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Bisexual? Yeah, right!

by Michael in New York on [7/06/2005 02:45:00 AM](#)

OK, I avoided this article at first because it seemed to extrapolate a great deal from one poorly done study -- something the media specializes in. As you know, the NYT reported on a study that claims to show **most men who say they are bisexual are in fact basically attracted to one sex -- namely men**. So those bis are liars.

My problems with the study: they recruited 101 young men -- 33 of whom said they were bi, 30 straight, and 30 homosexual. First of all, why young men? The researchers seem to be confusing young men who haven't fully come out yet with bisexuals. It's commonly understood that some young men first feel comfortable saying they're bi before finally admitting they're gay. Other young men presumably self-identify with "bi" because it's cool and rebellious.

They might have easily eliminated these by casting a wider net, using older people or at least using bisexual people who'd had significant, long-term relationships with people of both sexes. And the films they showed were of sex between two men or sex between two women, with bi men supposed to be turned on by the lesbian action. Duh! That's how you find out who is straight!

It seems a lot of to do about nothing. But I'm particularly sensitive to it because I do have very good friends who are bisexual and they are one of the last groups even gays happily discriminate against -- bi? Yeah, right, they say. Why is it so hard to believe that since some people are primarily attracted to people of the opposite sex and some people are primarily attracted to people of the same sex that some people are able to have meaningful sexual and emotional relationships with people of both sexes. I'd find it more shocking if there weren't bisexuals.



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