

# DIVERSE MILLENNIAL STUDENTS

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# Latina/Latino Students

## *Latina Concerns*

- Overprotectiveness
- Employment
- Health and Counseling Issues
- Home Care

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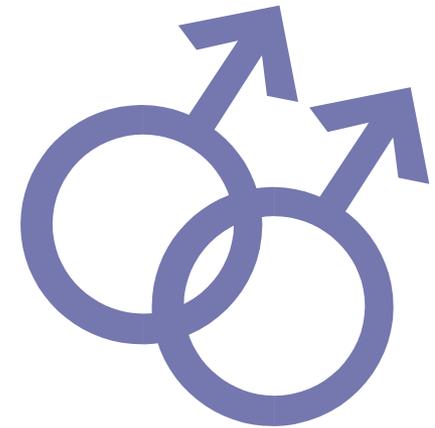
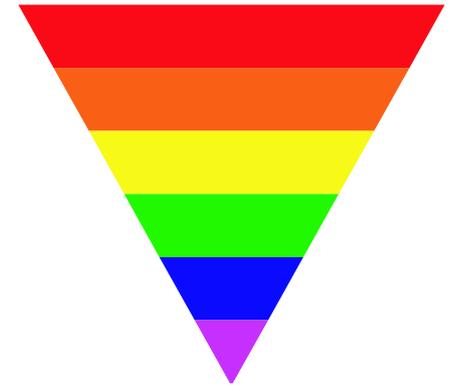
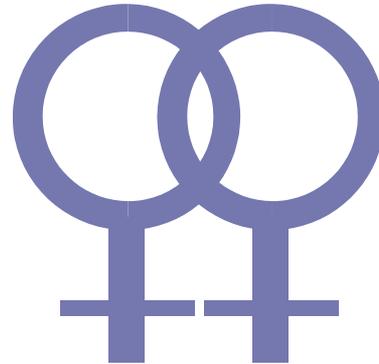
- Machismo Attitudes
- Generational Relationships
- Pressure to Succeed

# GLBT (...QQEI)



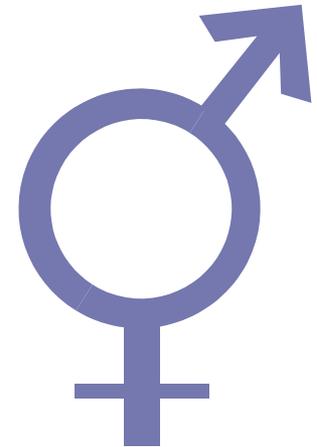
# GLBT ISSUES

- Homophobia
- Housing
- Programming
- Family support
- Religion
- Drugs and alcohol
- Club affiliations
- Living a double life



# Transgender Student Issues

- Use of bathrooms and locker rooms
- Residence halls
- Faculty and name changes
- Records and documents
- Programming
- Counseling and Health Care
- Isolation and loneliness
- Reliving puberty



# Veterans

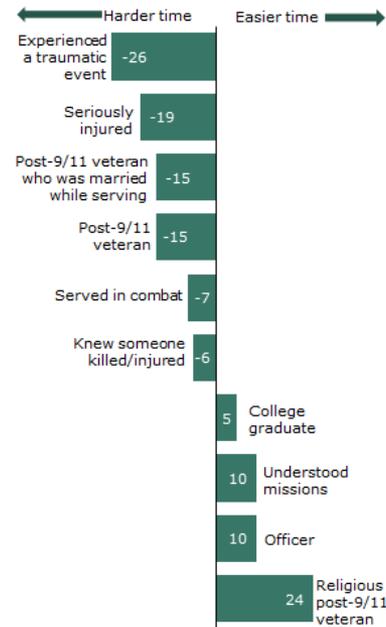
- Steadily increasing number of veterans on campuses across country
- Veterans of 5 wars
  - Many were National Guard
  - Often seek opportunities to share experiences with other veterans
  - Increased number of female veterans
- Millennials but different
  - Don't necessarily relate to their same age peers



# Veterans Transition to Civilian Life

## Factors that Predict an Easy or Hard Re-entry into Civilian Life

Percentage-point change in the likelihood that a veteran with each characteristic had an easy time re-entering civilian life



Notes: For percentages based on full sample of veterans, n=1,842; for post-9/11 veterans, n=710. Unless otherwise noted, subsequent charts are based on all veterans.

# Common Issues for Veterans On Campus

- Urgency to completing their degrees
- Post – Traumatic Stress
- Fear of academic pressure
- Negative reaction about the war from faculty and peers



# Residential Students

- Open to diversity
- Looking to relate and have friends
- Having fun is important
- Technology is critical
- Seeing and being seen is essential



# However, for Students in Residence



- Community living is new
- Shared responsibility is a foreign concept
- Used to having their own things
- Not used to compromise or managing conflicts
- Little understanding of how things work/inconvenience
- For them (and their parents) on campus life can be difficult

# Other Millennial Groups

- Religious groups
- Greek students
- International students
- Generation 1 1/2
- Students in recovery
- Male students
- Students w/ mental health issues

