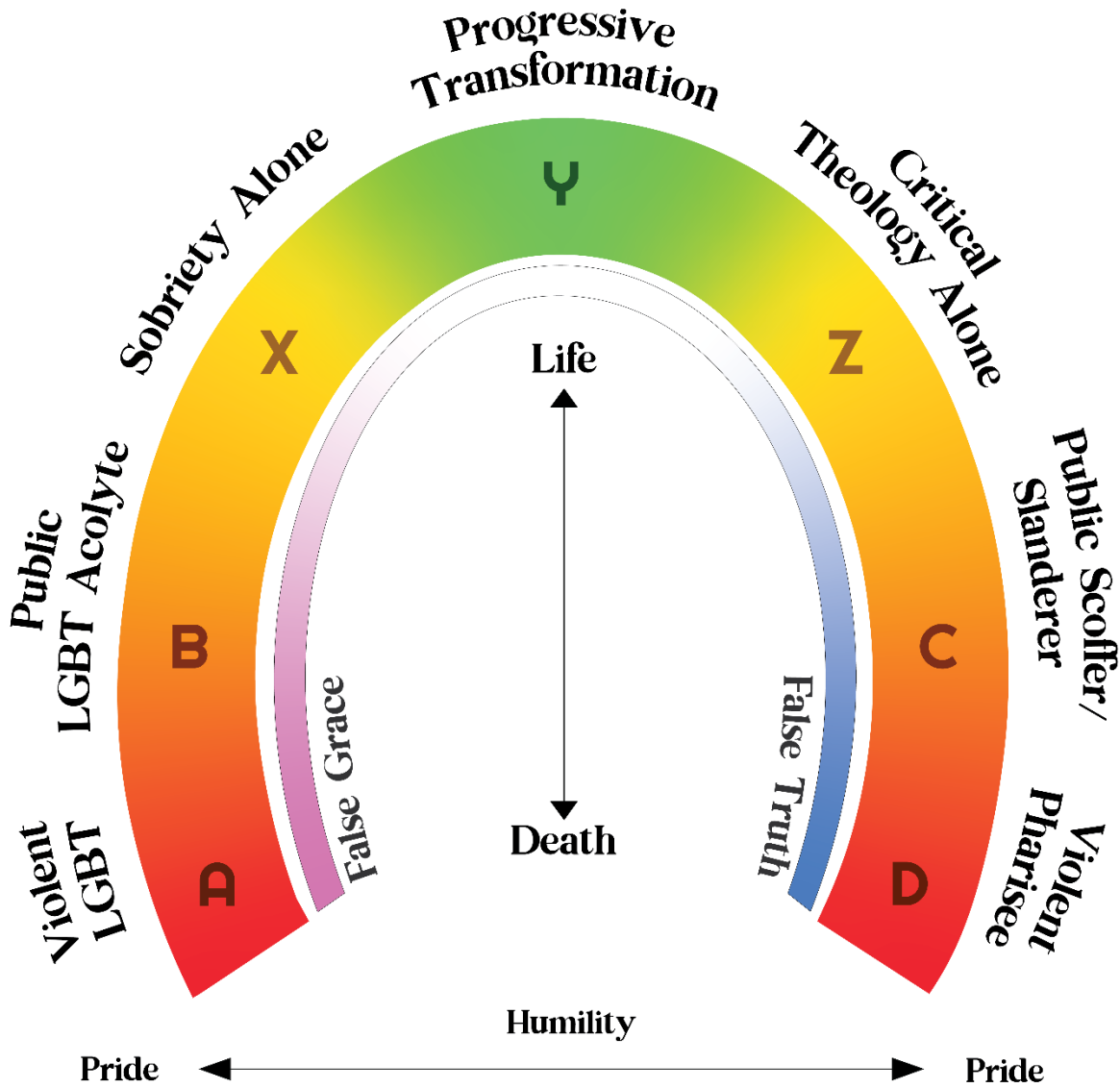


The Comprehensive Seven



Identify's Comprehensive 7 Views

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For ease of understanding each “type”, AKA “side”, is described by their difference or uniqueness and not by like qualities. This is not intended to trivialize differences, but instead to help for a brief guide for immediate recognition of theological viewpoint. “Types” tend to be transitional in nature as a whole, but are less transitional on the fringes.

Type A, B, C, D- The most deterministic by viewpoint with types “A” and “D” being more violent towards oneself or others, and types “B” and “C” being more publicly slanderous of centrist views.

Type X, Y, Z- The most repentant groups who give value to personal volition in sexuality and relationships.

Type X: “X” in Greek alphabet stands for the letter “Chi”. In the early days of the Christian church, X was a secret symbol used to indicate someone was a part of the church. “X” is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ. Type X reject LGBT identities and thus take on “Christian” or “child of God” as an identity solely found in his name and personhood. While they may experience some transformation, they are not seeking it, and they may believe others are not called to it, thinking the challenge is too much.

Type Y: The modern “Y” also known as “Greek I” is called upsilon and makes multiple sounds depending upon what it is surrounded by. The letter was used initially to spell only foreign words and was influenced first by Latin. It is also called Pythagoras’s letter and used it as the emblem of the path of virtue or vice. This “type” represents the “why” and the narrow path between the false truth and false grace sides of the chart representing a journey of truth in love. This transformational view seems foreign to those outside a meek posture toward Christ, yet individuals possessing this view can process differences and relate to all people on some level. They are on a journey processing the reasons for their feelings and integrating them naturally.

Type Z: Zeta is the 6th letter of the Greek alphabet, with a numeric value of 7 and commonly associated with “Z” in the Latin and English alphabets. In Christianity, 6 represents the number of man while 7 represents God’s promise. Similarly, the type Z group has their eyes on God’s promise, but can forget the challenging process of walking it out, seeming to be the most personally judgmental of all the groups. They also fall on the false truth side of the horseshoe with a rigid legalistic view of what God expects of individuals in their journey.

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Derek, the Identify Ministries Pastor/ Director, saw a need to draw a distinction in the differing theological viewpoints based on intent and measurable outcomes. Side Y is transformation in this framework. The graphic for this view invokes the idea of horseshoe theory and the political influence on theological perspectives. Horseshoe Theory draws upon the idea that the far-left or far-right are more similar to each other than they are to the central point-of-view.

Differing Views...- Portland Fellowship

“Differing Views” or “The 4 Columns” refers to the first handout and image relating the increasing theological viewpoints about LGBT in Christendom. Having been minimally revised 5 times since 2017, the “4 columns” has stood the test of time and rapid theological understanding. Identify Ministries uses this handout to assist those in the Church better understand the complex and rooted nature of various views on sexual orientation and gender identity in Christendom, from daily discipleship meetings to large church assemblies. Side X is transformation.

5 Streams- Linda Seiler

Linda’s 5 streams is based in Christian theological vocabulary and includes examples like Westborough Baptist Church. Identify prefers the nature of Christian vocabulary as we believe it will stand the test of theological and cultural trends. A drawback of this handout is the order of the views which leads one to believe the condemnation view to be relatively close to the affirmation view even though the intents of such proponents are opposite in intent. Side X is Transformation.