

"It's Just a Bro-Job. No Homo."

Key Terms

MSM - Men who have sex with men (different from identifying as gay/LGBTQ)

WSW - Women who have sex with women (different from gay/LGBTQ)

Heterosexual ("straight") - being sexually attracted to people of the opposite sex

Sex - can refer to the act of sexual intercourse *or* to biological sexual characteristics such as genitalia; in the latter case, it is commonly referred to in the U.S. as "male" or "female"

Gender - outward (external) social performance associated with sexual identity, such as dressing in drag or wearing lipstick; commonly referred to in the U.S. as being "masculine" or "feminine"

Sexual identity - a person's chosen (self-determined) sexual orientation

Sexual behavior - the sexual acts a person engages in

Deviation - difference

Bisexual - attracted to persons of either male or female sex

Masculinities - ways of understanding or conceptualizing how to perform the "masculine" gender in society

Machismo - a Latino concept of masculinity as domineering, unemotional, and heterosexual

Societal norms - the codes and practices accepted in a society

Social constructionism vs. biological determinism - whether people's identities and behaviors are constructed by society or determined by biology

Binary oppositions - the idea that the world is structured around black-and-white differences: male and female, earth and heaven, good and evil, rational and sensual, etc.

Binary gender system - the idea that male and female are total opposites and there is no possible overlap or gray area or difference possible

Nonbinary - identifying as neither male nor female in a narrow/exclusive sense, or neither masculine nor feminine in a narrow/exclusive sense

Heteronormativity - the idea that only being heterosexual is acceptable; no other sexual identity is possible/acceptable

Normative / normativity - what is considered acceptable, normal, or possible in a society