

Since its release in 2016—growing more popular in the last two years—TikTok has been an important feature of pop culture, particularly for Generation Z. The app features 15-60 second videos on a variety of topics, vastly differentiating between social groups, based on what content is repeatedly “liked.” With the impacts of COVID-19 moving people into a time of self isolation, the app grew in popularity, as it provided easy to access entertainment. One of the trends I noticed in the app, notably within my own “side” of it, was a new openness and focus on inclusion, especially within the LGBTQIA+ community. As I interacted with more videos made by and for queer folk, my For You Page (FYP) quickly became full of queer content, in the form of jokes, education, shared interests, and more. Around this same time, seemingly in conjunction, I made the discovery that I was a lesbian, whereas I had previously been identifying as bisexual. It is my belief that I was able to make this discovery, in part, due to the influence of the TikTok app, through the content I was regularly

