

The Double Rainbow

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What is the Double Rainbow?

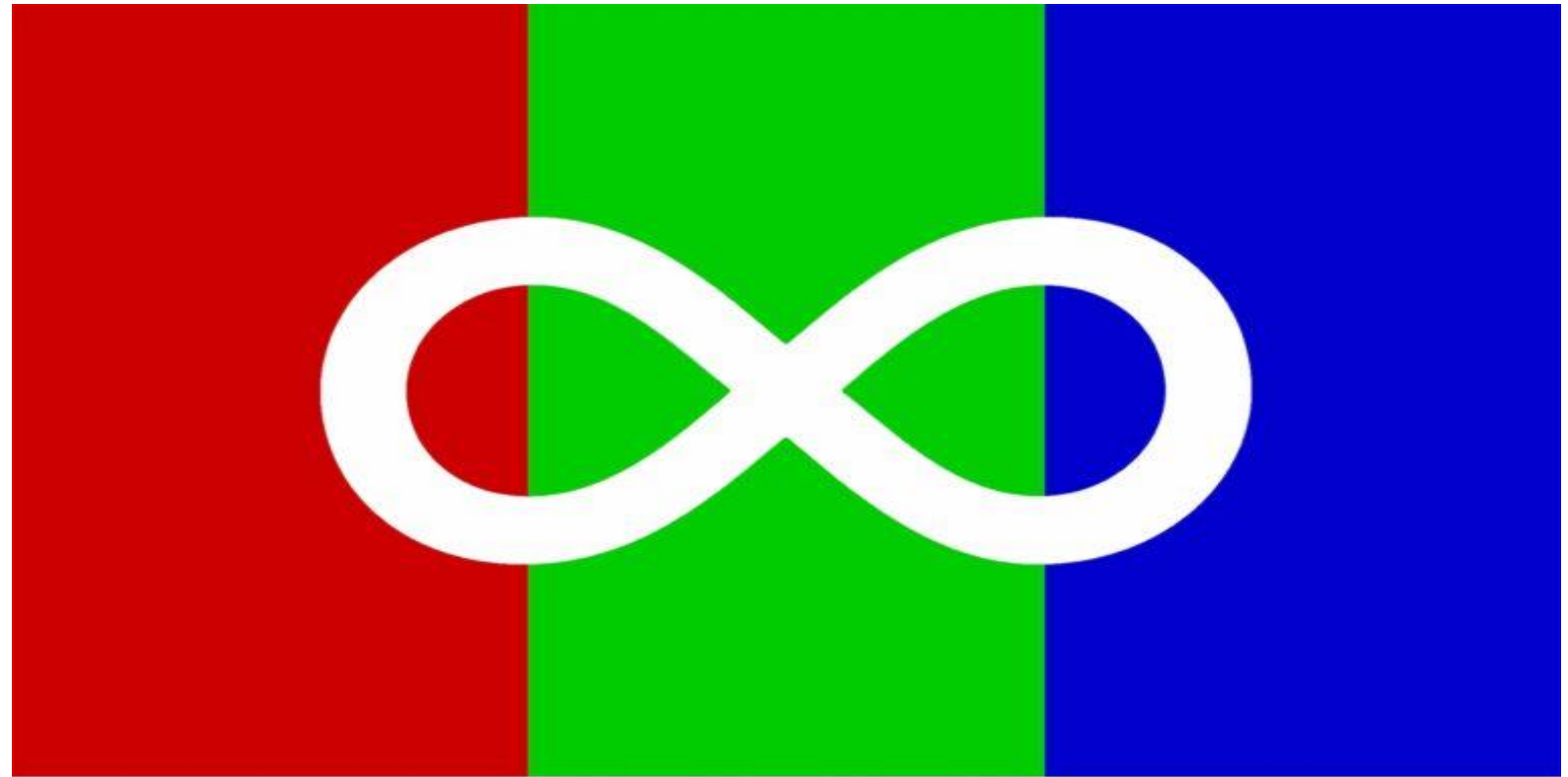


The Double Rainbow refers to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who are also lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. Other terms used are “dual rainbow” and “twainbow.

LGBTQI+ people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder have two separate rainbows — and two separate coming out stories. Being a double social minority is a complicated challenge.

Most people never have to “come out.” Others come out only once. Those under the Double Rainbow come out twice.

A new addition to the pride flags





“One of the two main autism symbols, the infinity sign shows strength, potential, and pride. The primary colors are capable of composing all other colors of the rainbow, so it represents the overlap of autism onto every other Pride gradient, since those on the autism spectrum are found in every country, sex, race, religion, and sexual orientation.”

By Louis Molnár, founder of Twainbow.org

AGENDA

- The Problem/Issue and why you should care.

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THE ISSUE

- **We treat autistics like children**
We have a difficult time relating to them as adults, so it's easier for us to treat them the way we treat children.
- **We desexualize those with ASD**
We often don't see them as sexual beings, and we're uncomfortable with their expressions of sexuality
- **We are uncomfortable talking about sex**
We are more comfortable with images of violence than images of sexuality.

This accounts for the lack of information available for those under the double rainbow.

Why is this a problem?

SEX ED

“**Sexuality** is an integral part of being human. Love, affection, and **sexual** intimacy contribute to healthy relationships and individual well-being.”-speakingofwomenshealth.com

Sexual health is a state of physical, mental and social well-being in relation to sexuality. It requires a positive and respectful approach to sexuality and sexual relationships, as well as the possibility of having pleasurable and safe sexual experiences...-
World Health Organization

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5FTPL1BbYg>

Research

Albuquerque Pride
Santa Fe Pride
Las Vegas Pride
CAPI
Interpride
The Advocate Magazine
Out Magazine

Twainbow

<https://www.twainbow.org/>



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This Power Point

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What an amazing experience!

Questions ?

