

What does transgender mean?

Transgender is an umbrella term that refers to people who transgress traditional notions of gender in one or more ways, such as dressing in clothing commonly associated with another gender and/or identifying with a gender that does not match their sex assigned at birth. It can be used to refer to someone's gender identity and/or expression.

Who is transgender?

Transgender can refer to people who identify as:

Transsexual

Genderqueer

Crossdresser

Bigender

Two spirit

Gender variant

Gender outlaw

Butch

Femme

Drag king

Drag queen

Freedresser

Or any number of other gender identities.

Since transgender is a self-applied, self-defined term, someone who identifies as one of the aforementioned identities may not identify as transgender.

Transgender is meant as a vague, broad term so as to capture the fluidity of personal gender identity and expression. There is much diversity in the category “transgender.” How such an identity is expressed or what it means varies with each individual.

What is the difference between gender and sex?

Sex is the social construct referring to somebody's biology as male, female or intersex. Sex can refer to someone's anatomy, chromosomes, hormone makeup, secondary sex characteristics (such as facial hair or breasts) or any number of other physical factors.

Gender is the internal feelings of identity and how that identity is expressed. A greatly simplified way to think about it is: sex is what's between your legs, gender is what's between your ears.

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