

GENDER & SEXUALITY

Responding To Emotionally Charged
Issues with Grace & Truth

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THE PLAN FOR THE DAY

Each session will consist of the following:

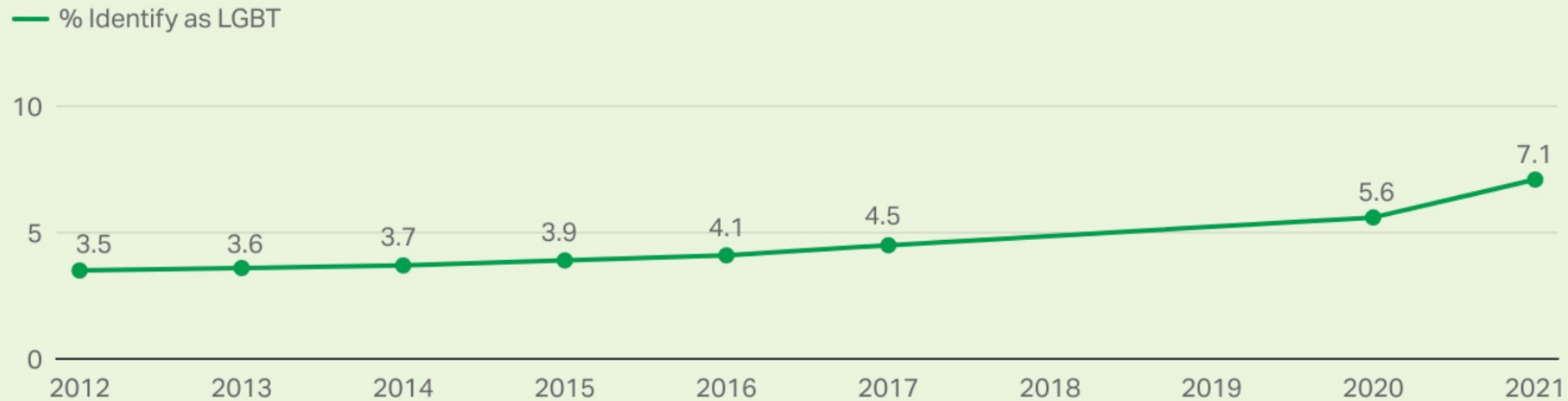
- 15-minute introduction to the topic
- 30-minute question and answer time

- There are two sessions with a 15-minute break in between the two

WHERE IS OUR CULTURE AT...

Americans' Self-Identification as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or Something Other Than Heterosexual

Which of the following do you consider yourself to be? You can select as many as apply. Straight or heterosexual; Lesbian; Gay; Bisexual; Transgender



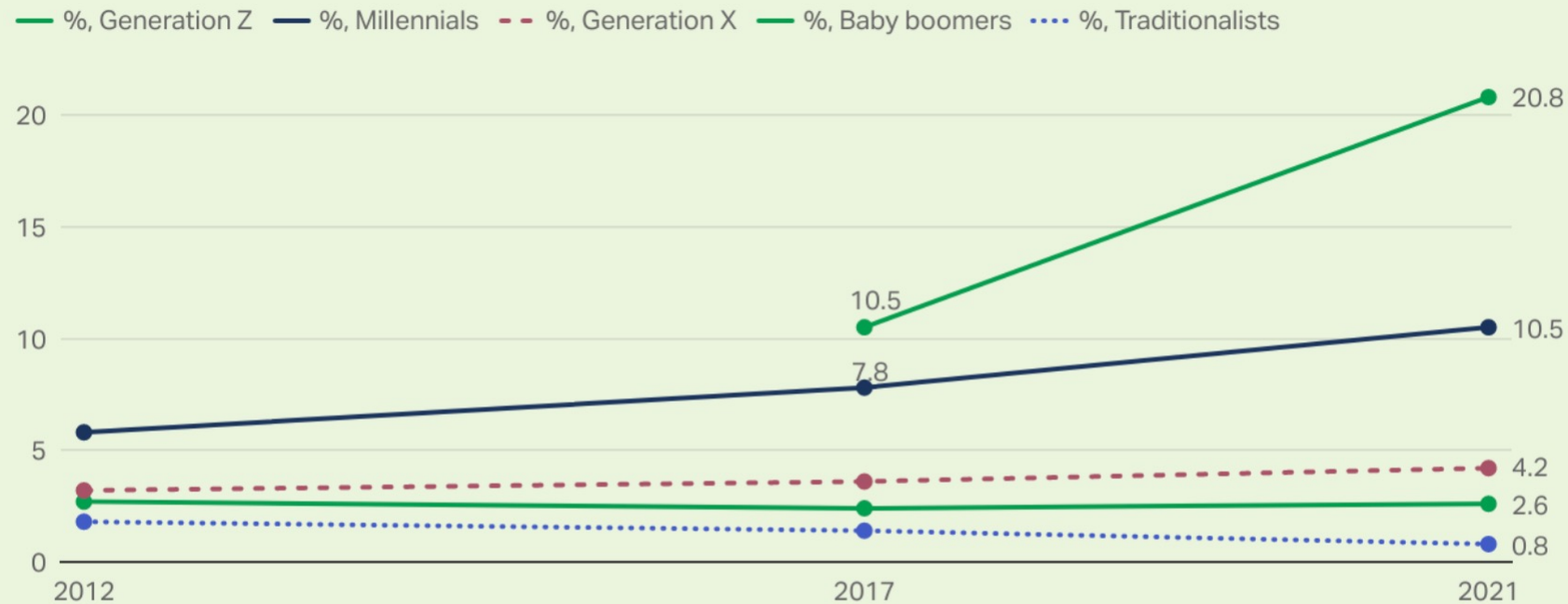
--Respondents who volunteer another identity (e.g., queer, same-gender-loving; pansexual) are recorded as "Other LGBT" by interviewers. These responses are included in the LGBT estimate.

--Data not collected in 2018 and 2019.

--2012-2013 wording: Do you, personally, identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender?

WHERE IS OUR CULTURE AT...

Trend in LGBT Identification by Generations of U.S. Adults, 2012, 2017 and 2021



--Generation Z are those born between 1997 and 2012. In 2017, only those born between 1997 and 1999 had reached adulthood. In 2021, only those born between 1997 and 2003 had reached adulthood.
--Millennials are those born between 1981 and 1996. In 2012, only those born between 1981 and 1994 had reached adulthood.
--Generation X are those born between 1965 and 1980.
--Baby Boomers are those born between 1946 and 1964.
--Traditionalists are those born before 1946.

WHERE IS OUR CULTURE AT...

Americans' Self-Identified Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, by Generation and Gender

	Bisexual	Gay	Lesbian	Transgender	Other
	%	%	%	%	%
Generation					
Generation Z	15.0	2.5	2.0	2.1	1.2
Millennials	6.0	2.2	1.3	1.0	0.4
Generation X	1.7	1.1	0.8	0.6	<0.05
Baby boomers	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.1	0.1
Traditionalists	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1
Gender					
Women	6.0	0.4	1.9	0.8	0.4
Men	2.0	2.5	0.1	0.6	0.2

--Figures represent the percentage of all adult members of each demographic group who have that sexual orientation or gender identity.

--Some respondents identify with multiple sexual orientations or gender identities.

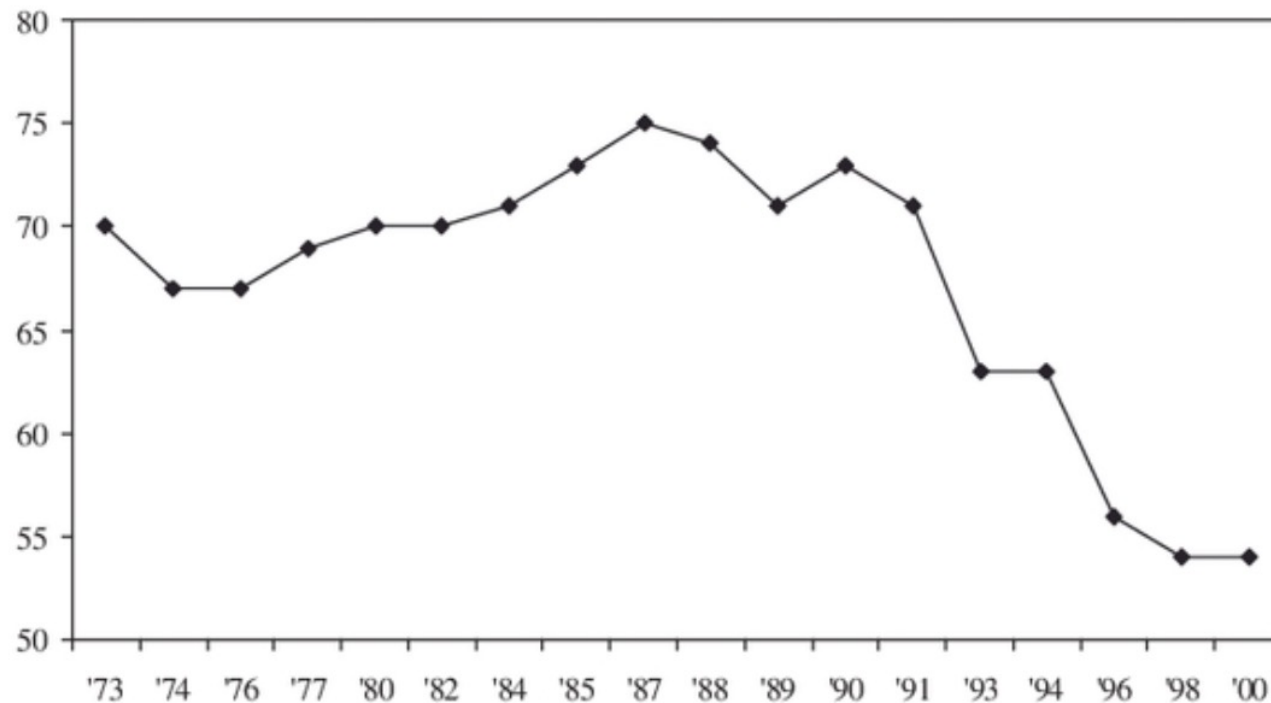
--Generation definitions are as follows: Generation Z, born 1997 to 2003; millennials, born 1981 to 1996; Generation X, born 1965 to 1980; baby boomers, born 1946 to 1964; traditionalists, born before 1946.

GALLUP, 2021

HOW DID WE GET HERE...

FIGURE 1

Percentage of Respondents Saying that "Sexual Relations between Two Adults of the Same Sex" is "Always Wrong" (General Social Survey, 1973–2000)



The Shifting Foundations of Public Opinion about Gay Rights
Paul R. Brewer

The Journal of Politics
Vol. 65, No. 4 (Nov., 2003), pp. 1208-1220 (13 pages)
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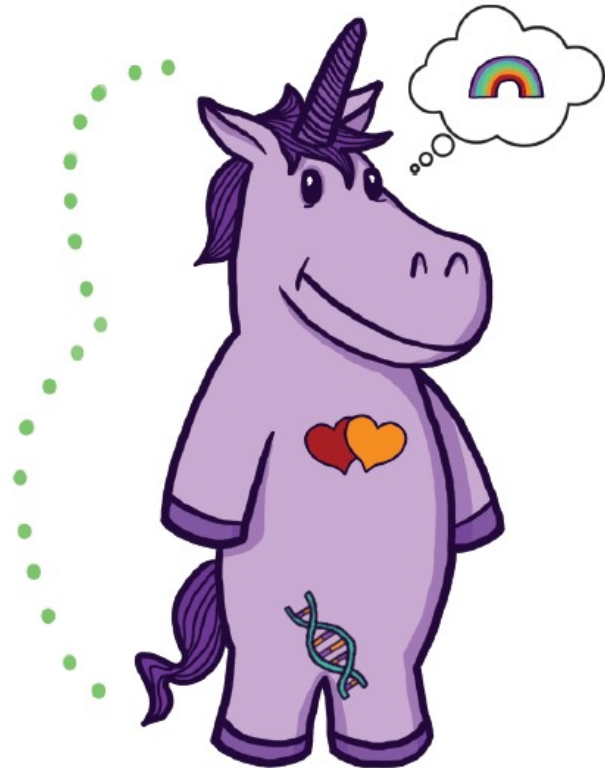
HOW DID WE GET HERE...

- The LGBTQ+ movement was able to shift attitudes in American culture so rapidly because of the movement's ability to tap into larger shifts in American culture away from moral and absolute truth
- The trends towards moral relativism and subjective truth have bolstered the validity of LGBTQ+ positions in society, because of the individualistic nature of truth these two positions hold
 - If my reality is defined primarily by my perception of reality, then I cannot critique someone else's position and they cannot critique mine

WHAT IS THE ISSUE ABOUT...

The Gender Unicorn

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Gender Identity

-  Female/Woman/Girl
-  Male/Man/Boy
-  Other Gender(s)

Gender Expression

-  Feminine
-  Masculine
-  Other

Sex Assigned at Birth

-  Female
-  Male
-  Other/Intersex

Physically Attracted to

-  Women
-  Men
-  Other Gender(s)

Emotionally Attracted to

-  Women
-  Men
-  Other Gender(s)

To learn more, go to:
www.transstudent.org/gender

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WHAT IS THE ISSUE ABOUT...

- The issues involved in the LGBTQ+ movement in America are much deeper than sexual activity, clothing, or surgeries, though they involve all these issues
- All these choices have very real consequences, but the essence of LGBTQ+ is personal identity
- Christianity has many things to say about the moral choices surrounding LGBTQ+ issues, but the core issue Christianity addresses is the question of identity

A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE...

- Humanity is made in the Image of God (Genesis 1:27)
 - This is the basis for human value and identity
- Humanity chose to not trust God and seek independence from God, distorting the image of God (Genesis 3)
 - This distorted a human sense of value and identity because it separated humanity from its intended source of value and identity (one type of death)
- Broken humanity tries to find value and identity through many different means including sexuality and gender, but they all enslave humanity rather than meeting humanity's needs (John 8:34)

A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE...

- Jesus came to free humanity from the consequences of sin (Romans 3:24)
- Jesus also came to restore our identity to an identity that will provide for us what we need:
 - Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. ²Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. ³For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. (Colossians 3:1-4)
- Christianity calls people to trade their self-centered identity (no matter how that identity expresses itself) for a God centered identity, the way we were created to be

**QUESTION AND
ANSWER TIME!**