

If you feel comfortable, please indicate the impact that these homophobic, biphobic, transphobic or intersexphobic comments had on you [Optional]:

I try to make my presence more [in]conspicuous

In all honesty, my mental health took a very steep dive and I was ready to kill myself.

Depressing, anxiety inducing; undermined faith in humanity especially politics and democracy
anger, frustration and at times, fear

Disappointment and Anger

Feeling like a second class citizen

Increased anxiety. Despair that all the hard work and fighting over the years is being eroded.
Concern over safety, including living arrangements (neighbourhood). Angry and sad that
comments, especially in parliament and from people in positions of influence, go unchallenged.

I felt threatened.

Sad angry

Uncomfortable and sad

Especially the comments from people representing my religion are really painful and I find myself
often thinking if I can even be part of such a community that should be about mercy and love and
is often just full of hate.

It made me fear for my safety, and it made me feel hurt and upset because I don't understand
why they hate us.

make me sad for the younger gay youth

They make me annoyed or angry. They make me more determined to help pro-lgbt causes or keep
active - they don't have a big personal impact as far as I know - although I am starting to find the
rise in homophobia and transphobia along with far right politics (Trump et al) concerning.

Anxiety

makes me feel: marginalised, vulnerable and fearful, fearful especially for younger Queer ppl

Impact of feeling like nothing will ever improve in this country

Don't let it have any more impact than a moment of anger

Increased anxiety about people finding out I'm gay. Less likely to come out. Generally feeling of
unease with where our country is heading around lgbti rights

It makes me extremely disappointed that the people who make these comments are given a platform, but also that they are not generally held accountable for the emotional damage their comments may cause

Every day I consider suicide. My life looks normal on the surface, but why should I bother living when the majority hates me? I'm not wanted and seen as a freak. I just want to feel normal and safe, but straights will never allow that in my country (Australia). Homophobia makes me wish I was dead.

I now suffer from depression and do not feel wanted in my country of birth

I'm especially affected by what politicians and people of "religion" say about homosexuality being "wrong". I find that it's bullying but on an adult level. Makes me sick to my stomach. Also Bill Leaks "cartoons" infuriate me.

I feel somewhat unsafe for me and my family. Really concerned there's about to be a clawing back of the rights we've won.

Disgust

They came on Facebook from members of my relatives. It made me angry and sad but also it helped me to realise where my shame had come from. I concluded that I'm not them, I don't agree with them so I won't be shamed by them.

The personal impact hasn't been all that significant, more a general sense of frustration, of being tired responding to the volume of media commentary and accompanying social media response.

I don't feel comfortable being myself in my country

We just want to feel safe, and in a lot of situations we don't. I have a gay male friend who had been sexualized and physically, mentally and verbally abused more often than not when going to social events when I lived in Queensland.

Marriage alliance, Australian Christian lobby and other religious organisation have made false claims and lies about how gay people are paedophiles and want to hurt children. Facebook is covered with homophobic comments and pictures that don't get removed. Salvation Army workers recently performed homophobic "comedy" at a Christmas party, and I could go on.

Saddened me

While they don't DIRECTLY affect me, it still makes me so angry to see people say such horrible things about the LGBTQI+ community and I cannot comprehend why people are so hateful towards the community.

It made me move to NSW.

They make me feel depressed and sad

It makes me feel fearful for the safety of my friends who are more easily targeted.

In a professional sense ie at work I kept quiet. I was uncomfortable, felt shame that I didn't speak

up but felt it wouldn't be taken seriously.

Bill Leak cartoons

In the case of the violent acts committed against us in the media followed by religious or political leaders celebrating. It made me both angry and depressed.

Heightened levels of anxiety

Got to the stage I couldn't listen or watch any media in relation to the Marriage Equality debate.

They make me angry

Makes me feel like less of a person and scared. Scared that our politicians don't like us and don't want us having the right marry our partners. I feel like I don't have control over my future or my life, that someone else in Canberra controls my life. I wish sometimes I was just dead. I'm sick and tired of working paying taxes and not having the right to marry the person I love and being told what I can and can't do by politicians using me as a political football. I might as well not exist

I have felt excluded from public space for self preservation purposes.

I felt disgusted and offended but not personally. I was more affected for my friends and any others that such language and behaviour could really hurt.

I'm ok because I can give it back. Used to haters by now. Disappointed more than anything. Angry at lack of political progress on marriage equality.

ACL (Australian Christian League), Liberal party, Plebiscite ,Pauline Hanson

Angry we're used for political ends

It is hugely frustrating and a reminder of the lucky bubble that I live in currently. It makes me feel very anxious and deeply saddened

Witnessing or hearing discriminatory acts/language makes me feel unsafe. It makes me modify my behaviour in certain situations to avoid potential violence.

I felt, misunderstood, attacked to a degree, and in some cases hated.

I stay at home, PTSD, DID and depression endogenous

Depression

None or little impact towards me

Makes me feel less than and can affect my self worth

These comments make me annoyed as I thought Australia had become inclusive and accepting of diversity. I am particularly concerned about the impact on young people. If we were a more understanding community life would be better for everyone.

I just think they are a bunch of ignoramuses

Not surprisingly I've witnessed Donald Trump slandering LGBT as well as the people who work for him.

I felt like I was a joke and a legitimate target according to public opinion. I felt scared for my safety. I felt angry and driven to create change for the better!

They have left me in a depressed state. Lacking any desire to contribute to society, and angry in general that I have no voice and nobody is willing to listen to my community and nobody will act to remediate the situation.

I find them offensive and distressing. As an educator I witness first hand the impact that this has on young GLBTI people as well as those who have GLBTI family and friends

Makes you feel sad that something so natural is treated like a disease

Severe anxiety & depression, suicidal ideation & agrophobia

I feel like it raises the suicide rates and makes us feel less than human as makes people feel homophobia is ok because we don't have equality. In the last year I've had 4 friends commit suicide due to homophobia.

The main stream media has portrayed the LGBTQ community very poorly, as have some religions, which unfortunately has transferred over onto social media- specially with the US election being so heavily covered. I however have noticed WIN being particularly anti LGBTQ in offhanded comments or the stories they report. The Salvation Army also went on air and reported that all gays and lesbians are abominations and don't deserve to live and any child being raised by a LGBTQ family needs to be rescued. The Salvation Army still performs electro shock therapy treatment in the hopes to "cure us from our disease" in many place in Australia. They also referred to us as being worst then bestiality. So did the Australian government. Trump supporters have also gotten on the anti LGBTQ movement and all over social media if you tag anything with one of those, you are instantly trolled. Trump hired people to set up fake accounts and constantly go out and attack our community so a by product of the US election was the LGBTQ community all around the world was attack and criminalised and marginalised. This is not ok. I received many death threats through social media during this time as I try to be an activist for our community.

If anything, these comments have disturbed me, and made me feel quite frightened for mine, my partner's and Australia's future moving forward. The rise of the 'alt right' is also terrifying.

When I see comments that transgender people are unholy and inhuman, I feel really sad. Obviously, haha.

These actions and comments make me feel like Australia is still leaving in the 1900's and I love my country and people, but sad that there a still so many closed minded people in this country

It made me feel uncomfortable, like who I am is wrong. Its hurtful to hear disparaging remarks across multiple social platforms

triggers dysphoria - makes me feel like less than the people who make those comments

Everything that commercial TV says about the community practically and also many politicians remarks.

I'm a lot more thick-skinned now but it really affected me as a kid and teenager growing up and I spent a lot of puberty feeling very suicidal. These days it mostly just makes me angry.

I have received death threats all year from a variety of extremist groups. I've been told to kill myself almost every day.

I think politicians represent the community not themselves. Therefore their comments and responses should reflect that of the community not their own beliefs. It saddens me that Cory Bernardi [potentially defamatory] should be voicing his own anti gay speech in the public domain. I have a brother just like him.

None. I can deal with it.

Literally everything said about safe schools

I live a very isolated life, rarely going out at all, avoiding people, unless I know it will be a safe LGBTQIA space. Even then I often won't go out.

Nothing really, I know who I am, I don't need validation from others.

I think it's a shame that today when we are a little more tolerant of such issues, it's not only the uneducated it's within our own community. There's not enough support groups (non social media) and there is no relief in sight when it comes to our government. We are highly at risk of isolation, suicide, homelessness. Something has got to change and soon.

High

The same sex marriage debate and the vilification of the safe schools program has allowed homophobia to run rife in politics and in the media leading to public aping of homophobic beliefs

It makes you feel separate. More like an oddity than a person. Like you're... less

It has had a huge effect on my self-esteem and made me ashamed of who I am.

It is demoralising, it can be really hard knowing that people are still so bigoted.

Plain anger and disappointment at how ignorant society still is

Threatened

In the past year I have felt ashamed to be Australian, and saddened by the way the world seems to be taking steps back. I was fortunate to live in Amsterdam, Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne and Zurich over a 12 year period from 1997-2008. I can honestly say that in 1997, Holland was more progressive than Australia is today and that as a homosexual I felt equal, accepted and safe. Gay marriage and adoption has been legal in Holland now for 15 years, 15 years! We are the only English speaking country left to implement marriage equality. My point is that the homophobia

that has surfaced comes from the bigoted minority who oppose equality. If we had equality, there would no longer be a discussion or a platform for the homophobia I have witnessed in 2016, therefore I would not be affected.

Makes me feel hopeless, isolated, like a freak, like I don't belong, like I will be faced with hostility in situations most other people won't be. Makes me afraid

It frustrates me because cis folk see and hear these comments and take them as the norm

When I was younger I suffered from depression extensively for 5 years. I have thousands of scars on my body because of this. I'm sure that's related to the homophobic culture and religion growing up that caused my self hatred. These days, it doesn't affect me as much. I am proud and happy about who I am.

Makes me scared. My mum doesn't let me see much

I feel that it has created internalised transphobia where i am scared and ashamed at times of my intersex biology and trans gendered status. I have been made to feel that this is my fault and that i must give way for the abuse as it is not normal for anyone else. I have been further victimized and made to feel shame by being made example of in my workplace and told that i would have to train staff on trans issues if i wanted them to understand.

They make me feel worthless, like a freak, like I don't deserve to live, like I don't deserve anything, like I'll be alone forever, like no one will love me, like I should just kill myself because it would be easier

Frankly, makes me not want to live, but I don't tell anyone that because I think that's what these people actually want. They want me to hate myself and take care of "the issue" (i.e., me) for them. So I've unplugged from it for the most part and focus on loving myself.

Lesser impact due to moral distance generated by media. Similar distance from politics, religion

Made me feel uneasy for the sake of my friends - but it didn't make me feel personally uncomfortable or bad

it severely hyped up my anxiety to the point that I couldn't not leave the house some days, and at one point when I was overseas I broke down crying in the middle of the street when someone looked at me like a former attacker did.

I have the luxury of passing and being single so have avoided direct harassment and abuse. But I have often seen my close friends experience heavily traumatic experiences and the transphobia in the media definitely made me way to scared to come out for years.

They discourage me from coming out

I see constant transphobia in people's reactions towards trans/non binary/queer people

Even if they were not directed at me, hearing people voice their negative opinions of groups that I am a part of made me feel unsafe in these areas physically, and made me feel that society as a whole was against me and thought of me as being disgusting.

It makes me afraid to be who I am, to adequately express myself and my identity invites anyone to pass judgement and make comments. I'm afraid of what it does to my mental health.

i want to die

I think they are heavily poorly informed & uneducated comments, which a lot of our community seem to add fuel to the fire rather than correctly approach & educate

I feel I've had an ok time and probably not been offended any more than other minorities

That faggots and dykes shouldn't have the right to get married because they're less than animals

Anxiety attacks and depressive episodes

I feel that people aren't educated enough and that people who witness this can get triggered the they are alone and to give up on who they really are, no acceptance space

I felt like I didn't belong and [identifying information] wasn't a safe space for me and no one was looking out for me. it also made me very suicidal each time I saw it

It made me feel sad and angry that these things were still occurring, especially in a place where most people support marriage equality.

Right wing "Conservative" policies, media outlets and anti-LGBTQI seem to have spurred on more vitriol and hate in public and social media. I've been made to feel that my safety, my very existence is less important than "Christian values". That bigotry and cruelty are outweighing the values of compassion towards those who are different or vulnerable. I was born different, disabled and physically/medically between sexes - that there are people who seriously believe I don't deserve life because I don't fit the mold. Some of those people just use words - others actively seek to harm me.

They made me upset, distressed, exhausted, afraid, depressed. Desperate for change.

Makes me sick

painful, oppressive, scary, reinforces beliefs that I am a freak or dirty or wrong

A man was standing on a soap box in the middle of town yelling about how gay people are evil and going to hell.

Homophobic/transphobic comments from people on posts on Facebook and YouTube.

LGBT+ people all being lumped together as if we have the same issues/all know each other/have the same values, beliefs and needs.

It makes me sad and quite often angry. Although I am now comfortable in who I am, 14 year old me would never have come out had she seen these sorts of things.

I'm suicidal, depressed, and anxious. I have several panic attacks a week.

Political wise is fairly obvious. At the moment if I want to get married I have to marry a man. If I

fall in love with a woman we cannot get married. I want to be able to marry whoever I fall in love with regardless of their gender. Social media wise, seeing anti lgbt+ posts and comments makes me really sad as not just myself but all of my close friends and some family are part of the community so it makes me sad for them too that they have to experience this abuse. Most of the time it's from people who simply don't know better. Education is key to help resolve some of these issues.

It's made me scared to come out to some people including my mother.

Personally they make me angry as they are just wrong. I also get angry because we don't seem to do enough as a community to refute these so called opinions.

I feel largely, personally unaffected by these comments when not made directly to me or my friends. Mostly I just feel resigned to the fact that there is hate in the world.

Upset and alienated

I'm fairly resilient, so these things tend not to affect me. However they do cause me great concern for those who may not be resilient, or the young in our community.

it made me aware of the fact that so many people are ignorant to lgbtq+ people and their feelings, where I mightn't've been before

Disgraceful attack that at times just does not give up. Things are particularly bad from the religious right-wing gay-hating politicians and some church leaders, church hierarchy, ordinary people of faith, and extremist gay-haters such as the Australian so-called Christian Lobby. Sadly the media has blood on its hands too, for giving these haters a platform. This leads people (especially us older ones who grew up in less accepting times) to withdraw and ALWAYS be on guard for any threat of anti-gay danger (which is far worse for gays and trans people, than it is for the L, B and I people in the rainbow alphabet). Collectively this is very damaging on our mental health and well-being. Ultimately this scars and cripples many LGBTI people to varying degrees. Unless you had to actually live with this EVERY day, you would not realise the toll this takes.

Made me feel victimised as being part of a minority group

It makes me angry and upset.

They hurt, especially when it was friends that these things were being said to. So much information is out there, it's easy to learn, just a shame that no one cares to.

They made me feel unsafe and uncomfortable, very worried for others in less accepting areas and lesser to others (I cannot marry my girlfriend, etc). I have had a lot of mental health issues around the fact that I am trans - not because I am trans but because I'm terrified for my safety and how others will react.

im scared to come out to my family and to transition. i just want to live and be comfortable but im too scared to

Made me angry. Also made me frustrated. Recognising that people in positions of power can make up lies, damage people's reputation and endanger people's lives is just accepted silently (majority) or vocally by active minority leaders. If you repeat something often enough it becomes

true. This type of behaviour also gives me a sense of hopelessness

Worsens depression, feel like we have less rights or that we don't deserve any rights or love

It makes me more afraid in public spaces, and makes me lose hope in the state of the near future.

I am used to it but for the youth it's very damaging. The current attacks on queers in the media have made homophobic people feel legitimised and the violence has increased.

Infuriated me.

Made me scared and have to push myself each day to ignore them and leave the house confident and assured.

I felt rejected. Dirty. I felt like a non citizen in the country I love. It's made me feel unsafe in my own city. Unwelcome and unrepresented

Made me concerned for the treatment of GSM people, etc.

Afraid to discuss my personal life with anyone, strangers and friends alike. Afraid to be seen in the wrong bathroom in public.

God, where to begin? It wasn't in the last 12 months but a couple of years ago, an NT parliamentarian called another MP a "pillow biter" in session. They were from the CLP, naturally. Pauline Hanson and the rise of the alt-right... The less obvious stuff - assumptions of heterosexuality, binary thinking everywhere, policing of appearance, gay / trans / general queer bashings increasing in Newtown in Sydney because of the lock out laws...Christian conservatives protesting the sexual health building in Canberra where people go to access abortions ... it's everywhere and nowhere, but as Foucault says, "where there is power, there is resistance". QUEER THE PLANET!!! Thanks for doing this survey! <3 big glittery love my friend from afar

Makes me feel like I am not accepted by society. It also reminds me of my unaccepting family.

Disappointed, sad

I consider myself thicker skinned than most but it is still dejecting. At times, it makes me feel anxious and unsafe even though I 'appear' straight. It worries me that so many people seem to know I'm not.

Even though I'm not 'out', it made me feel really scared about ever coming out, and it also made me quite upset and distraught that people were being treated the way that they were.

I'm used to it, kind of just get numb over the years

Mostly anger and frustration at the lack of understanding of the lgbtqi community

Very little; I have a thick skin.

It's makes me realise that people don't care about LGBT+ people unless they want their vote/approval

Made me feel unwanted and unsafe

Makes me feel worthless and a second class human.

Creates a climate of fear

Left with the fear that although Victoria has been kind to me, it hasn't to others - one day that could turn on me and I could get hurt or worse.

I have witnessed friends being vilified and the victims of homophobic rants. The psychological toll as a result of the constant barrage from all forms of media, politics, religion & the public confirms the reasoning behind the high mortality rate for young LGBTI members of our community.

I despair that public figures make comments which diminish the dignity and worth of LGBTI without the leaders of those political groups rebuking them

Even though they weren't directed at me they were directed at friends of mine and other LGBT people around the globe and made me feel like people will never understand us fully

Comments on YouTube and Facebook. Lack of understanding from tv presenters (eg Sonia kruger)

They make me angry at other people's ignorance

Anger and disgust at those behaving like that. But also it triggers that deeply internalised shame about being gay from growing up in what is a homophobic society. And finally also disappointment and resentment against all those who don't stand up against it, such as our politicians.

It makes you feel wrong, or like need to be fixed. It affects my mental health and makes me feel quit unsafe

a lot of casual homophobic slurs (f*ggot mainly) just being thrown around by cishet people, and also a lot of 'oh that's so gay' or 'you're so gay'.

It is a heavy reminder that although I am very fortunate to have not experienced much homophobic discrimination and abuse toward me personally, the world out of my city is a different place. It upsets me that young LGBTIA children are being constantly reminded that they are not treated the same as others in this society when they watch out-of-touch, backward-thinking politicians who do not see how hurtful their words against same-sex marriage and the safe schools program are. It is so upsetting that they cannot see the damage they are doing.

It's caused me to feel unsafe on public transport, scared to transition in the way I want (to not pass as male or female), dress the way I want if I know I'll be out until dark, use public bathrooms, come out to certain family friends and possibly several other avoidant behaviours. It also makes me feel like I'll never succeed in work or be able to live as I am because it would be illegal to marry or travel to several countries. Note: as far as my other answers with not having personally experienced transphobia etc. - I haven't been out long enough for many of them to be relevant (haven't applied to jobs, started school and such)

I try to ignore them or understand that what people say is a result of their upbringing, but over

time the comments add up, especially when I'm feeling down, and I begin to feel like a disappointment to my family or that I am a lesser person.

Makes me feel like shit obviously. Phobia of any sort does make me concerned for my physical safety.

It makes you feel scared and very cautious, constantly looking over your shoulder in public. Whenever I see groups of young men I cross the road to avoid any confrontation.

They made me feel less than human

Made me feel almost unnatural, like maybe I shouldn't really be what I am

The worst is having elected politicians say these things.

I recently submitted a request to legally change my gender, I've been loathe to jump through the hoops for a long time but now I'm actually scared so am hoping it will afford me some protection, and also am afraid the option to do it at all may be taken away

Makes me more determined to work against the hate

Mostly it's really deflating and makes me concerned for younger lgbtiq+ people who don't have support networks. Sometimes it makes me angry, sometimes sad. Mostly deflated and lethargic because it reminds me of all the hatred and the opposition, and also just the extreme ignorance.

When people were making fun of LGBTQI people in group chats, on multiple occasions I told them to stop. Even if it not intended to be offensive, making fun of us makes me feel like a joke, and would make LGBTQI people who are not out be scared to come out because they might feel less accepted. In public, such as overheard conversations on public transport, I choose to stay silent because I am afraid I will receive verbal or physical abuse. In general, abuse makes me feel both unwanted and even more determined to promote equality so that future generations of LGBTQI people do not have to endure the abuse and discrimination that some people have received.

The impact has been a state of perpetual conflict (Gr.: stasis) arising out of frustration (which bleeds into its consequent emotion, anger), and a state of impotent despair.

Made me feel ashamed and embarrassed

I find them very rude and discouraging but as someone who has been constantly told I will never achieve nothing as much as these comments hurt me they don't change what I do

pissed off, felt unsafe in that environment

Makes me feel lesser or invalidated

They weren't directed at me but at my friend and It just made me really upset and it's just really isolating

feeling of anger

well i hear all the hate filled rhetoric from the religious alt right that sadly have too much of a voice in gov from groups like the christian lobby and other politicians. the whole gay marriage plebiscite seemed to give every anti gay hate group a paid advertisement on social media whilst there seem to be no pro gay marriage ads for many months and have only seen one pro ad.

Not much on me, because I am pretty strong. But my daughter (15yo) is highly anxious and depressed, and at grave risk of suicide. Homophobia is only one reason, but it contributes to her understanding of the world as a very dangerous and hostile place.

As a resilient person I am able to curb most of these comments. However, I find it sad realising how closed minded so many people are, this is not supported by our government failing to legalise same sex marriage and removing the vital safe schools program. The Tasmanian Archbishop's attempts to change the anti-discrimination act have resulted in me moving school despite having a supportive school I think it is no longer appropriate for me to attend a school that is overseen by someone who has openly proclaimed his dislike of homosexuals, and is attempting to change laws to discriminate against them.

Disappointed

the announcers on a figure skating competition laughing at the skaters openness with his being gay. Comments on videos and social media saying transgender people are mentally ill. In public, people calling their peers fags and poofs for not being "manly". Out drinking and approached by people who ask inappropriate questions about my sexuality. TV shows labelling bisexuals and confused, and that they "need to decide".

saddened to realise there are still people with hate as their motivation

They made me feel very uncomfortable about myself and unwilling to be open publically about my identity.

Makes me feel excluded, abnormal

Emotionally drained. Disrespected and unaccounted for in the legal sense, less rights than cisgender and heterosexuals. Made to feel we don't belong in any social environment of the wider community. Re: attacks on safe school, Attacks on marriage equality, Attacks on birth certificate laws, Gender change.

It makes me grateful that I am relatively safe from these occurrences personally but it makes me frustrated, angry and sometimes worried about people who do not have support networks or whose close family/friends agree with, support & repeat phobic sentiments & behaviours

we are not safe, ever

They don't worry me now because I am fully accepting of myself but I hate to think of the affect they would have on younger people.

Depression, Anxiety

Literally made feel like second class citizens, that who you like is what makes you the biggest target for hate despite not being able to help it, that we shouldn't be allowed to exist on the planet or should be holed up on a secluded island somewhere, that alot of people have alot of

irrational hate due to incidents and grooming within their life. Made feel like the need to conform and camouflage was mandatory within life. Was very depressed and quite suicidal over it for about 2 months after.

makes me wish we were a more organised and supportive community's that could combat oppression more effectively

I become scared to admit to being bisexual, it makes me question who I am, it makes me scared of possible situations I could find myself in due to being different.

It really distresses me that people still act this way. I worry for the younger youth who this could have a greater impact on. Whoever says homophobia doesn't exist in today's society is very wrong.

It makes you feel like you're an alien and not normal

Reminds me that we're not out of the woods yet.

I feel devalued, marginalised, unsupported.

I became too scared to go outside, catching public transport has become stressful, even certain household objects triggered memories relating to what i have personally experienced and what i have read in articles, which caused a great deal of stress.

It makes me feel afraid, which sparks anger. I become anxious and irritated

Frustration that there are still people in power in this country that are so narrow minded and have a huge influence

They made me feel unsafe, unwelcome and depressed

one needs to learn to scroll past. No comment should effect you.

Personally offended

[Potentially defamatory]. Enough said. He still pushes buttons.

I already suffer from high functioning anxiety that is mostly to do with social situations, so these comments just ramp it up to 100% and make me scared to do anything some days

They create a feeling of fear and can lead to bouts of depression.

Disheartening. Makes me feel undervalued and like a second class citizen

I ignore comments all of the comments.

Sad and unacceptable.

It makes me feel like I'm not welcome in society. It makes me feel like I'm a freak. It makes me feel unsafe.

Frustrated and angry about the state of power dynamics.

Infuriates me that in this day and age our leaders and people we elect are not willing to accept my relationship, yet they are quite happy to benefit financially by my relationships. Come on, either you accept us as a couple or you don't. You can't have it one way and not another.

It occurred on a Facebook site when a person was highly critical of the queer community and wrote inappropriate comments.

Despite not personally experiencing any homophobic abuse, I am still fearful of receiving it. I also worry regularly about those who are not as lucky as I am to get the love and support they should.

Made me feel angry. Mostly about the [potentially defamatory] being pieces of shit

Sorta delayed me coming out I guess

I have felt deeply distressed by comments made in the media that homosexual men should be dead, are worthless, have nothing to contribute, are paedophiles, should be imprisoned, should not have access to children and should be chemically castrated or executed. I have children, pay tax, I'm a doctor and a university lecturer. My children are very successful. Despite this I still find all of this deeply distressing, that people wish me and my family dead. All I want is equality at law and in practice. It is a fairly Australian ideal to ask for.

Anger inducing

None at all; some people are stupid and I felt comfortable telling them so at the time.

I feel saddened and extremely worried about peoples safety and well being. To openly attack someone because you dont agree with their lifestyle is pure nonsense, and Im scared to think that my children will see this abhorrent behaviour from people they may admire and respect.

Don't want to come out, scared to wear make up to school, can't wear preferred clothes

To be more authentic and myself, these "phobias" make it hard for me to publicly be who i am in private. Which takes a unreasonably large toll on my day to day activities. Key factors being Highs and Lows of mood, depressive thoughts and being extremely anxious about anything and everything, only on a bad day do any suicidal thoughts take place but that's rare. That is all the impacts and problems i suffer from phobias made up by people who just dont understand or accept. P.S i have marked no for receiving any discrimination as that should be a clear indication of the impacts affecting my life to be open to myself and the public.

This behaviour creates a cage for all members of the LGBTQA+ community. Any negative act towards someone from this community pushes us back into the cage of fear we're all trying so hard to destroy.

It is very wearing, like I'm not sure I really feel attached to life

I feel angry about the impact it would have on younger people (I'm older now and I'm more concerned about protecting the younger ones).

A feeling of worthlessness. Less trust in friends and family as some refer to trans/non-binary

people as "it" instead of their actual pronouns whilst denying the existence of genders outside the binary. Feeling as though there's no place for me to turn. Not wanting to leave the house on good days, not wanting to be alive on the bad.

Makes me feel I need to hide my queer identity

Hurtful and made me feel illegitimate. In the political domain i felt as though I was not a full citizen.

I found it quite distressing that members of my own family preferred to listen to the rhetoric that was being stated by the anti marriage equality lobby and then argued their position based on those facts being broadcast even though I could prove that those facts were actually inaccurate

Some of the time they make me angry, but most of the time they make me scared and ashamed because they come from people I thought I could trust or people I can't escape from.

Safe school programs, churches saying we are the same as paedophiles... makes me feel ashamed of myself, even if it's not true

Resignation, anger, determination to precipitate change

Work colleagues always try to debate gay politics with me, even though I tell them I don't wish to discuss. Particularly in the light of Marriage Equality and the Trump candidacy.

It makes me furious.

I don't worry as much about media. I would rather see a stronger LGBT media to share what it wants with the world, rather than regurgitate and voice opposition to right-wing news outlets and sources...

I feel that we are in backslide. As a middle aged gay person I have seen great improvements over my life only to see them evaporating in the last 12-24 months.

No real impact

They generally just make me really angry, but if it's simply ignorance I will attempt to educate the person, if they are willing to learn

I'm concerned when politicians air their homophobia publicly. This is absolutely not appropriate in public office. I don't care what they think but their views cannot impact in any way ie. through legislation, on my human rights. After all I am a tax paying, law-abiding citizen.

They make me angry and very vocal about these issues, unfortunately this is also what leads to the verbal abuse at school and home when people disagree with my opinions.

Sad and concerned for less emotionally strong members of greater queer community. Disappointed with politicians for not ending discrimination through all aspects of life.

Given that the issue of Marriage Equality was so prominent over the past year, it was no surprise that the haters and alarmists would be active. I sort of expected that there would be much abuse and misinformation thrown about. I didn't feel particularly threatened by this as I generally have a

great family and friend supportive network. I did feel quite angry at times when the same old nonsense about the threat to family and children was waved about and whilst I did receive a little negativity on social media - It was little real threat to me. Having "evangelical" god botherers screaming hell-fire and damnation in public places is sort of amusing, except that you realise that there are people who listen to this hate speech - I can be intimidating.

I have found Homophobic pamphleteering by religious organisations on public transport. Seen social media homophobic campaigns with a noose above a girls head. I have endured the bigotry and discrimination of the Australian government. I wanted to marry a man I met and could not. Being denied that right as an Australian citizen led me to suicidal thoughts, major depression and ongoing psychological treatment.

I have much tougher skin than what I used to, but when younger and in my teenage years, these comments and situations used to have a significant impact of my emotional and mental health. I found myself in a very dark place and often found myself having suicidal thoughts.

It makes me not want to leave the house.

I feel unwelcome in almost all places

When it's been in the media, people seem to get more openly hostile in public. I certainly get more anxious and become less likely to leave my house. Since the US election, I have had terrible anxiety, insomnia etc.

Frustrated and degraded

Left me feeling disappointed and frustrated

A combination of frustration, raging anger, pity and depression.

Lowers my self esteem and worth in society

Personal offence, disgust, disenfranchisement with politics and religion. I found it unbelievable that organisations like the ACL are given such wide ranging media coverage when they are being so toxic, and so potentially damaging.

Made me feel sad for the younger ones, still coming to terms with who they are, fighting depression. Made me feel hated and discriminated against for no viable reason

None

It boring and tiresome and pathetic. This is 2016. Our politicians need to put aside personal prejudice and extend civil rights and courtesies to all Australians. We are a diverse nation and have been since the start. Extend equality to all.

It's disheartening, how are you supposed to feel apart of the community when your 'otherness' is constantly reinforced

Anger

It definitely made me feel uncomfortable and I wish that I'd been able to do more. However, I was

not confident or equipped in how to deal with such a situation in real life.

Emotional distress

They make me feel like a freak, like there's something wrong with me. Because people get so mad at people like me just for being myself, a lot of the time I just feel like I'd rather be dead because I can't change who I am. I've self harmed for years and had multiple Suicide attempts and still get the homophobic remarks by the medical industry, things like 'you wouldn't be so depressed if you just got a boyfriend', 'once you're happier I bet you'll forget you ever liked girls'- I've heard both these things while lying in a hospital bed after a Suicide attempt. Even medical professionals can understand why I feel so hurt by the remarks they simply put down that I'm overly sensitive and can't handle criticism.

I feel like there is a war on gender and sexuality and everywhere is a battleground of some sort and I'm a civilian trying to just live and explore myself but it's not "safe". Having friends who are accepting and part of the community helps but it still feels like a war...

They just make me feel really angry and sad because it means people are not educated well enough about anything that's not hetero.

Upsetting

Seeing the way politicians refer to LGBT people and try to quash progress towards equality makes it more difficult to be out.

It makes me feel unsafe to walk down the street ever since embracing my sexuality. I would certainly not feel comfortable walking down the street hand in hand with my partner and I am careful not to make too much eye contact if I'm wearing something that might indicate my sexuality.

Ostracisation, depression, feeling of guilt, not belonging.

It makes me feel like crap. I get angry as there are people starving, homeless and going to war yet we are picked on because of our identity. I am also hurt that our PM won't stand up for us and on debates with politicians re: safe schools, our needs and rights are ignored. I feel like a second class citizen.

They made me feel as if my own country didn't want me and that I wasn't really a person

They made me feel less valid...

Trump.... bible bashers in the street, one girl on Facebook was being very openly homophobic on one of my Facebook statuses

Makes me not want to participate for fear of retribution

I'm comfortable in my own skin, but I have concern for those that aren't.

Frustration. Sadness. Anger.

They are forcing me back into the closet. Feeling scared to openly talk about being a Lesbian.

Forcing Lesbians to gather in secret. Lesbians events in Australia are closing down and we have no Lesbian specific clubs.

Makes me more determined to fight the injustice

Lesbians have copped it a bit this year and it's made me more stressed than usual. Thinking of cutting myself off from media outlets.

the liberal party

It makes me feel less safe and less accepted, it puts into perspective how much work there is still left to do.

They reinforce the idea that my female partner and I are lesser.

It showed me that, despite all that has been done, there is still a long way to go.

Disheartening and humiliating.

made me uncomfortable, angry, defensive and upset.

Very sad

Didn't phase me. Wasn't worth fighting for I smiled and walked away.

They make me feel unsafe, like I'm just waiting for everything to go wrong when people make comments.

At times it made me angry, at other times it made me desperately sad. Often it made me frightened for the future, especially for young people

It's mostly bewildering but also incredibly frustrating and upsetting

Makes me feel unsafe and unwelcome

Not as detrimental to me as others because I am secure in myself and have learnt how to protect myself from this hatred, however, it does make me very sad and incredibly angry to witness it. It's hurting young (and older) people and affecting them terribly.

Makes me laugh that in 2016 people can still be ignorant.

Sometimes I catch myself apologising for myself or for other gay and lesbian people, even though they have nothing to apologise for. Sometimes I censor myself or try to be something I am not. Other times I feel angry and defend against the homophobic comments. Strangely enough, I often find some of the worst comments come from assholes in the gay and lesbian community.

Terror and depression. I was scared to present my gender, and worried about my out queer friends in relationships. I felt invalidated and it impacted my mental health

I felt like I wanted to rip all my hair out of my head one by one and cry/vomit

It enrages me. We fought all these years for liberation and now the struggle is nothing but equal marriage and trans rights. How about lesbians?!

A lot of use of the word 'Faggot'

Makes me feel unsafe and invalidated.

It hurts to see it happen

It wears you down a little bit more every time and kinda makes you hate yourself

I'm not an easily offended person, so no.

Increased lesbophobia under the guise of 'progressive' gender identity politics. I feel very isolated and do not have the support of any LGBTI groups or orgs. The 'L' doesn't seem to matter.

It's a scary world. I really don't get how this affects non-LGBTIQA people so much - why can't they live their lives without being threatened?

It was overwhelming and at one stage even those of us who are lead activists lacked the capacity to lead as we intended to due to the need for extended periods of self care.

Depressing

Concern, fear

I feel sad and I actively hide my sexuality.

Emotionally negative impact.

Had a negative effect on my anxiety and confidence. Made me feel more uneasy, uncomfortable and withdrawn. Made me feel upset and frustrated.

Affects me to the extent of being another reminder that there are still a few idiots around.

Causes me to withdraw from society

Pretty Daunting horrible impact.

No effect

Make me stronger in my resolve to educate people about LGBTIQ issues - e.g., being gay is not a choice, it is not a disease that other people can catch from me, I am not sick, disordered or mentally unbalanced; I don't need to be cured or changed, I am not any more a "sinner" than any other human being etc. I am perfectly happy and content.

None.

Over seeing hateful comments

It can be distressing and at times I feel isolated from the rest of the community. I don't understand how some people who don't view themselves as discriminating still put caveats on acceptance, such as I don't mind just don't do it in front of me ...

Depression

They made me ashamed and want to hide myself further in the closet

It makes me feel reluctant to inform people of my sexual identity, it makes me think twice before standing up for loved ones for fear of becoming a target.

The comments angered me but weren't directed at trans people so it wasn't an attack that was directly toward me.

It makes me feel so protective of younger or more meek queer people, I know that I've had it lucky enough to avoid any serious negativity, and to think of what other people go through makes me sick to my stomach.

Many people have called me and said all sorts of things, including (most often) paedophiles, mentally ill, perverts and more. The aforementioned local candidate continues to disparage queer people and use slurs on public social media.

Homophobia in media and in everyday life is a constant reminder to the LGBTQ community that they are and probably always will be seen as less than others

It is depressing to realise that, despite the progress that has been made on many fronts, just how widespread anti-LGBTI prejudice really is, including from our so-called political leaders.

Never feel bothered by comments. Don't remember the last comment. They are few and far between.

Makes me sad. It shocks me that people say and do these things as the people I know are not like that and they are supportive.

It has made me worry about being openly affectionate with my partner in public. It has made me feel like others do not respect or even value my relationship as a legitimate relationship.

I realise that I am lucky to live in the ACT and that there is work to be done. More subtly I feel sad and afraid.

Particularly the discussion in the media regarding the plebiscite had a huge effect on my emotional well-being, I found myself harbouring a lot of stress, feeling less safe, and often feeling emotional and being brought to tears. I considered seeking counselling to deal with my mental health regarding this issue specifically, as well as removing myself from social media and avoiding news articles.

Makes me feel sad that people are like that. That people who feel more vulnerable than me should suffer for it

It's quite upsetting to feel I won't ever fully fit in or properly be acknowledged etc. It breeds a feeling of disconnection between LGBT and the wider community.

They made me angry and annoyed. They were all the common things that people say (unnatural, bad, ect) and easily refuted if the person cared to get over their bigotry.

Angry and depressed

I question whether Australian society is accepting as I thought it was.

As stated before, it was members of the LGBTI community attacking me and I was ashamed and embarrassed at their obnoxious and vile behaviour

It makes me feel afraid for my safety and angry that homophobia exists and I have to hear it.

Not directly but I'd always see comments on posts using the word "gay" as if it was a horrible. Like they would use it in a negative way. Politics are just always discriminating the LGBTIQ community. I mean Australia hasn't even legalised gay marriage yet.

anger

I feel ashamed and scared to mention my sexual identity to people I meet. It also makes me cautious about speaking up when people are being homophobic.

I told them to bring it on if they would like to join me. They sized me up visually and decided that picking on me was a mistake. As I was 10 x fitter and more athletic than their homophobic stature!

Greatly prevents feelings of safety

Scares me into not coming out to the people closest to me and makes me feel ashamed for being myself

I feel afraid because I can do everything right (I currently have a job, good grades at university, no vices, no criminal record etc), yet people still want to hurt me, and there is nothing that I can do to keep myself safe.

Disappointment, sadness

Has angered me, and made me feel alone, like there is no safe spaces to turn to. I feel alienated.

Honestly, they made me not want to go out.

It has made me feel unable to come out to my parents

No matter how strong you are as an adult it makes you sometimes wonder whether there is truth in homophobic beliefs and I fear for young LGBTQ people who don't have the support or self awareness to know that there is nothing wrong with them and that they will find their place one day, if not today.

It made me feel dread inside

Makes you feel worthless

Makes you feel like a second class citizen

feeling exhausted,frustrated,upset,angry, withdrawing into myself to avoid conflict, feeling helpless and inferior

very little

It's very difficult to remain positive and proud of oneself when one's own identity is so publicly denigrated, such as in the politics of same-sex marriage and trans bathroom rights.

made me feel inferior to everyone else. it's as if they think I CHOSE to be what I am

Initial comments frustrated me. The fact that my official complaint was not upheld because vilification of bisexuals is apparently fine and just free speech etc. was disappointing and hurt me a lot more than the initial comments. Someone being a dick to bisexuals on the radio didn't really affect me, but the fact that despite being a clear violation of the radio codes of practice on vilification of groups based on sexual orientation my complaint wasn't considered valid for whatever reason hurt a lot more because it felt like the disrespect was institutional rather than individual.

It makes me less comfortable coming out as trans to people, and makes me extremely uncomfortable around people I thought I could trust.

It make me mad. None has been directed at me personally, but seeing these comments makes me sad for progress and the advancement of equality in general. It shows that there is still such a long way to go given the negative and aggressive attitudes of many

Minimal

bullying

sad and angry

It can make you feel less than human times

I felt disappointed that people could still be so closed minded but nothing more. I learned a long time ago not to let the opinions of strangers affect me.

Made me feel unsafe being out in my work space i.e. political discussions about safe schools and queer people corrupting children made me feel I might lose my job at a school

they continue to undermine one's person identity and where as before I used to be very frightened of the outcome I now get very angry and saddened by the fact that despite living a productive life the media and especially politicians are continuing to display and incite hate.....

A trans* friend of mine died and majority of the comments were transphobic of nature and it hurt me to witness how my peers felt about individuals being transgender

My life has been traumatized by the homophobic actions of others - As a child i was abused by a family member and other family members refused to admit this had occurred because of a

systemic homophobic attitude in the family. As a young adult (25yo) i was widely discriminated against and forced to resign from a major government institution because of homophobic attitudes by a senior officer(s) of this institution after admitting i was a same sex attracted man (gay). I currently see a psychiatrist to help me deal with this issues that still affect me today.

Made me feel very uncomfortable and unsafe.

They make me feel unsafe, I know there will always be people who want to harm others, but being LGBTQ make me feel like I have a bigger target looming over me. Whenever I hear people say being gay or trans or such things, mean I have a mental disorders it makes me feel bad. Even though I have studied if they were or not, and found that they aren't categorized as mental disabilities or disorders, it makes me feel bad that people think that way about me.

I have a sense of desperation for a semi normal life where I can actually have a job somewhere, live without fearing for my life, have a partner (or multiple) who loves and actually supports me, because I can't see myself easily achieving these things right now. If an employer has a choice between a nice well schooled cis boy and a confusing partially transitioned trans person, who's gonna fucking choose the trans person and have to educate their entire work team just so they respect me? My choice of dates is also tiny, because the number of people willing to date a trans person AND actually respect their identity is tiny. That's the vibe I get from the media, as well as from society in general. Homophobic comments in comparison have not much impact on me at all, I can easily brush them off.

Makes me feel like a 2nd class citizen in my own country.

I was in complete disagreement

They really hurt, and they made me feel like we are treated as though we have no place on this earth and that if we aren't accepted, what will not be accepted next.

I feel like a second class citizen. I second guess if I should be open about my sexuality. I wonder if I'm safe.

I am laughed at publically on a regular basis

They make me aware that there are many homophobic people in our community and acceptance appears not as widespread as we would like to believe. It concerns me that LGBTQ people are viewed differently and not afforded the same level of respect as other members of our community.

It's disheartening to see the widespread homophobia in greater society - when I was younger it had a much bigger impact on me and made me very depressed

You try to block it out, but it wears you down. Even the strongest person eventually begins to somewhat believe the bullshit.

None personally, but it was very easy to see the negative ramifications this had on other members of the queer and gender diverse community, and on individual members targeted.

I keep it secret

Increased anxiety

The comments make me want to hide who I really am.

The current attitude towards the LGBTIQ community makes me angry and ever more passionate to step up and attempt to make a change

angry, marginalised

The comments had a major impact on my self esteem as I feel weird about my sexuality and that it isn't normal and it was wrong

It's not something that I can personally openly express. I am lucky that I am bi in that I can openly talk about my preference to the other gender without ridicule, but I don't talk about any feelings towards people of my own gender. This is in order to make my life easier

angry and concerned for people who do not have a support network as strong as I do

You're aware that by speaking out in certain contexts, you will open yourself up to discrimination.

I tried to kill myself multiple times. I am always in and out of hospital

No real impact besides feeling disappointed

It's disgusting that we are always told "the word of the lord" is to treat others how you want to be treated" and all of these other quotes about love and acceptance. But whenever anyone shows any interest in not being the same as every single other person that lives on this brainwashed planet, they get scrutinised, and horrifically treated, and there are so many suicides because of this and the fact that people being homophobic and not supportive of people's life choices, can't see that THEY are the reasons countless people commit suicide everyday, there's definitely everything wrong with that. I don't understand how they can sleep at night, how they think that their god can still love them even though they've gone against his word about torture and cruelty. And the one thing that pisses me off more than anything about this. Is when people blame the bible that "a man shall not lay with another man" but they'll only respect one thing from the bible. If you were true Catholics you wouldn't work on Sunday. Or wear 2 kinds of material in one clothe. Or eat shrimp. Like you can't just focus on one part of the bible and then defend that your beliefs are strictly anything to do with Catholicism.

Made me feel less safe in my community

Found them rather disturbing particularly on Facebook where posters "go for it" with their opinions from the safety of a keyboard. I found it scary and rather confronting the amount of homophobia in the community in Australia, and doubly scary in other parts of the world. I think if a person is secure in their sexuality then they don't feel the need to hate whereas (in my experience) if a person has issues, either consciously or unconsciously then they "project" this thru homophobia onto GLBT people.

Devastating. I've seen so much positive change happen in the last 10 years: I really thought we were past the worst, but it's all back again. Really hard to keep going with this much hate.

It makes me feel very othered from society and is a constant reminder that I am not "normal" or accepted.

Frustrated and angry, despondent.

Makes me feel apart & isolated from mainstream society.

Personally it hurt but I can handle it because I am lucky enough to have a family that loves me. Not a lot of family's of Trans people are and it's hard for those people to get through life.

Makes me angry and upset

It makes me physically ill and makes me doubt my already precarious self-worth.

I am afraid to come out to everyone as bi/pansexual, and afraid to come out to almost anyone as genderqueer. I feel dirty after being inundated with negativity

Made me feel unsafe and also made me feel sad for all the younger kids who's health would be more majorly impacted by this, almost every LGBT+ person I know has attempted suicide or suffered from trauma as a response to abuse and I feel this hatred in the public sphere is only continuing this

It makes me feel a bit upset even though I try my best not to be

I was interviewed by Media for my Opinion on all above ! I had a full page in Gold Coast Bulletin with My Photo asking for Understanding and Medical clinics for Transgender People !-

Its horrible, robs you of your feeling of safety

Its all on tv

Less likely to ever talk to my family about my sexuality because I know they will look at me and treat me differently

I always consider the source and rise above it...However, for those less resilient, such comments could cause real damage.

It's disheartening to see that such discrimination still occurs. If anything, it helps solidify my own identity.

They annoyed me

It worries me that the more vulnerable in our community will be made to feel more and more excluded by society as a whole

Fearful to hold my girlfriend's hand in public

shattering for confidence and public standard

I feel unsafe in some communities .

Hate language/dehumanisation deliberately excludes - it reminds you that some people see you as less, reminds you that some people think its okay to treat you aggressively or violently, that its okay for past practices of hate (like criminalising us, taking our kids from us, denying us access to healthcare or services, attacking or beating people with impunity) that relied on or were accompanied by this language to continue . I still get nervous accessing institutions associated with this (like schools or hospitals attached to the catholic church). Sometimes, when the media is full of hateful debate - like in recent discussions of same sex marriage - I suffer from depression and find it hard to leave the house. I worry about the impact on my son.

It makes me feel invisible, ashamed and often invalid or "wrong".

politics, everyday people

A lot of it has been from the LGBT community until I left

I didn't feel safe to freely hold my girlfriend's hand in public or have the PDA that straight couples can have. I didn't want to have to deal with the looks or comments from homophobic people out in public.

Make me feel like a kid being bullied all over again.

It makes me feel self-conscious about myself

Used to it. This is Australia after all

makes you feel like you don't belong in the world

It harms society as a whole, if people could be true to themselves we would have much lower suicide rates

It has made me feel more determined to show people why they should accept us. (The offending comments fill you with determination!)

Just annoying

Makes myself and my partner uncomfortable and although our close friends and family accept us we feel as though we can't display our affection (eg. Holding hands) in public.

Made me feel angry. Made me feel worthless and as if I was not allowed the same respect as any other Australian.

Made feel unsafe and unsure of future

Made them, and myself, feel as if this was only a stage that we were going through. Also that if we were of one of these terms, we would go to hell because we are sinning.

Homophobic comments in particular hurt me because they remind me of the (alarmingly large) factions of people in the world who quite literally want me dead. Imagine knowing that something integral and vital to your identity - that you had no part in choosing - is considered by others a sin, a disease, or adequate grounds for murder. It's abhorrent and bigoted and personally hurtful.

While I'm not trans, I have friends who are, and even in a relatively tolerant country like Australia they still encounter discrimination every day. We hear about the horrendous bathroom law debates raging in the US and think, there's one more place we aren't safe. The same intolerance exists in Australia; it's just quieter.

General disillusionment with the average member of society.

They've definitely had a negative impact, as a lot of these issues have been brought up with family members through social media and have resulted in loss of contact with them.

Sad that im not accepted for being myself

I feel like I'm unwanted and not allowed to be the same as anyone else, I feel like I've gotten a label stuck to me and now I can't get it off

Nothing. They are empty words. People shouldn't be affected by it unless it's a physical confrontation. The queer community is becoming weak because we are expecting acceptance in the wrong areas. The disinhibition affect greatly affects behaviour on the internet, specifically social media. You are expecting too much from a democratic society if you expect the internet to be a safe space, but I think it is important to continuously educate and fight to ensure our homes and public spaces are safe spaces, particularly in religious areas. However, religion should not influence state laws. Religious immorality should not decide whether we accept or reject queer individuals. We should be accepted because we are human beings and all human beings deserve respect.

It made me angry, especially on the news , where it showed people being bashed and harassed in Russia and how the people of Russia pretend there is no such thing as gay/lesbian etc

made me hate political and religious leaders and right wing media commentators

Made me aware and afraid and wary of homophobic groups in society. And feel that maybe theres a lot, or hidden, or that i dont know where/who they are.

Sad and disappointed, but not too much

Makes me angry

loss of hope in humanity

Media: use of "tranny" slur on daytime tv by presenter when referring to trans women; daytime tv presenter claimed that Johnny Depp abusing his bisexual wife was understandable and it's impossible for men to date bisexual women without feeling jealous of all their friends and therefore emotionally and physically abusing their spouse; Social Media: outright transphobia, trans erasure, bi erasure, biphobia, homophobia as in above answers ("it's just a mental illness not a real thing, you're just a slut, you're just gay, you're faking it for attention, this is against god or against nature") over and over again including on pages dedicated to supporting LGBT people both by page admins and by "trolls"; accusations of any game, tv show, legislation, media or real life event that is in any way even minutely inclusive of one or more LGBT people as being "cultural marxism, pandering to minorities, pussification of the west, cultural suicide". Politics: Cory Bernardi and Pauline Hanson repeatedly attacking LGBT community; attacks on Safe Schools

Program; opposition to marriage equality including plebiscite; "bathroom bills". Religion: repeated claims by all major religions that homosexuality and LGBT people are "sick" or "sinning", including by minority faiths such as Baha'i. Public space: all of the above. Frequently. I'm so tired

I'm exhausted by other people's bigotry. I'm normal. They're whackjobs.

It makes me sad, anxious, and irritable. It makes me feel less than, like a second class citizen and makes me feel concerned for my children.

Frustration at the world

Keeps me in the closet

At times it has been quite upsetting, particularly when there are so many negatives events happening on top of each other. It's had an impact on my mood, and my ability to engage in social situations. It's also increased my experience of anxiety.

plebiscite! The very idea that our government (the same one that is apparently working for the Australian people) can legislate hate speech (or an entire campaign) against a minority under the guise of politics disgusts me and makes me ashamed to call myself Australian

felt trapped and sick; felt like a wrong and bad person for being gay and trans

Makes you feel unwelcomed, scared and even more confused than you are when you are exploring sexuality

It can become overwhelming at times seeing all of this ugliness coming from all different directions. At times this can be very draining and depressing.

Invalidating, anger

I'm not really the type to take much to heart unless it's directed completely at me. But it isn't pleasant seeing all that. I also worry more for the lgbtiq+ people who are affected more by all this.

It gets me fired up! I can't help it - I have to respond. I've been fighting this fight for over twenty years, so I can't let it go unchecked. I have extensive public speaking, political, advocacy and debating skills - so I stick it to 'em. It can certainly raise my blood pressure, that's for sure.

I just find it disgusting. We're all people and some people seem to think they're better simply because they we're assigned the right gender at birth.

I'm so used to it I just switch off

Literally anything that comes out of George Christensen or Corby Bernardi's mouth

Made me feel isolated and unaccepted

Not feeling like I am worthy as a human, feeling unworthy of love or compassion

That made me feel weak, powerless, helpless because their was nothing that I could do and I was

too afraid to speak up or to defend my community

It bothers me, but I learn to live with it. If someone is rude to me or if I find something rude, I can't waste my emotional energy getting caught up in it anymore. But it is a problem, because I know these statements have a much stronger impact on others who are lgbt, who have suffered a lot more because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. I'm rather fortunate to have grown up around open minded and supportive people

Made me feel like I was weird and a freak etc, negative impact

It makes me feel insignificant and depressed

No impact on me I am comfortable with who I am

I think the worst I've witnessed is when neo-nazi online trolls were storming a recently deceased trans woman's page and filling it with not only nazi propaganda but also very trans-antagonistic things. Like, I don't know if any of you know, but there's a HUGE problem with people online in hateful spaces/pages/websites ORGANIZING FULL BLOWN ATTACKS ON QUEER PEOPLE to try and get them to hurt themselves/commit suicide. Like that's an actual thing that's fucking real. They're on FB a lot, as well as 4chan and 9gag. There's other places as well of course but those are the ones that come to mind first.

Reminds me people are winners.

It frustrates me that people can be so Cruel and uncaring

It's Mentally scarring, it's emotionally scarring, it can be physically scary and it can be ridiculously overwhelming.

I follow a large amount of people on social media where I almost daily see harassment to multitudes of people in the queer community.

It makes me feel unworthy and like a second class citizen

I dont feel mentally capable of reading comments on social media posts about LGBTQI issues for fear of harassment and homophobic/transphobic comments. I dont comment at all because im harassed. Someone reported my name on facebook and i was forced to provide legal identification and change my account to my birth name or my account would be shut down. I now cannot change my name on facebook until i legally pay (220\$) to have my name changed. Seeing my birthname daily causes me huge amounts of distress and dysphoria. Myself and my friends have had our accounts screen shotted and posted by local politicians and been publicly called "militant queers", "dykes" and "disgusting". My entire local queer community is now called out on local social media if we comment at all.

I felt wrong. I felt like I shouldn't exist.

It's really more of an annoyance, I don't like how transphobia and homophobia are political tools

I have quite a thick skin and don't care what other people say, however I am disappointed that

more of society have not moved on.

It made me angry and it made me wonder how people can hold such views that are completely baseless and illogical. Most of all, it makes me feel concerned about the younger, more vulnerable members of the LGBT community.

It gets a bit tiring having to help explain to the person why what they are doing is hurtful. I've had to do it too many times

I'm sick of people, no matter who they are, thinking they have the right to treat me and my family in a way they wouldn't treat their own. It is making me very angry. The plebiscite was a great example of giving people the right to treat those who are LGBTQI in a discriminatory way and be allowed to do so

it really offends me, as well as others, it really makes me view society as bigots as a whole which i know isnt true

It makes me realise how much the world is against me and often incites a feeling that I shouldn't be myself, leading to shame, self doubt, guilt etc

They made me angry more than anything. As an outspoken and bold member of the community, I don't get upset by those remarks. I get angry and defensive.

They made me feel like there was something that is wrong about me

I allied for the person as i myself am a drag queen and do not think our creative expression should be mocked

Made me question myself and my worth, and has scared me into pretending that I am straight, causing great problems with my confidence and self-preservation.

Minimal direct impact beyond being heartbreaking to see in the 21st century

Made me feel sick and anxious

They made me incredibly angry and sad

Catholic schools and Christians against the thought of the same sex being together

Christian people on Facebook posting anti gay marriage and safe schools program under the guise of love the sinner not the sin....

Most often in media, LGBTQIA+ are made the punchline of many heteronormative jokes which makes me feel very alienated and as though I'm not viewed as a person, but a foreign entity that is to be laughed at

They have made me uncomfortable, despite being in a privileged position. Even though I am rarely targeted myself, it makes me uncomfortable to hear, read or witness it.

i have been told that my gender is not real multiple times by strangers, family and friends

Made me feel uncomfortable and unnatural

I was angry and disappointed

to know that discriminatory comments are made in a public media shows me that society still accepts that mainstream society will never accept LGBTQIA+ as equals

Ashamed, scared, upset, disappointed in those being phobic

Sad, frustrated and scared for my future.

Nobody could be comfortable , you must go on with your life.

It was very distressing

They made me feel alienated.

Mom telling me that being lesbian is 'impossible'

not that much to be honest. It's easy to dismiss comments from places where you regularly hear them but it hurts the most when your community leaders and people you genuinely respect say something and you just feel let down as it's so expected to you now.

i felt guilty and ashamed

Makes me upset that people are still so closed minded.

Where I live, being queer is usually very accepted, yet I still feel unsafe if people outside my town knew widely I was bisexual, I believe more chance boys might be creepily turned on by that as they have been in the past, but my fear is they may act on it, I always feel scared someone may not accept me, yet the thing that worries me the most is the chance of girls that were my friends distancing themselves once they find out I'm also into girls as they then interpret everything I'm saying as me hitting on them which is so unreasonable. I still feel like I shouldn't be what I am to some degree... Also religious people, why, you gotta be so mean! and living in Australia knowing the law still doesn't accept the queer community by taking out the safe schools coalition and gay marriage is still illegal makes me feel all the less comfortable in my own country... I want people to be more educated about gender and sexuality and to stop assuming what they think I am.

I am very used to hearing phobic comments.

None whatsoever

My sister in law's family is conservative and religious, and will repost homophobic and transphobic articles/memes on fb. Drunk fucking idiots yelling homophobic shit while out

I used to be very concerned and it probably kept me from being out for a while but by now I've been very desensitised to it. Also in a very privileged position so I have a significant safety net, i.e. I can largely not have to worry about any economic consequences

I usually end up numbing myself to the full affect of these comments because to truly engage with my feelings about it would mean constant pain, anger and disillusionment in humanity and I wouldn't get through the day. But when it takes over, it's a horrible experience.

The current society breeds hate for all minorities and I think this has contributed to me having major depression and anxiety.

It pisses me off that as a society we have come so far yet remained so backward. I'm not going on to further detail, but I'm sure you can get the idea... But it angers me to the point of confronting people about it.

I am introverted and do not like to engage with discussions so I avoid them. I often feel upset and unwanted by the people around me and politicians making decisions for my country and my body without letting me have a say because I do not present myself within the understanding of a binary normality.

scared

POLITICS and social media, primarily. Casual homophobia and transphobia on TV.

Made me angry

Made me aware that i need to be careful in a lot of situations.

Makes me sick that people think its OK to say things like that to anyone people need to get over themselves and move on

I consider myself unfazed. If I can, I go "under the Radar." But, different people than me need the support. I can use my physical presence or get away.

I don't feel homophobia has an impact on me but I often wonder if it's upsetting to my son. He tells me it bothers him sometimes.

It makes me feel very angry, especially when the comments come from civic leaders like politicians. They are supposed to be there for all of us.

I try very hard not to discuss my sexuality or relationship in public spaces that aren't specifically 'queer friendly' or if I'm not around people I know well and personally

It made me uncomfortable and defensive. I feel that I still need to justify my sexuality and continue to feel like a second class citizen.

Makes me angry

I thought I couldn't be who I actually was

Thought we were beyond it all but its still out there. Makes me sad and angry

Bisexuality is seen as a phase by a majority of the general population and I feel a lot of people are more homophobic than biphobic so it greatly upsetting and disheartening seeing any kind of harsh

comment about the community

It's a set back in society, showing how little we can accept each other for such a minuscule part of ourselves. Sexual Orientation should not define you, it is apart of you.

I ignore them because i know what theyre saying isnt my belief and i dont listen to them

They erode my sense of self worth and value as a human being.

makes me feel like being me is wrong

It's hurtful and worrying, I'm old enough now to not let it bother me but it concerns me to think about how this effects teenagers coming to terms with their sexuality

They are usually said by people who for reasons known to them. I believe in freedom of speech and it doesnt bother me all that much

I continuously and consciously attempt to retract from any perceived 'feminine behaviour' I may portray so I can protect myself, especially in certain public spaces.

The usual Trump, Christian bull that I sadly have to hear

It shows that there is still much work to do in terms of being understood and accepted in the broader community.

They made me angry and sick to my stomach. A very recent example is the transphobic articles reporting on a recent event (a trans* woman attacked some people) the nature of the articles was disgustingly transphobic and paints a picture that all trans* people are dangerous. Someone acted out VIOLENCE and all the stupid reporters want to talk about is the fact that she is trans. And out her. And publish all the information they could possibly find about her transition. And use the wrong pronouns and names wherever possible. It was so aggressive and not because of the crime, because she is trans. And then seeing random people on social media speaking hating vitriol about her Because she is trans. It makes me sad for humanity and sad for all the queers who have to witness that hatred. We shouldn't see that kind of hate. Young trans people should not see that. They should only see love and acceptance but most of what they see outside of extremely specific queer safe spaces and communities tells them that there is something very wrong with them when there isn't. Queer spaces and actual queer communities are not always easy to access. Support is not always easy to find. Seeing this all over the media has made me depressed because I am thinking 'how many queers, trans folk, gender divers people etc especially young people are going to see this? How many people are going to be affected by selfish fucking reporters sensationalising transphobic bullshit?' And we have organisations available to help but there is not nearly enough funding for Services or support. Nor is there enough visibility of the services available. Wait time for a session with a counsellor at The Gender Centre is 4 months. This makes me angry and sad. People will see this transphobia in the media and they have to wait 4 months to speak to a counsellor if they aren't doing OK. So basically the impact it has had on me is anger and fear of the impact it may have on others. Also anger that they are validating transphobes ideas of trans people and getting away with it.

Made me feel like I didn't belong, and made me realise that homophobia/biphobia/transphobia

etc. is still well out there

It made me incredibly sad to see one human being treat another human being so badly without any other reason than a difference in sexual orientation and it made me worried for my future

i was personally shocked, i was raised in a very accepting home. but more and more i hear people mocking the LGBT, it makes me feel uncomfortable to be myself, i find my self watching what i say, don't say partner, don't say my ex girlfriend etc. i find that I'm having to judge peoples opinions before i see their reactions to a real life situation, I'm much more guarded which is a shame because i used to be so accepting, now i feel like i have to have my guard up in public to defend myself and my friends.

I am mostly closeted about my sexuality/gender. I do not feel comfortable exploring it which makes me feel inhibited and has an impact upon my mental health. I feel alienated and disillusioned from the mass media and it indicates to me that it would be unwise and unsafe to trust most people. I often police myself and feel internalised guilt due to media and public attitude.

It made me feel that I was less of a person than heterosexual people (even though I know that's not true). Also made me feel sad and angry that this inequality is still ongoing in our country.

I'd never date a bi guy because they're used property - some YouTube sorry I've forgotten who. Trump- enough said. Aussie right wing politicians - trans is a mental disorder / they're rapists etc. Social media - countless transphobic memes and jokes about abuse and saying that trans identifying people are invalid

Makes me angry. Also contributes to me being circumspect in many public spaces e.g. Not holding hands with my partner

I used to be a Christian, but after the above events with a so called Christian, I decided to go it alone.

Exasperation, but given the origin I wasn't surprised.

Angers me

They temporarily aggravate my underlying, low-levels of anxiety and depression.

I feel horrible. I feel depressed, worthless, suicidal at times. I feel like the government sees me as scum. I feel that there is so much hate in this world against people like me. I feel fearful.

It saddens me. Especially when the comments come from people in power, influencing society so much.

The comments are degrading and regularly make me feel like Im a 2nd classed citizen

I constantly feel like in every space I'm at, I can not feel comfortable and be myself without paranoia and fear.

Wasn't great.

Made me feel less comfortable publicly identifying as queer.

They make me feel like I have to adjust my behaviour to make straight people feel comfortable. My partner of 5 years and I don't hold hands or kiss in public because of this. I hate being a different person in public from the one I am at home. On our train line, it would simply not be safe to hold hands or kiss.

Made me not want to share parts of myself with the people who said these things, stopped me enjoying media, made me fearful for the people who are directly affected mentally or economically by the people expressing these views.

Angry

At my age I just get annoyed that people are still so unenlightened. I want to say something but fear it will escalate to physical abuse

It made me feel helpless, like nothing was ever going to change no matter how hard people work at being accepting.

It's quite a large impact, the world almost drilling into me that I'm unwanted. Sometimes I can just let it go, but it reminds me there's always complications to being myself.

I feel hopeless and like maybe everyone else is right, maybe I'm the weird one.

Donald Trump's campaigns, the Family First party advertisements, openly homophobic people on social media, etc.

I have seen countless episodes of abuse over the last 12 months surrounding the marriage equality and safe schools debates.

i feel sad for the young people

Less comfortable, and it has stoked frustration and anger. People seem to never realise LGBT+ people are around - they're just 'somewhere else', and so think they can say whatever they want about them apparently.

none

I have seen it constantly in the media being reported on, being said by politicians in the name of "family " values, I have heard it in casual conversation by people on the tram

they started in 2007 made me homeless for 4 1/2 years and all my possessions were placed in land fill, and my discrimination case led to the victorian equal opportunity commission rewriting the equal opportunity act of 1995 to 2010 to include sexual discrimination in sport.

I have gotten used to people being ignorant about gender/sexual identifications.

Feeling isolated and dehumanised

More circumspect in public. Sometimes unwilling to attend venues or be in crowds.

A mix of anger and sadness.

I'm scared to come out to my family in fear they won't accept me or will completely disregard what I am.

I simply feel drained by them - whilst I haven't been personally targeted specifically, simply reading or hearing comments that are homophobic is disappointing. I also am concerned for those in the LGBTIQ community who aren't as comfortable or well supported as I am in my identity, and the impact that the comments may have. Unfortunately I believe that the most damaging comments and remarks are those born of ignorance or 'mob mentality' - at least the comments/remarks made by someone who is neither can be dismissed as simply hateful, rude or spiteful, just as with any other taunt or insult.

its why no one knows im bi except for those I sleep with

Makes myself feel worthless. Not a proper person sometimes. Still small minded people out there

It's depressing and makes me feel unsafe and even suicidal.

I no longer interact with people as much as I used too. My gender is very much under lock and key, even lying about my gender. I no longer talk on RuneScape and I limit my voice chat on Overwatch, unless I'm playing with friends who know about my gender identity

They cause a lot of self doubt. They make me question the legitimacy of being trans and make me uncomfortable about coming out because of worries that I won't be taken seriously.

While I'm at a point in my life where I realise that the people who publicly express these negative points of view often in a negative way are ignorant and their negativity is their problem, not mine, I feel sad and angry thinking that less secure, particularly younger LGBTIQ+ individuals may be impacted extremely detrimentally by these comments.

I have seen homophobia online that is incredibly disheartening, and seen politicians like Pauline Hanson spew homophobic rhetoric, also Lyle Shelton has made incredibly transphobic remarks that have had me on the verge of tears

It highlighted the fact that I had no voice when it came to my own rights and future as a homosexual Australian.

Its troubling especially in the media, they're meant to report, not comment. Also political parties are meant to take the lead in making Australia a more safe and inclusive, diverse place to live

i don't feel comfortable in sharing my orientation or feel able to show affection to same-sex partners in publicly

Manly just people calling LGTB+ freaks and unnatural. As I bisexual female I get a lot of guys thinking they can "make me go straight" and people calling me greedy and that I don't belong in the community.

They make me feel as if I'm meant to be ashamed of being different to them, and make me anxious and upset because if they ever found out about who I am really, they'd hate me.

printed comments by clergy, politicians and other persons. Also media comments by same.

They made me feel like my life is worth nothing to most people and just about any politician would shoot me in the head if they got paid fifty bucks for it. That's how little respect or value for my life I feel is shown by the 'leaders' of my country.

They bother me, because I think that they reflect both a disturbing backlash against the queer community and the ignorance of much of the world about what counts as bigotry. These kinds of comments make me feel powerless and sometimes make me lose hope, because they generally occur at a distance from me and I have no way of responding to them.

It makes me feel extremely out casted. Like I'm somehow not human. And I don't get or deserve the rights that cis people do. Makes me feel like a freak of nature.

They annoy me. I correct them.

It's a kick in the guts every time I see the media misrepresent trans people. In politics it's worse though- that they didn't change the law about birth certificates last year has made my life harder at a practical level.

Intense stress, anger. Alienation from my own society. Astonishment that religious and social conservatives can treat fellow human citizens so appallingly and get away with it. A type of resignation from society of "why bother interacting anymore, why even continue with life?" A distrust of religious organisations (esp Christian, Islam) and those who openly identify with them. It is actually stressful and painful revisiting the negativity. And most politicians will do nothing.

Frustration, anger, alienation.

I get annoyed and kind of resigned and weary, but not for long because I have a fantastically supportive personal and social sphere

I mostly felt angry because it was happening to friends that I care about and want to protect.

Because of language and tone people have spoken about the lgbt community, I haven't yet come out

They just make me a bit angry but otherwise I forget in five minutes

Disgust and shame at both myself and Australia. I feel marginalised, oppressed, fearful, frustrated and in some cases terrified of the country I live in.

It's horrible. It makes you feel invalid, the anomaly. You feel like you have to hide yourself in fear and it hurts.

Serious mental health issues

Honestly it makes me feel uncomfortable and scared. I have grown up feeling as though my behaviour in homosexual/queer relationships is constantly being watched and monitored. Pretty much every time I am visibly affectionate with a queer partner in public, someone will make some sort of comment. It makes me feel really scared to think that could turn violent.

Even though no one said it directly to me, it hurts. Because once you discriminate one person, you discriminate all

feelings of fear, and shame. Anxiety attacks, panic attacks.

I found them disturbing, misleading & hurtful. I was closely following the plebiscite debate and also had clients at my work being affected by the comments in the media. After a while of hearing the same negativity about LGBTIQ people it starts to get to me. I have to take a break from reading things because they are saying ignorant and nasty things about me and my family. I have found it quite stressful and depressing.

It just makes me feel like shit to be frank. Like I'm not a worthwhile human being. Like I'm a joke and not a living, breathing person with thoughts and feelings

They still impact me daily. They make it hard to accept my sexuality and not be ashamed by it. They also trigger my depression/anxiety.

Too many instances. Seriously.

it makes me feel less safe to go outside, less able to participate in public life or events; it makes me intensely aware (again) of how much some people hate me for existing; it makes me fear even going outside just to go shopping or attend necessary medical appointments

depression, anxiety, trauma

I disregard this media however i do feel upset that it happens

They made me feel sorry for them in society

I only recently began to take steps to transition socially, and it feels like every other day there's a new reminder of how much hate and harassment still exist. The thought of coming out and having to face this regularly terrifies me.

Made me feel outcast and like I didn't belong in society with everyone else

It makes me feel like it's only a matter of time before I'm personally a target for trans/homophobia

Denial of rights (specifically marriage equality) for LGBT+ people, at a governmental level sends a message to our society that it is acceptable to treat minority group members as less than. Any efforts (both past and present) to stop discrimination due to race, religious beliefs or physical disability, are undermined by this blatant discrimination based on gender/sexual orientation, by the leaders of our country. Frankly, it's very disappointing, I expect more from my government.

They made me angry and upset. I felt frustrated that a lot of the views made I could not change as they came from a deep rooted ignorance.

It made me not want to tell people about my identity

I felt as though I would never be safe and I should just hide away my life.

Feel a bit saddened and in despair

Not affected at all

They make me feel angry, and scared about the future of our country and the world.

I feel very minimal to no impact. Growing up and living an out and proud gay lifestyle has meant I've built a strong resilience and general sense of apathy towards the comments I hear. In short: they don't affect me and I endeavour to continue rising above such slurs and or simple minded comments.

Australian politics has a habit of allowing politicians to hold homophobic beliefs and does nothing to punish hateful comments or speech. I'm a Christian and on a Good Friday service I had a lady go off about Safe Schools. She was ranting about how they will allow kids to be taught to be gay but not allow Christians to talk in school. As I clarified what Safe Schools actually was about she got hurtful and homophobic, not realising I was Gay. She proceeded to follow me to my car to continue her rant about how gays were destroying the good nature of Australia. Her views are not shared over my churches services but the Anglican Domination has so far to go. Church is not yet a safe place. These comments and all situations not mentioned above leave a huge impact. A fear of the unknown when going to work, traveling on transport or even opening a newspaper. You never know when you will hear or see hatred and ignorance. Radio, TV, Church and Newspapers are no safe places for the LGBTI community. A constant state of fear and sadness

sometimes you internalise the opinions of others and become unsure of yourself. You feel confused, you feel like an outcast. Which makes you feel low

After reading or hearing those comments i feel like more like a target than a citizen

I'm so used to it that im desensitized to it all, but ultimately has made me "closeted" from anyone bar peers from school as im too scared to tell people

I'm pretty tough but it still sucks

I felt alienated. Very "them"

I was upset and angry

I'm fine, I'm all grown up and used to it now. But if we can stop it happening to others in the future- that should be the primary focus

Makes me feel uncomfortable

It makes you feel like we are not valued as citizens and it's ok to be homophobic. All this what you do in your life is ok but don't be like that it public.

Disheartening, makes me angry and sometimes afraid, sometimes feel threatened and afraid for my future in society and the workforce, and disappointed, angered and saddened by my family's treatment of me.

My own father made a transphobic comment that, even though I am not trans, made me scared to ever come out to my parents

It creates the feeling of being lesser just because I'm "different". It also causes me, personally, a lot of mental stress because of how uncertain my future is, legally.

None really. It's only my mum's church saying being gay is wrong but it doesn't really affect me.

I went to catholic school and the church felt it right to give a pamphlet to each child outlining what a marriage is and making sure to discourage anyone who was in the LGBTQI community

I feel comfortable in my everyday world, but fear for what the future holds both because of people in positions of power and influence expressing anti lgbt views, and with the toxicity in the support I see in comments on such things. The internet shows people's true colours far too clearly.

It's depressing that people are still like this, in this day and age. The more that I see and hear things that are happening all over the world to the LGBTQI+ community, the more depressed I become. We are like a family, so even if the people being physically hurt are in another country, it still hits close to home.

It made me annoyed at the ignorance, discrimination and vile language used by the perpetrators, and the impact on all those who read it or heard it.

Worried to come out to family.

Makes me feel sad that the world doesn't seem to be making much progress anymore.

I'm trying to apply for work as a teacher, the constant barrage of these comments makes trying to apply for work terrifying... I'm stuck in a job I hate because I struggle to leave since I can't bring myself to brave public schools.

these comments contribute to queer people feeling uncomfortable, unsafe and unprotected, which leads to queer mental health issues and suicides.

serious mental health impacts seeing people like me being demonised on TV by our politicians every day

It bothers me because I'm slowly becoming more ashamed to be human. And it's thoughts like that, that activate my anxiety and depression.

Fortunately, I haven't been a victim of any kind of anti-LGBTQI harassment, but I have many friends who have been, and it's quite awful to hear about and see.

Hurt a little, but mostly made me angry and disappointed

It makes me feel invalid and angry. We're all just people, why can't we have the same as everyone else?

They make me and many others feel unsafe and make us out to be monsters.

It makes me feel less of a person than others NOT EQUAL!

My friend got mugged while he was walking with his boyfriend

It makes me hate living in this world and feel like no matter how happy i am with myself and my relationship, other people will never believe that I am "normal"

Social media doesn't bother me really its just keyboard warriors. Public space described above

It simply makes me fearful. I am frankly terrified about who I am.

It's alienating and scary

I am lucky enough to be in a position where I can use my experiences to hopefully discourage this kind of behaviour. It still makes me livid to hear or read LGBTI-phobic comments because they touch on the very essence of who I am and the people love. I have also noticed that particularly political LGBTI-phobia has a real impact on my mental health. In the interest of my own sanity I often choose to disengage, which then subsequently makes me feel guilty because surely someone has to speak up to change people's minds.

A lot of what you see everywhere tells me I have to choose one - gay or straight, men or women. I don't tell people I'm bisexual (except a few close friends) because the backlash of that would actually be worse to my family than saying I was gay. People don't understand it so they don't believe it's a thing, and it limits me from being the person I want to be, the person I am

It makes it really hard to want to tell people, when you already know that so many hate you

It is depressing and causing me to fear going out publicly as a queer person as fear of being attacked or ridiculed.

I have been too scared to come out to my conservative parents, particularly to my father whom has said many of these awful comments, as I feel he would never see me as his daughter again.

They close me off from society, making it difficult for me to find employment

Shocking. I am significantly affected by the ongoing ceaseless abuse we experience at the hands of media and parliament. The recent comments in the Victorian parliament voiced by the opposition were appalling. The constant transphobia lends itself to a constant low level of depression only countered by actual interaction with mainstream people who seem to be much more accepting. Even then I am very occasionally misgendered by these people, they don't mean it as an insult, more an indication that they internally regard trans people as belonging to their original gender. This hurts me every time it happens but I recognise there is little I can do about people's internal thought processes. Otherwise they treat me well.

Just makes me feel helpless

I don't care anymore but I'd love to [deleted/threatening]

A sense of exhaustion and disappointment.

I find it irritating and usually need to vent about it afterwards. the negative attitudes and bigoted

mindset of some people is shocking and confusing to me. I honestly do not understand how some people can be so callous, insensitive and politically incorrect. Oh, that 's right, I forgot PC culture is a bad word according to our government.

As a young bisexual woman, biphobic and homophobic comments have followed me hours after they were said. I've seen people I know and respect use gay slurs like faggot and "that's so gay" (referring to something negative)- it hurts my self worth, makes me feel as though my identity is something negative and is something that I should be ashamed of.

Almost no-one knows that I'm bisexual, and those comments make me feel like I should not tell anyone to protect myself. It's exhausting knowing that no matter how far we come there are always people who will hate or think differently about me because of it. Hearing it all the time, especially on social media, is a constant reminder that I'm different. Usually I feel okay about it but sometimes it's really overwhelming.

i worry that the attitudes are becoming militant and we could enter a political period where its criminal just to be.

Makes me not want to exist. Plain and simple

It astounded me on how little we've progressed as a society and as human beings in general.

I definitely have a lot of days where I think of myself as a 2nd class citizen. I read almost daily that I'm perverted, that I shouldn't be allowed to have children, and sometimes that I should be 'put down'. Being talked about like an animal doesn't exactly inspire self-confidence.

They make me very angry.

Makes me feel sick to my stomach the abuse we endure!

they dont have a huge impact on me, as most are directed to homosexual men, but they anger and sadden me

Every single day I am aware of the fact that there are people in Australian society who actively, deliberately and maliciously target LGBTI people. It affects me more some times than other times, especially if I am tired, stressed, not feeling well or if I have family or work problems. My resilience and ability to be strong and move through the hatred varies. But even when I am feeling strong, I am conscious of it, always. It is a theme that has been present throughout my entire life. It affects my self confidence, my belief in myself and my ability to trust.

It made me a little upset, as some of it involved a friend and how their own parent does not accept the situation, even to the point of being quite rude to their own offspring's partner. And the parent is a Christian!

Makes you feel unsafe to come out

Trauma

they made me feel unsafe and unaccepted

It just makes me upset and angry, it doesn't often have that big of an effect on me, but I know that it has a big affect on a lot of my friends and I can't stand seeing them upset.

Make me feel like a second rate citizen.

It makes me feel unsafe to be myself truly in fear of being physically assaulted

While still coming to terms with my asexuality, my then partner broke up with me because he assumed that mean I would never want to have sex with him again and he decided that sex was more important than a loving relationship. This screwed me up for quite a while thinking that no one would ever want to be with me if I wasn't going to have sex with them

I have a fairly strong sense of self and thusly they do not impact me too considerably

Particularly when published in mainstream media and public politics, demeaning and ridiculing language makes one feel inhuman, worthless, and lesser in value than other people. Exhausted of being called a freak, having my body objectified, & my right to exist debated in public in front of me.

It is not fair that a minority should be the tools of abuse just because they lose control. Also the abuse by police as a straight looking man

A feeling of lesser than anyone else. Worry for young people, especially when the plebiscite about equal marriage was being threatened. This also gave other homophobes permission to be expressive about their hatred.

They are hurtful, even when not directed at me. It creates an unstable, unsafe living environment.

Homophobic comments made when attending a sporting match - spectators outside the stadium post-game negatively speaking of players performance

I feel confident in my personal relationship however when in public spaces with my children I worry about negative reactions to my lesbian relationship if I show any form of public affection towards my partner. It is better sometimes to 'pass' as a parent rather than show we are a family, purely because I do not want my children to observe homophobic reactions or hear homophobic comments about their parents or family. The constant negativity and blatant homophobia present in the political and mainstream media spheres, especially over Safe Schools and on marriage equality, has left me emotionally wrung out and uneasy, including making me less likely to decide to announce, share or defend my position on these issues in places I feel uncomfortable in, including my workplace in a secondary school.

A loss of confidence as well as a fear of public transport

Consistent and misguided information proliferating across all media, religion and politics about lgbtqia. I see more hatred in these spaces than anywhere else

It makes you feel that the world will never change & there is no place for you in it.

As a transgender person, they made me feel very depressed and upset.

It just makes me feel pissed off that we're in 2017 and this shit is still going on.

It made me feel like I was alone. I know that I'm not alone in this community, but I felt isolated.

It's everywhere. Every time someone mentions gay marriage or trans health there is always a rebuttal speaker from some religious group.

Public, media and political debate about the safe schools coalition, and the marriage equality plebiscite

They make me want to identify as hetero to avoid hassles. I am largely not out for this reason.

Made me feel unsafe to be in public or in private with my significant other because of the assumptions and comments about 'our kind.'

None, I really don't care.

They make me aware that while much has improved for us, there are still many people who do not see us as full human beings with full human rights.

Makes me feel ashamed of myself and my existence

It was not personal, hence not a high impact. However, it stuns me every frigging time when I hear or read something homophobic/biphobic etc. because of something really stupid (not to mention that homophobia itself is stupid..)

makes me feel invisible, or dirty. makes me feel scared to be openly trans or bisexual.

Makes me so angry/sad... we are ALL human. And when your not hurting anyone else why do they have to get all in our faces.. like the orlando shooting.. omg just disgusting! ... and all these churchie people... they preach and say we are sinning. . Yet they are being the judgemental ones.. I dont know any LGBTIQ people that go around with fliers etc saying join our church etc. So why do they try pressure us or try change who we are.

I find it unacceptable and judgemental.

I don't feel safe holding my girlfriend's hand in public, I'm scared for my best friend who's a trans girl going anywhere, I isolate myself for fear of harassment and I actually quit a job because of it. I don't always dress the way I want to because of the harassment and even just the glares.

None really. Disappointed in our current government.

Made me fear that discrimination and abuse of LGBTIQ+ people may become more common and even condoned

Triggered my own internalised phobias

Make me feel guarded and unsafe out in public to such an extent that afraid to show any affection at all.

ACL in general calling me a pedophile because i am a lesbian

They make me depressed, fearful, angry - they take the joy out of life. They distress me because nothing seems to change, everyday in many ways I receive the message that because I am gay that I am an undesirable, defective, wrong, deserving of contempt.

They made me angry. I responded to all of them via social and other media.

Casual use of "faggot" or "gay" as a term of abuse

It makes you feel like some deviant, some outcast to society that no one will ever truly all accept and allow us to have equal rights. I feel anger because i pay taxes which pay for some of those same peoples kids.

Statements from Politicians and the Christian Lobby during discussions about marriage equality

I'm more mindful of where I go, and tend to keep an eye open for any threats posed. I have taken evasive action when I felt I needed to, to avoid any conflict. I worry for those with me, too.

They make you feel very unsafe just going about your normal daily routines. It also reinforces that you need to be on guard & fearful, especially for your family.

Annoying and offensive

I'm old enough now to not that it personally but for a young person it was be terrible

Frustrating and sad, but I am stronger than this

Wary of heteronormative public.

Lose self esteem

Demoralising and degrading

Depressing

Distressing, unsettling, created a I am unworthy feeling. Concern for the LGBTIQ youth, who feel it even more. Sad for those who fear and deny us equality, frustration because they resist learning, and anger because in the end, no one has the right to deny us our basic human rights.

Feel I have to keep a low profile, not able to express myself as a gay man for fear of discrimination

I'm at an age where I've seen far worse ..during the 60's and 70's..a terrible time to be out and gay..

I had to block people on social media. I choose what I read in the media and its source. I certainly choose my politics

They make me feel depressed

just made me a bit sad

I was very pissed off because they came from someone within the lgbti community.

Does this really need an example ? Pauline Hanson saying safe schools are ridiculous.. morning TV hosts giggling at stories involving trans people religious people telling us we are wrong and abominations (Facebook)

Where do you begin! It's everywhere! Safe Schools and ACL and attacks on anti-discrimination are an obvious starting point. Online, especially Facebook is huge. Rubbish right wing media like Murdoch is another. It's fairly constant.

No impact at all.

I felt ashamed and guilty

They make me feel uncomfortable to be myself in public, because I am worried for my safety

I felt extremely uncomfortable, angry and threatened.

they have made me scared to be who i am; to be happy and confident as myself.

Told me that I am not accepted in this world and never will be.

Told me I was not real or important.

Made me terrified of other people , never knowing If they'll want to hurt me for being myself

Minimal effect as i find my core sense of self is other than my sexual identity. An attack on my sexual preference isnt representative as an attack on me as a person because i view myself as much more than my sexual orientation.

They made me sad and angry that homophobic views are still considered mainstream and acceptable in society.

Just a bit shocked that people would choose to do it, and that the reactions from others around them normalised it

Resulted in feelings of anger, exclusion, sadness. Also highlighted need for education

Depression it crushes my spirit

Its exhausting. In the media and social media especially, the tirade of lgbt-phobic comments is seemingly never ending and it absolutely drains you. At times it can be so bad that you feel like giving up, and letting them win, and going back to pretending to be a good cishet who toes the socially accepted line. But thats realistically not an option, so we press on against thousands of bigots who refuse to believe that all we want to do is live our lives and be happy contributors to society.

It makes me afraid for young queer people. There was a time when such reinforcement of my lack of self worth nearly killed me

Make me angry and sad