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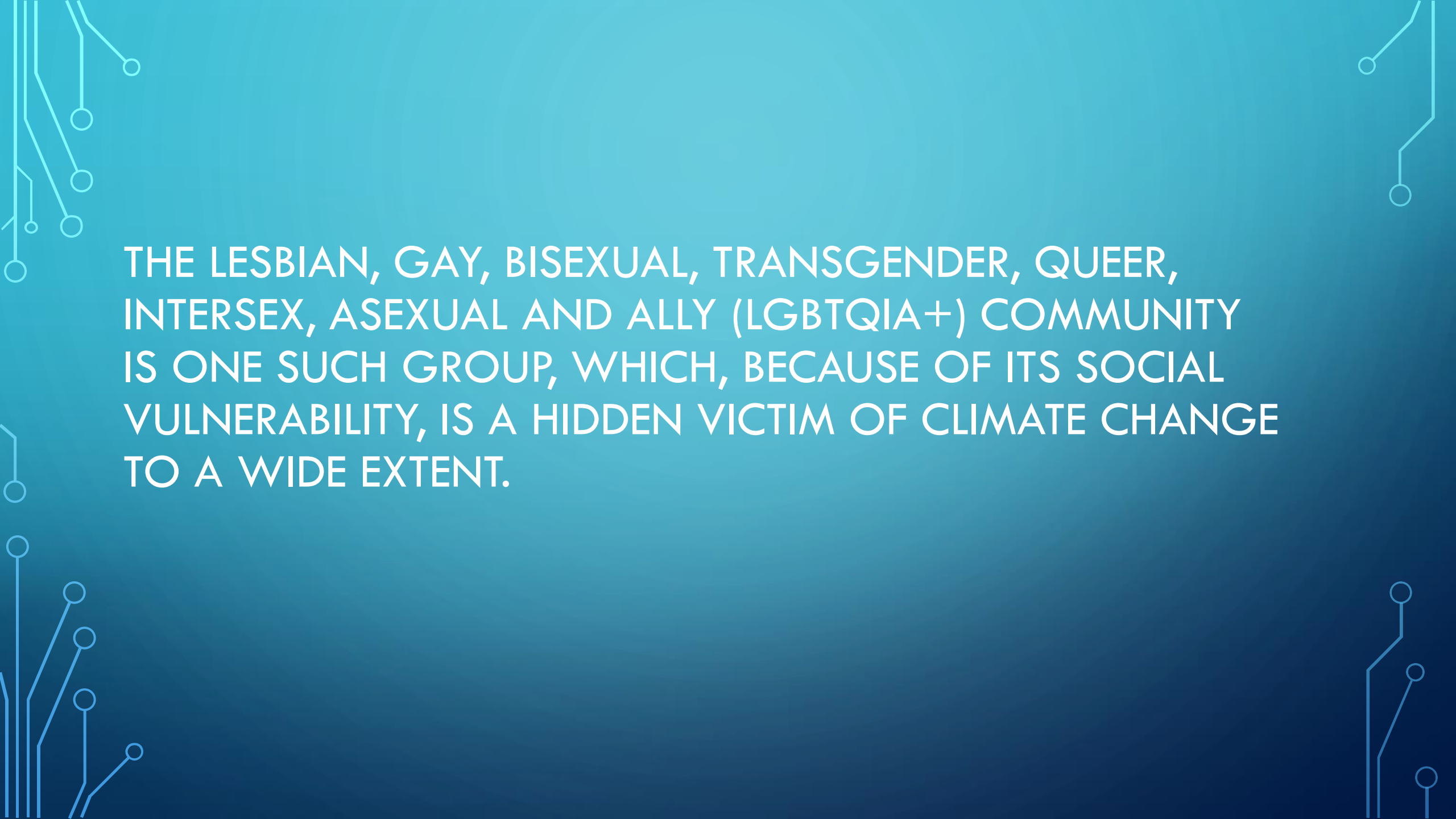
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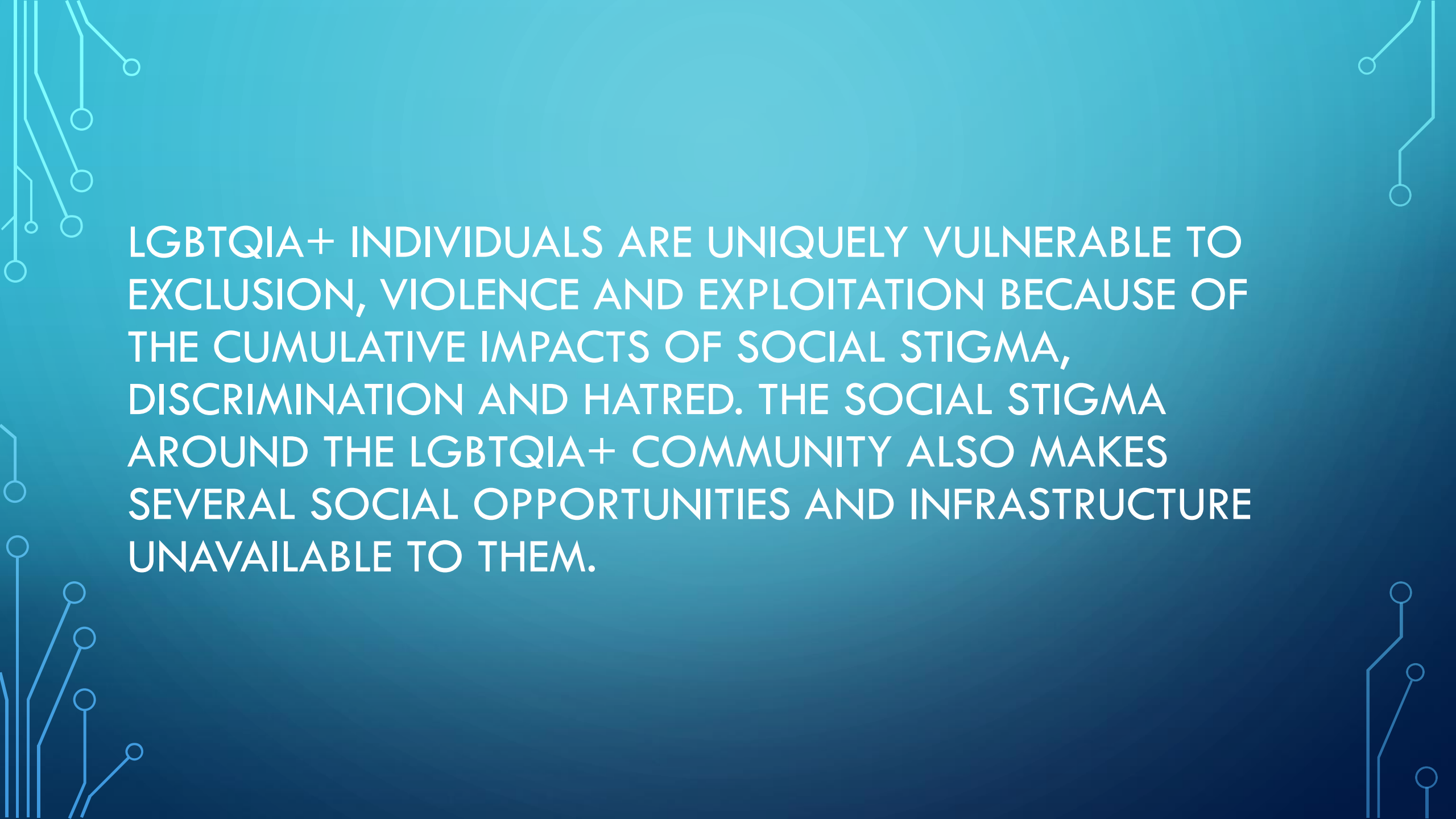
CLIMATE CHANGE IS GOING TO AFFECT EVERY ONE OF US ON THE PLANET BUT ITS EFFECT WILL NOT BE THE SAME FOR ALL.

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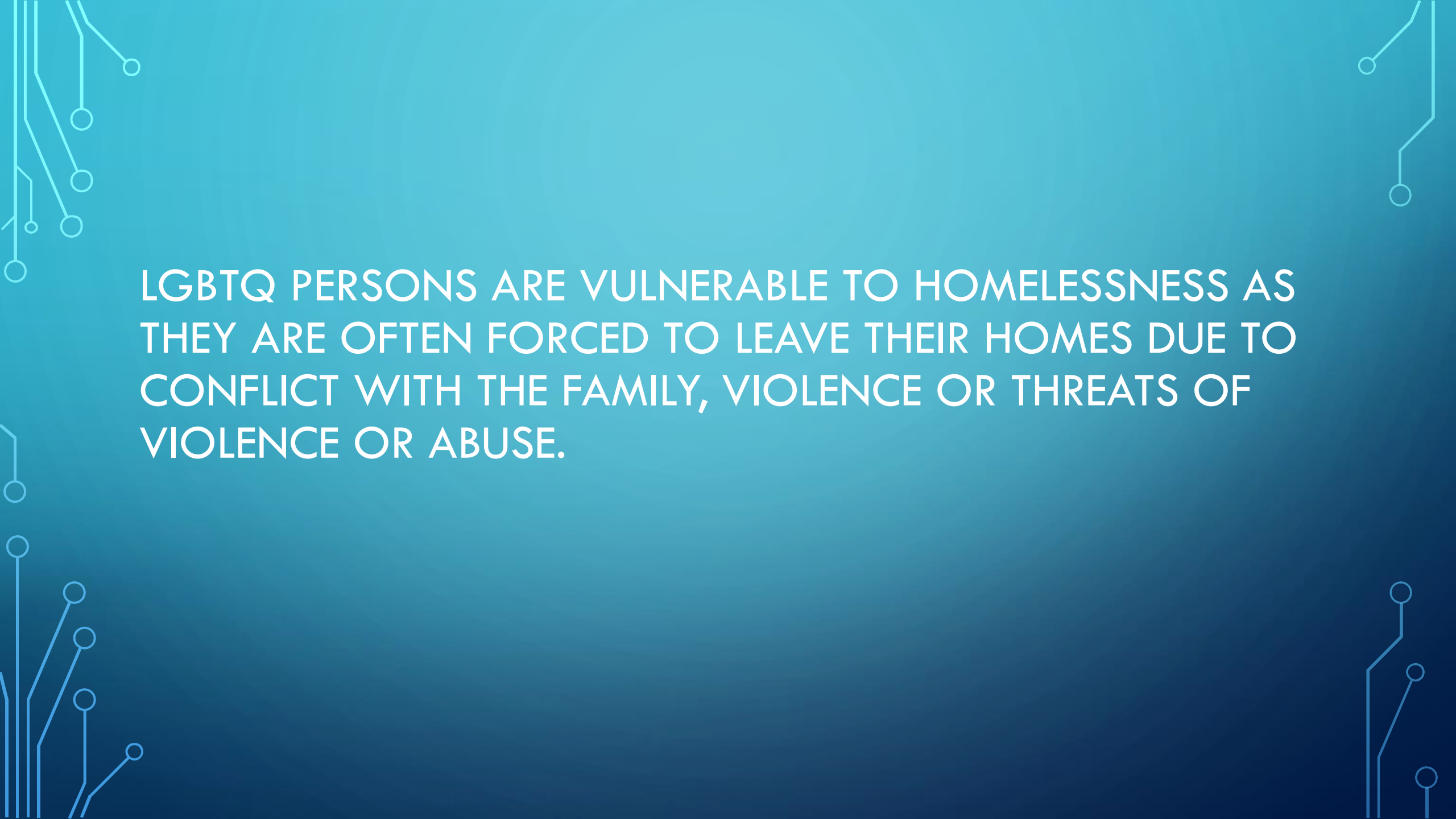
BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE (IPCC), IT IS EVIDENT THAT
PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY MOST VULNERABLE AND
MARGINALISED WILL EXPERIENCE THE GREATEST IMPACTS
OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

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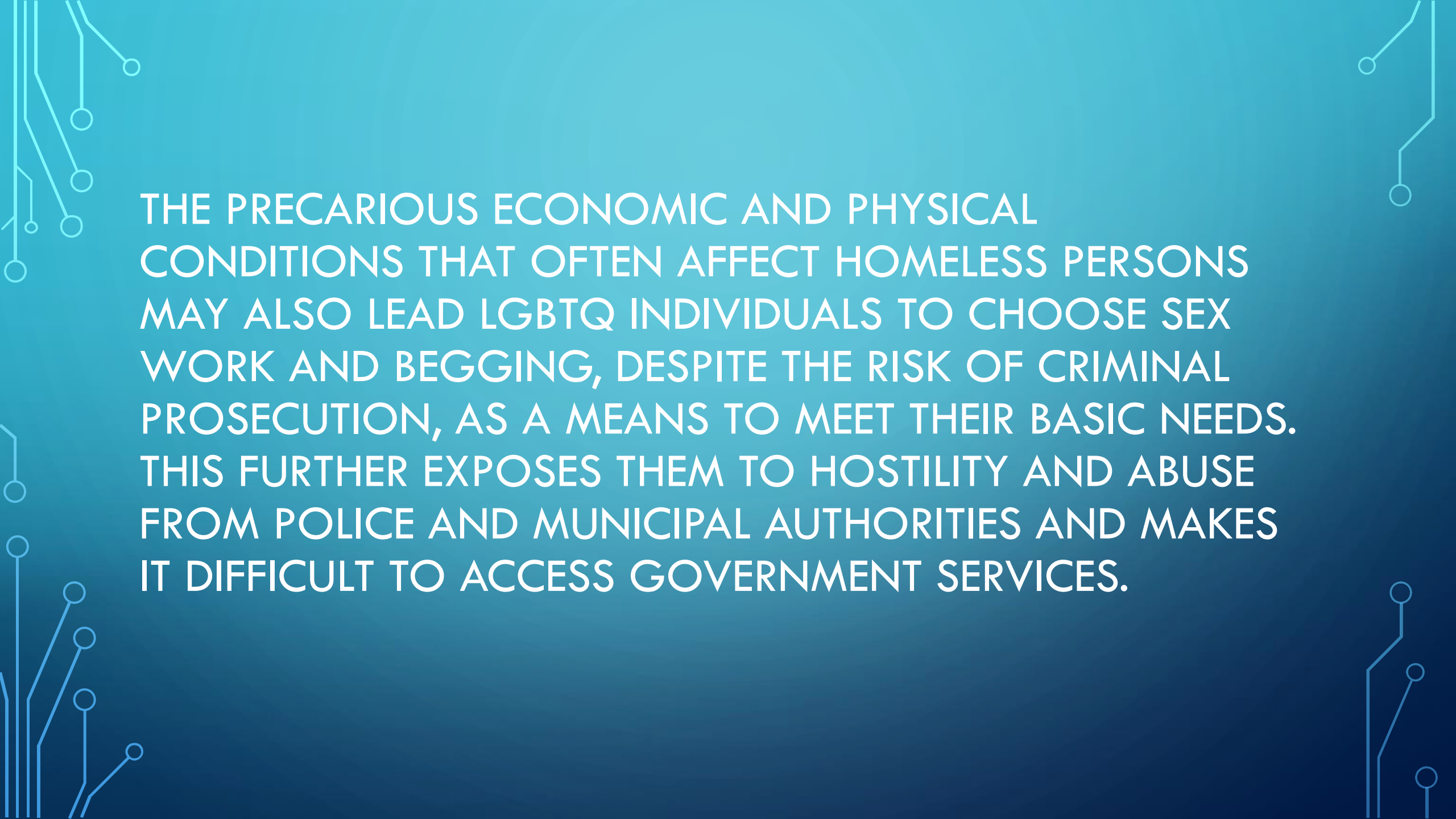
THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, INTERSEX, ASEXUAL AND ALLY (LGBTQIA+) COMMUNITY IS ONE SUCH GROUP, WHICH, BECAUSE OF ITS SOCIAL VULNERABILITY, IS A HIDDEN VICTIM OF CLIMATE CHANGE TO A WIDE EXTENT.

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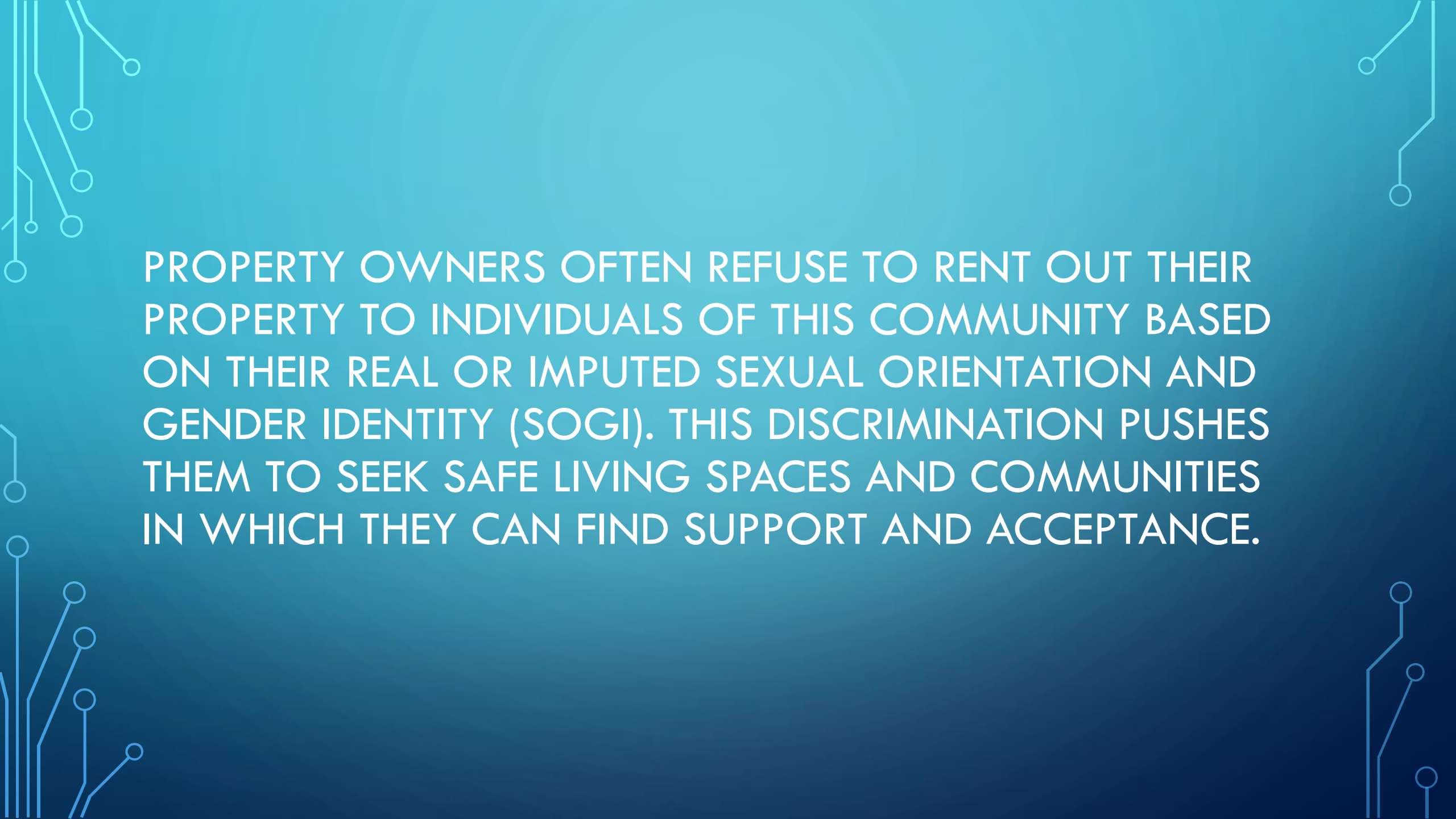
LGBTQIA+ INDIVIDUALS ARE UNIQUELY VULNERABLE TO EXCLUSION, VIOLENCE AND EXPLOITATION BECAUSE OF THE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF SOCIAL STIGMA, DISCRIMINATION AND HATRED. THE SOCIAL STIGMA AROUND THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY ALSO MAKES SEVERAL SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE UNAVAILABLE TO THEM.

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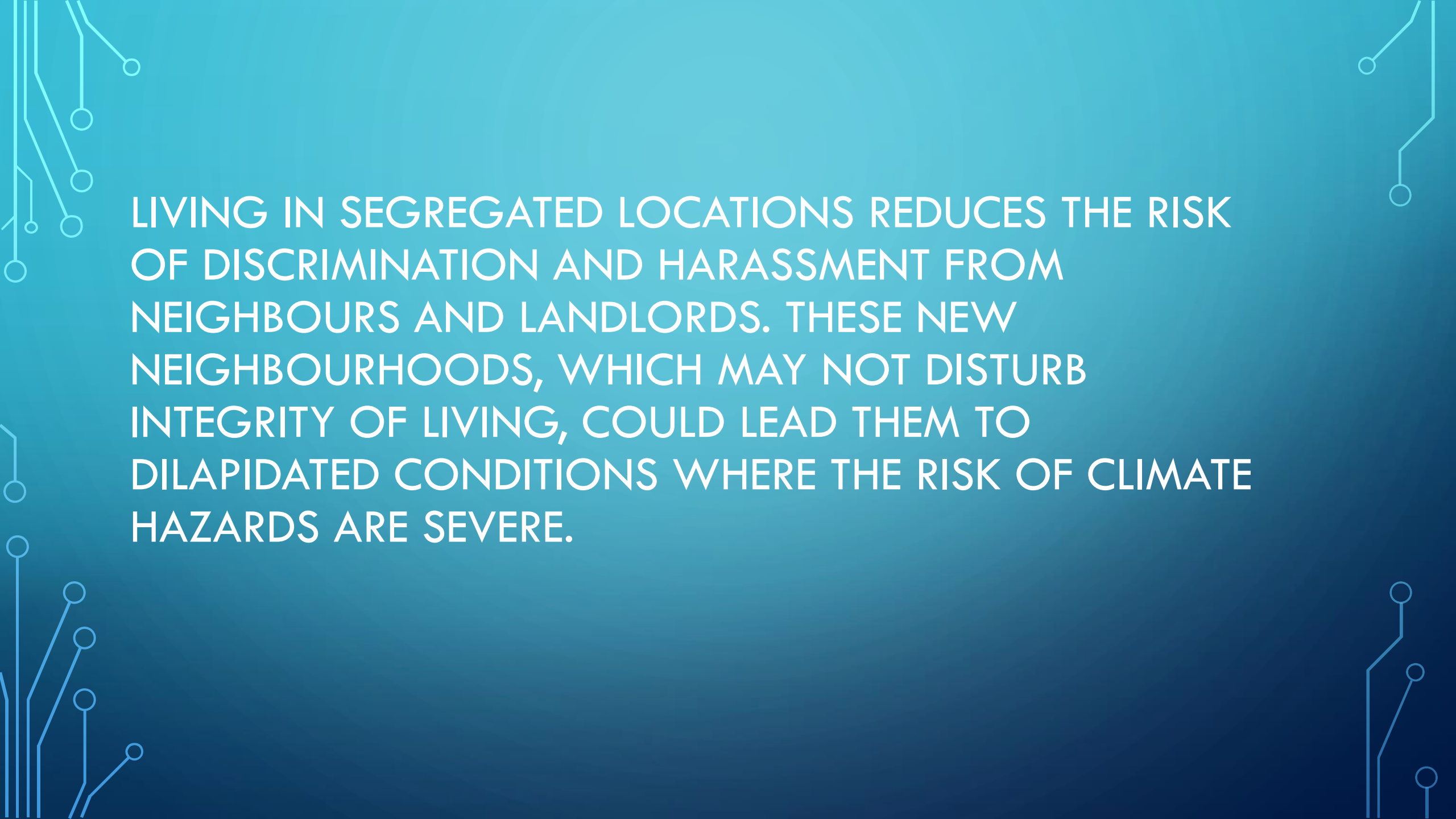
LGBTQ PERSONS ARE VULNERABLE TO HOMELESSNESS AS THEY ARE OFTEN FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES DUE TO CONFLICT WITH THE FAMILY, VIOLENCE OR THREATS OF VIOLENCE OR ABUSE.

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THE PRECARIOUS ECONOMIC AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONS THAT OFTEN AFFECT HOMELESS PERSONS MAY ALSO LEAD LGBTQ INDIVIDUALS TO CHOOSE SEX WORK AND BEGGING, DESPITE THE RISK OF CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, AS A MEANS TO MEET THEIR BASIC NEEDS. THIS FURTHER EXPOSES THEM TO HOSTILITY AND ABUSE FROM POLICE AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES AND MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO ACCESS GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

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PROPERTY OWNERS OFTEN REFUSE TO RENT OUT THEIR PROPERTY TO INDIVIDUALS OF THIS COMMUNITY BASED ON THEIR REAL OR IMPUTED SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY (SOGI). THIS DISCRIMINATION PUSHES THEM TO SEEK SAFE LIVING SPACES AND COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY CAN FIND SUPPORT AND ACCEPTANCE.

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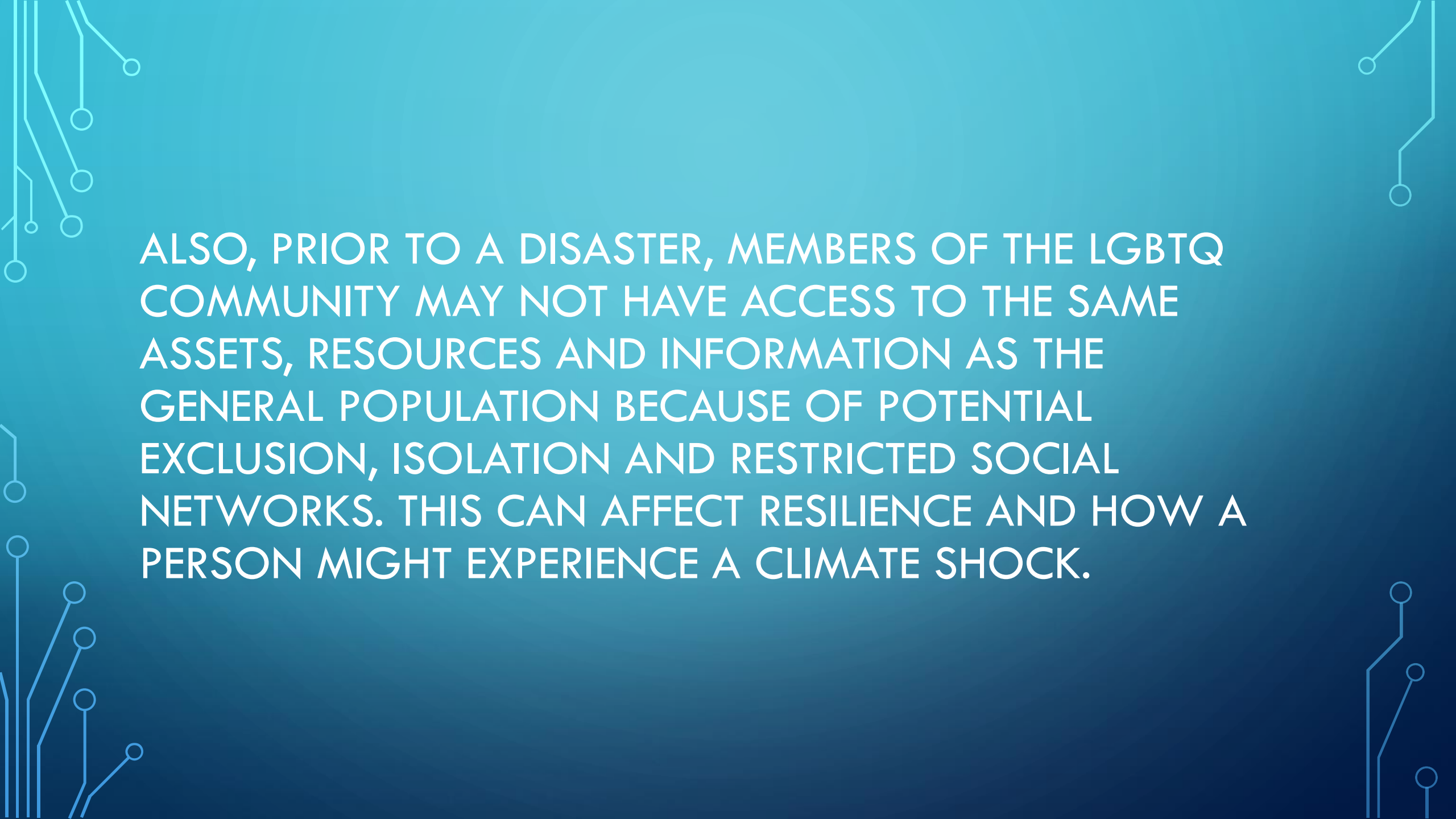
LIVING IN SEGREGATED LOCATIONS REDUCES THE RISK OF DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT FROM NEIGHBOURS AND LANDLORDS. THESE NEW NEIGHBOURHOODS, WHICH MAY NOT DISTURB INTEGRITY OF LIVING, COULD LEAD THEM TO DILAPIDATED CONDITIONS WHERE THE RISK OF CLIMATE HAZARDS ARE SEVERE.

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HOMELESS PEOPLE AND THOSE WITH INADEQUATE HOUSING WILL BE STRONGLY BE AFFECTED BY ANY NATURAL CALAMITY AND ALSO ARE CLEAR VICTIMS OF TEMPERATURE RISE AND POLLUTED AIR.

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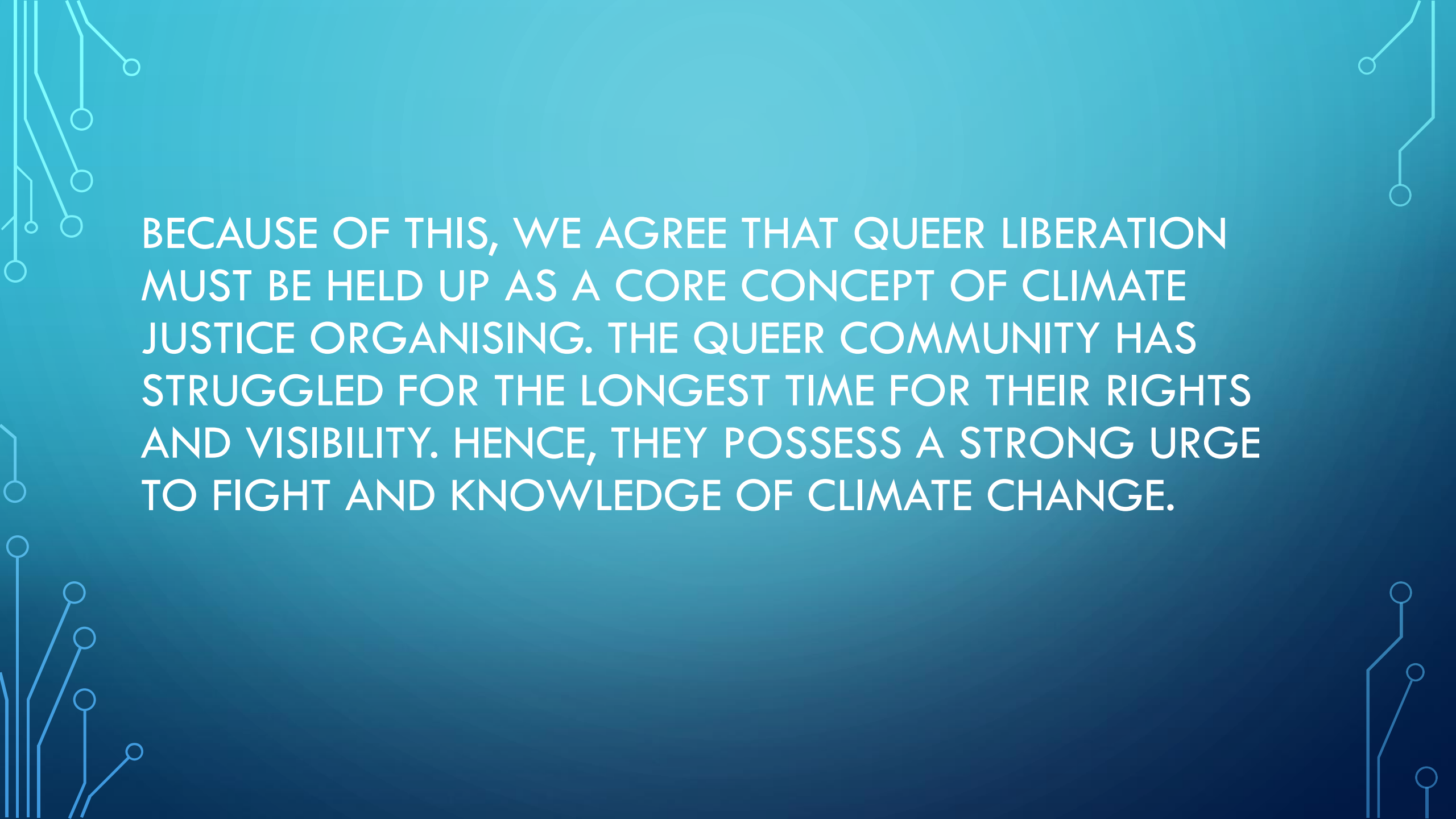
ALL OF THESE CONDITIONS ADD UP TO THEM BEING
MUCH LESS EQUIPPED TO FACE INCREASING
ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHES BROUGHT ABOUT BY
CLIMATE CHANGE.

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ALSO, PRIOR TO A DISASTER, MEMBERS OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY MAY NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE SAME ASSETS, RESOURCES AND INFORMATION AS THE GENERAL POPULATION BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL EXCLUSION, ISOLATION AND RESTRICTED SOCIAL NETWORKS. THIS CAN AFFECT RESILIENCE AND HOW A PERSON MIGHT EXPERIENCE A CLIMATE SHOCK.

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THE ROOTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ARE TIED WITH THE
ROOTS OF MULTIPLE OPPRESSIONS. CLIMATE CHANGE
RAISES THE HARDSHIPS OF TRANS AND QUEER PEOPLE
WORLDWIDE.

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BECAUSE OF THIS, WE AGREE THAT QUEER LIBERATION MUST BE HELD UP AS A CORE CONCEPT OF CLIMATE JUSTICE ORGANISING. THE QUEER COMMUNITY HAS STRUGGLED FOR THE LONGEST TIME FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND VISIBILITY. HENCE, THEY POSSESS A STRONG URGE TO FIGHT AND KNOWLEDGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

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TO ACHIEVE SAFETY AND JUSTICE FOR THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY, CLIMATE JUSTICE MUST BE REALISED. AND FOR THAT, QUEER LIBERATION MUST BE LIFTED UP IN MOVEMENTS THAT ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES.

Texts taken from [Anuj Behal](#), How climate change is affecting the LGBTQIA+ community
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