

A ZINE EXPLORING THE HISTORY OF THE PATHOLOGIZATION OF QUEER PEOPLE.

CW: TRANSPHOBIC TERMINOLOGY

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## IN THE WESTERN SCIENCES, QUEERNESS HAS ALWAYS BEEN TIED TO HEALTH.

For many years,
queerness was
considered a sexual
deviation, perversion,
or what we might
recognize today as a Today, queen

Today, queerness is still viewed through the lens of physiological or psychological medicine.

mental illness or

psychological disorder.

## A TIMELINE OF DIAGNOSTIC HISTORY:

Homosexuality is deemed "indicative of psychopathology" and downgraded to a sexual deviation appearing alongside fetishism, pedophilia, transvestism, and exhibitionism.

**1968** DSM-II



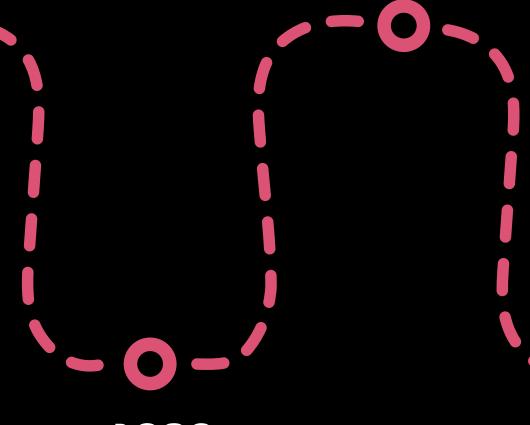
The first
Diagnostic and
Statistical
Manual of Mental
Disorders (DSM)
is published.
Homosexuality is
deemed a
"sociopathic
personality
disturbance."

## 1973

The American
Psychological
Association
(APA) removes
homosexuality
from the DSM.
Gender Identity
Disorder in
Childhood
(GIDC) is added.

Gender Identity Disorder appears and is described as a "persistent and strong cross-gender identification and persistent unease with one's sex."





**1980** DSM-III

Transsexualism
and Gender
Identity Disorder
appear as
diagnostic
categories.

**2022** DSM-IV-TR

Lists Gender
Dysphoria as
a current
diagnostic
category.

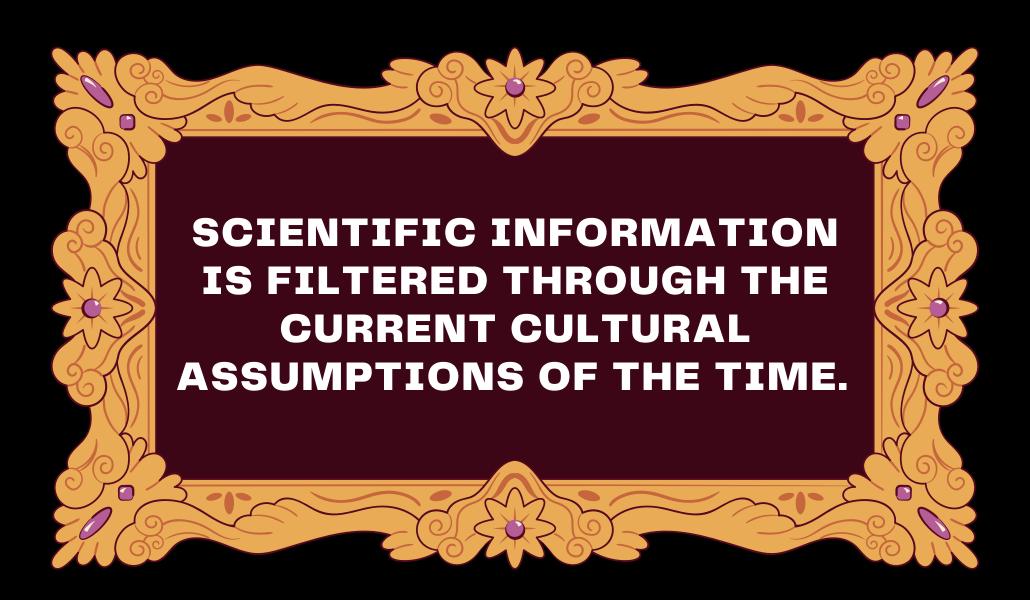
## HEALTH AS A SIGNIFIER OF NATIONAL MORALITY.

Biomedicine used to be primarily focused on curing ailments, but at some point in post-industrialized world, it became a point of achieving national supremacy.

To be in good health became part of the "norm" of Western societies (i.e. white, male, middle class, educated, and now, healthy).



Throughout history "sexual health in medical research and clinical practice has been conflated with prevailing social norms" (Spurlin, 2022), meaning...

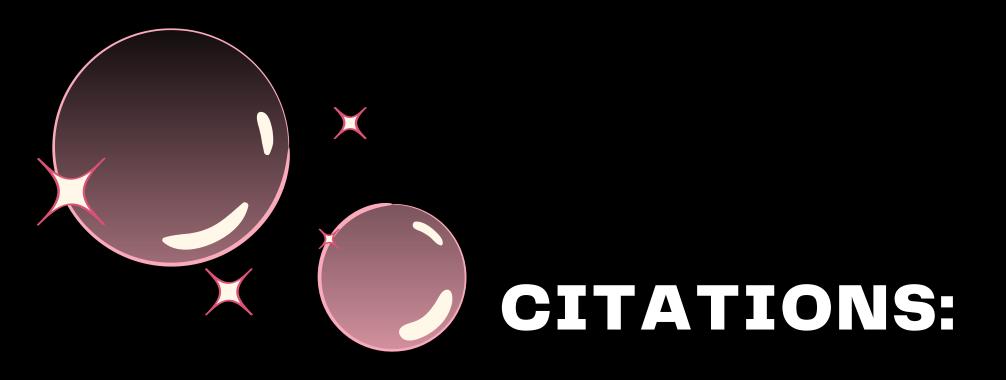


In a transphobic and homophobic society, nonconforming gender identities and sexualities were viewed through the lens of deviance and social danger.

The alienation and stigma created by the medicalization of queerness are dangerous on a societal and physical level.



Queerness can be many things, but it is never something that needs to be cured.



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