



LGBT Tech Statement on FCC Proposal to Flag LGBTQ+ TV Programming

Please attribute the following statement to LGBT Tech.

LGBT Tech unequivocally opposes the FCC’s latest proposal to single out transgender and nonbinary representation in television as content warranting special warning or restriction. The FCC’s [Public Notice](#) explicitly asks whether programs rated for children and families should be rated differently or carry additional descriptors when they include “gender identity themes.” In practice, this singles out LGBTQ+ representation as inherently suspect, and invites a new form of government-backed censorship around who deserves to be visible in mainstream media. This kind of ideological suppression risks reviving a long and damaging tradition of treating LGBTQ+ existence as something inappropriate for ordinary public life.

Representation matters because visibility makes the difference. LGBT Tech’s forthcoming June polling report finds that 66% of LGBTQ+ adults say LGBTQ+ representation in mainstream media or entertainment had an impact on discovering or learning about their identity. Among transgender respondents, that number rises to 81%. These numbers reflect a basic truth: for many people, and especially young people, seeing LGBTQ+ lives represented in ordinary media is not harmful. It is formative, affirming, and often lifesaving.

We reject any effort that treats transgender identity as content requiring special suspicion or heightened warning. What this proposal adds is not neutral transparency or parental control, but a dangerous signal that LGBTQ+ representation is something from which children must be specially shielded.