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... but words DO hurt stories from GLBTT youth

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Many people think that they do not know anyone who is gay. But that is a myth. As many as 10% of the population identifies as gay, lesbian or bisexual. Even more hidden are the five to ten percent of the population who feel that their birth gender does not match their psychological gender. We all know people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or transsexual ("GLBTT"). GLBTT people can be found in all age groups, cultures, ethnic groups, religions and in people of all abilities.

In this video, you will meet young people who identify as GLBTT. They talk about identity issues, the media, coming out, their family, their experiences in school and their hopes for the future. These young people share their personal stories with the hope that their experiences will foster a greater understanding of the issues faced by GLBTT youth. Professionals who work with GLBTT youth, including a psychologist, a human rights lawyer, a teacher and a hate crimes police officer also talk about some of the issues faced by these youth.

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