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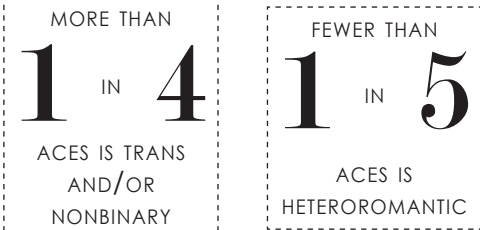
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BASED ON THE LARGE-SCALE INTERNATIONAL ACE COMMUNITY "ASEXY CENSUS" FROM 2014:



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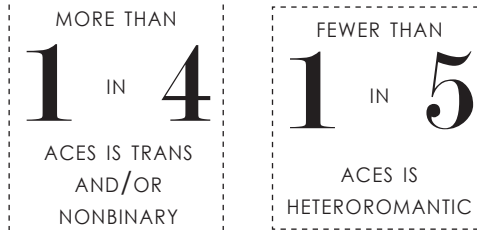
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ASEXUALITY & AROMANTICISM ARE STILL LARGELY UNKNOWN, AND BEING AT PRIDE HELPS...

- ♣ ace and arospec folks find our community
- ♥ service providers learn that asexuality and aromanticism are healthy & valid, and that trying to "cure" them (through reparative therapy or otherwise) is harmful
- ♣ us remind everyone that *it's okay not to want sex...* ever, and that nobody is ever entitled to sex — of any kind, from anyone
- ♥ us raise awareness that societal pressures of compulsory sexuality & amatonormativity complicate consent, especially when people have sex as a "compromise" — & these issues don't just affect us

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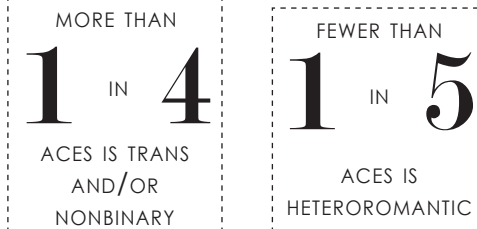
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