



As a heterosexual, gay, or lesbian (monosexual) person, I can usually assume that:

1. Society assures me that my sexual identity is real and that people like me exist.
2. When I disclose my sexual identity to others, they believe it without requiring me to prove it.
3. I am considered to have more authority in defining and judging bisexuality and pansexuality than people who identify as bisexual and/or pansexual.
4. I can be confident that people will not rename my sexual identity or use different words to describe my identity than I do.
5. When seen with a partner I'm dating, I can be certain I will be recognized as a member of my sexual-identity group by members of my community.
6. I do not have to choose between either invisibility ("passing") or being consistently "othered" and/or tokenized in my community based on my sexual identity.
7. I am never blamed for upholding the gender binary or cisgender privilege because of the word that I use to identify my sexuality.
8. If I choose to enter a monogamous relationship, my friends, community, or my partner will continue to accept my sexual identity, without expecting or pressuring me to change it.
9. I can choose to be in a polyamorous relationship without being accused of reinforcing stereotypes against my sexual-identity group.
10. I can fairly easily find representations of people of my sexual-identity group and my lifestyle in the media.
11. If I encounter a fictional, historical or famous figure of my sexual identity, I can be reasonably sure that they will be named as such in the text or by the media, reviewers and audience.
12. I can find, fairly easily, reading material, institutions, media representations, etc. which give attention specifically to people of my sexual identity.
13. I can feel certain that normal everyday language will include my sexual identity ("straight and gay alike," "gay and lesbian," etc.).
14. I am far less likely than bisexual, pansexual, and fluid people to suffer from intimate partner violence and sexual violence.
15. I am less likely than bisexual, pansexual, and fluid people to suffer from depression or to contemplate suicide.
16. I am less likely than bisexual, pansexual, and fluid people to experience poverty.
17. I am more likely to feel comfortable being open about my sexual identity at work.
18. I have access to information about the prevalence of STIs in my community as well as prevention methods that are suitable for me.
19. I am less likely than bisexual, pansexual, and fluid people to risk my health by avoiding medical treatment.

\*Monosexual Privilege Checklist from: Eisner, Shiri. *Bi: Notes for a Bisexual Revolution*. Berkeley: Seal, 2013.

