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Show Notes: "What It Feels Like to be Me," featuring Brandon Wolf

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## Show Notes

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In this episode, Brandon talks about identifying as "intersectional," Black, White, gay, and male and the ways in which these identities have influenced his thoughts and feelings about healthcare. Brandon describes the "awkward first date" feeling of seeing a new healthcare professional and talks about the impact feeling judged during the encounter can have on one's willingness to continue seeing that healthcare professional. We talk about Brandon's experience with mental healthcare professionals after the Pulse shooting as well as about what the world of healthcare might have been like if his friend Drew Leinonen, a master's-prepared psychologist, hadn't been killed at Pulse. Brandon shares how his view of the world has changed as a result of the Pulse shooting, and he talks about how his relationship with his father has changed over the years. Finally, Brandon shares his thoughts about what healthcare professionals need to know about gun violence and the impact it has on survivors.

## Audio Used

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## Guest Bio

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Brandon Wolf (pronouns: he/him/his) is a survivor of the Pulse shooting in Orlando, Florida and serves as Vice President of The Dru Project, “an LGBTQ+ advocacy organization on a mission to spread love across the nation and promote gay straight alliances.” He is an activist and public speaker regarding LGBTQ youth education and common sense gun legislation. You can follow Brandon on Twitter at @bjoewolf

## Links

- The Dru Project <http://thedruproject.org/>

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