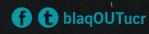
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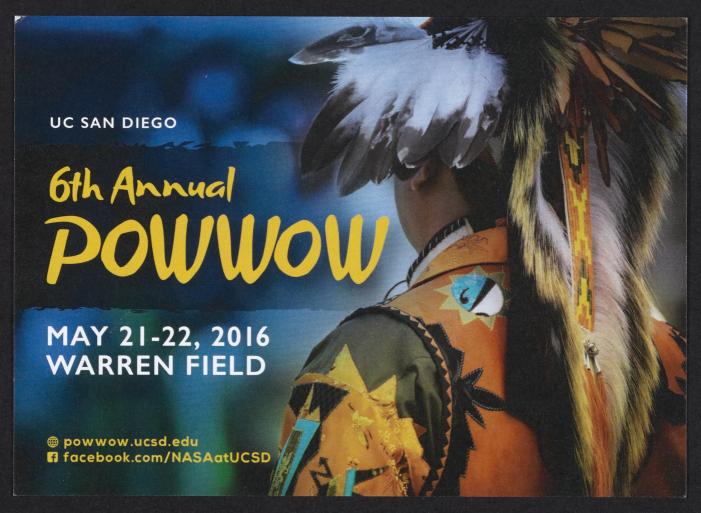
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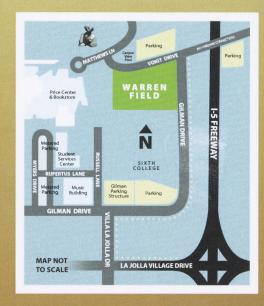
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Oregon court rules that 'nonbinary' is a legal gender

BY CORINNE SEGAL June 11, 2016 at 3:27 PM

An Oregon circuit court has ruled that a resident can <u>change their</u> <u>legal gender</u> to "nonbinary," a gender identity that is neither male nor female.

Jamie Shupe, who lives in Portland, Oregon, filed a petition on April 27 for what the court designates a legal "sex change." Judge Amy Holmes Hehn granted the change on Friday.

"I was assigned male at birth due to biology," Shupe told the Oregonian. "I'm stuck with that for life. My gender identity is

definitely feminine. My gender identity has never been male, but I feel like I have to own up to my male biology. Being non-binary allows me to do that. I'm a mixture of both. I consider myself as a third sex."

This is the first instance in the country that a court has ruled that "nonbinary" is a <u>legal gender</u> <u>identification</u>, according to the Transgender Law Center.

Shupe uses the honorific "Mx.," a <u>gender-neutral alternative</u> to "Mr." or "Ms." which was added to the Oxford-English dictionary last year. The honorific has become increasingly popular among people who do not identify with either a male or female gender identity.

Shupe, 52, served in the military before retiring in 2000 and had previously petitioned for a legal change to "female," but that label was never accurate to Shupe, the Oregonian reported.

The ruling fits within current Oregon laws, which allow residents to petition for a legal gender change and do not require that change to be "male" or "female," according to attorney Lake J. Perriguey, who worked on Shupe's petition.

"Oregon law has allowed for people to petition a court for a gender change for years, but the law doesn't specify that it has to be either male or female," <u>Perriguey told CNN</u>.

The decision does not necessarily mean that Shupe will be able to list a nonbinary gender on legal documents. Currently, Oregon does not allow genders other than "male" or "female" on driver's licenses, according to Nancy Haque, a co-executive director for Basic Rights Oregon. And federal documents such as passports require the listed gender to be "male" or "female."

Heather Betz, lead attorney for the LGBT Law Project at the New York Legal Assistance Center, said the decision was "amazing news."

"Not everyone's gender fits within our society's construction of either male or female," she told the PBS NewsHour. "The next step is for agencies issuing identification documents like the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Passport Office to acknowledge this judge's order and issue identity documents that reflect Mx. Shupe's identity and others like them."



Orlando shooting: Latest attack on LGBT community

By Jessica LussenhopBBC News

The worst mass shooting in modern American history was also a hate crime against the gay community. It's not the first time LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) people have been the targets of violence.

There is still much to learn about what led 29-year-old Omar Mateen to murder 49 patrons at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida. On Sunday, police said 50 people had been killed. However, on Monday, they changed that figure to 49, to exclude the gunman from the death toll



President Barack Obama did not hesitate to condemn the massacre as "an act of terror and an act of hate".

"This is an especially heartbreaking day for all our friends - our fellow Americans - who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender," he said in an address to the nation. "The shooter targeted a nightclub where people came together to be with friends, to dance and to sing, and to live."

The Orlando attack is a painful reminder that even though the US has made historic strides in broadening the rights of its LGBT citizens - like the legalisation of gay marriage in June 2015 - the struggle up until this point has been a difficult and sometimes violent one.

Seattle's openly gay mayor Ed Murray says the struggle for equal rights has usually seen moments of progress followed by a violent reaction.

"Americans woke with the sickening, all-too-familiar feeling of fear that our community has once again been attacked. For too long, our community has been the target of violence throughout the world," he said.

Nicholas Syrett, co-chair of the Committee on LGBT History and a professor at the University of Northern Colorado, said more openness came with a cost:

"Those who still remain intransigent in their hostility and opposition to gay people, they're going to be exposed to more of them because we are increasingly able to be open."

Until the shooting in Orlando, the largest mass death at a gay club was the arson attack at the UpStairs Lounge in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1973. Thirty-two



people died after an unknown assailant firebombed the entrance to the second-floor club, trapping people inside.

Like many of the patrons at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, the revellers at the UpStairs Lounge were celebrating Pride Weekend.

In more recent history, in 2014, a Seattle man set fire to a stairwell at a gay bar called Neighbours, claiming "what these people are doing is wrong". No-one was killed.

In 1997, Eric Rudolph bombed a lesbian bar in Atlanta, injuring five.

Mr Syrett said that while large-scale attacks on the LGBT community were not as common, there had been hundreds of individual assaults and murders, including the high-profile beating death of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming in 1998.

Similar attacks have taken place internationally as well - in 1999, a nail bomb killed three people and injured dozens more at the Admiral Duncan pub, in the heart of London's gay community. The **culprit** was a right-wing extremist.

There have also been documented executions of gay people in territory controlled by the so-called Islamic State (IS). Those accused of being LGBT are thrown from the roofs of buildings or stoned to death. "Isis [another name for IS] are also professional when it comes to tracking gay people. They hunt them down one by one," wrote one man who fled IS in Iraq in an essay for **BBC News**. "They are trying to track down every gay man. And it's like dominoes. If one goes, the others will be taken down too."

In Orlando, Mateen was said to have called the emergency number 911 to pledge his allegiance to IS just before launching his attack.

Mark Wallace, CEO of the Counter Extremism Project, said it was difficult to know how many LGBT men and women had been killed by IS, but the practice was well documented.

IS's targeting of gay people is supported by many who oppose the group says one man who fled Syria - his words are spoken by an actor

Media captionIS's targeting of gay people is supported by many who oppose the group says one man who fled Syria his words are spoken by an actor

"The targeting, persecution and killing of LGBT [people] in Isis-controlled territory is extensive.

"LGBT people have been suffering at the hands of extremists in various cultures and parts of the world for some time."

Though Mr Wallace said he did not want to diminish the suffering of the gay community, he added that the attacks in Orlando were about much more than an opposition to homosexuality.

"Isis and extremist ideology hate all of us," he says. "It's really an attack on all of us. It's an attack on the way we live - our openness."





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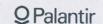
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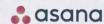


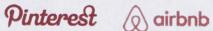


















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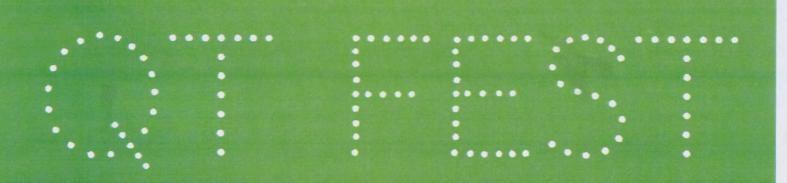
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Scotland survey shows greater acceptance of same-sex relationships

Proportion in Scottish Social Attitudes survey who view such relationships as 'not wrong at all' has risen from 29% in 2000 to 59% in 2015

The survey showed a decline in levels of prejudice towards lesbian and gay people in Scotland, but that hostility towards groups such as Travellers remains. Photograph: Rui Vieira/PA

Libby Brooks Scotland correspondent

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<u>Scotland</u> has undergone a societal shift in its attitudes to same-sex relationships, especially among older people, while substantial pockets of prejudice remain towards the Traveller community and Muslim women who wear the veil.

According to the latest tranche of data from the Scottish Social Attitudes survey – the most comprehensive and longest-standing study of its kind in Scotland – one of the most significant shifts was apparent in attitudes to gay and lesbian relationships, with the proportion who held the view that they are "not wrong at all" increasing from 29% in 2000 to 59% in 2015. This is largely influenced by a significant decline in negative attitudes among the over-65s.

By 2015, people reported that they were more unhappy for a close relative to marry or form a long-term relationship with a member of the Traveller community (32%) or someone who experiences depression (19%) than with someone of the same sex (16%).

This large scale analysis of public attitudes to prejudice and discrimination, commissioned by the Scottish government and the <u>Equality</u> and Human Rights Commission and carried out by ScotCen Social Research, has been released every four to five years since it was founded in 1999.

The proportion of people expressing concerns about the impact of immigration on the Scottish labour market, by those from ethnic minorities and from eastern Europe, saw a significant decline between 2010 and 2015, but just under a third continued to agree or agree strongly that immigration "takes jobs away from people in Scotland".

While only 5% of respondents in 2015 said they would be unhappy if a family member entered a relationship with a black or Asian person, opposition towards certain visible symbols of religion remained entrenched, with 65% agreeing that an employer should be able to insist that a Muslim woman remove her veil while at work, only reducing from 69% in 2010.

Likewise, a fifth thought that an employer should be able to insist a Sikh man take off his turban at work, and 15% believed that a Christian woman should take off her crucifix.

Although previous evidence from the survey had shown that people who knew someone from a minority ethnic group were less likely to hold discriminatory attitudes towards such people, the 2015 data revealed that one in five Scots still do not know someone from a different ethnic background. A little more than one in 10 do not know someone who is gay or lesbian, and 1% reported that they did not know anyone who is Muslim.

The study also found a significant decrease in the proportion of people reporting that they did not

know anyone with a mental health problem, down from a quarter in 2010 to 19% in 2015.

Higher levels of prejudice remained towards Travellers, with 34% believing that a member of this community would be an unsuitable primary school teacher, compared with 20% who felt the same about someone who had undergone a sex change.

Commenting on her findings, Susan Reid, research director at ScotCen Social Research, said: "Today's findings show a marked decline in levels of prejudice towards lesbian and gay people in Scotland since we last asked in 2010. A large part of this is down to a significant decline in negative attitudes among the over-65s.

"Although older people are still more likely to express prejudiced views, the age gap has narrowed since 2010. This is a positive step towards a more inclusive Scotland. However, our research still shows relatively high levels of prejudice towards some groups in society, such as people who cross-dress, those who have undergone gender reassignment and Gypsy/Travellers."



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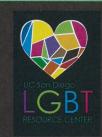
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