



Will the 2020 Elections Favour the LGBTQ+ Community?

The upcoming US presidential elections to be held in [2020](#) are crucial for the LGBTQ+ community. The growing discrimination against the community has been actively supported by the Trump administration. This has included exclusion from several basic services such as housing, healthcare, education and social security. This election will see a record of 11 million voters from the community who are



already pushing for policies that will support the rights of the community. The biggest challenge will continue to recognise the intersectionality within the LGBTQ+ community.

Accepting the LGBTQ+ Community is what India needs



While the landmark verdict of the Supreme Court of India scrapped Section 377 in 2018, social acceptance of the [LGBTQ+](#) community remains largely absent. In reality, a mere reversal of laws is not enough to ensure that the marginalised communities such as the LGBTQ+ are granted equal opportunities in society. Supportive policies, particularly in the areas of employment, education and

healthcare continue to remain as gaps in policy for these communities. This is further worsened by the social discrimination the community faces even from immediate family members. What is calls for is to create spaces for open conversation and dialogue also, the responsibility of the effort should not be thrust on the LGBTQ+ community but on society.

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This [episode](#) of Getting Curious with Jonathan Van Ness explores the idea of gender and the binary with gender non-conforming social activist Alok Menon. The episode provides eye-opening insights on the social conditioning of gender as a binary concept and the institutionalisation of the gender identity.

