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Using the word “gay” in a negative manner makes people who identify themselves as part of the LGBT community feel ostracized from mainstream society. This creates obstacles for victims to obtain resources out of fear of being re-victimized or “outed” by the process.

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Whenever a victim is a member of an oppressed or minority group (such as the LGBT community), it can be that much harder to come forward and report the assault. LGBT victims in particular may fear being re-victimized or “outed” by pursuing the resources that are supposed to help them.