

Why is it called Pride?

A group in the 1960s called **PRIDE (Personal Rights in Defense and Education)** helped fight for **LGBTQ+** rights.

The word "Pride" means being proud of who you are.

Today, **Pride** means standing up against bullying and unfair treatment, and celebrating everyone's identity.

How Can YOU Support the LGBTQ+ Community?

Work on understanding **LGBTQ+** history, terminology, and current issues.

Speak out when you hear homophobic or transphobic comments—even if they're "just jokes."

Vote for leaders who support **LGBTQ+** rights and challenge laws that restrict them.

Attend rallies, Pride events, or peaceful protests to show solidarity.

Write letters to lawmakers or school boards advocating for inclusive policies.

Donate to or volunteer with groups like The Trevor Project, GLSEN, PFLAG, or local **LGBTQ+** centers.

History of Pride Month



LGBTQ+ Rights are Being Reversed or Challenged Today

In some places, schools are being told not to teach about **LGBTQ+** people or let kids read books with **LGBTQ+** characters.

This means fewer kids might learn about different kinds of families and identities, which can make **LGBTQ+** students feel left out.

In many states, new laws are trying to stop transgender kids from getting the health care they need to feel comfortable in their bodies.

Some kids are also being blocked from joining sports teams that match their gender identity.

What Happened Next?

1979 First national **LGBTQ+** rights march in Washington, D.C.

1993 "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" lets **LGBTQ+** people serve in the military secretly

2011 **LGBTQ+** people can now serve in the military openly

2015 Same-sex marriage becomes legal across the U.S.

2020 **LGBTQ+** workers are protected from job discrimination

How Did Pride Start?

In 1969, police raided a gay bar in New York City called the Stonewall Inn. Back then, **LGBTQ+** people weren't allowed to gather or be themselves openly.

But that night, people fought back. They were tired of being treated unfairly.

This event, called the Stonewall Uprising, helped start the modern **LGBTQ+** rights movement.

One year after Stonewall, in 1970, people marched in the streets to demand equal rights.

That was the first Pride parade - and it's been happening every June since!



What is Pride Month?

Pride Month happens every June to celebrate people who are:

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It's a time to show love, support, and respect for everyone, no matter who they are or who they love.

People celebrate with parades, music, rainbow flags, and fun events, but it's also a time to remember the fight for equal rights.

