



What Is A ‘Sexual Orientation’?

"Paraphilias" (formerly called sexual deviations) listed in the **Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders**, Fourth Edition, Text Revision (Washington: American Psychiatric Association, 2000). This list includes both paraphilias coded by the APA and paraphilias (not otherwise specified – NOS). This is not a complete list of paraphilias, but only a sample.* These are deviant sexual orientations or sexual attractions that are still considered abnormal.

1. **Apotemnophilia** - sexual arousal associated with the stump(s) of an amputee
2. **Asphyxophilia** - sexual gratification derived from activities that involve oxygen deprivation through hanging, strangulation, or other means
3. **Autogynephilia** - the sexual arousal of a man by his own perception of himself as a woman or dressed as a woman
4. **Catheterophilia** – sexual arousal by insertion of a catheter
5. **Coprophilia** - sexual arousal associated with feces
6. **Exhibitionism** - the act of exposing one's genitals to an unwilling observer to obtain sexual gratification (DSM code 302.4)
7. **Fetishism/Sexual Fetishism** - obtaining sexual excitement primarily or exclusively from an inanimate object or a particular part of the body (DSM Code 302.81)
8. **Frotteurism** - approaching an unknown woman from the rear and pressing or rubbing the penis against her buttocks (DSM Code 302.89)
9. **Hyperephilia** – a sexual attraction to fabrics.
10. **Hebephilia** – sex with pubescent children
11. **Gender Identity Disorder** - a strong and persistent cross-gender identification, which is the desire to be, or the insistence that one is, or the other sex, "along with" persistent discomfort about one's assigned sex or a sense of the inappropriateness in the gender role of that sex
12. **Gerontosexuality** - distinct preference for sexual relationships primarily or exclusively with an elderly partner
13. **Incest** - sex with a sibling or parent
14. **Kleptophilia** - obtaining sexual excitement from stealing
15. **Klismaphilia** - erotic pleasure derived from enemas

16. **Necrophilia** - sexual arousal and/or activity with a corpse
17. **Partialism** - A fetish in which a person is sexually attracted to a specific body part exclusive of the person
18. **Pedophilia** - Sexual activity with a prepubescent child (generally age 13 years or younger). The individual with pedophilia must be age 16 years or older and at least 5 years older than the child. For individuals in late adolescence with pedophilia, no precise age difference is specified, and clinical judgment must be used; both the sexual maturity of the child and the age difference must be taken into account; the adult may be sexually attracted to opposite sex, same sex, or prefer either (DSM Code 302.2)
19. **Prostitution** - the act or practice of offering sexual stimulation or intercourse for money
20. **Sexual Masochism** - obtaining sexual gratification by being subjected to pain or humiliation (DSM Code 302.83)
21. **Sexual Sadism** - the intentional infliction of pain or humiliation on another person in order to achieve sexual excitement (DSM Code 302.82)
22. **Telephone Scatalogia** - sexual arousal associated with making or receiving obscene phone calls
23. **Toucherism** - characterized by a strong desire to touch the breast or genitals of an unknown woman without her consent; often occurs in conjunction with other paraphilia
24. **Transgenderism** - an umbrella term referring to and/or covering transvestitism, drag queen/king, and transsexualism
25. **Transsexual** - a person whose gender identity is different from his or her anatomical gender
26. **Transvestite** - a person who is sexually stimulated or gratified by wearing the clothes of the other gender
27. **Transvestic Fetishism** - intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving cross-dressing (DSM Code 302.3)
28. **Urophilia** - sexual arousal associated with urine
29. **Voyeurism** - obtaining sexual arousal by observing people without their consent when they are undressed or engaged in sexual activity (DSM Code 302.82)
30. **Zoophilia/Bestiality** - engaging in sexual activity with animals

Gender Identity Disorders (page 576 in DSM-IV-TR)

Homosexual and transgender activists claim that “gender identity” can be different from a person’s biological sex and is inborn. In other words, a man who thinks he’s a woman, should be free to change his sex; a woman who thinks

she's a man should be free to change her sex and be free of alleged "discrimination" in the workplace.

TVC's report, "A Gender Identity Disorder Goes Mainstream" explains how radical transgender activists are working to overthrow the idea that a person's biological sex is who they are – not what they think they are. Men are not women; women are not men. To think otherwise is to display evidence of a mental disorder and gender confusion. These conditions are treatable. They should not be normalized as "gender variant" behaviors.

TVC's report, "Sexual Orientation: Fixed Or Changeable" discusses the idea of sexual orientation being on a continuum that can change over time.

The *DSM* still lists transvestism and gender dysphoria (confusion over one's status as male or female) as mental problems to be dealt with by a psychiatrist.

*Other samples of paraphilic disorders not otherwise specified (NOS) include:

- **Erotophonophilia** – sexual arousal by attempts to kill another person
- **Infantophilia** – sex with children five years old or younger
- **Nepiophilia** – sex with infants
- **Pedovestism** – dressing like a child
- **Salirophilia** – sexual arousal by soiling another person with sweat, mud, or saliva
- **Troilism** – watching your partner engage in sex with someone else
- **Zoosadism** – sexual pleasure from inflicting pain on animals