



Operation: Game Over

A Team Phoenix Proposal



Mission Report

- **Our Mission, if you choose to accept it, is to put a stop to and reverse the erasure of the Bisexual community, to immortalize the history of Bisexuality and the men and woman who proudly identified as members of the community, to inspire those who might feel kinship within the community, and to remove the stigma created by Heteronormative society resulting in festering toxicity within the Bisexual community such as declining Mental and Social Health, Increased violence towards others as well as themselves, and dangerous misogynistic mentalities and ideations resulting in creations of the DL Culture/Lifestyle.**

Team Values

➤ Our I.D.E.A.A.S

- *Integrity*
- *Decency*
- *Empathy*
- *Accessibility*
- *Autonomy*
- *Accountability*
- *Security*

Team Code of Ethic

- ▶ *How we achieve our I.D.E.A.S as members, volunteers, and staff of OGO are:*
- ▶ *Showing respect and consideration to everyone, and their way of life, who has shown interest in the program by actively listening emphatically*
- ▶ *Making sure that the surrounding environment is one of positivity, serenity, fun, love, understanding, and educational*
- ▶ *Taking our own views on topics and putting them aside to receive other viewpoints and strive to place ourselves in others shoes using empathic listening skills and communication*
- ▶ *Using our connections to access resources that members might not have easy access to or connecting them to others who have more access to speed up the process of receiving care/assistance*
- ▶ *Respecting boundaries placed by others as well as ourselves and striving to never cross those boundaries that might make anyone feel too uncomfortable, anxious, or unsafe/unheard*
- ▶ *Reviewing any reports of any kind Efficiently within a appropriate amount of time and presenting multiple means of atonement*
- ▶ *Referring to everyone however they introduce themselves as and adhering to a Code of Ethics like HIPPA so that what is shared is never repeated in any way shape or form without the consent of all parties involved.*

Our Team Recruits

- **Openly Bisexual and/or Bicurious Teens 13-19 (with possible need of permission from a parent/legal guardian for those underage)**
- **Openly Bisexual Men and Women Ages 20 and Up encouraging those entering(Middle aged)/Within (Seniors) the elderly community**
- **Questioning individuals 13 and up**
- **Anyone who identifies with the DL Lifestyle/follows DL Culture**
- **Anyone who is living a discreet sex life that is looking for tools and assistance to be open and authentic**
- **Any one looking to become or to be a more improved ally to people who identify as Bisexual i.e. families and loved ones of BIPOC members**

The Adversary

- ▶ Limited Studies have shown in regards to SPECIFICALLY Bisexuals as a WHOLE:
- ▶ Only 28% of Bisexuals state that all or most of the important people in their life know they are Bisexual, Compared to the larger 78% for Lesbians and 80% for Gay (I'd like to note this is data on sexual orientation and not gender and I assume and hope that all 3 of these numbers include the Trans community where they feel they fit in minus the number for Trans hetero relationship)
- ▶ 65% of Bisexuals over the age of 50 report feelings of loneliness and many retreat from the world to a state of Social Isolation making them less likely to be up to date with current events and more likely to become victims of many forms of violence as well as perpetrators of violence themselves
- ▶ NIH suggests that compared to their L and G counterparts, they are more likely to deal with issues such as higher instances of substance abuse, higher rates of cancer, more suicidal attempts and depression
- ▶ In a study from "Closer Look at Bi POC" their results show that 46% of Bisexuals over age 50 live alone and most likely have substance abuse issues
- ▶ Black Bi men are said to have the highest rates of anxiety, substance abuse, depression and transactional sex
- ▶ Older black bi men (55+) have poor health

The Plan of Attack Part I

- Our strategy is a tried and true method of inspiring unity and feelings of closeness over generations and that is old fashion gaming.
- NIH states household Games and gaming help with anxiety and depression in addition to traditional therapy
- We allocated for a 30 event run of the program with majority of the events would take Place twice a month sometime in the middle of the week in which for a couple of hours should be decided on at a later date. We would set up multiple tables with different games played in black and brown households such as decks of cards for games like spades and bid whist, Dominos, Uno cards, chess, checkers, lotteria etc.
- During the games we would have different prompts for the elderly group members, for example, "Tell us a time where you double booked a night with two dates of the opposite gender" Reviving an age-old practice of Storytelling to keep a more up-to-date archive of bisexual history. For the teens, We would prompt them with something like " what are your top 10 most used phrases/lingos you use to get a date, 5 for picking up guys and 5 for picking up girls"

The Plan of Attack Part II

- ▶ During the games we would have different prompts for the elderly group members, for example, "Tell us a time where you double booked a night with two dates of the opposite gender" Reviving an age-old practice of Storytelling to keep a more up-to-date archive of bisexual history.
- ▶ For the teens, We would prompt them with something like " what are your top 10 most used phrases/lingos you use to get a date, 5 for picking up guys and 5 for picking up girls"
- ▶ There will also be prompts that I meant to spark up difficult but necessary conversations as well, things like view on relationship types as a Bisexual (i.e tradition monogamy, Open Relationships, Poly,etc) "Power" Structures, views on coming out (when vs if, etc) views on Dating/Exposing (Reasons why you agree or disagree, if you've done it or not and why, etc) all in a controlled setting monitored by staff, volunteers and fellow members to be added to "Topics to sweep up from under the rug" a list of Hot Button topics that we'll collect more than likely within the first two events with the second event being a bit of a trial run and then taking off after the first month
- ▶ Towards the end of the every events each month we'll come together and talk about some of the things everyone learned, open the floor to anyone who wanted to just share with the whole group be it feelings, thoughts, discoveries etc. This would be our winding down moment and for the Event Runner to end the event with final thoughts, a quote, lyrics to a song, or maybe an unofficial assignment for the next meeting

Final Attack Sequence

In cases of Hot Topic Questions and Debates, The set up for the event we be a little different. With advice from other orgs, probably licensed therapists as well, the beginning of the event would be an allotted amount of time to discuss some of the items on that list. So if we said 40 minutes, we would take that time from game playing to go more in depth on a topic or have a small debate on it until we collectively come to a common ground. In Theory, The more common ground we encourage the members find with each Hot Button topic:

- The more topics we might be able to clear each month
- The more comfortable they will feel to add more topics to that list
- Provide space for them to defend their positions openly while enforcing techniques that make sure that the opposing side is actively listening and not just waiting for a moment to respond
- The more topics we get through each month and the less topics we add to the list would be rewarded in some way with the end of the year of events with no to very little hot button topics on the list to receive and even bigger reward



Final Attack Results

Within The POC community, combining the powers of financial compensation with programs that're gear towards their interest AND their needs has been proven to be a successful Victory!

The Bruce Wayne to our Batman *(Funding Opportunities)*

General Funding

- LGBT Center Hollywood
- AHF
- LA LGBT Center in South Central, 2313 MLK Blvd.
- SAGE
- G RIOT Circle
- Los Angeles Bi+ Task Force
- South Central LGBT+ Archives

For house repair help:

- Home Depot has charity help
- NO AGE
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- Rebuilding Together non profit
- Dept. of Agriculture Section 504
- Medicaid and Medicare cover bathroom changes with doctor's orders

Danger Room Analysis (Our Assumptions for this Program)

We believe this program will be the start of the halting and reversal of the erasing effects that have fallen on the bisexual community, create a fresh link between bisexuals of all age groups, gender expressions, and ethnicities, inspire a new sense of community within their community and the ability to cement their place along side the rest of the LGBTQIA2S+ community, and we hope that if they come, and if they fully allow themselves to, that the toxic nature that made Bisexuals who need to hide part of who they are under the guise of a DL Lifestyle might not have the same negative feelings such as Transphobia and Femmephobia towards the LGBTQIA2S+ community, might begin to fight FOR them instead of against, and one day be able to just BE. With that in mind, it would be another step towards end violence on our community and show those that want us to disappear see that we aren't going anywhere and even better, we're handling the internal strife and coming back even stronger against violence.

SO How Much We Talkin?

Seeing as we aren't Professor X and they wouldn't need custom spandex suits, the breakdown of the budget would be as followed:

BUDGET \$100,000

- \$50,000 (for 20 people to get a \$50 stipend in one year of 50 weeks)*
- \$2,000 for food, wine, spritzers*
- \$1,000 games, Dominos, special bi cards, other games*
- \$1,800 for 30 events during weekday nights \$60 each at Dunbar Hotel*
- \$8,000 local bands and DJs 30 events*
- \$2,000 outreach, Twitter, ads*
- \$10,000 for home repairs*
- \$200 to create survey for Bi women, and other stats not available*

That leaves \$25,000 for scholarships

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***THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ATTENTION AND SUPPORT***