

Patty Bouvier

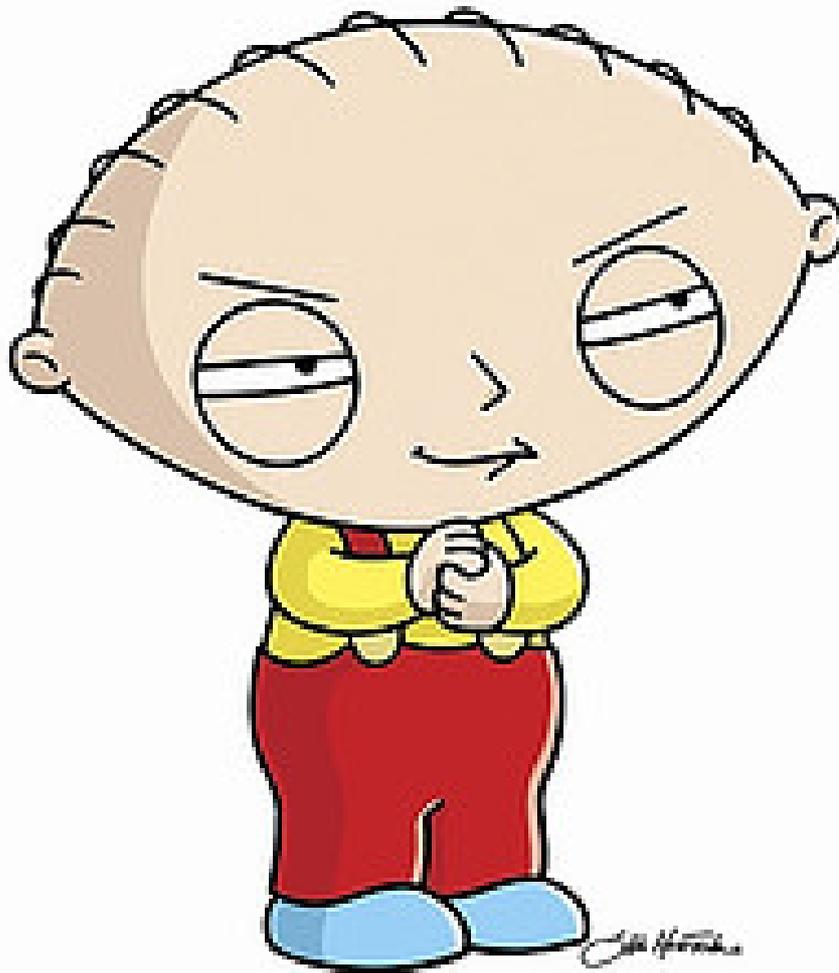
Simpsons character



In "There's Something About Marrying", Patty comes out of the closet as a lesbian.

Patty's only notable relationship with a woman however was with Veronica, who was a pro-golfer.

Stewie, the Family Guy baby



When gay magazine, *The Advocate*, asked Seth MacFarlane, the show's creator, which character gay fans respond to the most, MacFarlane replied: "Generally, Stewie, because he's arguably the most complex character."

But in recent episodes, Stewie's sexuality has been questioned, so MacFarlane officially outed him to *The Advocate*.

"He originally began as this diabolical villain, but then we delved into the idea of his confused sexuality," said MacFarlane. "We all feel that Stewie is almost certainly gay, and he's in the process of figuring it out for himself."

Hector

Marvel Comics superhero



Hector is a fictional character, a member of the Marvel Comics superhero family the Pantheon.

Hector is openly gay which doesn't seem to be a problem for anyone in the family aside from Ulysses.

Smithers

Character in the Simpsons



Waylon Smithers is Mr. Burns' devoted executive assistant. In many ways, he represents the stereotypical closeted gay man.

Although he has not declared himself to be gay, Smithers frequents Springfield's gay village and goes on a vacation to a male-only resort. It was revealed in a flashback that he was involved with a woman, but the two split up when Mr. Burns came between them. Smithers is shown to have a passionate and deep love for Mr. Burns

Northstar Superhero



Northstar was the first major gay character created by Marvel Comics.

The character was finally revealed to be gay in 1992's *Alpha Flight* issue 106

Criticism has been levelled at the fact that in 30 years Northstar has never been shown kissing another man, although many interactions with other gay characters are shown, as in the *Marvel Swimsuit Special*, in which he is shown socializing with the gay Pantheon member Hector.

Maggie Sawyer

cartoon character in Superman



Maggie Sawyer is a fictional police officer who appears in stories published by DC Comics, and has been a supporting character in both Superman and Batman comic books.

Later stories revealed that she originally came from Star City, and had been married to another police officer until she realized she was a lesbian.

Maggie becomes Superman's number one contact on the police force and becomes close friends with Lois Lane. Maggie also starts dating Toby Raines, a woman reporter for the *Metropolis Star*.

Sponge Bob Squarepants Cartoon



SpongeBob Squarepants - who appears on the children's cable channel Nickelodeon - is seen as an icon for adult gay men in the US, apparently because he regularly holds hands with his sidekick Patrick.

James Dobson of "Focus on the Family" accused the makers of the video of promoting homosexuality.

Tinky Winky Tellytubby



The Reverend Jerry Falwell, a former spokesman for America's Moral Majority, has denounced the BBC TV children's show. He says it does not provide a good role model for children because Tinky Winky is gay.

Cheerful Tinky Winky, the purple character with the triangular aerial on his head, carries a handbag