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Please reconsider banning Boro pride due to "conduct and speech of an inherently sexual nature". Why is it a problem for gay people to have a day to celebrate themselves in a safe environment while straight people do this everyday with no one having an issue with it. I am sickened that you would go after this group of people just trying to live their lives and be themselves. They aren't hurting anyone or doing anything illegal. I see worse behavior from people out at bars on the weekends, heck even worse behavior at the freaking grocery stores! There are so many of the LGBTQIA+ that are being bullied and harassed. So many that take their own lives because they do not feel like they are accepted in society. Young people are struggling to come to terms with how they are feeling and don't feel safe to come out due to people like you that are trying to make them feel shame for just being themselves. The government shouldn't be able to say whether or not people of a certain sexual orientation can gather and celebrate themselves if they aren't doing anything illegal. We are taking many steps backwards if we allow this to happen. I am sure you have a gay person in your family or as a friend. Would you be willing to tell them they aren't allowed gather with others like them as well as others that support them because you think it is wrong? Please reconsider this ban and let people express themselves in this safe space.

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