



# Outreach Institute of Gender Studies

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## A GLOSSARY FOR UNDERSTANDING GENDER DIVERSITY

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- **CONSCIOUS GENDER COMMUNITY (CGC)** includes males and females who are addressing issues of gender identity in their lives. This encompasses the changing social attitudes about masculinity, femininity as well as the behavioral and clinical phenomena of transcending traditional gender norms.
- **CROSSDRESSER (CD)** - a person (male or female) who wears an item or items of apparel usually worn by the other gender. It is a description of behavior and includes previously used terms like:
  - (TV) - TRANSVESTITE
  - (FI) - FEMALE IMPERSONATOR
  - (DQ) - DRAG QUEEN
- **CROSSGENDER (CG)** - a person (male or female) who desires to cross and explore a gender role different from typical gender roles associated with their biologic sex. It is also descriptive of behavior
  - (TG) - TRANSGENDERIST - a person who wants to live permanently in another gender role
  - (AN) - ANDROGYNE - a person who wants to blend gender roles
  - (BIG) - BIGENDERIST - a person who can comfortably express themselves in either gender
- **TRANSSEXUAL (TS)** - a person (male or female) who has chosen a preferred gender role and wants biologic congruity with that gender role preference. This is achieved with an appropriate sex hormonal therapy program and
  - (SRS) - SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERY
- **NEW WOMEN/MEN** - a person (male or female) who has transited to a preferred gender role, i.e. transgenderist and has had sex reassignment surgery.

**NOTE:** Transgender(Tg) refers to a person or a group that is transcending traditional gender norms.

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