

# Why isn't there a Straight Pride Month?

Because . . .

- . . . *every day* is **straight** pride.
- . . . being **straight** was never *illegal*.
- . . . no one had to stay *in the closet* for being **straight**.
- . . . no one had to *come out* as **straight**.
- . . . no one got *disowned* for coming out **straight**.
- . . . no one was *sent to jail* for being **straight**.
- . . . no one *protests* **straight** weddings.
- . . . no one is *bullied* or *killed* for being **straight**.
- . . . no one asks if being **straight** is a *phase*.
- . . . no one *outed* **straight** kids before they were ready.
- . . . there is no **straight** *conversion therapy*.
- . . . **straight** hand holding is *safe*.
- . . . **straight** history is not being *erased* or *banned*.



“Gay pride was not born out of a need  
to celebrate being **gay**,  
but instead,  
out of protest to exist without persecution.  
So instead of wondering  
why there isn't a **straight pride** month or movement,  
**straight** people should be thankful they don't need one.”

-L.Z. Granderson, American journalist for LA Times.

# Is 'P' Being Added to LGBTQ+ for Paedophilia?

by Pastor Caleb

Back in the 1960s, when our television sets would often feature “public service announcements,” there was a public warning going around teaching parents to

“protect your children from homosexuals  
who may live in your neighborhood.”

In those days, *paedophilia* (or *pedophilia*) was conflated with homosexuality. That is, it was assumed by many that all gay men were attracted to minors. This idea persists today in some minds, and is a common “slippery slope” argument used by detractors of full inclusion: “*You know, they’re trying to add a ‘P’ to the gay movement for pedophiles, right?*”

*Why will there **never** be, in a million years, a ‘P’ in LGBTQ+ for pedophiles?* Because pedophilia is never, and will never, be an **orientation** nor a **chosen identity**. It is predatory. Adult-to-children attraction is based on power dynamics, not love.

When I first started hearing about the many instances of sexual abuse cases that have occurred in scouting ministries, I immediately began to consider, “*This doesn’t look well for allowing openly gay men to lead scouts.*” But then a friend pointed out to me the truth about pedophilia, which is defined by the National Institute of Health as a “*psychosexual disorder.*” It is about having power and control over those without it. It is diametrically opposed to the ideals of consensual relationship.

LGBTQ+ is about people of all walks of life living in mutually-beneficial covenants of love where power is shared equally.

Therefore, we can say with confidence that there will never be room for “P” in Pride Month.