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# I Believe There's An LGBT Community, But...

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## Abstract

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## Article



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While I believe there is an LGBT community, at the same time I as a person of color have seen, heard and experienced enough negativity to give me pause enough to seek to emulate what my people have done in interacting with a predominately vanillacentric privileged parent society.

The BTLG community as a microcosm of the society at large has the same drama, race, class and inequality issues that permeate the parent society and just because we fly rainbow or pink, white and blue striped flags it didn't change that dynamic one bit.



Black trans and same gender loving (SGL) peeps still get called the n-word just as quickly by people inside this community as they do by knuckle-dragging idiots outside of it. So to combat that, for our own sanity and well-being we POC members of this contentious group we interact with have to do our parts to ensure we have vibrant trans and same gender loving communities of our own across the nation..

It's why during this Black History Month I'm making sure that trans history makers get highlighted on my blog and my Facebook page. It's why the National Black Justice Coalition got founded ten years ago and the Trans Persons of Color Coalition got founded in 2010. I don't doubt because of that same dynamic you will soon (if it hasn't happened already) trans and SGL organizations that cater to the issues unique to the Latin@ community.



We aren't doing it just to separate from predominately white TBLG groups as we've been accused of doing, but to strengthen our own voices. We're owning our power and pointing out to the members of the ethnic groups we belong to that yes, we exist and being a person of color and trans, gay, bi or lesbian is not an oxymoron. We're addressing in our ranks the shame, guilt and fear issues by building pride in being same gender loving and trans people of color. That's needed so that we can be better, more

powerful allies in our common human rights struggle.

We're also calling attention to the fact that we're feeling marginalized, invisible and ignored in the greater GLBT community and that policy issues need addressing besides 'all marriage all the time'.

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This LGBT community is a diverse group we are a part of, and we all agree that our human rights as BTLG citizens of our nation must be respected and protected under the laws of our land and the 'We the People' in the United States Constitution also applies to trans and same gender loving citizens of this nation

I believe there is an LGBT community. But because we are a diverse bunch, much work has to be constantly done to ensure we are all on the same human rights page and keep moving forward to accomplish our human rights goals.

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