



YouSpeak Radio Episode 3 –

Audio Transcript

YouSpeak Introduction:

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Marbella:

Today, I'm being joined by Dr. Mimi Hoang, a psychologist, educator, author and activist specializing in the LGBTQ and Asian Pacific Islander communities. We will be discussing a lot about one's identity, more specifically when one identifies with the bi community. Bisexual people struggle a lot in life with feeling invisible and unnoticed, regardless of it being with family, friends, a professional setting. Dr. Mimi Hoang advocates for is for youth and people, and be, bi people in general to advocate for themselves and know that it's okay to be bi even when being in a heterosexual or gay relationship. I connected a lot with Dr. Mimi Hoang on the fact that she grew up in an immigrant household, um, being really curious about her sexuality.

Mimi:

Being a person of color and queer, it kind of prepared me. We talk about the negative side, like, "Wow, you know, you're a double minority or whatever," um, but I think actually, you know, being a person of color has helped me, um, because I could translate some of that, you know, kind of like, uh, coping, um, and learning, you know, from one identity to another.

Marbella:

Something I really took away from this interview is that no matter how unnoticed you feel at times, the most important thing is that you recognize yourself and who you are as a person, and to not let anybody change that about you.

Marbella:

My name is Marbella Zoliz-Maldonado. I use she/they pronouns. I am a rising senior at a Los Angeles high school, and I identify as bisexual.