

Evidence suggests ‘gay genes’ do exist, but some straight women have them, too

The claim that homosexual men share a “[gay gene](#)” created a furore in the 1990s. But [new research](#) two decades on supports this claim – and adds another candidate gene.

To an evolutionary geneticist, the idea that a person’s genetic makeup affects their mating preference is unsurprising. We see it in the animal world all the time. There are probably many genes that affect human sexual orientation.

But rather than thinking of them as “gay genes”, perhaps we should consider them “male-loving genes”. They may be common because these variant genes, in a female, predispose her to mate earlier and more often, and to have more children.

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