

**Bill of Rights For
Racially Mixed People**
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I HAVE THE RIGHT...

Not to justify my existence in
this world.

Not to keep the races separate
within me.

Not to be responsible for
people's discomfort with my
physical ambiguity.

Not to justify my ethnic
legitimacy.

I HAVE THE RIGHT...

To identify myself differently
than strangers expect me to
identify.

To identify myself differently
from how my parents identify
me.

To identify myself differently
from my brothers and sisters.

To identify myself differently in
different situations.

I HAVE THE RIGHT...

To create a vocabulary to
communicate about being
multiracial.

To change my identity over my
lifetime - and more than once.

To have loyalties and identifica-
tion with more than one group
of people.

To freely choose whom I be-
friend and love.

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***A Biracial
Discussion Group***

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B.O.T.H.

B.O.T.H. is a group for all students who classify themselves as bi/multiracial with one parent of African/African American descent and the other parent of Caucasian/Hispanic/Asian or other background. The group meets to share a common experience, to discuss pertinent issues to their worldview as biracial individuals, be exposed to articles, books and documentaries focusing on biracial topics and connect with others like themselves.



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Several group members of B.O.T.H.

HISTORY

B.O.T.H. began in 1992, when Diane Farnsworth, a counselor at the Multicultural Resource Center, read an essay from a biracial student she was advising. The student talked about her experience as a biracial person. Diane was unfamiliar with the complexities of issues a biracial student may face. She then realized there were many more students like the one she advised. She decided that there should be a place where biracial students could come together and share their experiences. Diane then began the group with another faculty member. They decided to call the group B.O.T.H. (Blends Of Traditional Heritages)

ACTIVITIES

B.O.T.H. members meet biweekly and share a common experience through personal stories, watching documentaries and discussions about dating, discrimination,



Members of B.O.T.H. on their way to the 2002 Multicultural Conference in New York

family and society. At the meetings, the group has speakers, but they also have fun doing extracurricular activities. During the fall B.O.T.H. comes together to celebrate the end of the semester.