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While I understand the need to collect this information as a tool to help prevent discrimination, I worry that under the wrong government leadership it could have the opposite effect. A certain former president who is currently running for election has tried to weaponize the Census Bureau before by questioning if a resident of the United States is documented or undocumented as a way to perhaps perpetrate mass deportations, and I am seriously worried that questions regarding gender identity or sexual orientation could be weaponized the same way. There are a number of currently elected representatives and officials who believe the LGBTQIA+ community should have no rights whatsoever, and should be actively discriminated against, or believe they don't actually exist or have made a conscious choice to be non-heteronormative.

As long as the data is not tied to a *specific* household where the federal government could identify an individual based on their gender identity or sexual orientation, I see no problem with collecting the data to get a more accurate picture of the percentage of the populations that falls under the LGBTQIA+ umbrella.