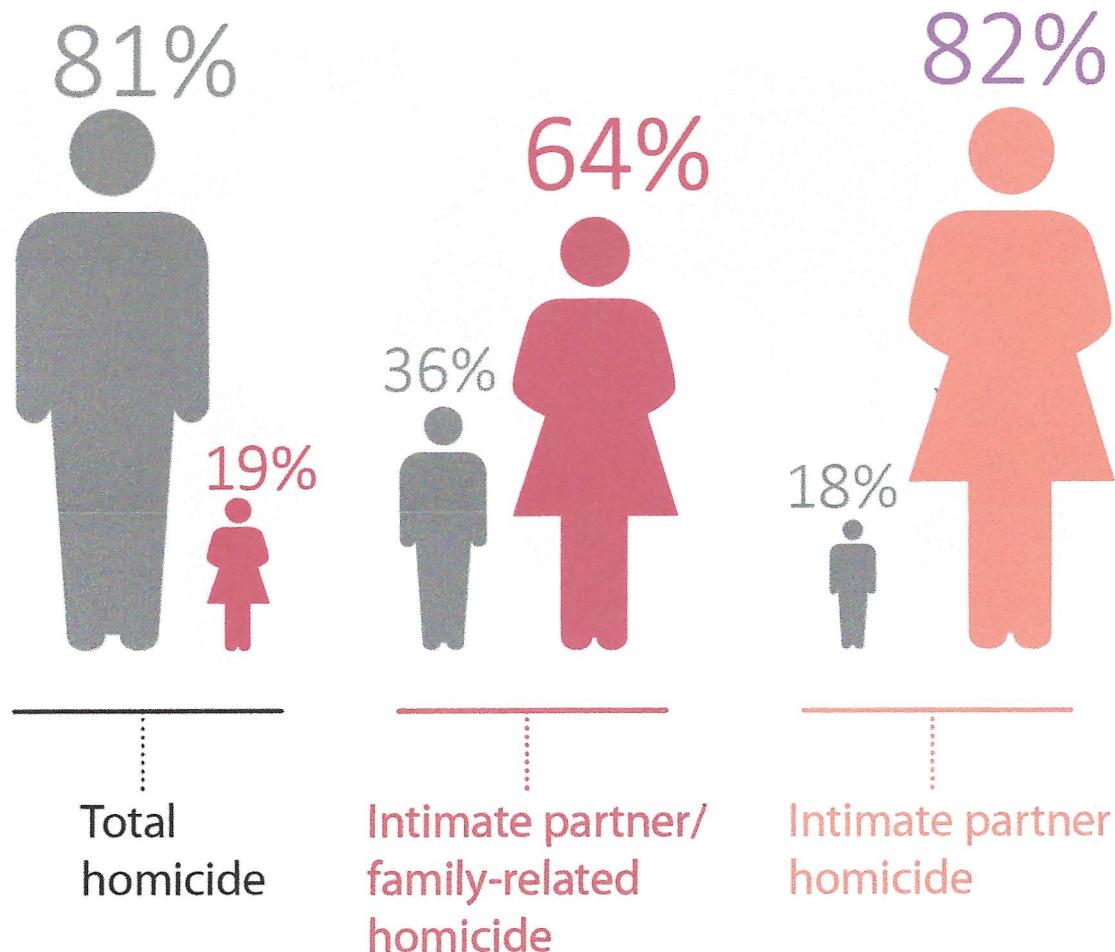
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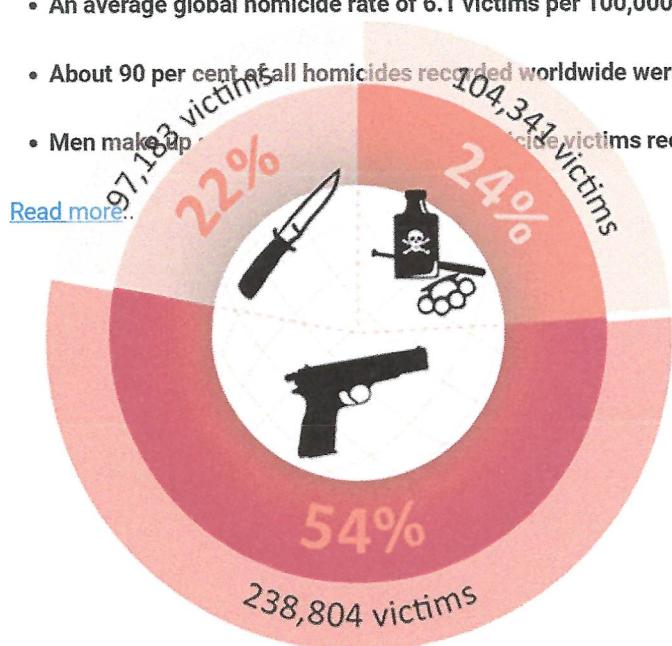
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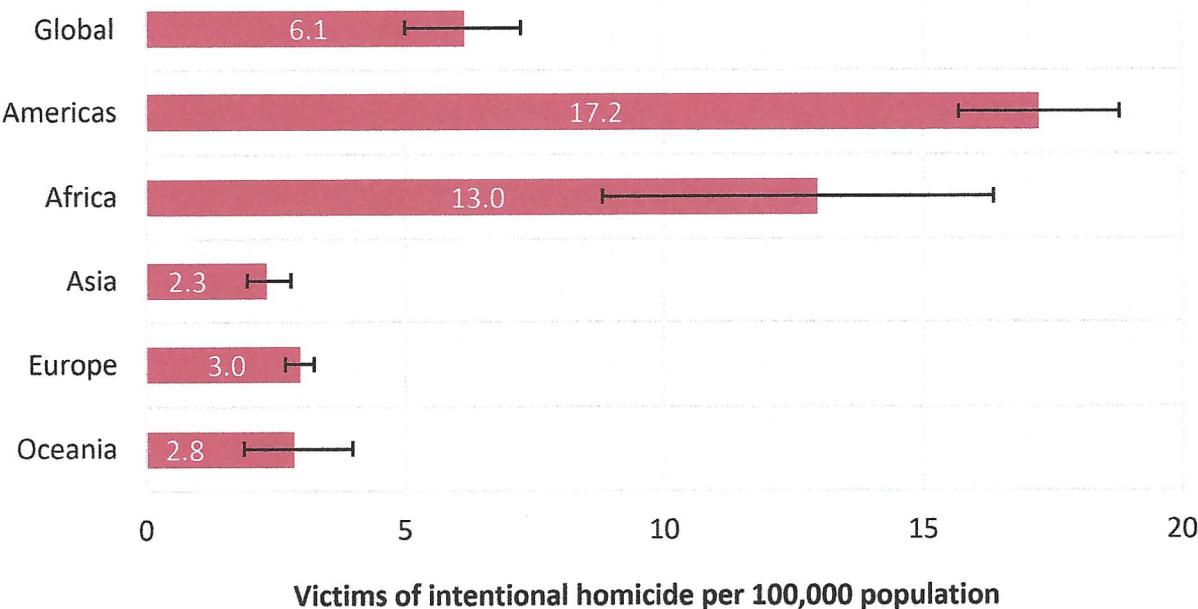
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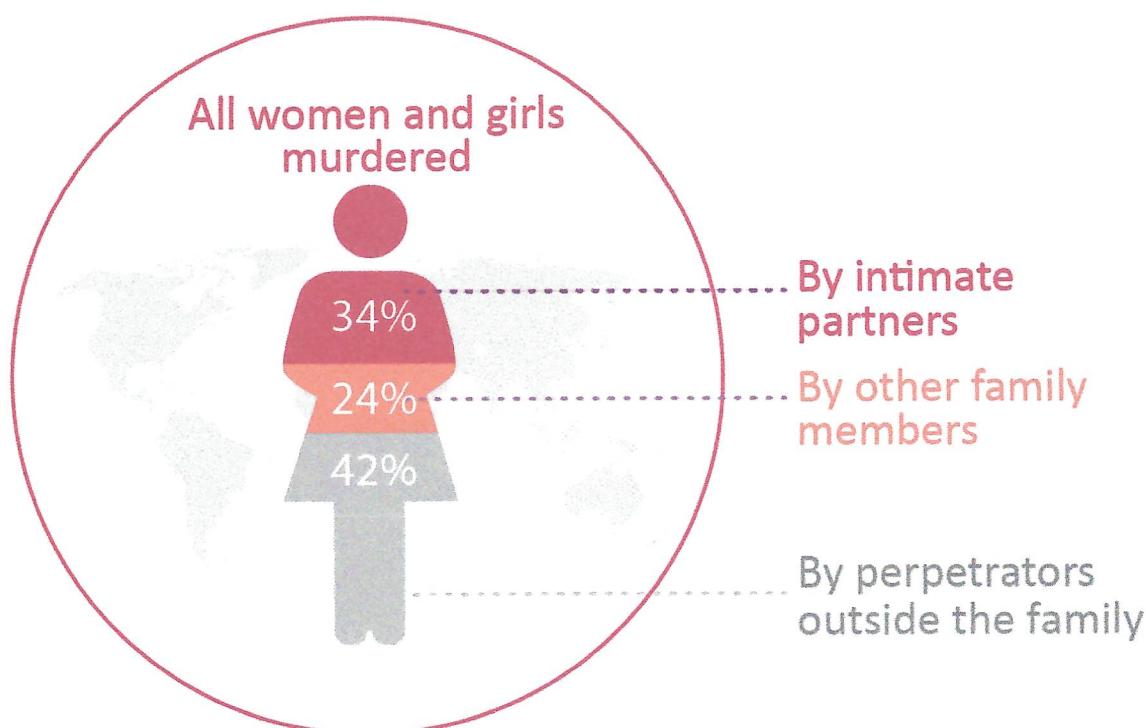
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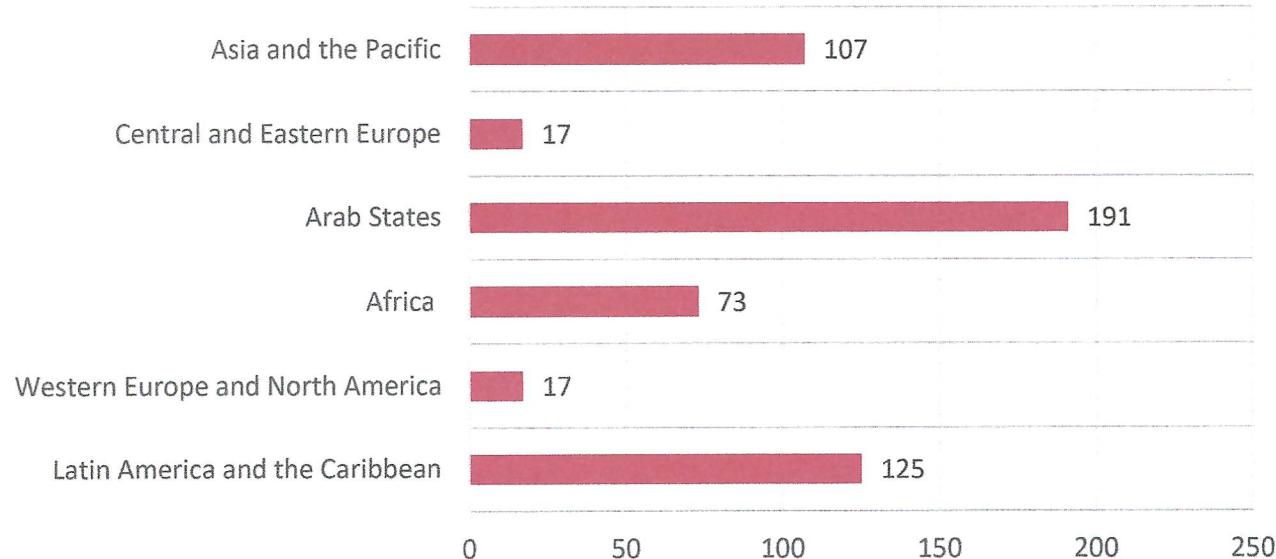
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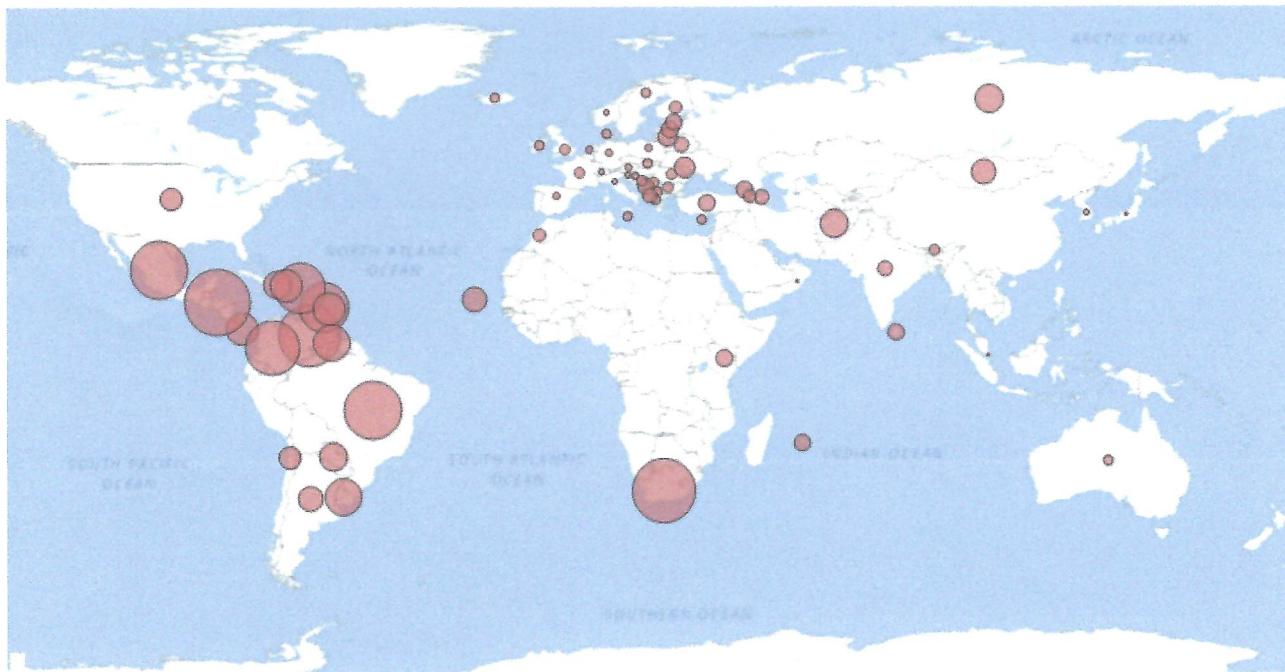
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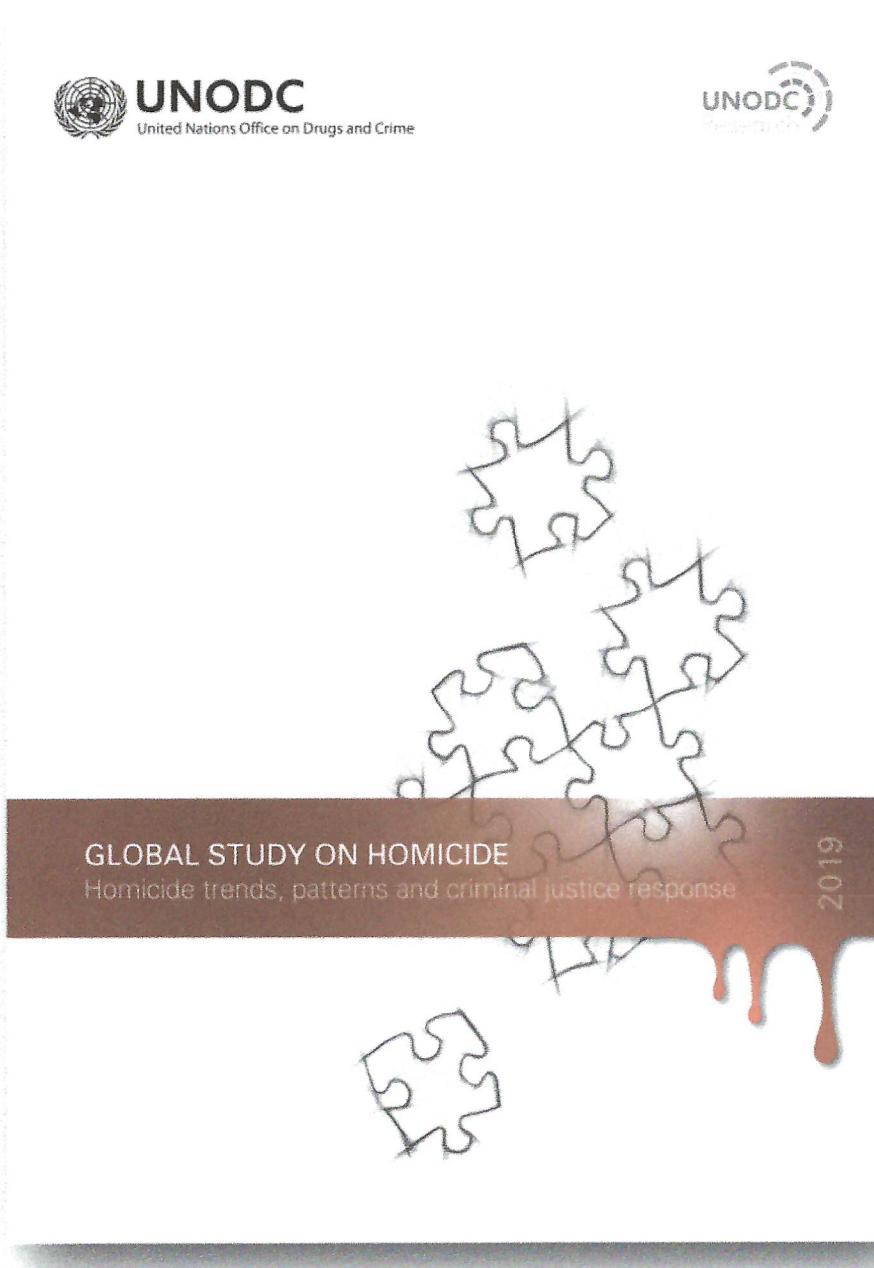


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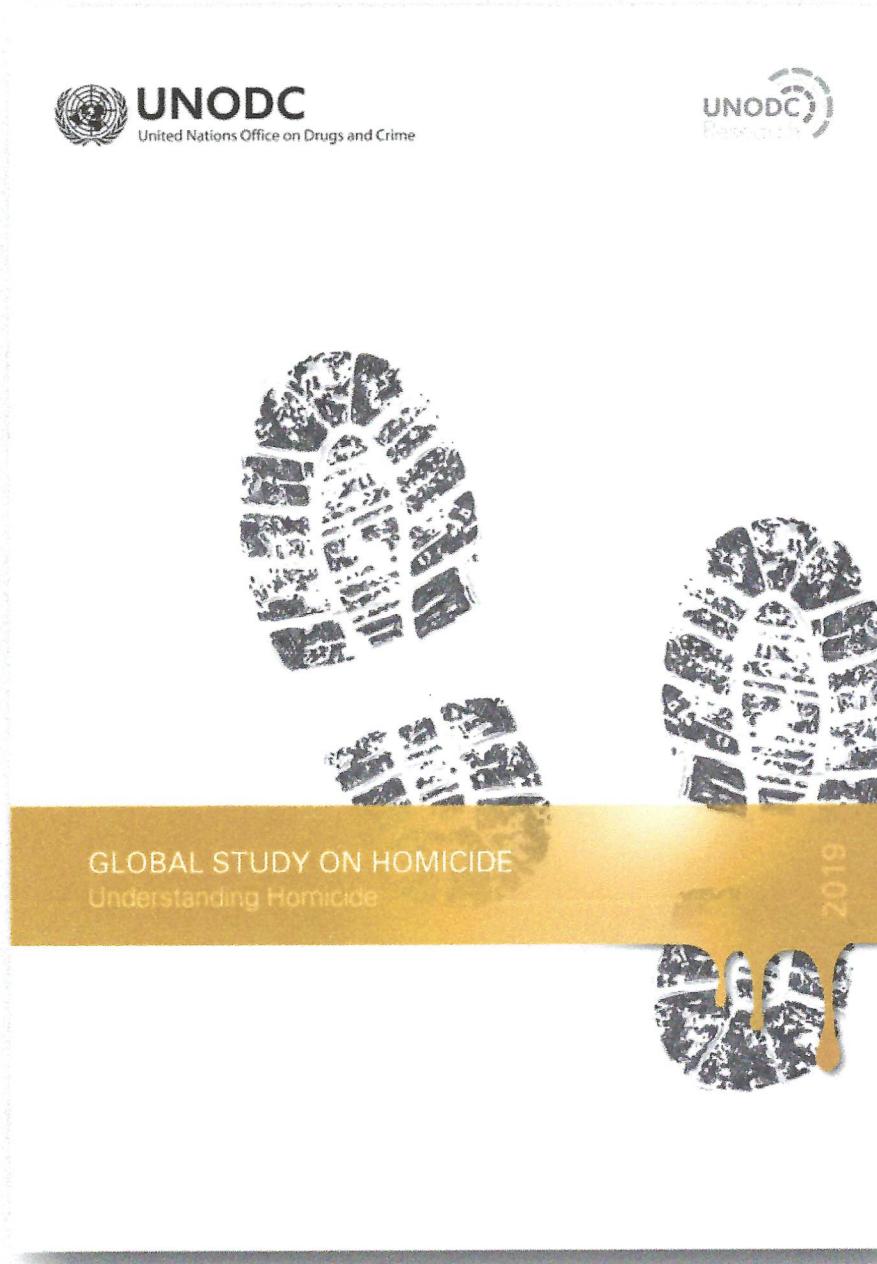
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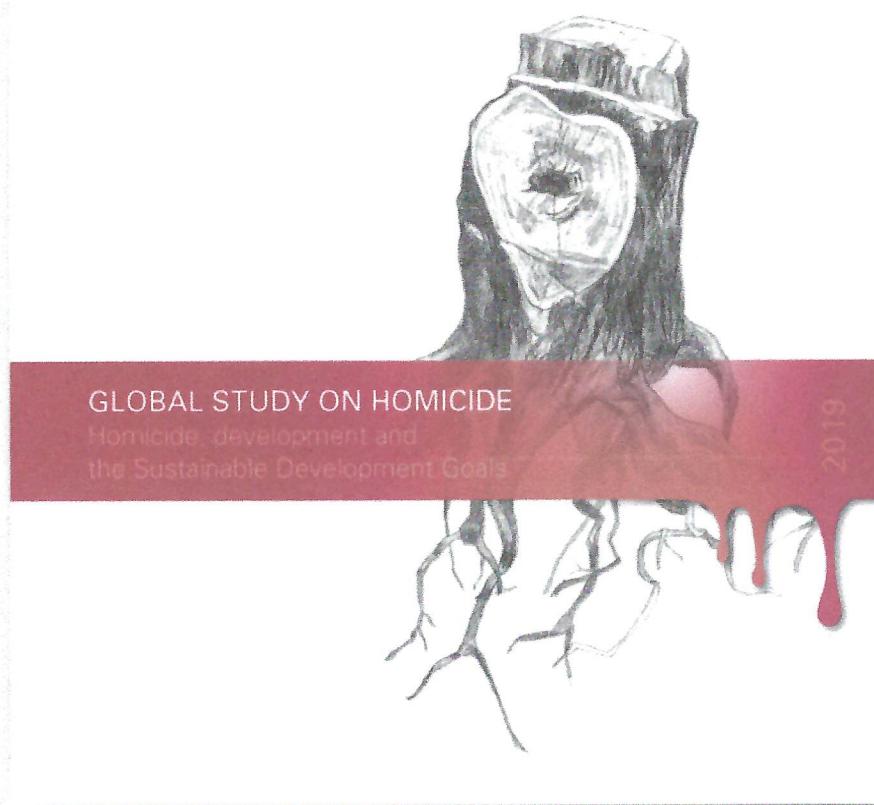
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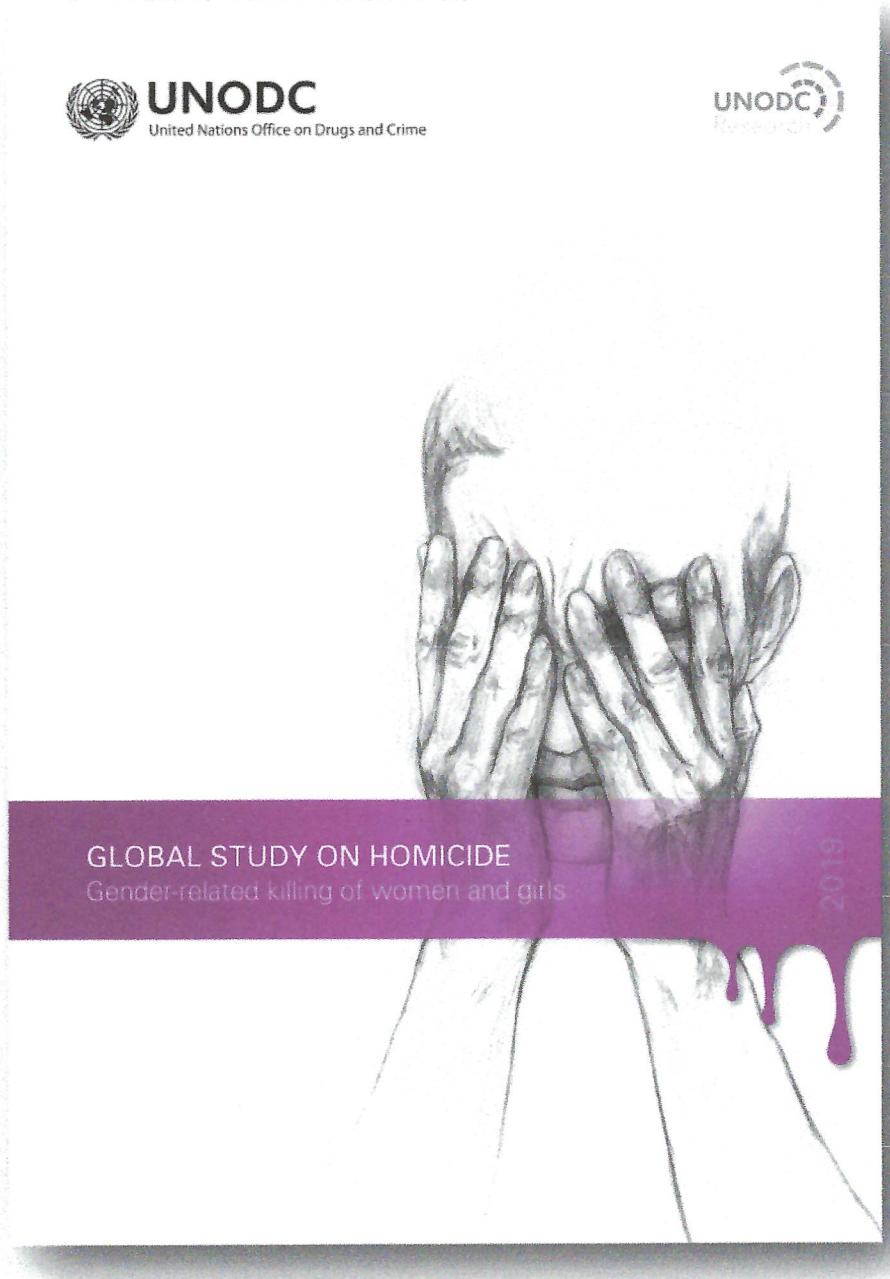
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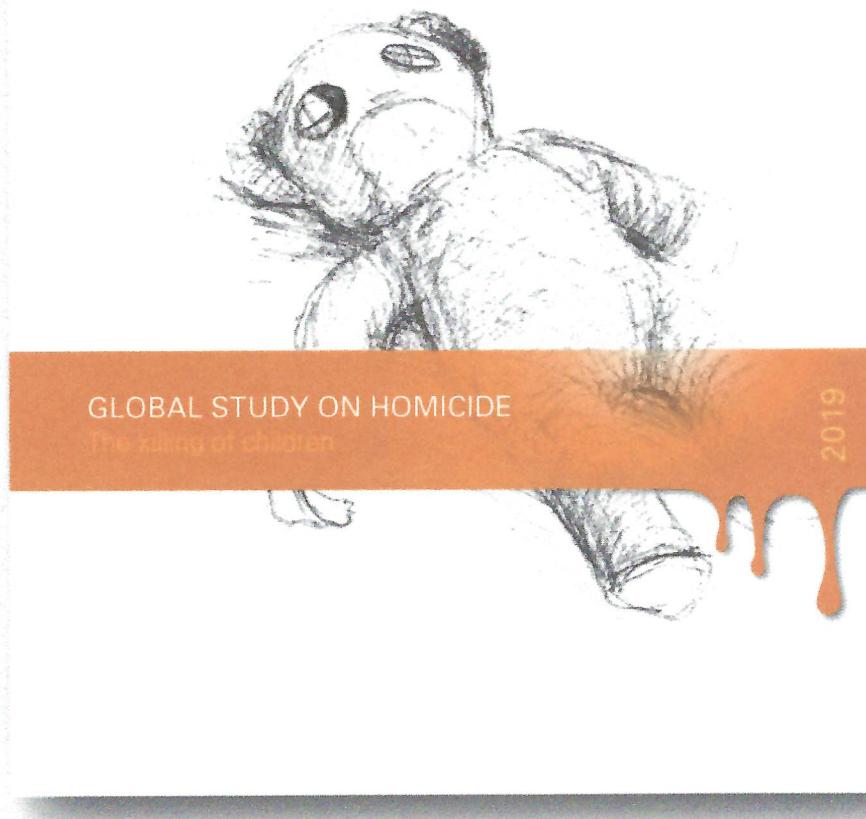
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Booklet 5: Gender-related killing of women and girls

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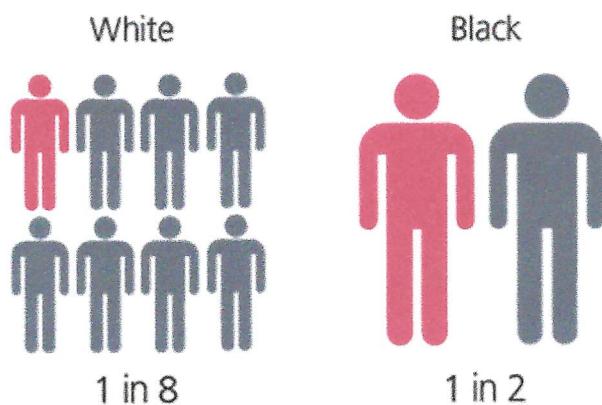


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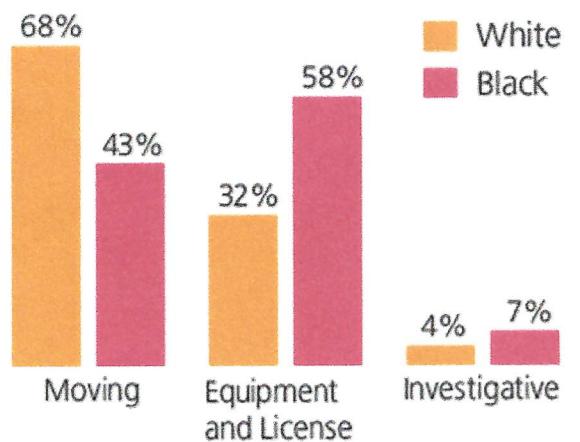
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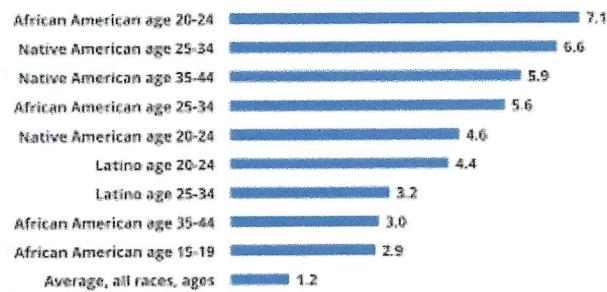


The majority of whites were stopped for a moving violation; the majority of blacks for an equipment or license problem.

Blacks were also more likely to be stopped for investigative reasons.

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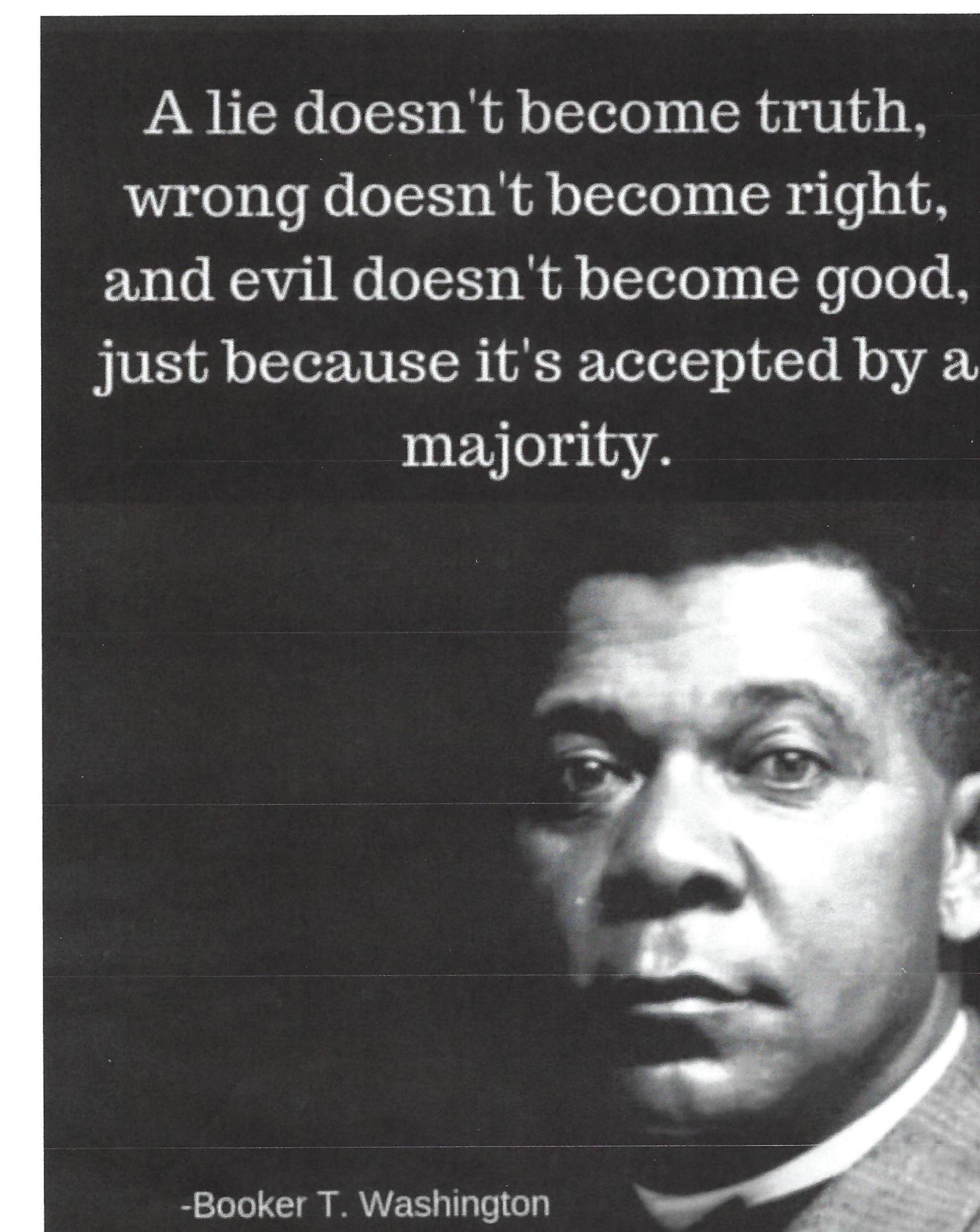
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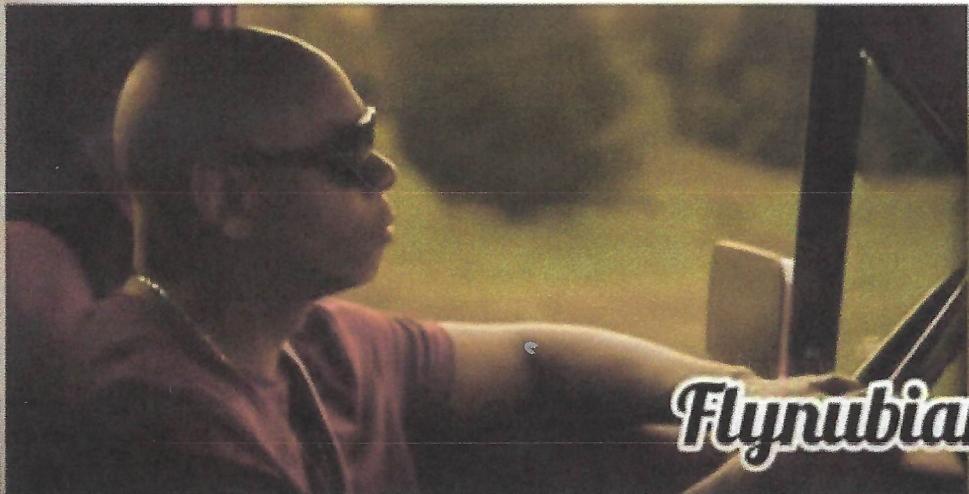
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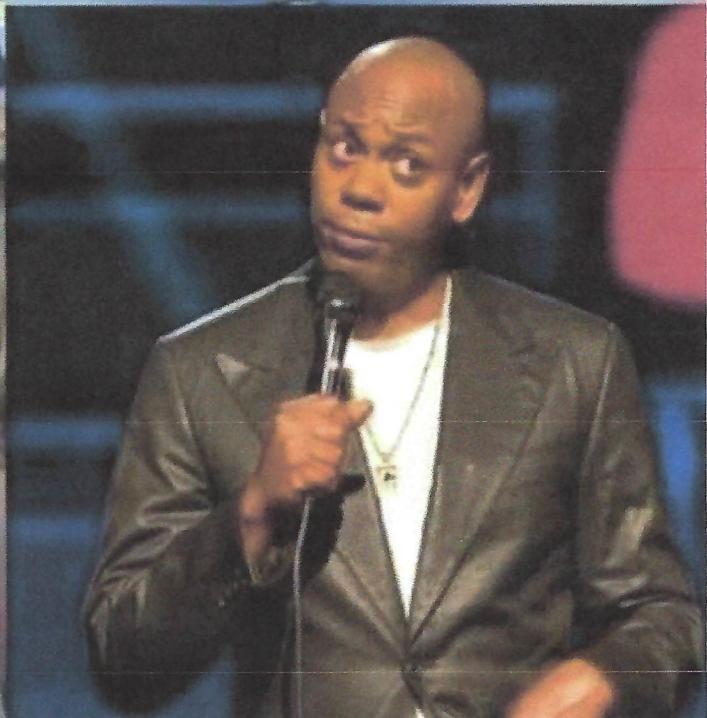
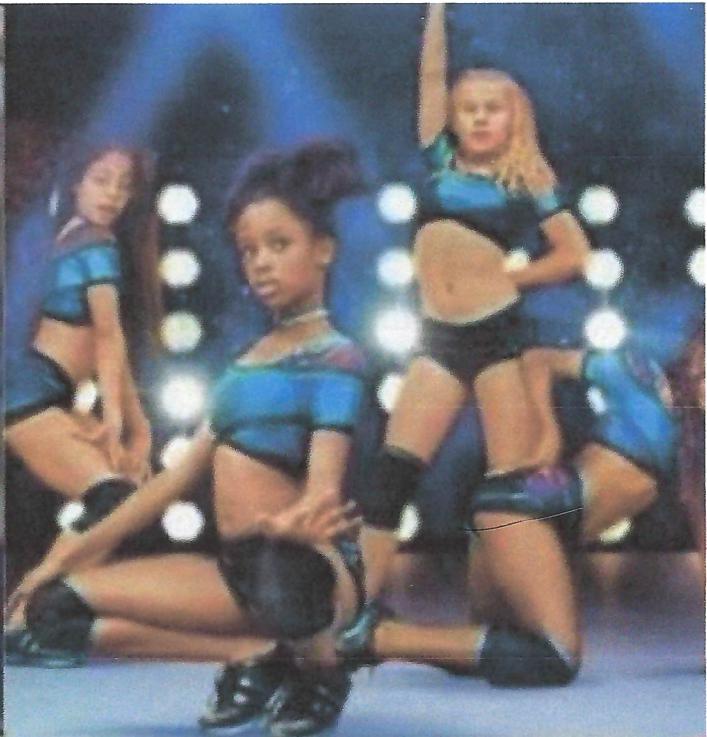
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Twitter users uncover video of Dwyane Wade's male nanny as they insinuate he's the reason Zion Wade now identifies as a girl



Twitter users have uncovered an old video of a man who they claim was Dwyane Wade's sons' nanny when they were little and they are insinuating that he's the reason why Zion Wade now identifies as a girl.

Years ago, when their sons were still little, Wade and his first wife, Siohvaughn Funches divorced and Dwyane got full custody of the kids.

However, he was a star NBA player who was often on the road and didn't have the time to be with his kids regularly.

Rather than call their mother to care for them, he reportedly hired a male nanny to watch his two young sons 24 hours-a-day.



Recently, Wade revealed that his youngest son with Siohvaughn Funches, Zion Wade, now identifies as a girl and wants to be known as "Zaya". His revelation led to so many people sharing their opinions about a 12-year-old boy coming out as transgender and some wondered what influenced his decision.

Well, a social media activist, Tareeq Nasheed has now shared a video of the male nanny boating with a young Zion.



Tariq Nasheed

• @tariqnasheed · 28 Feb

Here is old footage of **#DwayneWade**'s alleged male nanny, out with D Wade's son (who they now say identifies as a girl)

#hmm



Twitter users reacted to the video by suggesting that Zion must have been touched inappropriately as a child by a man and this caused him to lean towards an alternative lifestyle.

Some have gone as far as blaming Wade for trusting his young sons to be alone in the care of a male nanny.

Some even reshared an old news article reporting on the arrest of Siohvaughn Funches for trying to abduct her sons so as to have them with her. They reacted by stating that Siohvaughn most likely had a mother's intuition that her kids were being sexually abused and she wanted to get them back.

@Chayilyahudah captioned the mugshot of Siohvaughn taken after her arrest: 'Zion was 5 years old when this took place. She tried to keep her sons from going back there. She was arrested for attempted child abduction. I say "Mother's Intuition."'



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Below is the video of the male nanny with Zion Wade (now Zaya) and more reactions from Twitter users.



Aminah Majied
@Aminahmagic

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This makes me so sad. Who uses a male nanny?
Especially today knowing what we know about child molestation.

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NeoOlwenyo ♠ 🇰#: @MarcusX314

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Zion had a lot of bad influences. I know in my heart somebody touched that boy and this video clip only adds more fuel to the fire

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DerekAllen14
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As a retired LEO, I can definitively say that sexual abuse is rampant in our community.....Incidentally, each and every one of my male gay friends eventually told me that were sexually abused by an individual close to them or by a relative.

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99.9999% of LGBTQ's we're sexually molested by same sex as a child or some inappropriate stuff went on as a child with them and unfortunately they grow up believing they actually like it. You're not born like that... don't care what nobody say! That kid is a victim of it too!

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Siohvaughn Funches, who has a Phd in Christian studies, calls Zaya her 'son' as she talks about her second pregnancy in the latest episode of her motivational podcast.

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"If you're a mom who's given birth ... or you've been in a room with someone giving birth, that's a place that not a lot of people get to come in. For good reason," she said. "So it could be a lonely place, and [it] could be an ugly place, a bloody place, a very painful place."

"I don't want to scare anybody pregnant. You can always pray 'God have mercy on me, give me your anointing of ease in Jesus name.' So don't freak," she continued. "My second son, it was like a breeze. I might as well have been watching Netflix at the time."

Siohvaughn has a Phd in Christian studies. She often posted motivational messages on her social media and podcast. She married Dwyane in 2002 and got divorce in 2010 following a bitter split. They share two children named Zaire and Zion when they were born.

Both kids live with Dwyane and his second wife [Gabrielle Union](#) since the retired basketballer got the sole custody of them.

Earlier this month, Dwayne announced his second child's gender change in an interview on "[The Ellen DeGeneres Show](#)". He said, the kid "came home and said, 'Hey, so I want to talk to you guys. I think going forward, I'm ready to live my truth. And I want to be referenced as she and her. I'd love for you guys to call me Zaya.' "

In a different interview, the former Miami Heat star revealed 12-year-old Zaya had always identified herself as a girl since age 3. "She's known it for nine years, since she was 3 years old," the athlete claimed.

Zaya herself said in a chat with her father, "Just be true to yourself, because what's the point of even living on this earth if you're going to try to be someone you're not?" She added, "I know it can get tough. Definitely. But I think you push through and you be the best you."

Her gender change has since sparked debate. Some were concerned because of her young age while some others took issue with Dwyane for bringing it up in his press tour to promote his documentary which's expected to feature her story.

"I struggled on how much I wanted to talk about in the doc," he said. "I actually didn't talk about it a lot. But, I knew if I put it in the doc at all, it would be a big conversation."

He defended himself, "Yes, we understand that our daughter's 12 years old. We struggled with what people would say about a 12-year-old making a decision about her life, but we also know our child."

DWAYNE WADE'S EX-WIFES MAKE SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS ABOUT HER BABY DADDY

Dwyane Wade Book Signing For "A Father First: How My Life Became Bigger Than Basketball"

In a new interview with "Real Talk with Kietta," Siohvaughn Wade, ex-wife of Miami Heat star Dwyane Wade, made some serious allegations about her former husband. Siohvaughn, who lost custody of the children she shares with Dwyane in a bitter custody battle, claims that Dwyane physically abused her in their marriage — even when she was pregnant.

Excerpt courtesy of Necole Bitchie:

I was pregnant with Zion. Shortly before being hospitalized I was in Florida and I woke up in the middle of the night because I was sick, obviously with the pregnancy. I noticed that Mr. Wade wasn't in the house. I was calling him and calling him because it was probably like, two or three o'clock in the morning and we went to bed together which means he must have gotten up out of the bed and just left in the middle of the night without telling me. I was looking for him. I looked around the house. I was calling his phone he didn't answer. He finally got back several hours later, it was well into the next day and I was very upset. I was asking where was he and why he [would] just leave without saying anything.

His response was at first to be verbally abusive. He was cursing, he was calling me names, he was telling me to shut the 'f' up.[...]He picked me up and held me over his head literally in midair and threw me down in our bathroom. We had an ottoman in the bathroom and he slammed me down so hard that when my back hit the ottoman it broke into four pieces and my back and head hit the concrete, the marble floor, excuse me, in the bathroom. After that I got up and immediately went — there's a cordless phone in the bathroom, I immediately went to that phone and I was crying, I was hysterical, I went to go call the police. At that point more hell broke lose because I suppose he was in fear of being exposed because I certainly was going to call the police. I picked up the cordless phone, he snatched it out of my hand and he threw the cordless phone against my body so hard that the phone literally broke into pieces.

Siohvaughn also got very candid on her thoughts about Dwyane's relationship with Gabrielle Union:

Separated and divorced are two different things. I'm not certain when it happened or when she happened but I know that I was very married. I know that me and Dwyane at that time had talked about reconciliation going back and forth. I was still even intimate sometimes with my then husband. So, does that constitute sleeping or having an affair with somebody's husband? Yes. To me, divorce and separation are always two different things.

The lawsuit was about her having a negative effect on my children. That's what that lawsuit was about. Her behavior and the things she did and said began to affect my sons, that's when I opened my mouth and did something about it.

You can watch the interview on [Kietta's site](#).

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Siohvaughn Wade Says Dwyane Abused Her & Their Kids

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Siohvaughn Wade is firing back at Dwyane Wade... On the same day she was arrested for failure to appear in court, she filed another lawsuit claiming Dwyane abused her and their two sons, physically and emotionally, for years.

In the lawsuit she said the abuse included picking her up and throwing her to the ground while she was pregnant.

In a February 2010 outburst, Dwyane Wade allegedly called their crying 8-year-old son a “m——” and said “Didn’t I tell you men don’t f—— cry, man the f—— up,” according to the lawsuit.

Attached to the lawsuit is a March application for a restraining order, sparked —she claims in the documents — by a recent fight between the Wades that triggered a panic attack.

James Pritikin, Dwyane Wade’s attorney, said he hadn’t seen the suit, but dismissed the allegations

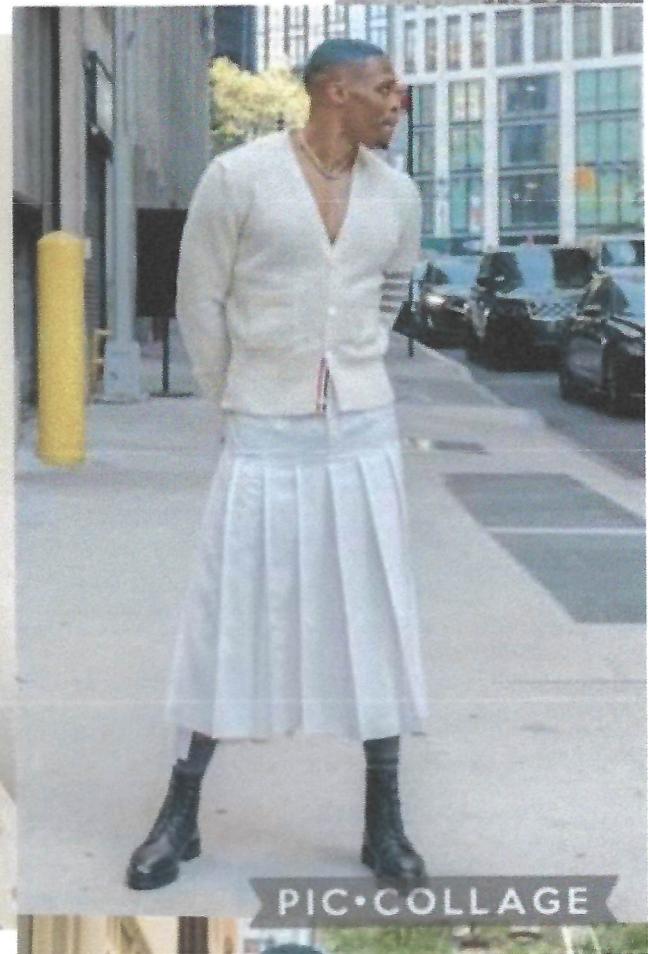
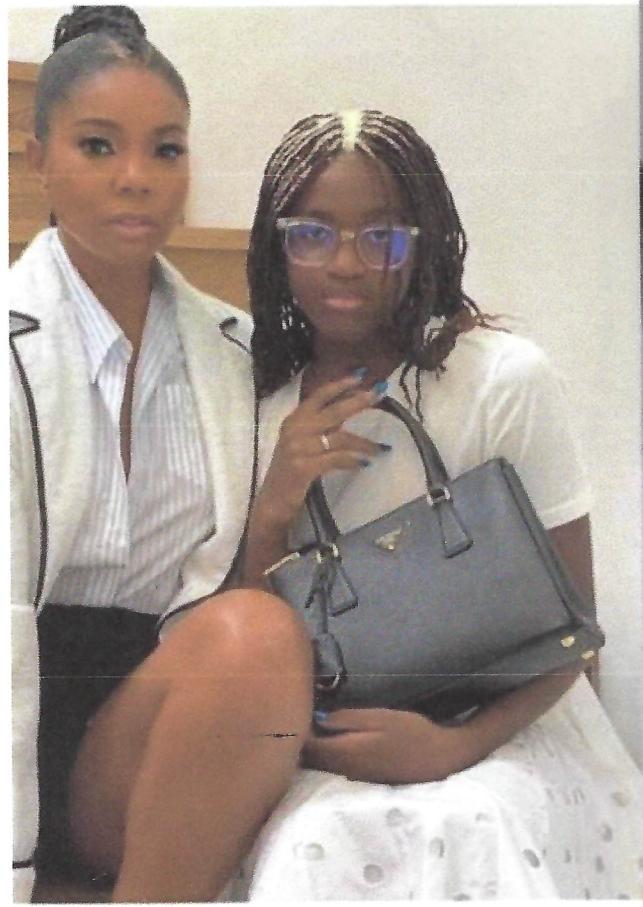
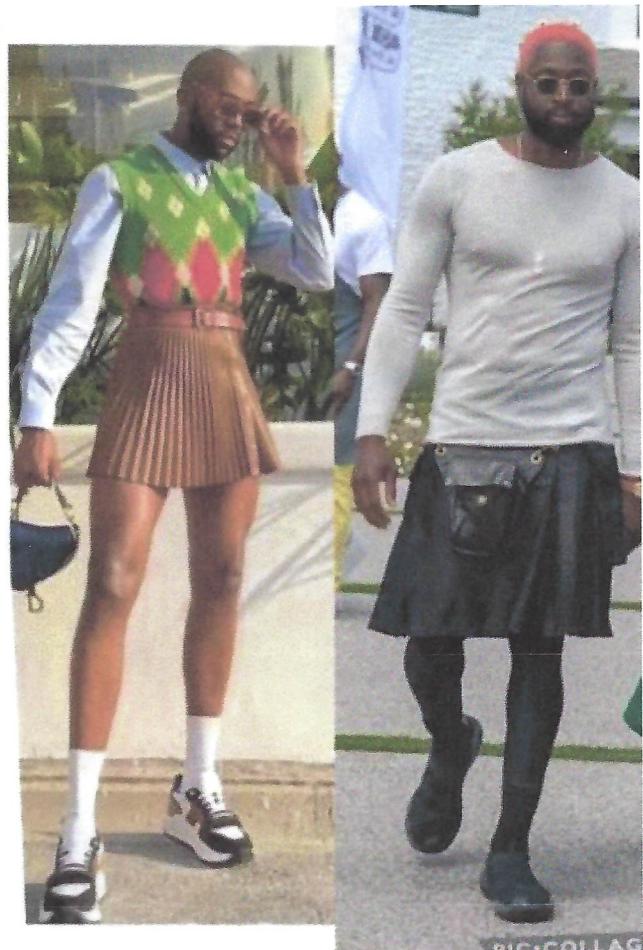
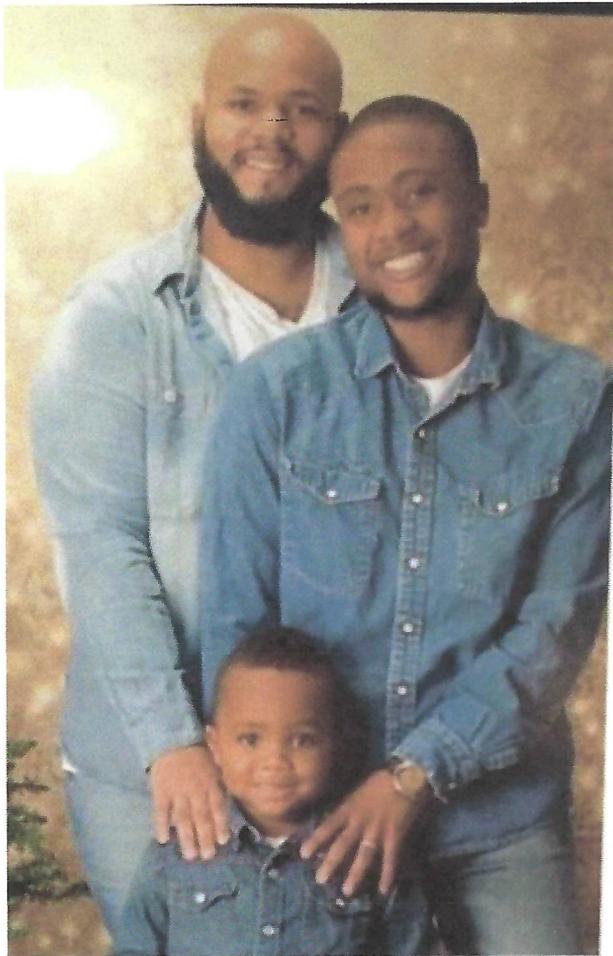
“That’s not the first time she’s made the allegations, and there’s nothing to support them,” Pritikin said, noting the protracted divorce case can be attributed to Siohvaughn Wade. “Mrs. Wade demonstrates she just can’t let go.” —[Source](#)

I wonder if these two are thinking about the damage they're doing to their kids???

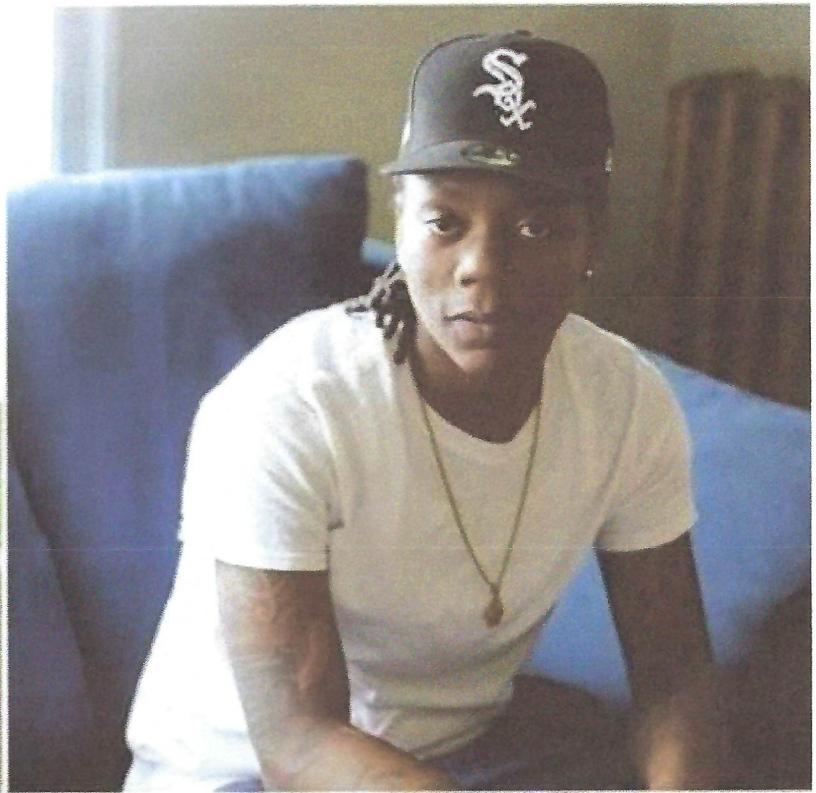
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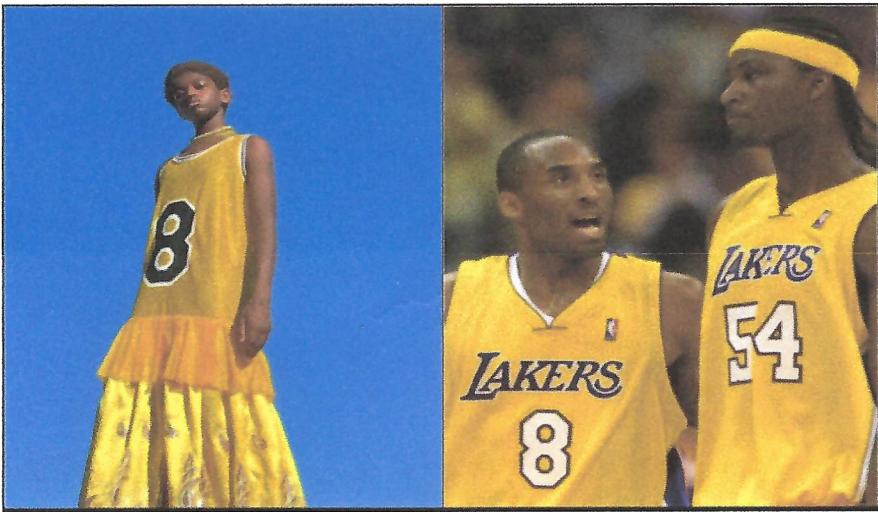
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Kwame Brown Blasts Dwyane Wade's Son Now Daughter Zaya For Wearing Kobe Jersey Dress As Tribute



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Listen, Zaya Wade is still a child.

Everyone is entitled to their opinion on how D Wade, Gabrielle Union, and his mother have handled the situation with his transition, but in the end, that is their family, and they did the best.

I don't think grown men should be going on YouTube taking shots at a child regardless of their personal opinions of what that child has done.

We all know Kwame Brown has a lot of thoughts on many things, and he wasn't shy about speaking about Zaya Wade for wearing a Kobe Jersey Dress on the anniversary of his death.

Brown says D Wade is failing as a man and a father. In Kwame's words, Wade isn't "Leveling Up." Brown says that D Wade is letting his woman (Gabrielle Union) control him and his household. Brown says Kobe was a masculine man and wouldn't want anyone honoring him by wearing a dress.

Brown says he doesn't have anything about gay and lesbians, but a heterosexual man like Kobe shouldn't be honored by having a gay teen turn his jersey into a dress.

Brown speaks on how it would have been acceptable to have Zaya wear an actual jersey, but wearing a dress pushes a narrative that shouldn't be associated with Kobe. Finally, Brown states the black community is being brainwashed, and in the future, if you are going to pay tribute to Kobe, don't be disrespectful by wearing his jersey as a dress.

It should be noted that the only comment allowed on Zaya Wade was Natalia Bryant, Kobe's oldest daughter.

Listen, we have no idea what Kobe would or wouldn't think. However, you want to pay tribute to someone who passed away is your choice. I don't think Zaya meant any disrespect or was pushing any agenda. He wanted something creative and went for it.

Let us know what you think in the comments. Is Kwame right, or should we just leave Zaya alone?



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Twitter Is Confused By Young Thug's Take On Dwyane Wade's Transgender Child

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[Dwyane Wade's](#) recent interview with *Good Morning America* stirred up plenty of controversy after the retired NBA star opened up about his transgender child. He explained to *GMA*'s Robin Roberts his son, born Zion Wade, knew at 3 years old that he didn't feel right in his own skin.

So he ultimately began living as Zaya Wade and asking to be referred to by the appropriate female pronouns. After Boosie Badazz [expressed his horror](#) at the thought of gender reassignment surgery on a young child, Young Thug has thrown in his own two cents.

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Like clockwork, Boosie Badazz sparks outrage over his recent comments.

There's not a day that goes by where Boosie Badazz doesn't ruffle people's feathers and in recent times, it's often regarded his parenting style or at least his opinion on parenting. Though he's still not convinced he said anything wrong in regards to Dwyane Wade and Gabrielle Union's kid, he recently hopped on Instagram Live where he revealed that he's gotten older women to perform fellatio on his 12-year-old son like some sort of coming-of-age ceremonious act.

"My 9-year-old, 10-year-old, I done showed them how to put on a rubber. Before he even starts having sex, I showed my sons how to put on a rubber. Ain't gonna get my son no mothafuckin' shit out here," he said on Instagram Live.

"I'm training these boys right," he said. Ask any of my nephews, ask any of them, ask my son. Yeah, when they was 12, 13 they got head. Yeah, that's how it's supposed to be," he added.

"Yes, a grown woman, grown, super grown, super grown checked his ass out," he added. "Checked all my nephews out, super grown. Is she grown? She check me out. I know what the fuck she did to them, she checked me out that bitch. I'm getting them prepared man."

Boosie quickly faced accusations of facilitating the molestation of his kids, though this isn't the first time he's revealed to the public about his controversial parenting techniques.

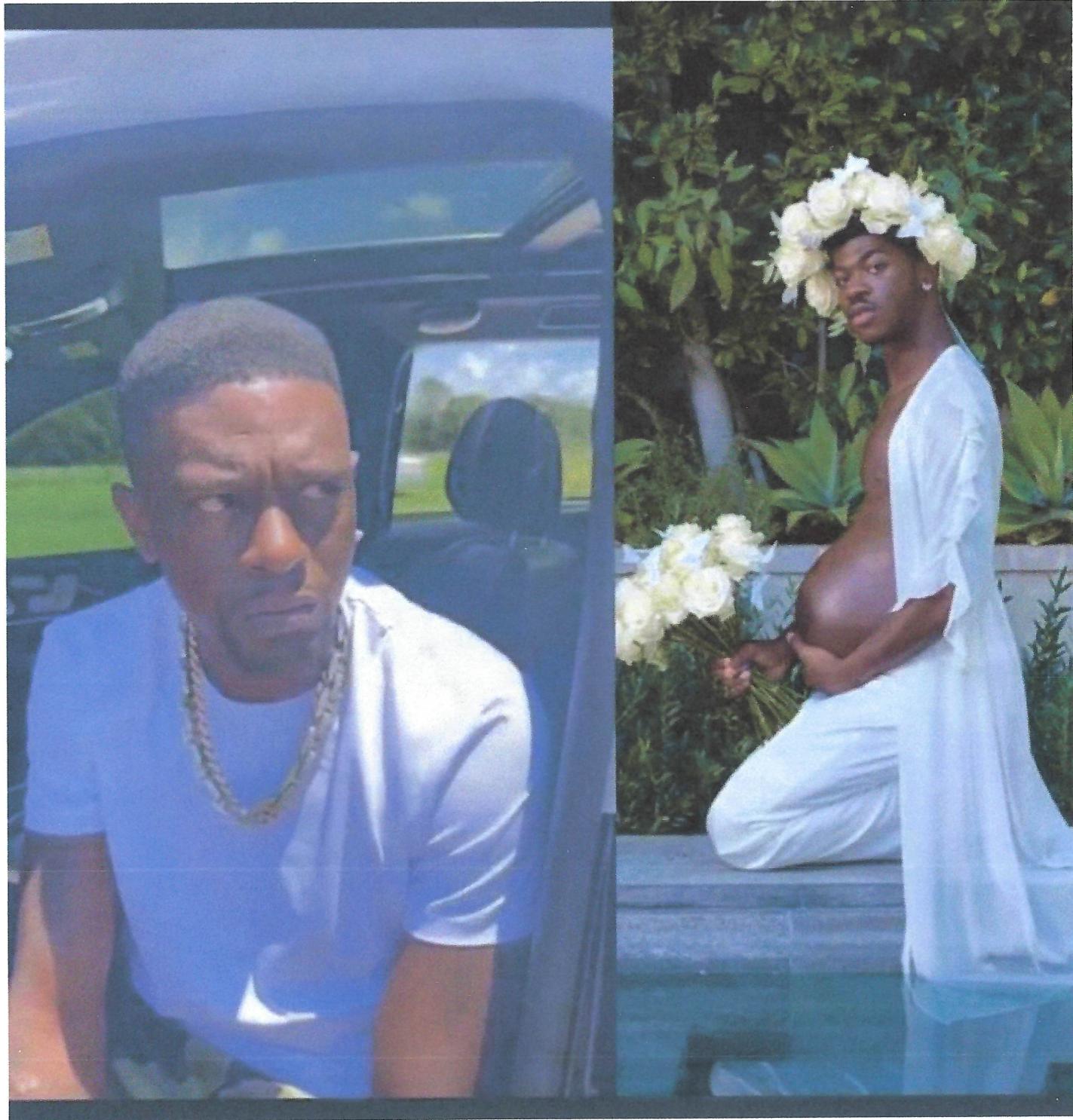
I need y'all to know that if you don't see a problem with what Boosie did, you should die. In all seriousness. The world would be a better place without statutory rapists, apologists & facilitators. Go to hell or jail. Whichever you encounter first.

— L. Fisherman (@D0MXNXQUE) [May 13, 2020](#)

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Nov 12, 2021 — **Lil Nas X** is up to his tricks again. In a promo video for what purports to be an upcoming appearance on the "who's your daddy?

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The video for **Lil Nas X**'s new single "Montero (Call Me By Your Name)" has everything: alien sex, snake-licking, pastel Marie Antoinette wigs, Greek references to Plato's Symposium that a grand total of three people watching the video will be able to read and understand. But perhaps its most prominent character is the Prince of Darkness himself: Satan, whom Lil Nas X seduces with a lap-dance in the video after riding a stripper pole to hell, then steals his horns.

Watching the rapper twerk atop a swole zaddy Satan in the video is redolent with symbolism: as Lil Nas X put it in a press release, it was intended as a nod to homophobes who accuse gay people of going to hell, with the dethroning of Satan as a means of "dismantling the throne of judgment and punishment that has kept many of us from embracing our true selves out of fear." (It also appears to be a fuck you to those on the far right who **accused Lil Nas X of Satanism** back in 2019.) Mostly, however, it's just badass.

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The video has received widespread acclaim on social media for its sumptuous, provocative imagery, as well as the expected condemnation from those on the right accusing Lil Nas X of indoctrinating innocent children into becoming...lap dancers? Classics scholars? Wig enthusiasts? It's unclear. However, the question remains: what do actual Satanists themselves think of the video? Does Lil Nas X's flame-licking lap dance constitute little more than Satanic cultural appropriation? If he isn't canceled by Republicans, will Lil Nas X be canceled by Satanists first?

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world. The fact that he crowned himself as Satan — now, *that's Satanic*,” he says, noting it’s especially empowering in the context of Lil Nas X making a statement about his own journey as a black gay artist who has faced bigotry.

As for the infamous intratheistic lap dance, far from being sacareligious, Satanists believe in all forms of consensual sexuality, so “someone giving a lap dance to anyone who wants one is obviously more than welcome within the confines of Satanism,” he says.

So there you have it: Lil Nas X has the Church of Satan’s stamp of approval. As one Lil Nas X fan summed up on Twitter, in response to tongue-clucking over the androgyny and lurid sexuality of the video: “Either you getting piped by satanhimself or u ain’t livin right.”

Correction Fri., March 26, 2020: An earlier version of this piece misstated David Harris's last name. We regret the error.

Here's the Meaning of the Symbolism in Lil Nas X's Controversial New Music Video

Until last Sunday, I honestly had no idea who Lil Nas X was. I don't really follow music in general and I honestly know especially little about rap in particular. Then, while we were driving back to Bloomington after visiting our parents for Easter, my sister mentioned to me that Lil Nas X is a rapper, that he wrote a song about being gay—which I later learned is titled “Montero (Call Me By Your Name)” —and that the music video for it includes a scene of him riding a stripper pole down to Hell and giving Satan a lap dance. She explained that religious conservatives were having a huge moral panic over this music video because they think it glorifies homosexuality and Satanism.

Having heard this, I naturally decided to look up [the music video](#) for myself to see what all the fuss was about. I have to say that, for a three-minute clip that involves the main character riding a stripper pole to Hell and giving Satan a lap dance, the music video is remarkably intellectually sophisticated. The people who worked on this video clearly did a *ton* of research. As soon as I watched it, I was genuinely impressed by the sheer number of classical and Biblical allusions that they managed to cram in.

It incorporates specific references to works of ancient Greek and Roman art, the Bible, Greek mythology, works of Greek philosophy, and John Milton's *Paradise Lost*. They even managed to include an exact, direct quote from Plato's *Symposium* in the original Classical Attic Greek! Here's a detailed explanation of the music video's classical and Biblical symbolism.

The cover

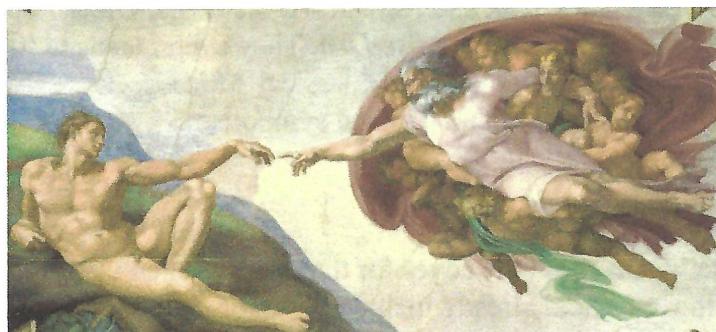
Before I talk about the music video itself, let's talk about the cover for the single, which was designed by the Spanish-Croatian artist Filip Ćustić and already includes a ton of noteworthy classical allusions. For one thing, it is clearly based on the fresco *The Creation of Adam*, which was painted by the Italian Renaissance artist Michelangelo (lived 1475 – 1564) in around the year 1512.

Michelangelo's original fresco depicts the Judeo-Christian God in the form of a gray-haired old man creating Adam, who was the first human according to the creation story in the Book of Genesis. The cover for the song presents a reinterpretation of this fresco, with Lil Nas X portraying both Adam and the deity.

The fact that the cover is based on a fresco by Michelangelo is especially fitting since, as I discuss in [this article from December 2020 about Neoclassical architecture](#), Michelangelo was almost certainly sexually attracted to men. He never married and is never recorded to have had any kind of sexual or romantic relationship with a woman. He is, however, recorded to have had multiple very intimate relationships with men over the course of his life. He even wrote extensive homoerotic love poems addressed to some of his male friends, in which he describes his desire for them using very carnal language.



ABOVE: *The cover of the single, designed by Filip Ćustić*



ABOVE: *The Creation of Adam, painted in around 1512 by the Italian Renaissance painter Michelangelo*

The cover, however, makes several noteworthy departures from Michelangelo's fresco. The most noteworthy departure of all is the fact that, instead of being represented as a gray-haired old man, the deity on the cover is represented as a sexy naked young man, reclining on a cloud, holding a bow and arrow, with leaves growing up out of the cloud around him.

This representation immediately reminds me of Apollon, the Greek god of archery, who is often represented in art as a sexy naked man holding a bow and arrow. The god on the cover could alternatively be Eros, the Greek god of sexual desire, who was also represented as a nude young man with a bow and arrow, but I'm more inclined to think that he is supposed to be Apollon, since Eros is usually represented in modern media as a child, not a sexy adult. Furthermore, the leaves growing up out of the clouds look to me like laurel leaves, which are traditionally said to be sacred to Apollon.

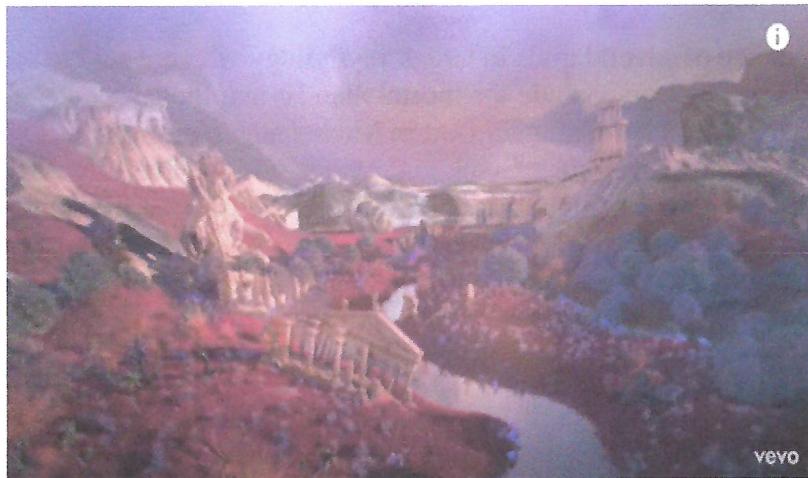
Once again, quite fittingly, Apollon is one of several gods in Greek mythology who are said to have had sexual affairs with men. His male lovers include the mortal men Hyakinthos, Kyparissos, and Branchos. By replacing the Judeo-Christian God in Michelangelo's original painting, who condemns homosexuality, with Apollon, a Greek god who is said to have personally had homosexual affairs, the cover is hinting at the pro-LGBTQ+ message of the song.



ABOVE: The Death of Niobe's Children, painted in the early seventeenth century by the German painter Johann König. Notice the archer god Apollon in the upper left.

The opening scene of the Garden of Eden

Now that we've discussed the cover, let's talk about the music video itself. At the very beginning of the music video, before the voiceover is even finished, there is a scene of the Garden of Eden, which portrayed as a terrestrial paradise. Fascinatingly, however, the landscape is littered with ruined marble structures built in classical architectural styles. There is the façade of a Greek temple complete with a pediment, columns in the Ionic order, and a tower that vaguely resembles the leaning Tower of Pisa. These set a tone for the music video that is resolutely classical.



ABOVE: Scene of the Garden of Eden from the music video

After the voiceover, the camera zooms in on Lil Nas X in the role of Adam, sitting underneath the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil with a pink guitar. A large serpent is seen coiled around the tree. While Adam is singing, the serpent emerges from behind the tree to reveal that it also has the upper body of Lil Nas X, only with serpentine features and a third eye on its forehead.



ABOVE: Screenshot of the serpent in the Garden of Eden, as it is portrayed in Lil Nas X's music video

This portrayal clearly alludes to medieval Christian representations of the serpent in the Garden of Eden, which frequently depict the serpent with the head and upper body of a human being. The music video, however, deviates from the medieval iconography in the following notable way. Namely, medieval Christian portrayals usually depict the serpent with the upper body of a *woman*. Lil Nas X's music video, on the other hand, depicts the serpent with the upper body of a *man*.

In this first part of the video, Adam seems to represent Lil Nas X himself as a teenager when he first began experiencing sexual attraction towards other males. The serpent seems to represent his sexual desires, which, at this point, he still sees as “temptations” that he must resist.



ABOVE: Photograph [from Wikimedia Commons](#) of a medieval Gothic relief carving at the entrance to the Notre Dame de Paris depicting the serpent in the Garden of Eden with the upper body of a woman

After emerging from behind the tree, the serpent begins singing, causing Adam to run away in terror. While Adam is running, we see a brief glimpse of a statue in classical garb with the face of the serpent. There appear to be vines growing up the statue. This statue may be intended to hint that the serpent can also be seen not as terrifying monster to flee from, but rather as a thing of beauty.



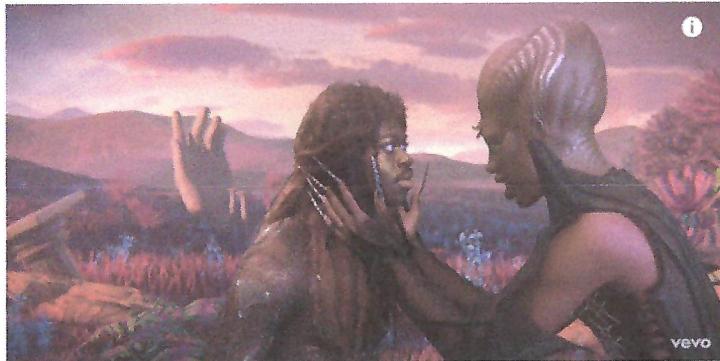
ABOVE: The statue with the face of the serpent

No matter how far Adam runs, the serpent keeps catching up with him. It emerges from a flower and it appears as a face in the clouds. While he is running, we see even more classical ruins in the background. Finally, the serpent leaps out at him and hypnotizes him with its third eye.

In the background while the serpent is hypnotizing him, the broken hand of a ruined marble colossus is plainly visible. This may be based on the famous colossal hand of Constantine I, the first Christian emperor of the Roman Empire, that is on display in the Musei Capitolini in Rome. This hand, of course, falls at the intersection of the Christian and the classical, thereby further

emphasizing both themes, which are important throughout the video. The fact that the hand is broken and lying on the ground also emphasizes the idea of the fall of man.

Having been hypnotized, Adam slowly falls onto his back as his hands rise to hold the serpent's face. They kiss. Then the serpent starts to go down on Adam, licking his belly. This represents a new version of the story of the fall of man from the Book of Genesis. In this version, the fall comes not as a result of Eve and Adam eating the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, but rather as a result of Adam having gay sex with the serpent of temptation.



ABOVE: Screenshot of the serpent hypnotizing Adam with the colossal hand in the background



ABOVE: Photograph [from Wikimedia Commons](#) of the broken hand of the colossus of Constantine I on display in the Musei Capitolini in Rome

The quote from Plato's *Symposion* on the Tree of Knowledge

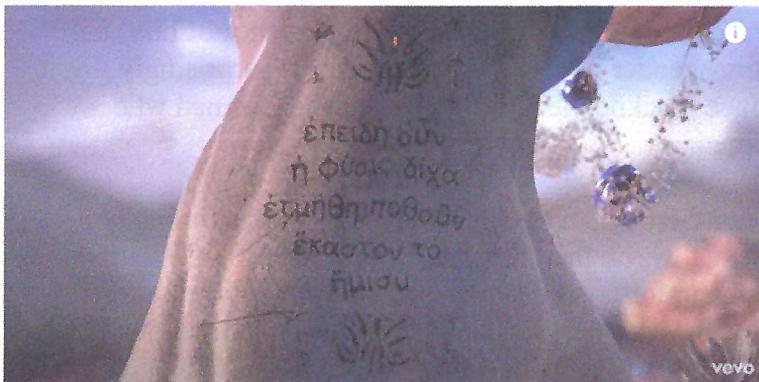
After the serpent licks Adam's belly, the camera zooms out and zooms in on the trunk of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil itself. Inscribed on the trunk of the tree are the following words in Classical Attic Greek:

“ἐπειδὴ οὖν ἡ φύσις δίχα ἐτμήθη, ποθοῦν ἔκαστον τὸ ἥμισυ”

This is an exact quotation from the *Symposion*, a philosophical dialogue originally written in the Classical Attic dialect of the Greek language by the ancient Athenian philosopher Plato at some

point between c. 385 and c. 370 BCE. To be more specific, the quotation comes directly from the *Symposion*, [section 191a](#).

To understand precisely what this quotation is about and why it is written on the tree in the music video, we need to know what Plato's *Symposion* is about. It is a written account of a conversation about the nature of sexual desire—*έρως* (*érōs*) in Greek—that allegedly took place among a group of elite male guests at a drinking party in Athens. The guests at the party include the tragic playwright Agathon, the young aristocrat Phaidros, Agathon's lover Pausanias, the physician Eryximachos, comic playwright Aristophanes, and the philosopher Socrates.



ABOVE: Screenshot of the quote from Plato's *Symposion* 191a in the original Classical Attic Greek on the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil in the music video for Lil Nas X's "Montero (Call Me By Your Name)"

In the dialogue, each speaker delivers a speech in praise of *έρως*. For his speech, Aristophanes, being a comic playwright, tells a humorous fable. He says that, originally, in very ancient primordial times, human beings were unusual creatures who were roughly spherical in shape. Each human being had two faces, four arms, four legs, and two sets of genitals. Some humans had one penis and one vagina, some had two penises, and some had two vaginas.

In those times, human beings were much more physically powerful than they are now, so they rebelled against the deities and tried to seize control of Mount Olympos. The deities thwarted their rebellion and, to punish the humans for their insolence, Zeus, the king of the deities, split each individual human in half, thereby creating both men and women.

To this day, human beings are constantly searching for their other halves and, when they think they have found their other half, they embrace each other and try to be joined together as a single being, just like they were in the beginning. According to Plato's Aristophanes, this is why some men are sexually attracted to women, some men are sexually attracted to other men, some women are sexually attracted to men, and some women are sexually attracted to other women; it is because each person is seeking a person of the gender that they were originally joined with.

It is in this context that Plato portrays Aristophanes as speaking the line that is quoted on the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil in Lil Nas X's music video. The full passage in Greek actually reads as follows:

“ἐπειδὴ οὖν ἡ φύσις δίχα ἐτμήθη, ποθοῦν ἔκαστον τὸ ἡμισυ τὸ αὐτοῦ συνήει, καὶ περιβάλλοντες τὰς χεῖρας καὶ συμπλεκόμενοι ἀλλήλοις, ἐπιθυμοῦντες συμφῦναι, ἀπέθνησκον ὑπὸ λιμοῦ καὶ τῆς ἄλλης ἀργίας διὰ τὸ μηδὲν ἐθέλειν χωρὶς ἀλλήλων ποιεῖν.”

This means, in my own translation:

“Therefore, after their nature was split in two, [each person] yearned that they might be joined with their other half and, throwing their arms around each other and embracing each other, they yearned to be joined together as one, and they began to die from starvation and other laziness because they were not willing to do anything without each other.”

I feel it is important to note that Plato’s story completely overlooks the existence of bisexual people, asexual aromantic people, and transgender people. Nonetheless, it is surprisingly inclusive by ancient Greek standards, since it acknowledges the existence of women who are primarily sexually attracted to other women.

References to male homosexuality and homoeroticism are practically ubiquitous throughout ancient Greek literature. Female homosexuality, on the other hand, is far less often discussed. This is probably in no small part due to the unfortunate fact that the vast majority of surviving ancient Greek sources were written by men. There were actually a few ancient Greek women who wrote works of literature, but nearly all their works have been lost.

One notable exception to this trend is the poet Sappho of Lesbos (lived c. 630 – c. 570 BCE), who is most famous today for her poems involving homosexual attraction among women. As I discuss in [this article from December 2019](#), although only a few of Sappho’s poems survive, she is actually one of the best attested of all archaic Greek lyric poets. For most archaic Greek lyric poets, there are maybe a couple surviving lines at best; for Sappho, there are about a dozen poems that have survived to the present day either complete or in substantial portions. We are actually extremely fortunate that *so much* of her work has survived.

In any case, the use of this quote from Plato’s *Symposion* relates to several themes in Lil Nas X’s music video. One theme is, of course, the overarching theme of queerness. Aristophanes’s fable of the primordial human being attempts to explain why gay men and lesbian women exist in a humorous way, so it is contextually very fitting.

The quote also reemphasizes what the video has already implied through the drama of Adam and the serpent, which is that queer people having existed since *the beginning of time*. The fact that the quote is given in the original Classical Attic Greek only further serves to emphasize this idea.

Finally, the quote relates to the theme of rebellion against the Divine, which will only become even more prominent later in the video. In Aristophanes’s fable, the whole reason why human beings are split in two is because they rebelled against the deities. Likewise, the fall of man is commonly conceived as an act of rebellion against God.



ABOVE: Depiction of the “primeval man” according to Aristophanes in Plato’s Symposium

The trial before Pilate

After showing the quote from Plato on the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, the scene transitions. We see one version of Lil Nas X dressed in flamboyant pink fur with a curly pink wig being escorted in chains into a huge, crowded amphitheater by two other versions of himself. This scene appears to represent Lil Nas X literally putting himself on trial for being gay, having at this point come to realize that he is gay, but not yet having come to accept it.

Both of the guards escorting him are also dressed in flamboyant outfits and huge curly wigs, but they are dressed in *blue*, not pink. The color scheme seems deliberately designed to mark the version of Lil Nas X in chains in the center of the scene as gay and those escorting him as his straight persecutors. Meanwhile, the amphitheater itself is obviously inspired by the Roman Colosseum. Various classical-looking statues of Lil Nas X in feminine-looking clothing can be seen in the background.

As with the first scene in the Garden of Eden, this scene also seems to be loosely based on a famous scene from the Bible: the trial of Jesus before Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judaea. Versions of this scene are found in all four gospels. (More specifically, you can find versions of it in Mark 14:53–15:20, Matthew 26:57–27:31, Luke 22:54–23:26, and John 18:13–19:16.) In all four accounts, Pilate is portrayed as reluctant to sentence Jesus, but he agrees to sentence Jesus to be crucified because the crowd demands it.



ABOVE: Screenshot of the version of Lil Nas X dressed in pink being escorted by two versions of himself dressed in blue into an amphitheater

One of the two guards escorting the prisoner is wearing a blue wig in a style that appears to be based on the *orbis comarum*, a particularly extravagant hairstyle that was worn by elite Roman

women during the late first and early second centuries CE and is particularly associated with the Flavian Dynasty (lasted 69 – 96 CE). This hairstyle is most famously exemplified by a portrait bust of a young, elite Roman woman that is currently on display in the Musei Capitolini, known as the “bust of a Flavian woman” or the “Fonseca bust.”

Other commentators have described the hairstyle as being based on the French pompadour style, but it honestly looks to me like it’s based more on the Fonseca bust. Moreover, the Fonseca bust makes more sense as a model contextually, given all the references to classical art that we’ve already seen. (By the way, if you would like to imitate this hairstyle on your own hair, the “hairstyle archaeologist” Janet Stephens has [a video tutorial explaining how to do it](#). I can’t say I’ve tried it, but it looks very difficult.)

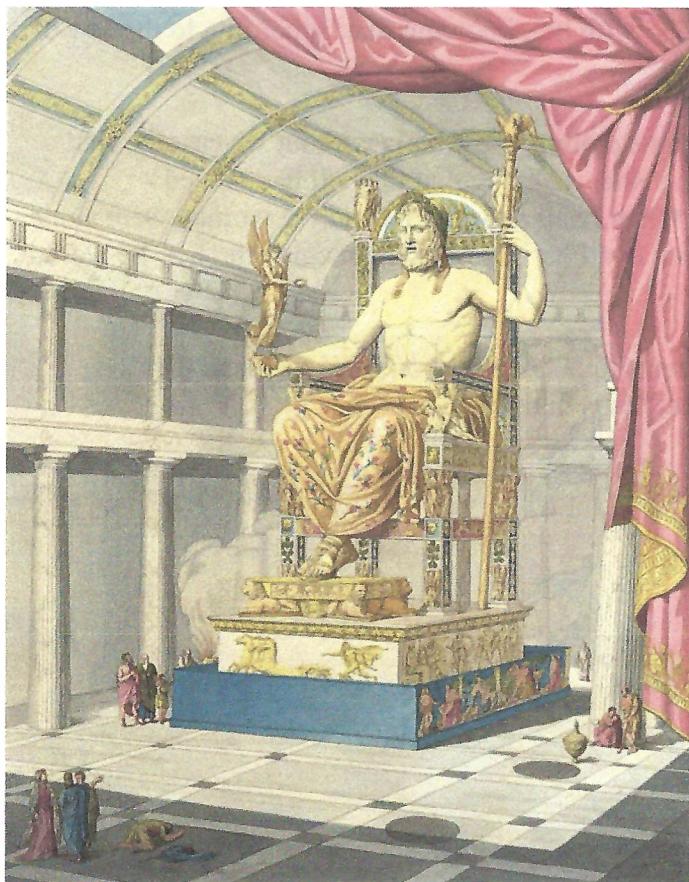


ABOVE: Photograph showing the front and back sides of the Fonseca bust in the Musei Capitolini

In any case, while Lil Nas X is standing there in chains, the camera pans around to show that, behind him, there is a colossal statue of him in drag wearing yet another huge curly wig, seated on a throne holding a scepter in a manner that parallels the famous Statue of Zeus at Olympia.



ABOVE: Screenshot showing the statue of Lil Nas X as Zeus in drag



ABOVE: Illustration created by the French illustrator Quatremère de Quincy in 1815 showing what he imagined the Statue of Zeus at Olympia might have looked like

He stands before a panel of five judges, each of whom is dressed in a blue outfit with a huge curly wig in the style of the Fonseca bust.



ABOVE: Screenshot of the five judges

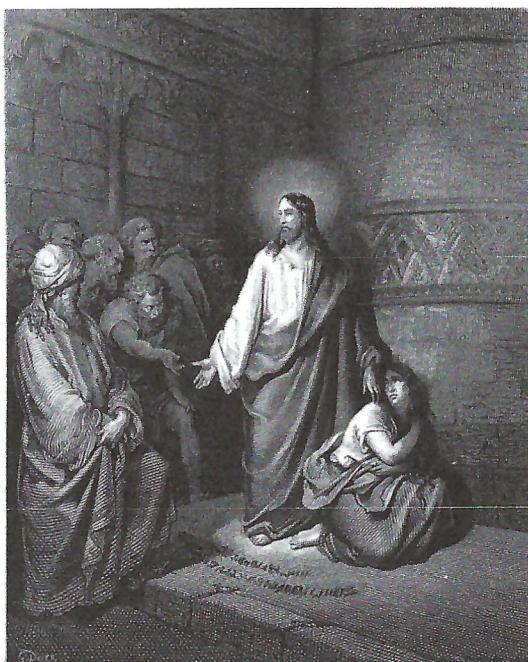
While Lil Nas X continues singing, the crowd begins to hurl stones at him. This part of the video is clearly not based on the passion narrative in the gospels, since, in the gospels, Jesus is described as having been crucified, not stoned to death.

I strongly suspect that the use of stoning in this scene is meant to remind viewers of the story of the woman taken in adultery, which is found in the Gospel of John 7:53–8:11. The story goes

that the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery before Jesus and asked him what they should do with her, knowing that, according to the law of Moses, she was supposed to be stoned to death.

Jesus is said to have replied to them: “Let anyone among you who is without sin cast the first stone.” The scribes and the Pharisees heard this and, realizing that they all had sinned themselves, left without stoning the woman. When Jesus saw that he and the woman were alone, he is said to have told her that, since the scribes and Pharisees could not condemn her, he would not condemn her either.

One purpose of the stoning scene therefore seems to be to drive home the message that condemning gay people is the opposite of what Jesus himself stood for.



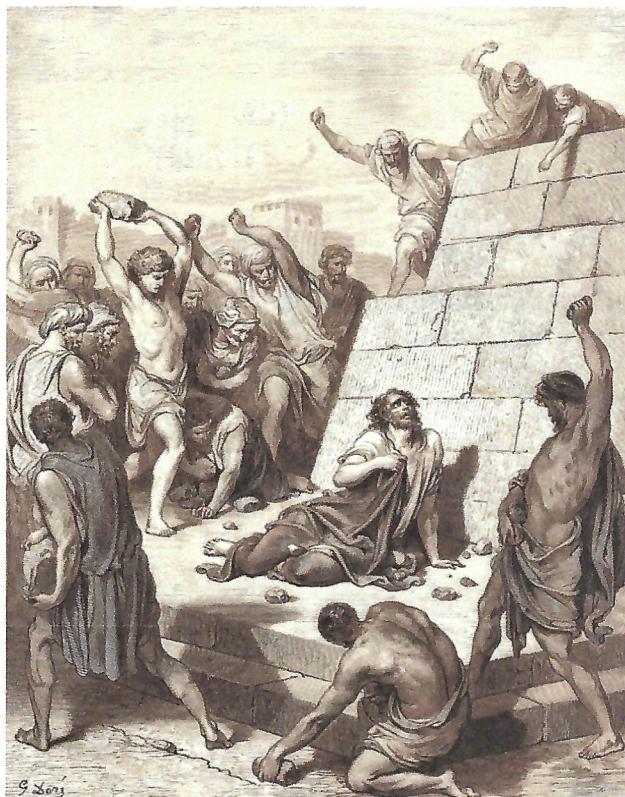
ABOVE: Illustration from 1866 by the French artist Gustave Doré depicting Jesus defending the adulterous woman from the angry mob wanting to stone her

The stoning also, however, reminds viewers of the stoning of Stephen, who, according to the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, was the very first Christian martyr. The story of the martyrdom of Stephen in Acts 7:54–60 reads as follows, [as translated in the New Revised Standard Version \(NRSV\)](#):

“When they [i.e., the people in crowd] heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.”

"Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died."

The stoning scene in the music video therefore portrays Lil Nas X as not only a victim of injustice, but a martyr as well.



ABOVE: Illustration by Gustave Doré depicting the stoning of Saint Stephen

The descent into Hell

After being stoned to death, Lil Nas X begins to ascend to Heaven. He sees a winged figure flying above him. This seems to represent an angel preparing to welcome him to Heaven. Before he reaches Heaven, though, he grabs hold of a stripper pole that materializes out of thin air and rides the pole down to Hell, pole-dancing the entire time.

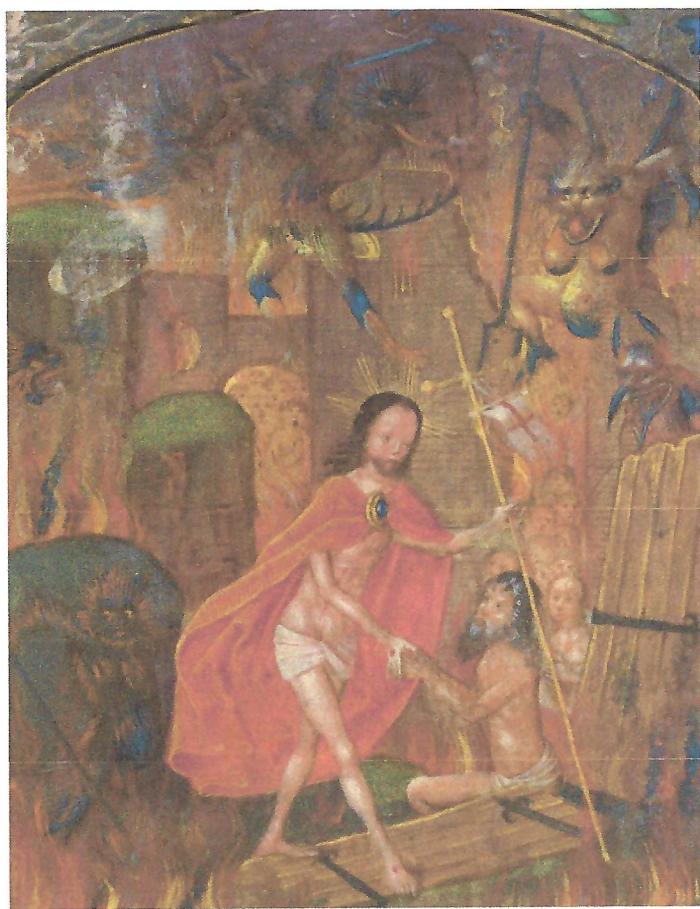
This scene is clearly meant to represent Lil Nas X as consciously rejecting Heaven in favor of Hell. I'll talk about this more in a moment and how it relates to another work of classic literature, but, for now, I'll simply note that this seems to be the moment in the video where Lil Nas X starts to reject the standards that other people have imposed on him and embrace being gay.

This scene also notably continues the parallels to the story of Jesus. It's true that Jesus is not *traditionally* said to have ever danced on a stripper pole, but, in post-Biblical Christian lore,

he is said to have descended to Hell after his crucifixion to rescue the souls of the righteous who had already died. This event is traditionally known as the “harrowing of Hell.” Lil Nas X descending to Hell after being tried and executed seems to parallel this story.



ABOVE: Byzantine painting dating to c. 1315 from the parekklesion of the Chora Church in Istanbul, showing Jesus rescuing Adam and Eve from Hell



ABOVE: Illustration from the Vaux Procession of Jesus rescuing the souls of the righteous from Hell, dated to c. 1504

Satan's throne room

When Lil Nas X reaches the bottom of the stripper pole, he approaches the palace of Pandemonium and the gates open wide for him. He walks into Satan's throne room, where a number of important details stick out. Notably, on the floor is the Latin phrase: "Damnant quod non intelligunt." This means "They condemn what they do not understand."

This phrase is not a direct quotation from anywhere as far as I am aware, but it continues the theme established earlier about judging others. The expression also seems to deliberately echo the phrase that the Gospel of Luke 23:34 claims Jesus spoke while he was dying on the cross. The phrase reads as follows in the original Koine Greek of the New Testament:

"πάτερ, ἄφες αὐτοῖς, οὐ γὰρ οἴδασιν τί ποιοῦσιν."

This, of course, means:

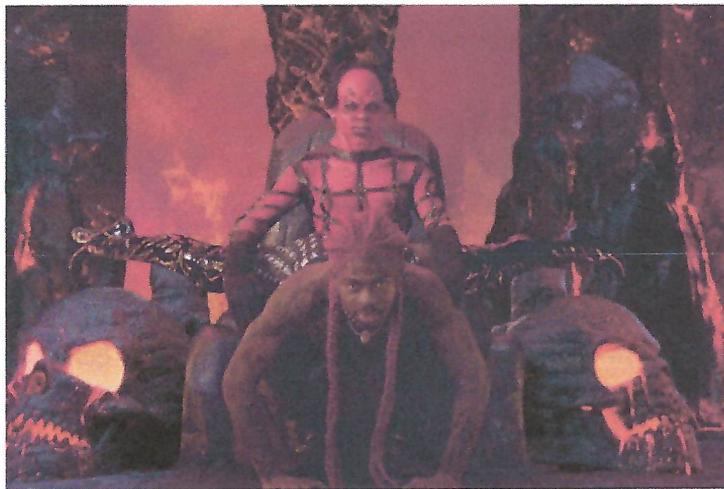
"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

In addition to the writing on the floor, it is also worth noting the inverted pentagrams, which appear both on the floor and directly above Satan's throne. The inverted pentagram is a symbol that has been associated with Satanism in popular culture for at least a century now—although, as I note in [this article from way back in April 2017](#), it was not always seen as Satanic.



ABOVE: Screenshot of the throne room of Hell as it is portrayed in the music video

This is, of course, immediately followed by the now-infamous scene of Lil Nas X giving Satan a *very* sexually suggestive lap dance. I don't feel that I need to dwell on this bit too much, since I think it is fairly self-explanatory and there isn't a whole lot of buried significance in it. I suspect that Lil Nas X and his producers deliberately included this part to troll conservative Christians and invite controversy. In this, they appear to have succeeded.



ABOVE: Screenshot of Lil Nas X giving Satan a lap dance

Once he has finished giving Satan the lap dance, Lil Nas X proceeds to break Satan's neck, killing him. He then removes Satan's horns and puts them on himself. As soon as he does this, he grows wings and his eyes start glowing to signify that he is the new king of Hell.

This part of the music video seems to represent him finally fully embracing his own queer identity. Lil Nas X explained it in [a reaction video with Zach Campbell](#) that was posted on YouTube on 26 March 2021, saying: "If that [i.e., Hell] is where we [i.e., queer people] belong, then let me be the king of that."



ABOVE: Screenshot of Lil Nas X as the new king of Hell, as he is portrayed at the end of the music video

The scene of Lil Nas X becoming the new king of Hell also seems to be a reference to yet another work of classic literature: *Paradise Lost*, which was originally composed in the English language by the poet John Milton (lived 1608 – 1674) and published for the first time 1667. A second revised edition of the epic was published in 1674.

Paradise Lost is composed entirely in unrhymed iambic pentameter (i.e., "blank verse"). It retells the story of the Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, but with an unusual twist: the central figure of the poem is none other than the Prince of Darkness, Satan himself. The poem begins when Satan and his fellow demons have just been vanquished by the angelic hosts and cast into the depths of Hell. Satan, desperate to spin this as some kind of victory, delivers a very famous speech to his compatriot Beëlzebub. The speech occurs in *Paradise Lost*, Book One, lines 242-263. It reads as follows:

“Is this the Region, this the Soil, the Clime,
Said then the lost Arch Angel, this the seat
That we must change for Heav’n, this mournful gloom
For that celestial light? Be it so, since hee
Who now is Sovran can dispose and bid
What shall be right : fardest from him is best
Whom reason hath equald, force hath made supream
Above his equals. Farewel happy Fields
Where Joy for ever dwells: Hail horrours, hail
Infernal world, and thou profoundest Hell
Receive thy new Possessor: One who brings
A mind not to be chang’d by Place or Time.
The mind is its own place, and in it self
Can make a Heav’n of Hell, a Hell of Heav’n.
What matter where, if I be still the same,
And what I should be, all but less then hee
Whom Thunder hath made greater? Here at least
We shall be free; th’ Almighty hath not built
Here for his envy, will not drive us hence:
Here we may reign secure, and in my choyce
To reign is worth ambition though in Hell:
Better to reign in Hell than serve in Heaven.”

These are probably the most famous words Milton ever wrote. Ironically, as I explain in [this article from February 2020](#), Milton almost certainly meant for this speech to be interpreted not as a serious convincing argument, but rather an example of the Devil’s sophistic rhetorical trickery, since it is revealed later in the epic that even Satan himself does not really believe the words he says here.

Nevertheless, Milton’s words have inspired artists of all subsequent generations—including, it seems, Lil Nas X. I’m not sure whether Lil Nas X has read *Paradise Lost* or is only familiar with the line “Better to reign in Hell than serve in Heaven” through cultural osmosis, but, clearly, he seems to be aware of it.

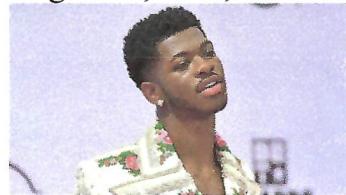


ABOVE: Illustration of Satan in Hell after his fall from c. 1866 by the French engraver and illustrator Gustave Doré for his illustrated edition of John Milton’s *Paradise Lost*

Lil Nas X on how his gospel singer dad inspired him to pursue music

The singer is putting himself out there more than ever before.

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Lil Nas X's new music video celebrates sexuality, faces backlash

The 21-year-old rapper burst on the scene with "Old Town Road," making headlines as critics said it wasn't country music. Now, the racy, Satanic-themed video for "Montero" is making headlines again.

In a new cover story with [VMAN](#), Lil Nas X reveals how his father's musical aspirations inspired him to pursue a music career of his own.

"My dad is a gospel singer," the 22-year-old told the magazine. "He still sings gospel but not as much. I guess [he] inspired me to say, 'Wow, if my dad can go out there now, at almost 50 years old, and make music, what's stopping me?' It was definitely a part of what pushed me. I actually ended up using one of his engineers for some of my earlier music."

With his upcoming album "Montero," titled for Lil Nas' birth name, the singer is putting himself out there more than ever before.

[Lil Nas X pens inspirational letter to his younger self: 'Stop feeling sorry for yourself'](#)

[Lil Nas X answers kids' questions about what it means to come out of the closet](#)

"The album is me inviting people into the world of me...into the world of *Montero*," he said. "[This] project gave me the opportunity to bravely show different parts of myself. Parts that I may not have shown so openly previously."

Lil Nas says he hopes people will listen to the album and learn something about themselves, too.

"I want the takeaway to be that it's OK to be yourself, and I mean every aspect of your true self," he says.

Lil Nas has yet to announce a release date for "*Montero*," which features the songs "*Montero (Call Me by Your Name)*," "*Sun Goes Down*" and "*Industry Baby*."



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Lil Nas X was raised by his father

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“I never really talk about my mom. She’s an addict so we don’t have the closest relationship. Even trying to get her better – things didn’t quite work out. But there’s still love,” he told the outlet.

He claimed that he was a handful growing up and often got in trouble with his dad, who received full custody of the then-teenage superstar after living with his grandmother.

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Is Lil Nas X pregnant?

[The rapper, 22, announced that he was "pregnant"](#) as he displayed his huge bump while promoting his new album *Montero*.

In a [TikTok](#) video, a shirtless [Lil Nas X](#) looked straight into the camera as text above him read: “I have an announcement.”

He then stepped away from the camera and revealed a massive baby bump.

The singer cradled the baby bump as text above him explained: “Baby ‘Montero’ is due September 17, 2021.”

When will Lil Nas X release his new album 'Montero'?

The final photo in the post was a sonogram which revealed when the album is out.

Lil Nas X captioned it: "SURPRISE! I can't believe i'm finally announcing this. My little bundle of joy "MONTERO" is due September 17, 2021."

Montero is the third album from Lil Nas X, though it is his first studio album.

He first released the mixtape Nasarati in July 2018, which was followed by the EP 7 in June 2019.

Lil Nas X revealed he's "pregnant" just days after sharing the cover artwork.

On August 31, 2021, the artist revealed the cover artwork that left many fans wondering if there is a hidden message within the picture.

Following the release of the cover art, Columbia Records confirmed the release date.

The upcoming album includes the hit songs, "Montero (Call Me by Your Name)," "Industry Baby" and "Sun Goes Down."

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Who are Lil Nas X's parents?

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LIL Nas X was raised primarily by his father and grandmother in a household full of children.

He has spoken openly about his upbringing and how it shaped him as a person and artist.



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Lil Nas X and his parents Shanita Hathaway and Robert Stafford

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Lil Nas X was raised with ten siblings.

His dad is R.L. Stafford, is a gospel singer. He does not have a close relationship with his mother, Shawnita Hathaway, whom his dad separated from when he was 5-years-old.

Reportedly, Lil Nas X's mother is a drug addict. He told Variety that he has unsuccessfully tried to check her into rehab in the past, and it has been reported that his mother has been seen begging for money in the streets.

Everything we know about Lil Nas X's parents

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Lil Nas X is the talk of the internet following the release of his evocative video for *Montero* (*Call Me By Your Name*). Born Montero Lamar Hill, Lil Nas gained viral popularity with the release of the country rap single *Old Town Road*. The song's remix featuring Billy Ray Cyrus spent a whopping 19 weeks atop the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

Nas X made history by being the first person to come out as gay while having a number-one record. Since then, he has become a vocal advocate for LGBTQ+ acceptance. The *Montero* song and video clearly demonstrate that Lil Nas takes pride in his sexuality and he has little regard for moral limits when it comes to the creative expression of his sexual identity.

Lil Nas moved in with his dad after he separated from his mom when Nas X was five



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Lil Nas' dad R.L. Stafford and his mom were never married, and they separated when he was five. He went on to live with his grandmother until Stafford gained full custody. Lil Nas told [Rolling Stone](#) that the move to Austell from Atlanta benefited him. "There's so much shit going on in Atlanta – if I would have stayed there, I would have fallen in with the wrong crowd," he said.

Nas X's rebellious nature caused frequent arguments with his dad, a gospel singer. Despite Stafford's protests, Lil Nas mostly did what he wanted. "I dyed my hair, and my dad was so mad at me," he told [Variety](#). "He feels like whenever I do something different, I'm trying to follow in somebody else's footsteps. I used to feel that way, too."

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Nas X had a period of extensive drug use after his grandmother passed in 2018. “She was the first person close to me who died,” he said. The deaths of rappers such as Nipsey Hussle and Juice Wrld added to the grief. Lil Nas admits to ‘smoking weed heavily’. “But then I started feeling more connected with the universe, and taking everything as a sign,” he added.

Lil Nas got closer to his religious father after coming out as gay

Lil Nas was taught by his religious father that being gay was not okay. He tried to suppress his sexuality by pursuing relationships with women, but by the time he got to his late teens, he’d grown tired of hiding. However, he never felt ready to come out until he saw LGBTQ+ members proudly marching on the street during Pride month in 2019.

The first person he came out to was his dad. The revelation shocked Stafford, but perhaps surprisingly, it brought the father and son duo closer. “We have become closer,” Lil Nas told *Variety*. “I mean especially now because I don’t have anything to hide. It was a shock for him. It’s still the beginning phase. I’m not comfortable bringing a guy around yet.”

In a couple of years, Lil Nas has morphed from a closeted gay to a vocal proponent of LGBTQ+ visibility. His graphic song has drawn criticism, especially from parents, but Lil Nas has steadfastly defended his creation. “I am not gonna spend my entire career trying to cater to your children,” [Lil Nas replied to a Twitter user](#). “That is your job.”

Montero has received a stamp of approval from R.L. Stafford. [Lil Nas shared a screenshot of a text he received from his dad stating](#): “Very creative video. I got through it. Congratulations. Live life on your terms. Very PROUD of you.” “Lmaoo love this man,” Lil Nas captioned the screenshot.

Lil Nas’ father defended the rapper after Lil Nas was criticized for failing to take care of his mother

Lil Nas came under intense social media criticism after a video emerged allegedly showing his mother begging for food and money on the streets. Fans couldn’t understand why Lil Nas’ mother is begging for food yet Lil Nas earns millions from his music.

Robert came out in defense of [his son via an impassioned Instagram post](#), stating that addiction is a complex condition that can’t be solved with the money alone. He described Lil Nas as ‘the greatest kid a parent can be BLESSED with,’ before adding:

“Although his mom is in a struggle with an addiction she’s STILL a QUEEN and he goes through great lengths to make sure we’re taking care of. Those who have family members and friends dealing with addiction understands that there ain’t enough money you can throw at this situation to make it right. I don’t usually address personal issues publicly but felt like this need to be. And to those out there trying to create a false story, you won’t prosper.”

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Comparative data of childhood and adolescence molestation in heterosexual and homosexual persons

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Abstract

In research with 942 nonclinical adult participants, gay men and lesbian women reported a significantly higher rate of childhood molestation than did heterosexual men and women. Forty-six percent of the homosexual men in contrast to 7% of the heterosexual men reported homosexual molestation. Twenty-two percent of lesbian women in contrast to 1% of heterosexual women reported homosexual molestation. This research is apparently the first survey that has reported substantial homosexual molestation of girls. Suggestions for future research were offered.

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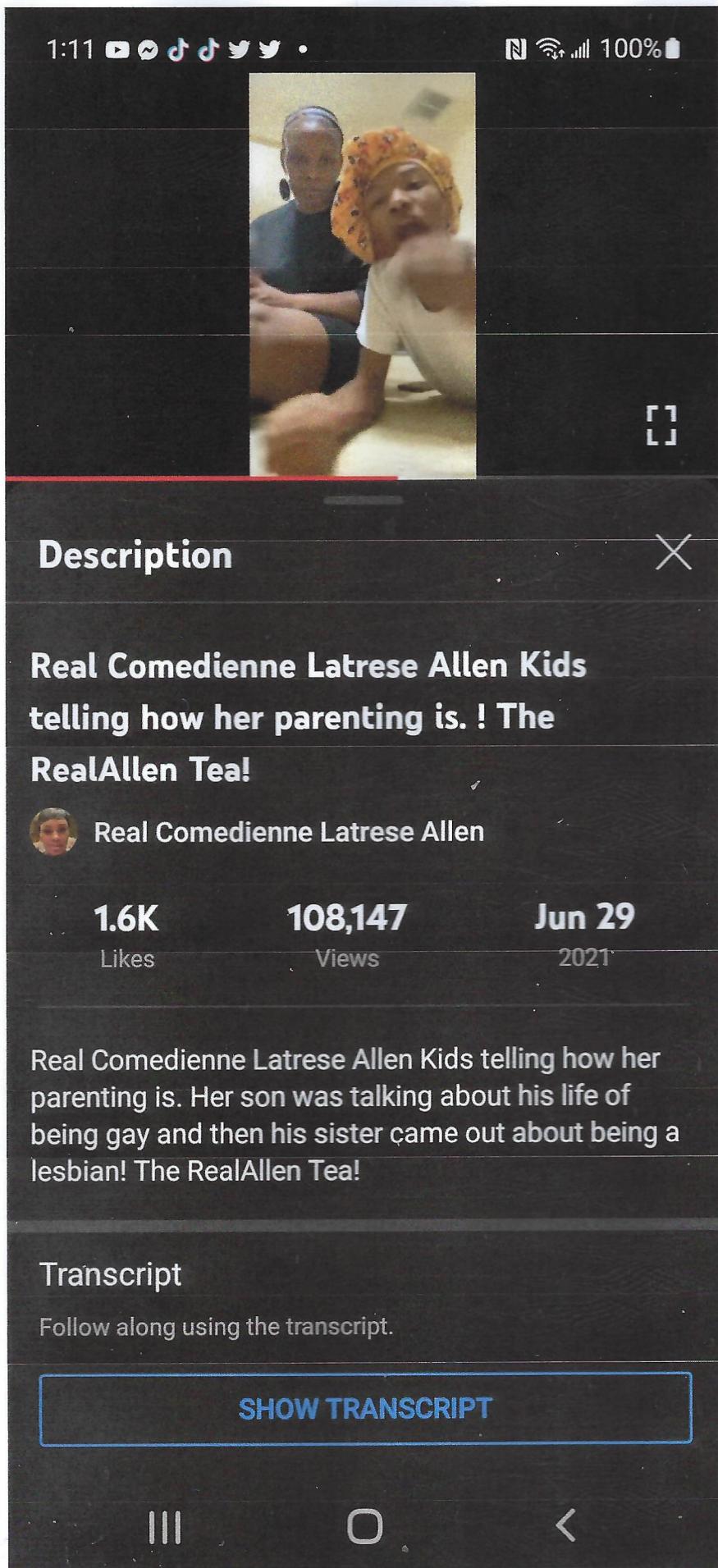
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THE EASIEST WAY 2 THE PATH IF YOU WANNA BREAK THOSE CHAINS ARE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING PHASES AND ACTIONS! I GUARANTEE THIS WORKS! I PUT MY FAITH ON IT!!

THE FIRST PHASE AND ACTIONS:

IF YOU ARE AN OPEN SINNER/COMMITTING ABOMINATIONS...SITTING ON THE FENCE OR A NON-BELIEVER PROUDLY PLAYING IN THE DARK...I.E. MURDER -AKA- SACRIFICING (ABORTION INCLUDED)/OR FIGHTING...

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HOW ABOUT ABUSING DRUGS AND ALCOHOL?

STOP IMMEDIATELY! ASK THE CREATOR 4 FORGIVENESS AND MEAN IT. THIS IS ALSO KNOWN AS REPENTANCE. YOU HAVE THE CHOICE WHETHER 2 DO RIGHT OR WRONG. DO NOT BELIEVE, WE ALL SIN AND IT IS INEVITABLE. YOU ARE LITERALLY WAKING UP WITH THE FREEWILL 2 GO THROUGH THE DAY AND NOT LIE, WHORE, BE DISRESPECTFUL 2 PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY OUR ELDERS, STEAL, ETC...(10 COMMANDMENTS).

ALL YOU HAVE 2 DO IS NOT DO IT!! REPENT, ASK THE CREATOR 4 FORGIVENESS, AND BEGAN MAKING RIGHT CHOICES VERSUS WRONG ONES. ALSO, BE AWARE YOU WILL HAVE 2 GO THROUGH WHATEVER YOU STARTED UP WITH SATAN. IT'S CALLED CONSEQUENCES 4 YOUR NEGATIVE CHOICES AND ACTIONS. WHICH IS WHY WE SHOULDN'T KICK IT IN THE DARK 2 BEGIN WITH. HOWEVER, IF YOU ASK 4 GUIDANCE FROM GOD AND STAY IN THE LIGHT AS YOU WHETHER THE STORM, ONCE YOU CLOSE THAT CHAPTER, IT WILL BE CLOSED 4EVER! AS LONG AS "YOU" DON'T RE-OPEN IT!!!

HANG TOUGH BROTHAS AND SISTAS THE NEGATIVE FORCES WILL HAVE YOU DOUBTING THE PATH, YOUR BELIEFS, YOUR ANCESTOR'S TESTIMONIES, AND THE CREATOR'S WORD/BLUEPRINT! TAKE RESPONSIBILITY 4 THE SHABBY CHOICES YOU'VE MADE IN THE PAST, AND LOOK 2 THE FUTURE WITH NO NEGATIVITY OR DARK INVOLVED. AND AS ALWAYS...STAY PRAYED UP!!!

YOU WILL MAKE IT OVER THE HUMP!

THE SECOND PHASE AND ACTIONS:

IF YOU ARE OPENING YOUR EYES A BIT BUT STILL SINNING, MEANWHILE CUTTING OUT THE ABOMINATIONS ALTOGETHER AND STARTING 2 BE AWARE OF HURTING OTHERS...

YOU MUST AMP UP YOUR FAITH!! IF YOU'RE STILL DABBING AND QUESTIONING WHAT YOU KNOW 2 BE RIGHT VERSUS WHAT YOU KNOW 2 BE WRONG...

HIT THE BREAKS AND STOP THE NEGATIVITY, BUT CONTINUE THE POSITIVITY! PRAY 4 DISCERNMENT!! THE LIGHT WILL GUIDE YOU 2 THE NEXT STEP IF YOU "STOP" SINNING! OTHERWISE, YOU "WILL" BACKSLIDE! AND IF, IN A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS YOU ALLOW SATAN BACK IN, KICK HIM 2 THE CURB AGAIN, REPENT, MEAN IT, AND GET BACK ON PATH EXPEDITIOUSLY! 😊

IF YOU CAN FIND OTHERS WHO ARE ON THEIR PATH THAT WOULD BE DY-NO-MITE!! THERE'S A PLETHORA OF FOLKS ON SOCIAL PLATFORMS LIKE THE GRAM, FB, AND MANY, MANY WEBSITES TRYING 2 GET ON PATH AND STAY THE COURSE. SHARE TESTIMONIES AND CONTINUE 2 ASK FOR GUIDANCE FROM THE CREATOR...AND EVEN ME! I HAVE PLENTY OF INFORMATION!

THE THIRD PHASE AND ACTIONS:

IF YOU ARE NOW PRAYING AND ACKNOWLEDGING GOD AND SCRIPTURE "SO MUCH MORE THAN BEFORE" ...AND MAYBE GOING 2 CHURCH OR STUDYING WITH A GROUP OR ALONE...

PLUS, RECEIVING WORD, WARNINGS, AND SIGNS FROM THE CREATOR GOD, THE MOST HIGH, WHICH WILL LATER BE A PART OF YOUR TESTIMONY...

CONTINUE 2 REMAIN ON PATH!! YOU'RE ALMOST THERE! IF YOU SHOULD BACKSLIDE, ALWAYS REPENT AND GET BACK ON PATH! KEEP IN MIND, EVERYTIME YOU SIN OR COMMIT ABOMINATIONS, YOU ARE STARTING OVER...AND "YOU" WILL HAVE 2 PAY 4 YOUR SINS WITH "CURSES"...SO AVOID TEMPTATIONS OF THE DARK. MY EXAMPLE IS: EVERYTIME I HAD SEX OUTTA WEDLOCK OR SMOKED WEED AND DRANK WINE...I WOULD LOSE EVERY BLESSING I GAINED *IMMEDIATELY!*

CURSES AND BACKSLIDING WILL STOP IF YOU PERSEVERE IN FAITH! AND PLEASE REMEMBER THE CREATOR IS "NOT" CURSING YOU, YOU ARE CURSING YOURSELF, AND LEAVING YOUR OFFSPRING IN LINE 2 REPEAT THE CURSES! ALL YOU HAVE 2 DO IS STOMP OUT ANY DARKNESS IN YOUR LIFE.

THE FOURTH PHASE AND ACTIONS:

BY THIS PHASE YOU ARE ON PATH 4 SURE!!! THE DEVIL IS A LIAR AND BURNING MAD, SO WATCH IT. HUMBLE YOURSELF, AND MAKE SURE 2 ACKNOWLEDGE WHO IS HELPING...BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT DOING THIS ALONE.

YOU'RE LEARNING SO MUCH ABOUT WHO YOU REALLY ARE AND THE PART YOU PLAY ON THE CREATOR'S EARTH, AND ON YOUR PATH! HALLELUJAH!

KEEP LEARNING! RESEARCHING, STUDYING, WITH DISCERNMENT, WITH THE CREATOR'S WORD LEADING!

BECOME SOLID AND STRONG IN YOUR FAITH AND WORD, LETTING NOTHING OR NOBODY SHAKE YOU!

SATAN IS WAITING AROUND THE CORNER 4 ANY SIGN OF WEAKNESS. IF YOUR VICE WAS "SEX OUTTA WEDLOCK" THE ONE YOU LOVE THE MOST WILL MAKE EVERY PROMISE, (EXCEPT MARRIAGE, PROBABLY).

WATCH OUT 4 THOSE DANG-GONE "LOOONG ENGAGEMENTS", THEY ARE TRAPS! IF YOU LOVED WEED OR WINE...HERE COMES SOMEBODY WITH PLENTY OF IT!! AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. HOLD OUT AND KEEP "THE MOST HIGH" CLOSE!

THE FINAL PHASE AND ACTIONS:

NEVER WOULDA MADE IT WITHOUT YOU!! PRAISE HIM!

BY THIS TIME, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF WHO YOU ARE ON THE CREATOR'S EARTH, PATH, AND BLUEPRINT!

YOU ARE CONSISTENTLY ON YOUR PATH, WANTING 2 DO THE RIGHT THING, YOU'RE SELFLESS, SPREADING WORD, LIGHT AND LOVE!

MANY FOLKS ARE GIVING YOU THE SIDE-EYE! LOL!! DON'T WORRY, IT WILL BE OKAY. IF YOU HAVEN'T FOUND SUPPORT AND A TRIBE, FIND 'EM. THEY ARE OUT HERE JUST 4 YOU. PRAY AND GOD WILL LEAD.

MAKE SURE 2 DO A "PATH CHECK":

DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "THEIR PAGAN TRINITY" AND "OUR CREATOR/YESHUAH/AND THE HOLY SPIRIT"?

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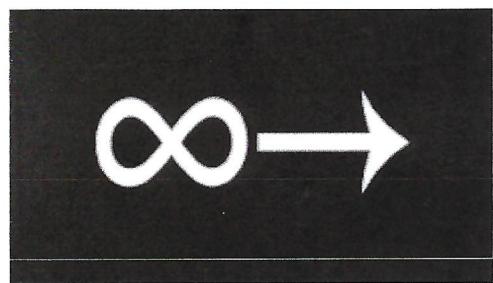
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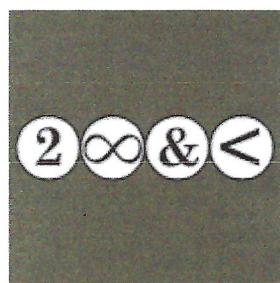


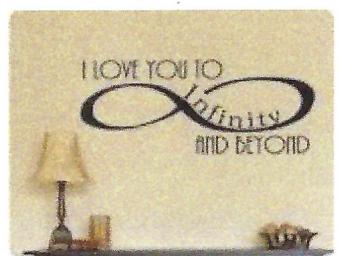
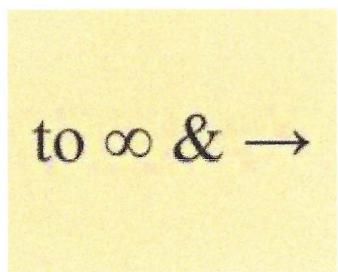


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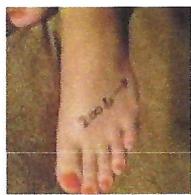


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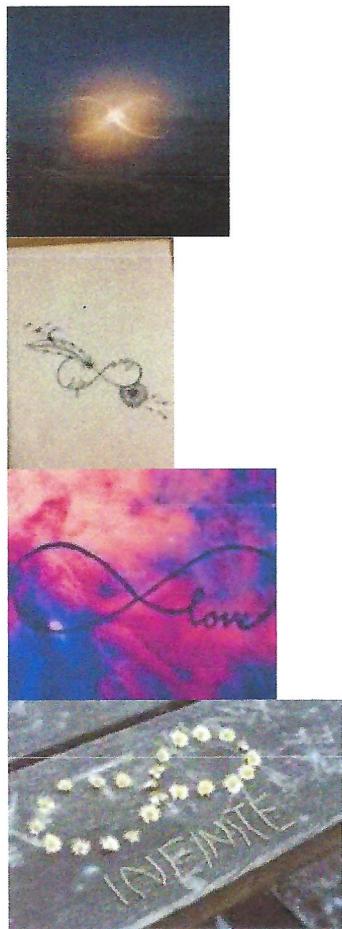


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The **infinity symbol** (∞) is a mathematical symbol representing the concept of infinity. This symbol is also called a lemniscate,^[1] after the lemniscate curves of a similar shape studied in algebraic geometry,^[2] or "lazy eight", in the terminology of livestock branding.^[3]

This symbol was first used mathematically by John Wallis in the 17th century, although it has a longer history of other uses. In mathematics, it often refers to infinite processes (potential infinity) rather than infinite values (actual infinity). It has other related technical meanings, such as the use of long-lasting paper in bookbinding, and has been used for its symbolic value of the infinite in modern mysticism and literature. It is a common element of graphic design, for instance in corporate logos as well as in older designs such as the Métis flag.

Both the infinity symbol itself and several variations of the symbol are available in various character encodings.



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The lemniscate has been a common decorative motif since ancient times; for instance it is commonly seen on Viking Age combs.^[4]

The English mathematician John Wallis is credited with introducing the infinity symbol with its mathematical meaning in 1655, in his *De sectionibus conicis*.^{[5][6][7]} Wallis did not explain his choice of this symbol. It has been conjectured to be a variant form of a Roman numeral, but which Roman numeral is unclear. One theory proposes that the infinity symbol was based on the numeral for 100 million, which resembled the same symbol enclosed within a rectangular frame.^[8] Another proposes instead that it was based on the notation CIO used to represent 1,000.^[9] Instead of a Roman numeral, it may alternatively be derived from a variant of ω, the lower-case form of omega, the last letter in the Greek alphabet.^[9]

Perhaps in some cases because of typographic limitations, other symbols resembling the infinity sign have been used for the same meaning.^[7] Leonhard Euler used an open letterform more closely resembling a reflected and sideways S than a lemniscate,^[10] and even "O–O" has been used as a stand-in for the infinity symbol itself.^[7]

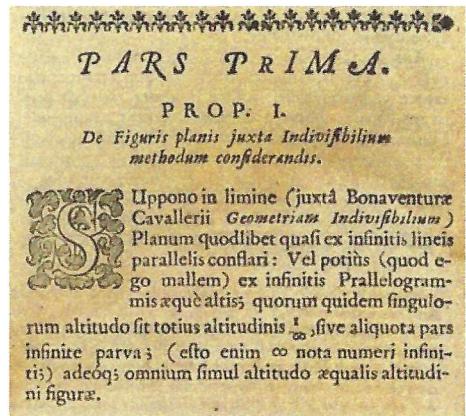
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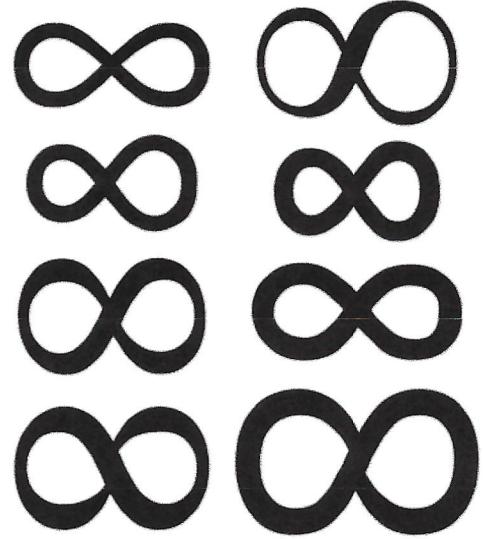
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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^x - 1}{2^{x-1}} = 2,$$

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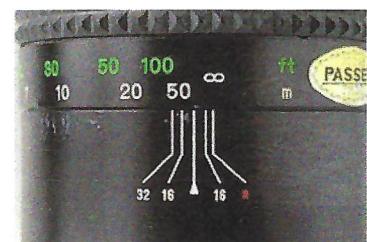
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The infinity symbol may also be used to represent a point at infinity, especially when there is only one such point under consideration. This usage includes, in particular, the infinite point of a projective line,^[13] and the point added to a topological space to form its one-point compactification.^[14]

Other technical uses

In areas other than mathematics, the infinity symbol may take on other related meanings. For instance, it has been used in bookbinding to indicate that a book is printed on acid-free paper and will therefore be long-lasting.^[15] On cameras and their lenses, the infinity symbol indicates that the lens's focal length is set to an infinite distance, and is "probably one of the oldest symbols to be used on cameras".^[16]

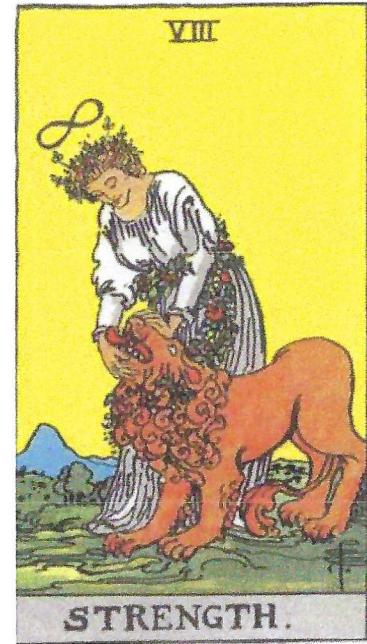


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Symbolism and literary uses

In modern mysticism, the infinity symbol has become identified with a variation of the ouroboros, an ancient image of a snake eating its own tail that has also come to symbolize the infinite, and the ouroboros is sometimes drawn in figure-eight form to reflect this identification—rather than in its more traditional circular form.^[18]

In the works of Vladimir Nabokov, including *The Gift* and *Pale Fire*, the figure-eight shape is used symbolically to refer to the Möbius strip and the infinite, as is the case in these books' descriptions of the shapes of bicycle tire tracks and of the outlines of half-remembered people. Nabokov's poem after which he entitled *Pale Fire* explicitly refers to "the miracle of the lemniscate".^[19] Other authors whose works use this shape with its symbolic meaning of the infinite include James Joyce, in *Ulysses*,^[20] and David Foster Wallace, in *Infinite Jest*.^[21]



The infinity symbol appears on several cards of the Rider–Waite tarot deck.^[17]

Graphic design

The well-known shape and meaning of the infinity symbol have made it a common typographic element of graphic design. For instance, the Métis flag, used by the Canadian Métis people since the early 19th century, is based around this symbol.^[22] Different theories have been put forward for the meaning of the symbol on this flag, including the hope for an infinite future for Métis culture and its mix of European and First Nations traditions,^{[23][24]} but also evoking the geometric shapes of Métis dances,^[25] Celtic knots,^[26] or Plains First Nations Sign Language.^[27]

A rainbow-coloured infinity symbol is also used by the neurodiversity movement, as a way to symbolize the infinite variation of the people in the movement and of human cognition.^[28] The Bakelite company took up this symbol in its corporate logo to refer to the wide range of varied applications of the synthetic material they produced.^[29] Versions of this symbol have been used in other trademarks, corporate logos, and emblems including those of Fujitsu,^[30] Cell Press,^[31] and the 2022 FIFA World Cup.^[32]

Encoding

The symbol is encoded in Unicode at U+221E ∞ INFINITY^[33] and in LaTeX as \infty: ∞ .^[34] An encircled version is encoded for use as a symbol for acid-free paper.

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THE 3 TIMEFRAMES I FOCUSED ON BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN A GREAT MAJORITY OF OUR FAM WAS ENSLAVED AFTER SIDING WITH SATANIC/PAGAN OCCULT AND THE PAGAN LEPERS AND SELLOUTS WHO HELPED SPREAD IT!

5000 B.C. – 3500 B.C.

WE WERE ENSLAVED IN EGYPT/AFRICA AND OTHER CONTINENTS THAT WERE ONCE PART OF THE ONE LAND MASS GONDWANALAND/PANGEA/THE MOTHERLAND, ETC...

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OUR BROTHA WALKED THE SOIL 2 WARN US AND REMIND US OF THE WORD AND BLUEPRINT 2 GUIDE US AND KEEP US ON PATH!!

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THE TRANS-ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE, LIKE THE TRANS-SAHARAN SLAVE TRADE BEFORE IT, ALLOWED PAGANS 2 TREAT LOST SHEEP LIKE CHATTEL. THROUGH SEX AND DRUG TRAFFICKING, AS WELL AS, SLAVING IN FIELDS AND IN FACTORIES, THE BLACK/BROWN FAM WAS CURSED 2 REPEAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF SINNING AND COMMITTING ABOMINATIONS WITH PAGAN LEPERS.