

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a city street, likely in New York City, with tall buildings lining the street and a bus visible in the foreground. The text is overlaid in the center.

ENGAGING CULTURE

ISSUES IN CULTURE

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**How do we respond to
the rapid changes in
our moral landscape?**

ISSUES IN CULTURE

Sexuality in Society

**Tumblr contains a
list of 117 different
gender identities**

ISSUES IN CULTURE

Sexuality in Society

Tumblr contains a list of 117 different gender identities and 70 sexual orientations



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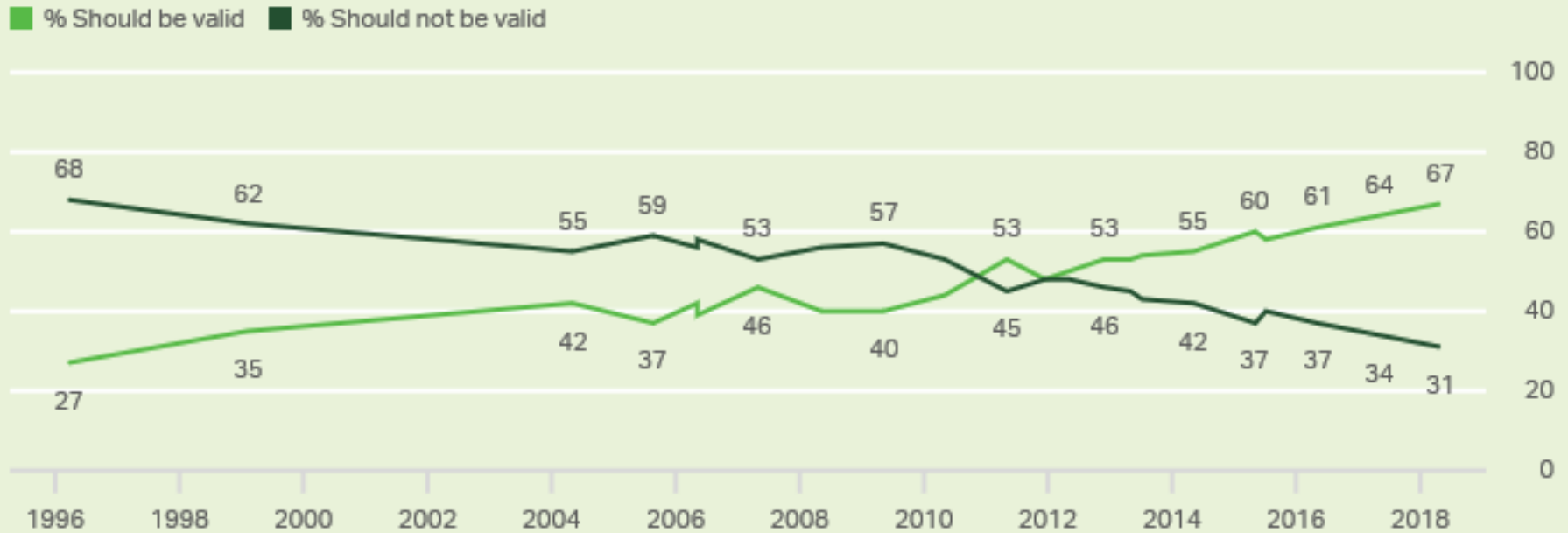
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Note: Trend shown for polls in which same-sex marriage question followed questions on gay/lesbian rights and relations

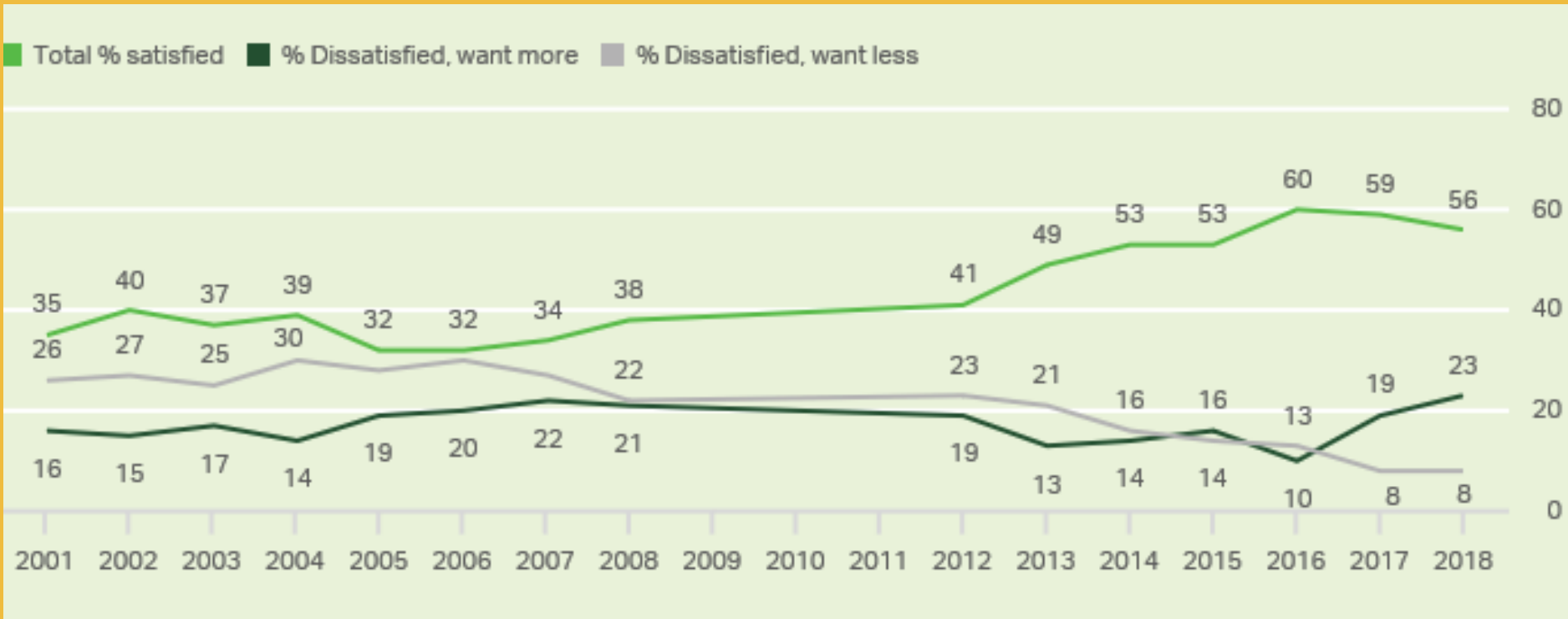
1996-2005 wording: "Do you think marriages between homosexuals ..."

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67% of Americans support same-sex marriage, up from 27% 20 years ago

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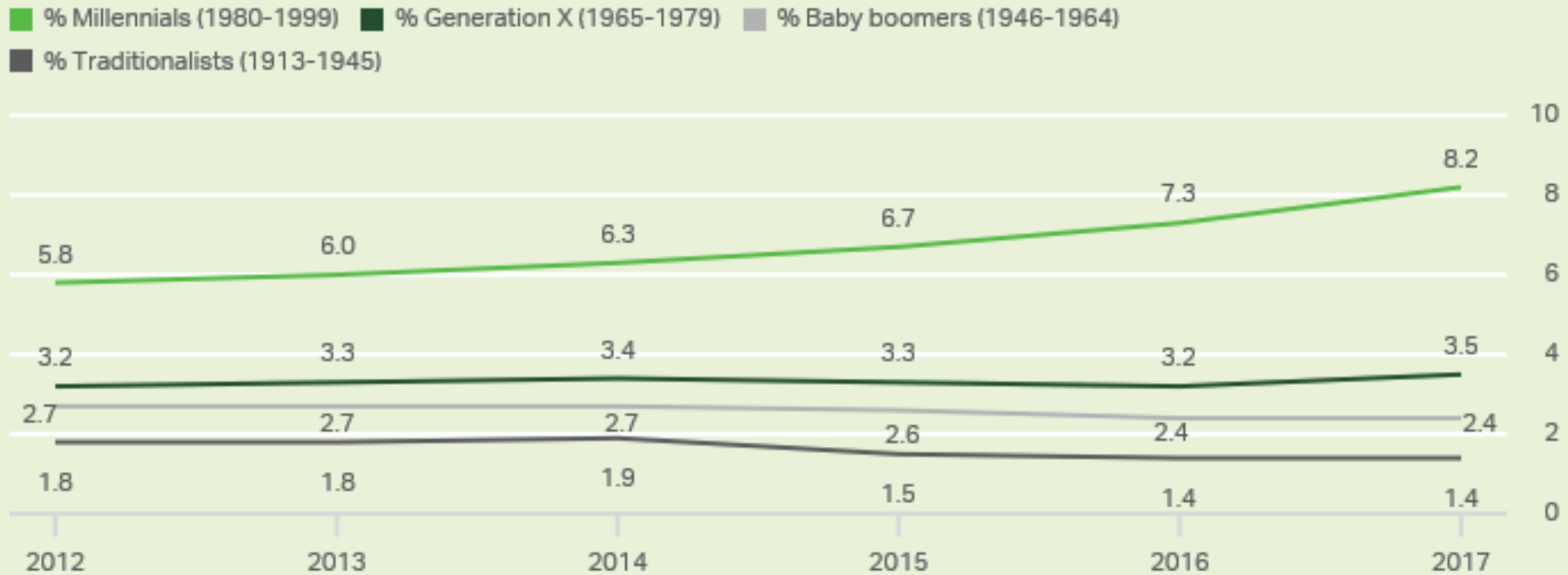
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Acceptance of homosexual lifestyle is around 79%

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Sexuality in Society



GALLUP DAILY TRACKING

4.5% of people identify as LGBTQ+ (Millennials=8.2%)

ISSUES IN CULTURE

Sexuality in Society- Gen Z

- **12% identify as LGBTQ+- possibly as high as 52%**
- **69% say that it's acceptable to be born one gender and feel like another**
- **56% percent know someone who goes by gender neutral pronouns**
- **56% buy clothes that are designed for the opposite gender**

ISSUES IN CULTURE

Sexuality in Society- Observation

Popular opinion is being used to determine what is true and what is right.

ISSUES IN CULTURE – GENDER

Gender Dysphoria:

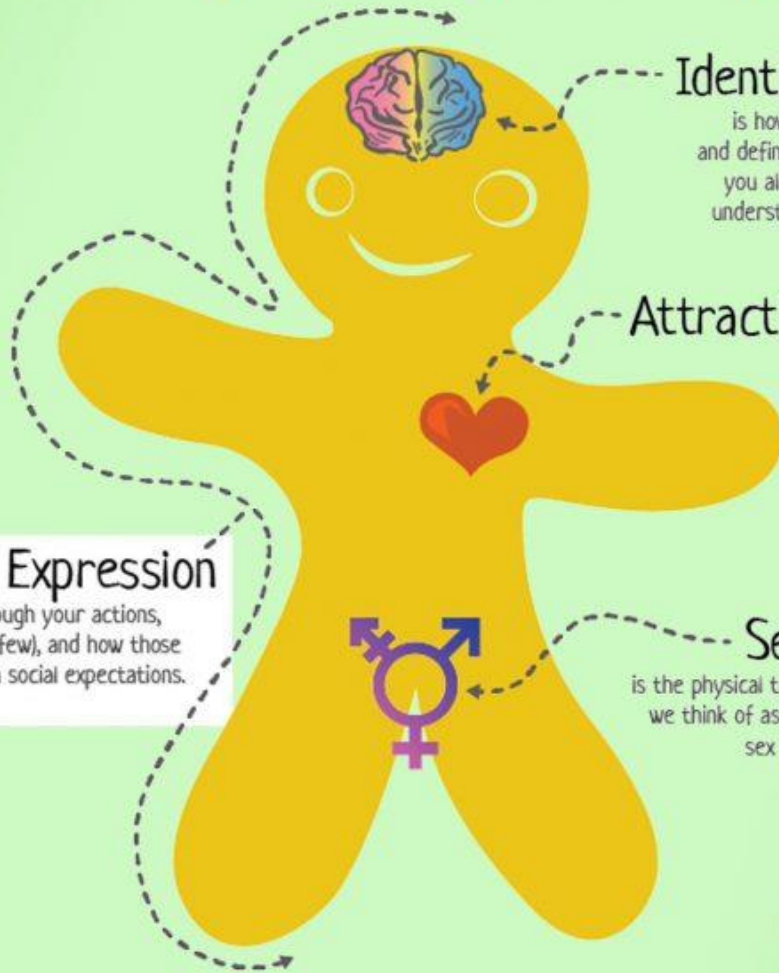
A person who is identifying (has feelings) with the gender opposite their biological sex.

Though estimates vary, transgender people make up between 0.3 and 0.6% of the U.S.

population.

ISSUES IN CULTURE – GENDER

THE GENDERBREAD PERSON



Identity

is how you, in your head, experience and define your gender, based on how much you align (or don't align) with what you understand the options for gender to be.

Attraction

is how you find yourself feeling drawn (or not drawn) to some other people, in sexual, romantic, and/or other ways (often categorized within gender).

Expression

is how you present gender (through your actions, clothing, and demeanor; to name a few), and how those presentations are viewed based on social expectations.

Sex

is the physical traits you're born with or develop that we think of as "sex characteristics," as well as the sex you are assigned at birth.

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ISSUES IN CULTURE – GENDER

Is my sex determined by my decision in my mind or by God's design in my nature?

Genesis 1:27 *God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

Genesis 2:18 *And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."*

ISSUES IN CULTURE – GENDER

Matthew 19:3-6 *And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?"⁴ He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,⁵ and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?*
⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

ISSUES IN CULTURE – GENDER

Romans 1:26-27 *“Their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men.”*

ISSUES IN CULTURE – GENDER

For every distortion you believe about God, there is a corresponding consequence.

For every distortion you believe about yourself there is also a corresponding consequence.

ISSUES IN CULTURE – GENDER

Mark 7:21-23 *“For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”*

Jeremiah 17:9 *The heart is more deceitful than anything else. It is incurably bad. Who can understand it?*

ISSUES IN CULTURE – GENDER

How do we need to respond to those who are confused about their gender identity?

- 1. You must listen with compassion.**
- 2. You must spend time praying for them.**
- 3. You must balance Grace & Truth while speaking the truth in love.**

ISSUES IN CULTURE – GENDER

Isaiah 52:14 *Just as many were appalled at you-- his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man, and his form did not resemble a human being--*