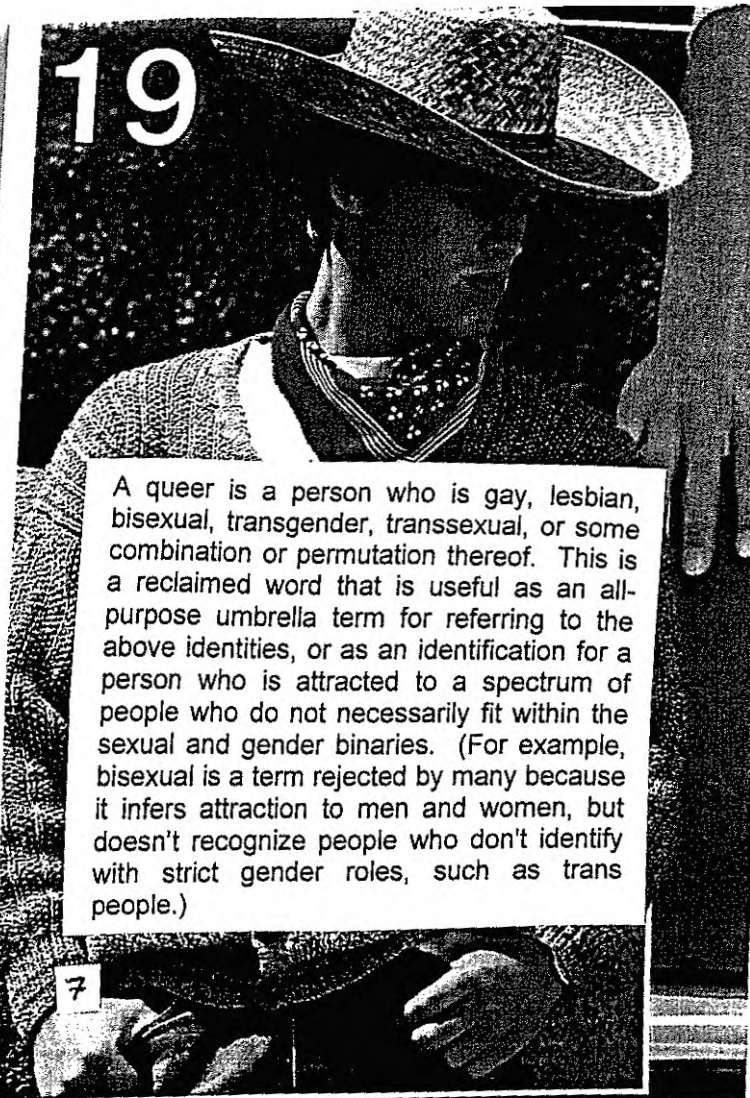


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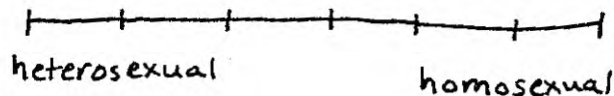
A queer is a person who is gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, or some combination or permutation thereof. This is a reclaimed word that is useful as an all-purpose umbrella term for referring to the above identities, or as an identification for a person who is attracted to a spectrum of people who do not necessarily fit within the sexual and gender binaries. (For example, bisexual is a term rejected by many because it infers attraction to men and women, but doesn't recognize people who don't identify with strict gender roles, such as trans people.)

If queer means "not heterosexual," then I believe asexuals are included in this term. However, some asexuals identify their asexuality as straight, or gay or any other orientation that may also be claimed by sexual people.

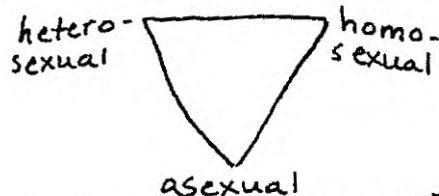
I myself identify as queer because I do not subscribe to the heterosexual norm, but also because I am interested in males and females, and people in between, outside and beyond these genders. But I'm especially interested in Jake Gyllenhaal.

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The Kinsey scale represents sexual orientation on a continuum.



A triangle chart opens up another dimension.



[where would you place yourself?]