

Why The World Needs A Male Pink Power Ranger

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Even after 22 seasons, *Power Rangers* has continued to be one of the leading franchises on the market for children's entertainment. And yet, despite over 20 years on air, we've never seen an LGBT Ranger. Representation is simple – and could even start with a simple motion.

As an openly gay man who grew up obsessed with the multicolored, spandex-wearing heroes, I think it's time to add in some LGBT flavor! And to start, I vote for a male Pink Ranger. Here are three reasons why the world is ready.



1. Acceptance Studies

Let's face it. Equality and acceptance start at a young age, but unfortunately, not everywhere is teaching it in the classroom. Studies shown by the [Human Rights Campaign](#), a civil rights organization focusing solely on educating the world on LGBT equality, presents disturbing figures about LGBT youth being ostracized or bullied at school.

The implementation of a male Pink Ranger as an LGBT role model could be enough to raise awareness of the concept outside of the school. From the television to the playground, this one inclusion could allow for less exclusion; the gay kid on the playground will want to role-play as the Pink Ranger, making him more likely to fit into a group of other children taking on the other roles. This promotes teamwork and acceptance between straight allies and the queer community at an early age! Woohoo!

2. Breaking Gender Stereotypes

For a series filled with multicultural teenagers, *Power Rangers* has done well for itself in boasting diverse casts. Strong female and multiracial characters appear in every season. In fact, four different females and at least five different minority males have taken the role as team leader throughout the course of the series.

With this in mind, it only seems natural that *Power Rangers* should include a strong queer hero amongst its ranks. There have been multiple female Blue Rangers, so why can't there be a male Pink Ranger to balance the representation?

3. David Yost's Story

The *Power Ranger* fan-base has already shown its support for LGBT Rangers. The proof? David Yost, who played the original Blue Ranger Billy Cranston, came out as gay in 2012. In an interview with [No Pink Spandex](#), Yost reveals the harassment and bullying he faced during production of the original *Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers* series. The prejudice and homophobia against him led him to a "Pray Away the Gay" camp and almost to the point of suicide. However, Yost overcame this and has since become a strong advocate for LGBT equality.

Since his coming out, the fan support has been overwhelming. He continues to inspire LGBT fans of the series with his attendance at conventions and his involvement with LGBT organizations, such as [The Trevor Project](#). Many of his costars have also shown their support of Yost's coming out, including many of the stars posing for [their own NOH8 Campaign photos](#).

Yost himself has gone on record saying, "I would love to see a gay character introduced on a show like *Power Rangers*. There's a whole realm of possible stories there we've only begun to tap into, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and intersex young people need to see themselves reflected in world around them."

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