**Black Bisexual Experience Handout**

Bisexual is a **Community Identity Label** (similar to “lesbian,” “gay,” “straight,” or “queer”). Simplest definition of bisexual? People with the capacity to be attracted to more than one gender.

Many bisexuals use **Personal Identity Labels** that serve a vital function in describing differences while giving each individual a space to be unique.

Personal Identity Labels can include (**but would never be limited to**): fluid, multisexual, non-monosexual, pansexual, polysexual, pomosexual, and omnisexual.

**MOST SURVEYS SHOW THE BISEXUAL COMMUNITY TO BE 40-51% OF THE LGBT COMMUNITY.**

****According to a 2009 Human Rights Campaign study, 40% of bisexual identified people ALSO identify as people of color.

The bisexual “coming out experience:

* More stages than the gay/lesbian coming out
* Coming out later in life is more norm
* Final stage is different and includes continued “identity maintenance

**Black Bisexual Resources**

* Bi Groups In The U.S. Map & Contact Info

<http://www.binetusa.org/bi-groups-in-the-us>

* BiNet USA’s Black Bisexual Collective (BBC\*) email list.

<https://groups.google.com/a/binetusa.org/forum/#!forum/bbc>

* Bisexual Resource Center

[www.biresource.net](http://www.biresource.net)

*\*Bisexual is used as an inclusive term to mean romantic and/or sexual attraction to more than one gender, and includes pansexual, fluid, omnisexual, and queer self-identifications.*