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The American Overhaul



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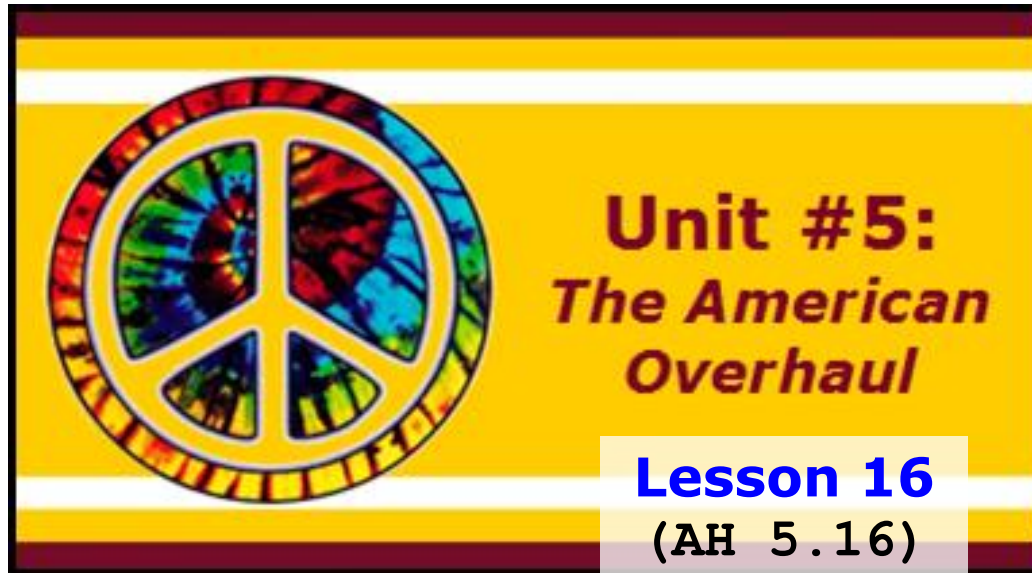
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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- **June 27, 1969: Police raided nightclub called Stonewall Inn (on Christopher Street) in Greewich Village, NYC.**
- **Frustration among gay & lesbian onlookers led to riot (Stonewall Inn Riot).**

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- Religious laws against sexual relations between individuals of same sex (particularly men) stigmatized such behavior.
- Most legal codes in Europe silent on subject of homosexuality/bisexuality.

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- **Judicial systems of many Muslim countries, however, invoked Islamic law.**
- **Many sexual acts (like same-sex intimacy) were criminalized in & had severe penalties (execution).**



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- Beginning in **16th Century**, lawmakers in England began to categorize sexual relations between males as criminal rather than simply immoral.



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- During **1530s** (Henry VIII's reign), England passed Buggery Act that made such relations punishable by death.
- It remained capital offense punishable by hanging until **1861**; similar acts enacted during **1870s** in Germany.

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- During **19th Century**, few “movements” for gay rights.
- Between end of WWI & Nazis, gay nightlife became tolerated & **#** of gay bars in Berlin during **1920s** exceeded those in NYC; Hitler ordered enforcement of anti-gay laws.

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT



- Highly visible LGBTQIA+ nightlife & culture of **1920s** coupled w/ Harlem Renaissance that paved way for Gay Rights Movement (**1969-Present**).



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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- **1924: 1st documented gay rights organization in U.S. (“Society for Human Rights”) established by Henry Gerber in Chicago; group faced backlash & forced to disband in 1925 due to police pressure & societal stigma against homosexuality.**

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- To avoid legal persecution, gay men developed underground communities in Harlem & Greenwich Village where they could socialize in speakeasies during Prohibition; lesbian communities soon did same.



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- “Pansy Craze” (1928-1935): Increased LGBTQIA+ visibility in NYC, Chicago, LA & San Fran where drag queens, known as “pansy performers”, became popular in underground bars & venues.



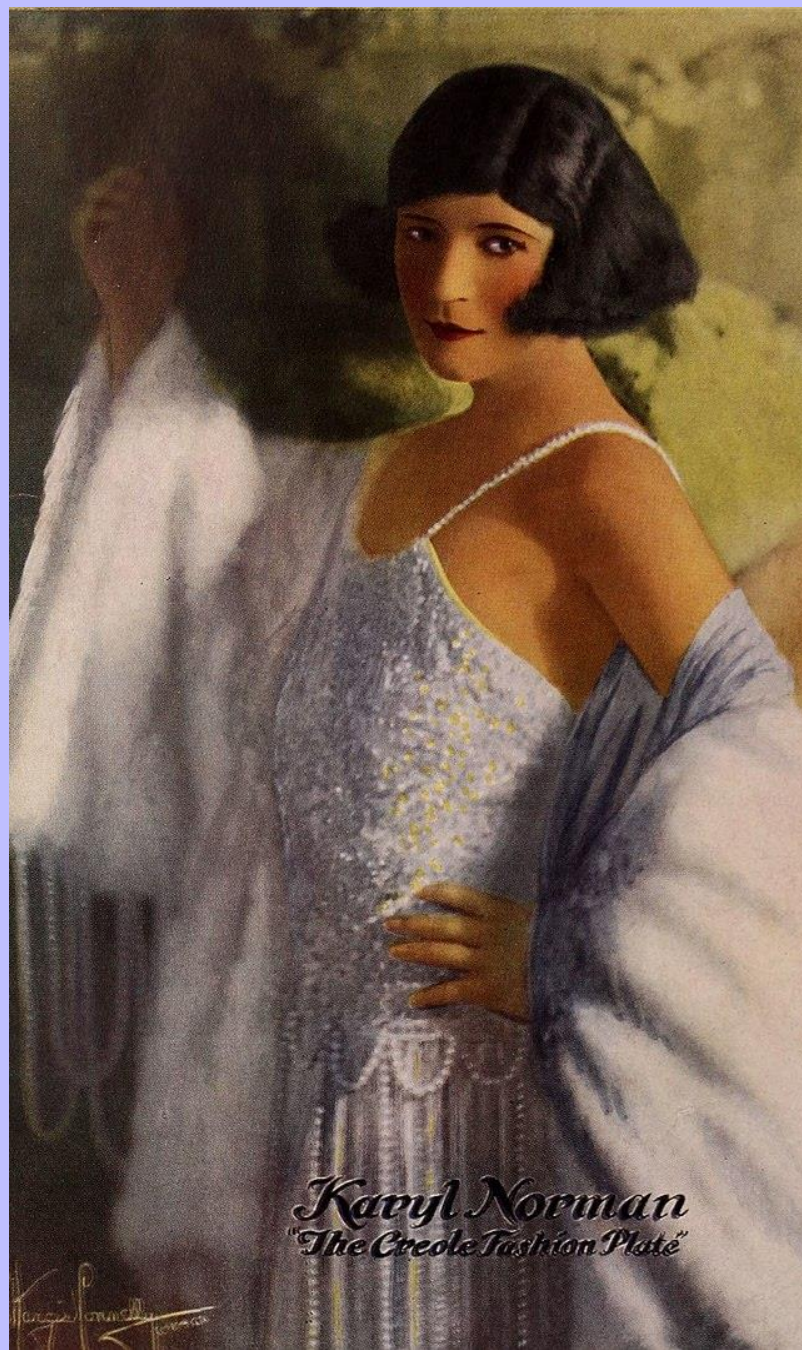
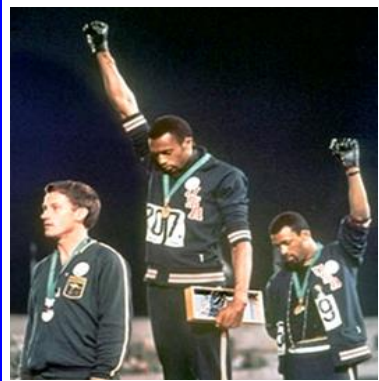
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- **“Pansy Craze” broadened range of acceptable behaviors for men, even though restrictions on gender conformity and LGBTQIA+ visibility were tightened after this period.**



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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- At start of Great Depression, LGBTQIA+ culture & community fell out of favor.
- Depression-era condemnation of “cultural experimentation” of **1920s** was blamed for economic collapse.

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- Newly enforced post-Prohibition laws prohibited restaurants & bars from hiring gay employees or serving gay patrons.
- This discouraged gay men from participating in public & made homosexuality seem dangerous to society.

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- Spirit of freedom & exuberance represented by LGBTQIA+ community during **1920s** never went away... but it would be decades before LGBTQIA+ life could flourish publicly again.



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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- Despite formation of such advocate groups, political activity by homosexuals & bisexuals was generally not very visible.
- World War II & its aftermath began to change that.

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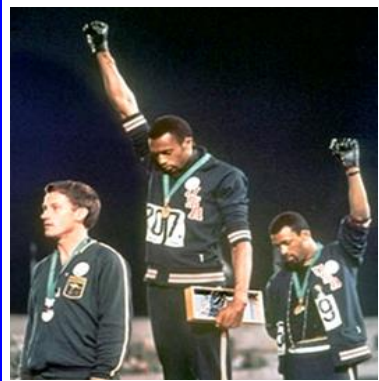
- WWII brought many young people to cities & brought visibility to gay community.



- This greater visibility brought some backlash, particularly from U.S. Gov & police.



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- **Gov often fired gay civil servants.**
- **Military purged ranks of gay soldiers.**
- **Police vice squads raided gay bars to arrest their patrons.**

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- **1944**: U.S. military policy (Reg. **615-360**, Sect. **8**) ordered homosexuals committed to military hospitals, examined by psychiatrists & discharged.



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- While there have never been laws specifically banning gay soldiers, U.S. military treated homosexuality as grounds for discharge, effectively barring them from service.
- Gay soldiers removed by way of “blue” discharge.

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- “Blue” discharge given to soldiers w/ *“undesirable habits and traits of character”*.
- Also used against blacks, women, AWOL, poor performance; “blue” neither honorable nor dishonorable.

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- “Blue” discharges led to discrimination in civilian life.
- Veterans w/ blue discharges kept from accessing G.I. Bill benefits, had difficulty finding work & were denied health benefits (plus right to be buried in National Cemetery).

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- “Blue” discharges (also called blue tickets) were used from **1916-1947**.
- “Blue” discharges were discontinued in **1947** after intense criticism in Congress & in press.

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- 6 types of discharges now:
 - **1.** Honorable
 - **2.** Under Honorable Conditions
 - **3.** Other Than Honorable
 - **4.** Bad Conduct
 - **5.** Dishonorable
 - **6.** Uncharacterized

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- **1993:** Prez Clinton's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy implemented; allowed gay & lesbian citizens to serve in military as long as they did not make their sexual orientation public.



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- **2010:** Congress passed “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell Repeal Act” & Prez Obama signed it into law; in effect in **2011.**
- **Sept. 20, 2011:** Gay, lesbian & bisexual personnel could now serve openly & w/o fear of discharge for orientation.

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- **2025**: Prez Trump banned transgender troops from serving openly in military.
- **10,000-16,000** transgender troops; ban targets **2,000** w/ “gender dysphoria”; identify w/ gender different from sex assigned at birth.

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- “Lavender Scare” was period of moral panic in 1950s where homosexuals in U.S. Gov targeted for dismissal; led by Sen. McCarthy.
- Fueled by belief that they posed security risk because vulnerable to blackmail.

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- **FYI**: “Lavender” was used as coded slang term for homosexuality, particularly among tabloids (“lavender lads” referred to gay men).
 - Such derogatory usage linked color lavender w/ ***“sinful idea of being gay”***.

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- **1947-1950: 1,700** Federal job applications denied, **4,380** people discharged from military & **420** fired from government jobs for being suspected homosexuals.

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- **1952:** American Psychiatric Association listed homosexuality as “mental disorder” (removed in **1973**).



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- **1953**: Prez Eisenhower signed Executive Order **10450**, which effectively banned homosexuals from Federal employment.
- Not until **1975** did U.S. Civil Service Commission end ban in Federal Civil Service.

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- **1977**: U.S. State Dept ended ban in Foreign Service.
- **1998**: Discrimination on basis of sexual orientation banned in gov employment.
- Prez Obama repealed Ike's EO w/ EO **13764** on last day in office in **Jan. 2017**.

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- During **1950s & 1960s**, FBI kept lists of known homosexuals & their favored establishments.
- U.S. Post Office kept track of addresses where material pertaining to homosexuality was mailed.

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- Gay bars raided, patrons arrested & exposed in media.
- Gay (or suspected gay) college professors fired.
- Cities did “sweeps” of neighborhoods, parks & beaches; outlawed wearing opposite-gender clothes.

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- **Manhattan neighborhoods of Greenwich Village & Harlem were home to sizable gay & lesbian populations after WWI, when people who had served in military took advantage of opportunity to settle in larger cities.**



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- Prohibition inadvertently benefited gay establishments as drinking alcohol was pushed underground along with other behaviors considered “immoral”.



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- NYC passed laws against homosexuality in public & private businesses, but because alcohol was in high demand, speakeasies were so numerous that authorities were unable to police them all.

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- Social repression of **1950s** resulted in cultural revolution in Greenwich Village.
- Became home to beat poets who glorified anarchy, drugs & pleasures over compliance, consumerism & closed-mindedness.

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- **Beat poets Allen Ginsberg & William S. Burroughs (both Greenwich residents) wrote bluntly about homosexuality.**
- **Writings attracted liberal-minded people, as well as those looking for community.**

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- By early **1960s**, campaign to rid NYC of gay bars ordered by Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Jr. who was concerned about image of city as it prepped for **1964 World's Fair**.



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- NYC revoked liquor licenses of bars that served gays & sent undercover police officers to entrap as many homosexual men as possible.



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- Because person's sexual orientation couldn't be discerned as easily as gender or race, NY State Liquor Authority based requirements for service on what was deemed *“orderly conduct”*.



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- Intimate encounters between 2 men was deemed disorderly, so gay men were often refused service at bars.



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- **April 21, 1966:** **3** men entered bar called Julius' in Greenwich Village (Julius' was frequented by gay men), walked up to bartender, proclaimed they were gay... & were promptly denied service.
- **Planned "sip-in" began.**



“Sip-in” at Julius’ in Greenwich

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- Men part of **group dedicated to fighting for gay rights called Mattachine Society (founded as secret organization in LA in 1950).**
- **Wanted to demonstrate that bars in NYC discriminated against homosexuals.**

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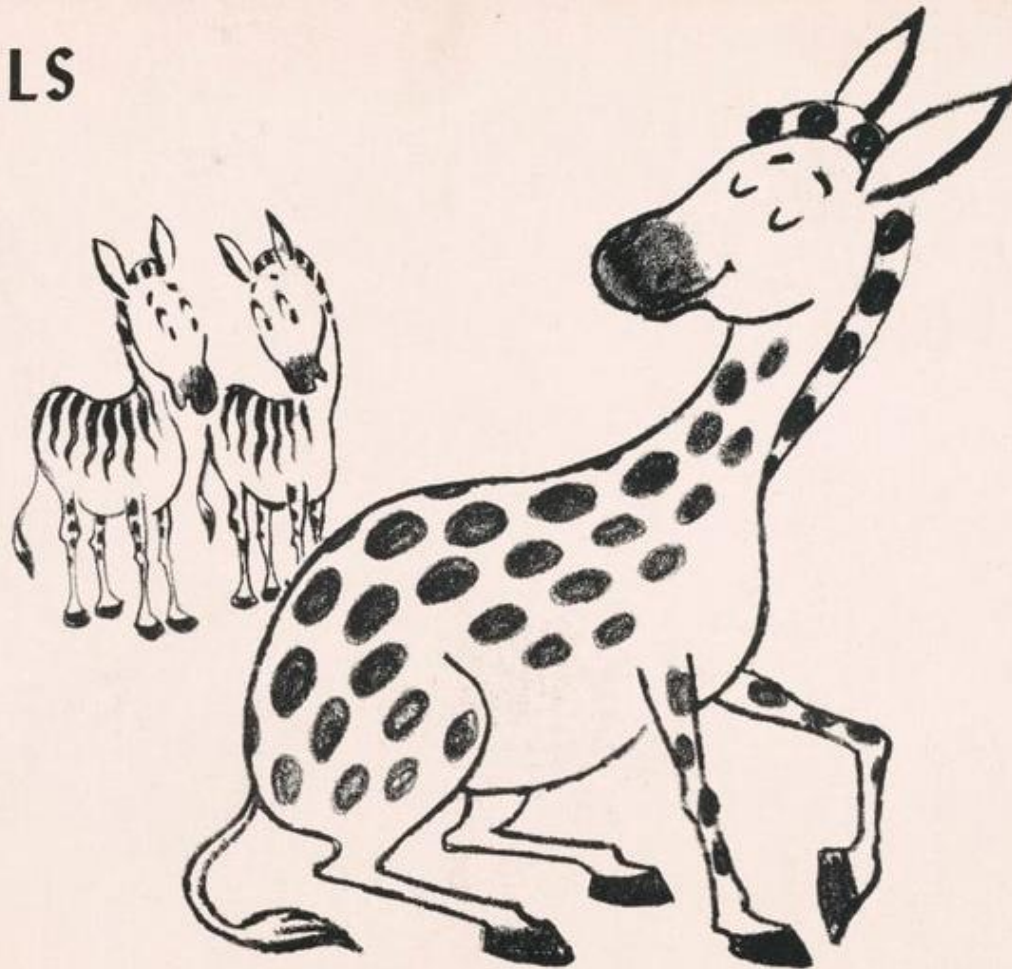
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but...

we believe they have the right to be. We believe that the civil rights and human dignity of homosexuals are as precious as those of any other citizen... we believe that the homosexual has the right to live, work and participate in a free society.

Mattachine defends the rights of homosexuals and tries to create a climate of understanding and acceptance.



MATTACHINE SOCIETY INC.

OF NEW YORK

WRITE OR CALL:

1133 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10010

212 WA4-7743



Mattachine Society handout

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- Using successful CRM tactic of “sit-ins”, **Dick Leitsch**, **Prez of NY chapter of Mattachine Society (1964-72)**, decided to stage “sit-in” w/ **2** other members.

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- Leitsch's plan involved revealing to bartender that he & colleagues were gay, being denied service & once that happened, Mattachine Society (w/ support of American Civil Liberty Union) could move forward w/ lawsuit against State Liquor Authority.

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- Prior to “sip-in”, society reached out to publications to properly cover event; original bar chosen for sip-in closed after reporters showed up.
- Went to **2** other bars in search of rejection; both served them drinks.

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- Wasn't until they got to Julius' (safe bet for rejection since it had been raided few days earlier) that they got response needed to move forward & expose discriminatory law.



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- “Sip-in” covered in *New York Times*.

- Headline read:

*“3 Deviates Invite Exclusion
by Bars”*

3 DEVIATES INVITE EXCLUSION BY BARS

But They Visit Four Before
Being Refused Service, in
a Test of S.L.A. Rules

By **THOMAS A. JOHNSON**

Three homosexuals, intent upon challenging State Liquor Authority regulations cited by some bartenders in refusing to sell liquor to sexual deviates, met with some difficulty yesterday in finding a bar that would deny them service.

JULIUS' BAR "SIP-IN"

On April 21, 1966, members of the Mattachine Society, a pioneering gay rights organization, challenged a regulation that prohibited bars from serving LGBT people by staging a "Sip-In" at Julius', a bar with a large gay clientele.

With reporters and a photographer in tow, the activists announced that they were homosexuals, asked to be served, and were refused. This early gay rights action and the attendant publicity helped to raise awareness of widespread anti-LGBT discrimination and harassment.

Julius' was listed on the
National Register of Historic Places in 2016.

*PLACED BY THE NYC LGBT HISTORIC SITES PROJECT
AND VILLAGE PRESERVATION*



"Sip-in" at Julius'

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- **State Liquor Authority denied discrimination claim.**
- **Said decision to serve or refrain from serving people was up to bartenders, NOT State Liquor Agency.**

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- **Soon after, Commission on Human Rights got involved, claiming homosexuals had right to be served in bars & discriminatory policy by State Liquor Authority no longer viewed homosexuals as “disorderly”.**

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- Afterwards, gay patrons were allowed freedom that they hadn't experienced.
- For next few yrs in NY, gay community felt empowered; raids less commonplace & gay bar patrons recovered their safe havens.

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- Along w/ that came strength (& desire) to defend such places.



- Julius' celebrates its history as oldest gay bar in NYC still in operation.



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Julius' in Greenwich Village, NY

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- None of bars frequented by gay men & lesbians were owned by gay people.
- Almost all of them were controlled by organized crime (Mafia), who treated regulars poorly, watered down liquor & overcharged for drinks.

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- However, Mafia paid off cops to prevent frequent raids.
 - **1966: 3** members of Genovese crime family paid **\$3,500** (\$35,000 today) to turn Stonewall Inn into gay bar (previously restaurant & nightclub for heterosexuals).

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- Stonewall had been around since **1930**.
- Had been speakeasy that sold illegal booze during Prohibition (**1920-1933**).
- Was gay bar named after lesbian autobiography *The Stone Wall* by Mary Casal.



Stonewall Inn

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- Once week, cop collected cash in payoff known as “gayola” (since Stonewall had no liquor license).
- Additionally, Stonewall had no running water behind bar (dirty glasses were run thru tubs of water & reused).

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- Lacked fire exits, toilets overran, drug sales & other black market activities took place (but no prostitution).
- Still, Stonewall was only bar for gay men in NYC where dancing allowed (& dancing was its main draw).

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- **1969**: Visitors to Stonewall greeted by bouncer who inspected thru peephole.
- Legal drinking age was **18**; to avoid letting in undercover police, visitors had to be known by bouncer or ***“look gay”***.

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- Patrons required to sign names (usually fake names) in book to prove bar was private “bottle club” (bring in own alcohol for small fee).
- “Bottle clubs” designation used to get around lack of liquor license.

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- Interior was painted black w/ pulsing gel lights or black lights; if police were spotted, regular white lights turned on, signaling that everyone should stop dancing.



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- In back of bar was room frequented by “queens”; only few people in full drag were allowed in by bouncers.
- Customers were **98%** male; ages ranged from upper teens & early **30s**; racially mixed (white, black, Hispanic).

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- Because of its mix of people, its location & attraction of dancing, Stonewall Inn was known by many as ***“the gay bar in the city”***.
- Police raids on gay bars were frequent; about once/month per bar.

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- Many bars kept extra liquor in secret panel behind bar (or in car down block) so they could resume business ASAP if alcohol was seized.
- Bars often knew about raids before due to police tip-offs.

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- When raids occurred, lights turned on & customers lined up, ID checked.
- Those w/o ID or dressed in full-drag arrested; female officers took patrons perceived to be women to bathroom to verify gender (trans-women arrested).

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- **June 24, 1969:** Stonewall raided by police on Tues.
- **June 28th:** At **1:20am** that Sat., **4** plainclothes cops, **2** patrol officers, **1** detective & **1** deputy inspector arrived at Stonewall; said: ***“Police! We’re taking the place!”***

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- Stonewall employees weren't tipped off that raid was that night (as usually happened).
- Music shut off & main lights were turned on; **200** people were in bar.

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- Those that realized what was happening began to run for doors & windows in bathrooms, but police barred doors.
- From that point on, raid did NOT go as planned.

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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- Women refused to go w/ officers & men in line refused to show IDs; police accosted lesbians by *“feeling some of them up inappropriately”* while frisking.
- Police next decided to take everyone present to station.

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- Those not arrested were released but didn't leave; stayed outside to watch.
- Soon crowd of **100-150** gathered; those released began mocking police w/ fake salutes (spectators egged them on w/ applause).

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- **500-600** gathered (**10** cops).
 - Shouts of ***“Gay Power!”*** began to ring out as police put **13** arrested patrons in wagon (that showed up).
 - ***“They forgot to pay the cops!”*** (referencing bribes); pennies thrown.

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- Pennies → beer bottles → bricks (from nearby construction site).
- **10** cops barricaded themselves inside Stonewall for protection while waiting for backup.

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- Garbage cans, garbage, bottles, rocks & (more) bricks hurled at building, breaking windows.



- Parking meter used as battering ram on doors of Stonewall.



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- Mob lit garbage on fire & stuffed it thru broken windows as police grabbed fire hose.
- Had no water pressure, so hose was ineffective in dispersing crowd... & seemed only to encourage them.

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- When demonstrators broke thru windows (which had been covered by plywood by owners to deter police from raiding bar) the police inside drew their pistols.



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- Doors flew open & officers pointed guns at angry crowd.

- Someone in crowd squirted lighter fluid into bar & lit; fire trucks arrived & altercation lasted **45** minutes.



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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- When NYPD's Tactical Patrol Force (TPF) arrived to free police trapped inside Stonewall; started detaining anyone they could.
- **1** officer's eye was cut, **1** was bit & **2** others injured from flying debris.

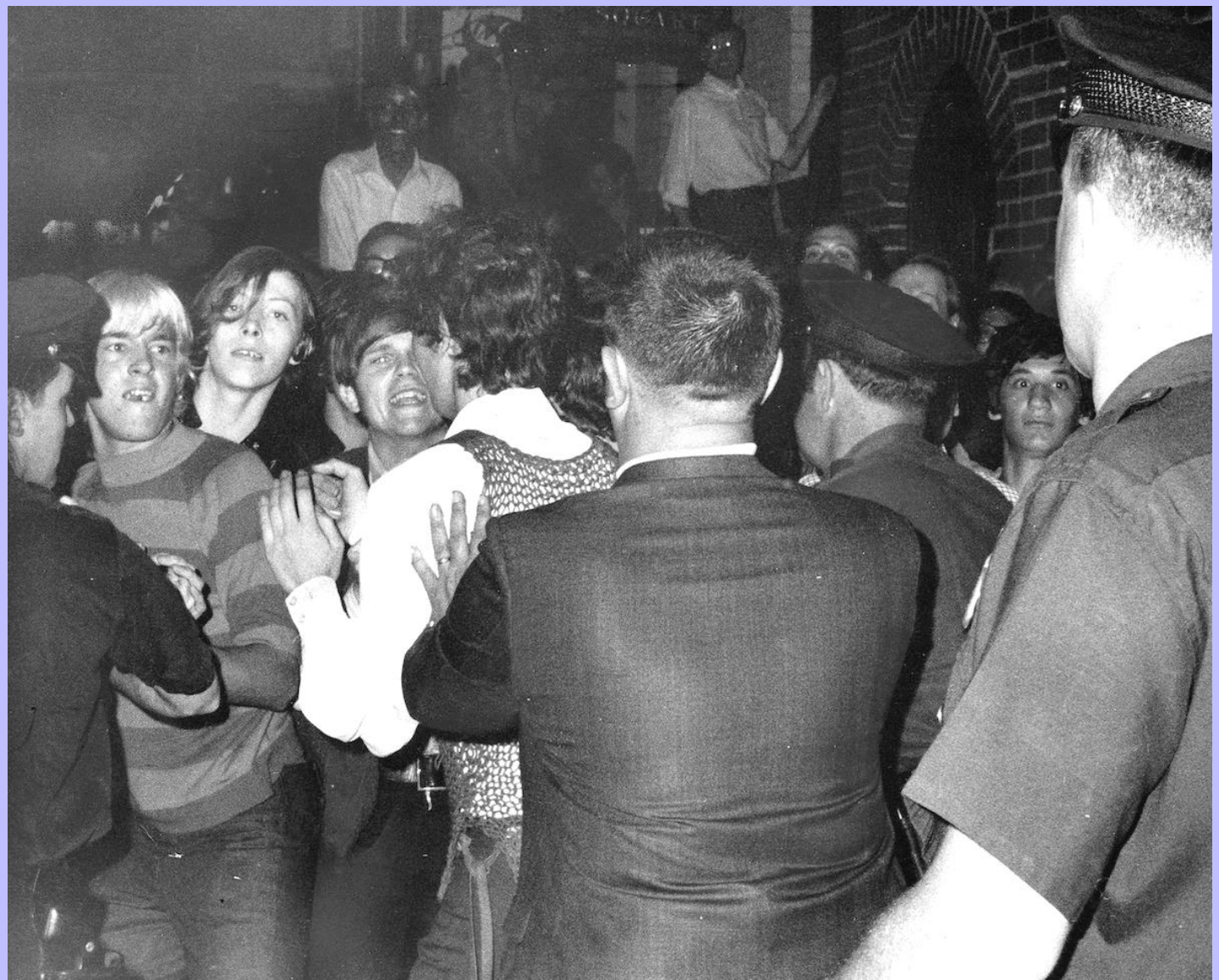
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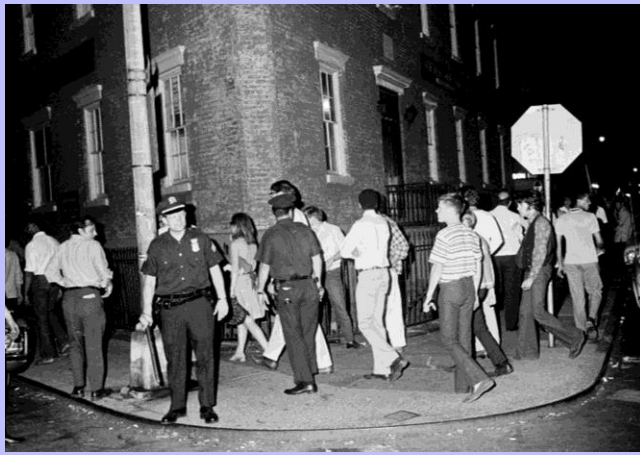
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- TPF attempted to clear streets by marching slowly & pushing crowd back.
- Crowd openly mocked cops w/ impromptu kick lines.
- **13** total arrests were made.

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Stonewall Riots (1969)



Stonewall Riot (1969)

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- Rest of day that Sat., people came to stare at damaged Stonewall.
- Graffiti appeared, declaring *“Drag Power!”*, *“They invaded our rights!”*, *“Support Gay Power!”* & *“Legalize gay bars!”*

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OUR PEOPLE TO PLEASE HELP
MAINTAIN PEACEFUL AND QUIET
CONDUCT ON THE STREETS OF
THE VILLAGE - MATTACHINE

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Stonewall Riot (1969)

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- That night, thousands gathered in front of Stonewall (which had opened again) & surrounded buses/cars, harassing occupants unless they either admitted they were gay or indicated their support for the demonstrators.

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- Fires started in garbage cans, after **2am** on Sun. (**June 29th**) TPF arrived again.
- Kick lines & police chases turned into street battles ensued until **4am**.
- Only **6** arrests were made.



Stonewall Riot (1969)

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- **Stonewall Riot often credited w/ starting Gay Rights Movement (debated: lots of activism in San Fran prior).**
- **Soon after, organizations such as Gay Liberation Front began efforts to increase tolerance of homosexuality.**

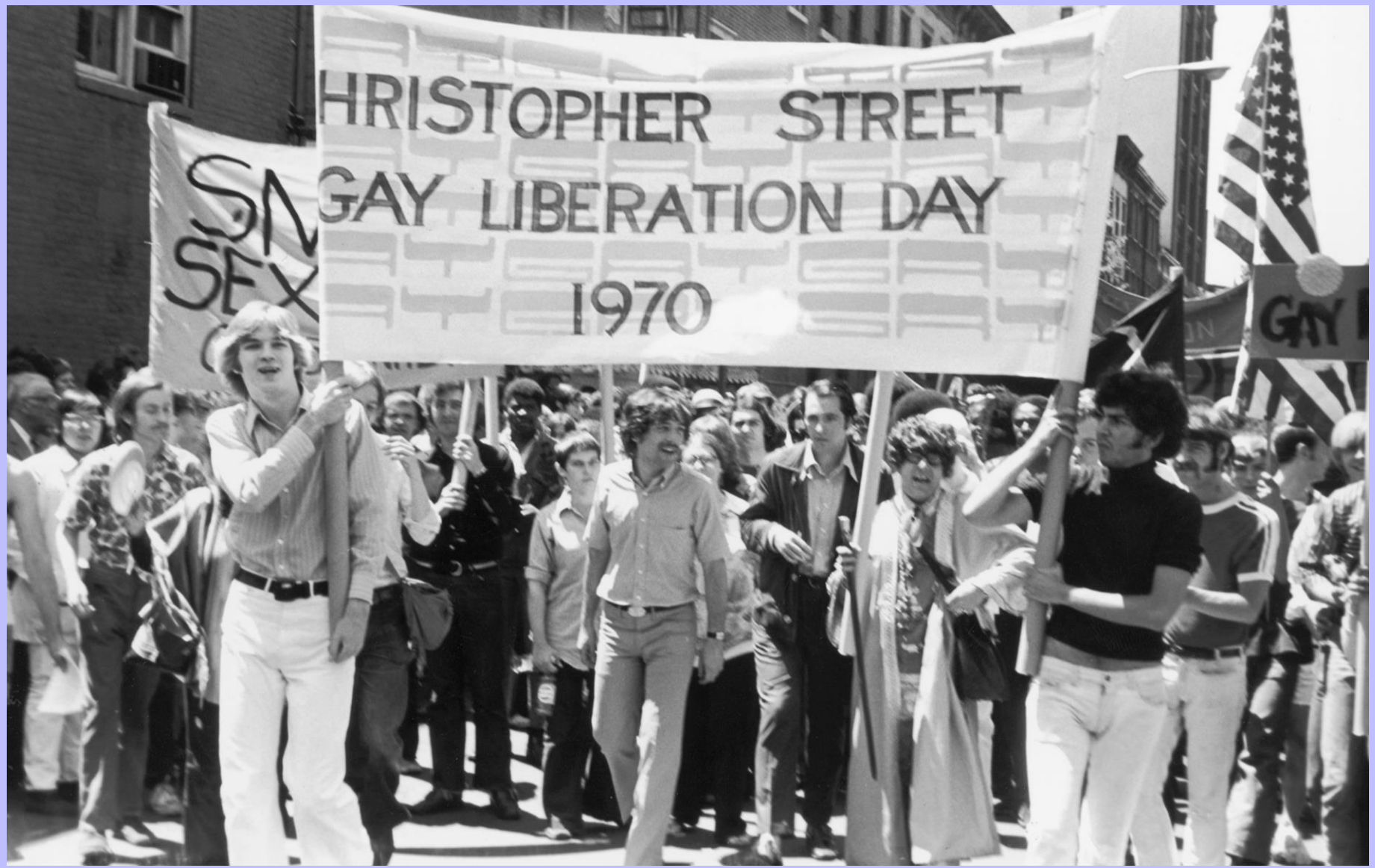


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- **1st Anniversary of Stonewall riots (“Christopher Street Gay Liberation Day”)** marked by peaceful demonstrations in U.S. cities that have since become pride parades.
- **Pride events now held in June to remember Stonewall.**



Stonewall Anniversary (1970)

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- **2015:** U.S. SC recognized right of **same-sex couples** to marry in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.



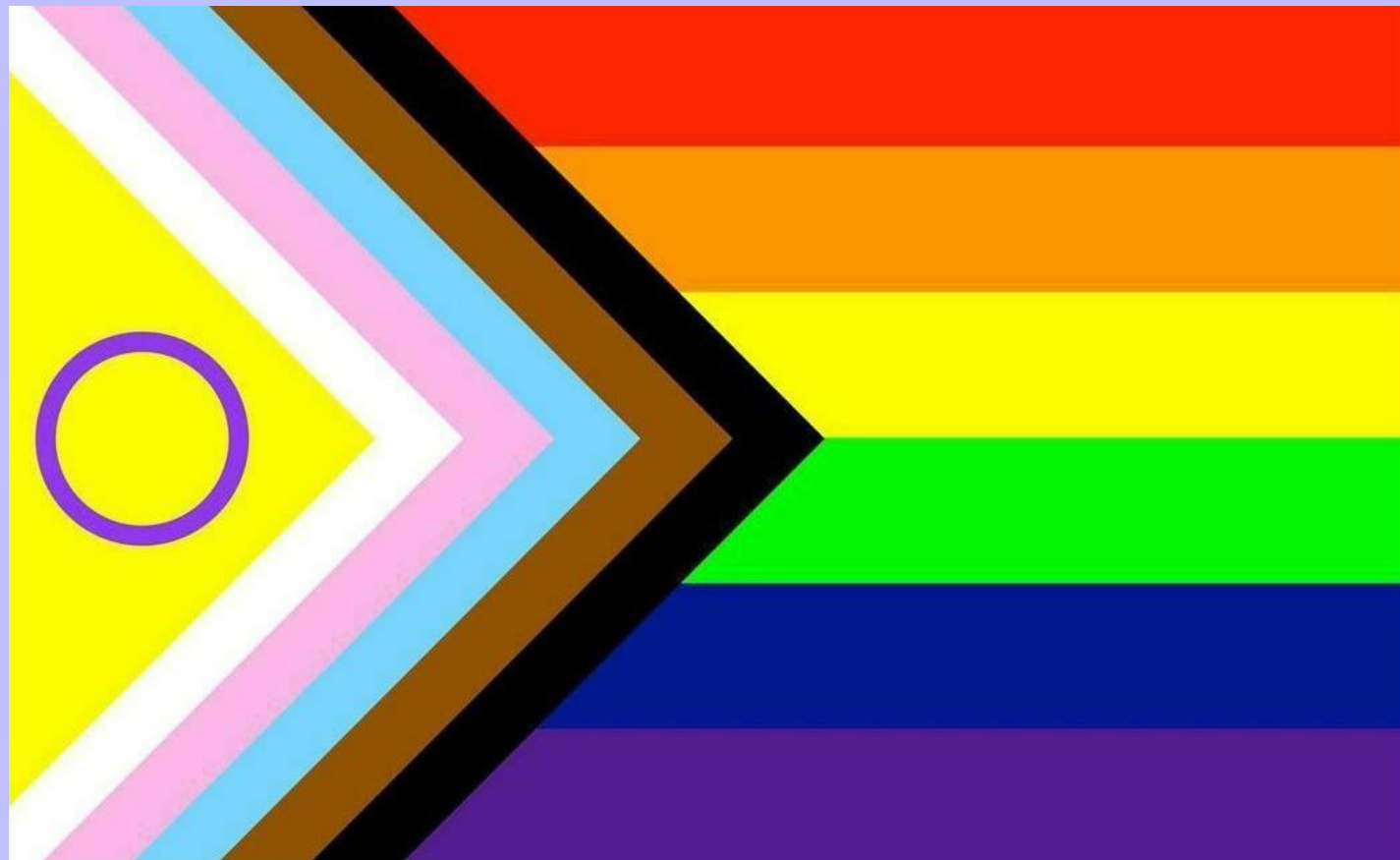
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GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- **2020**: U.S. SC ruled Title VII of **1964** Civil Rights Act applies (which prohibits sex discrimination w/ employment), also applies to sexual orientation & gender identity.

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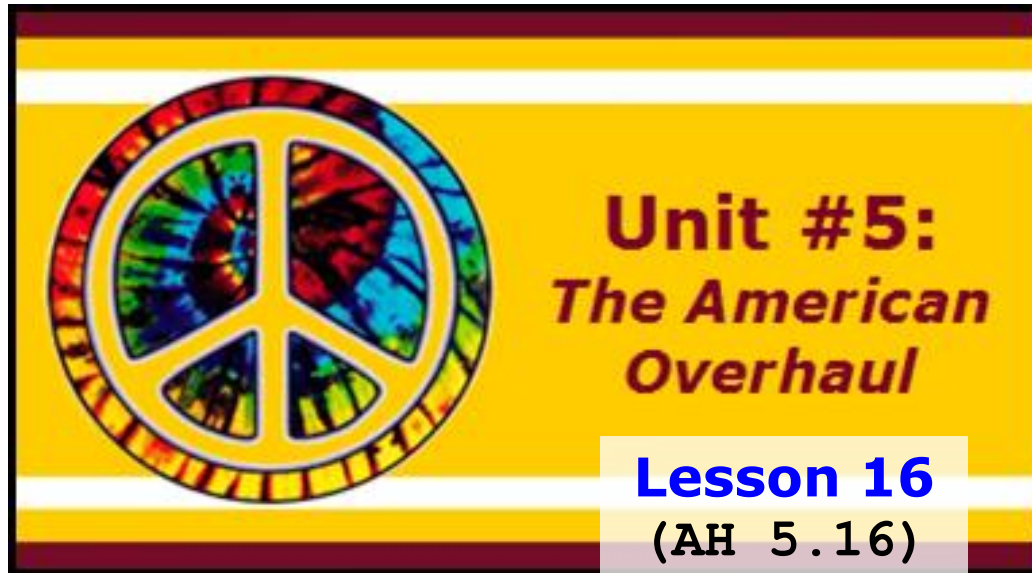
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