

# Don't Call Me A Lesbian

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## Abstract

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Kathy Belge, of Curve's "Lipstick and Dipstick" fame, responded by saying:

*"Yes, transsexuals can be homosexual, bisexual or heterosexual. Gender identity and sexual orientation are two different things. Gender identity is the sex you believe yourself to be, regardless of what body you were born into. Sexual orientation describes the gender of the people you are attracted to. Your sexual orientation can be gay, lesbian, bisexual, or straight."*

For the longest time I self identified as bisexual, but I've come to realize that my primary attraction is to women. I've never had the type of intimacy with a man that I've had women, and that's at the center of what I want from a partner.

But, I'd never identify myself as a lesbian. There is too much drama that is involved with doing so. The words of a friend in the comments of my post "Is The Radical Feminist Movement Our Enemy?" sums it up best:

*Sadly I've had too many recent encounters with lesbian women that have made me realize that most of the "acceptance" I thought I'd felt from them, including my best friend of two years, was fake. More like being politically correct so you don't minimize the poor trannys' plight. They'll let you hang with them, but more as a freaky mascot or something. You are not getting admission into their world. In my personal experience, the biggest heap of prejudice I get is from gays and lesbians. They just seem incapable or unwilling to ever let you be anything beyond that T.*

I'm not condemning everyone in the lesbian community. The attitudes are changing with time. The

younger set of gays and lesbians seem to understand gender and sexual fluidity much easier than the older crowd does. But by the culture of lesbians that are around my age (I'm 39), I'm conditionally accepted.

I'm not going to fight to wear a label. When asked about my sexual orientation, I'll just say that I'm a woman that loves other women.

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