

FACT SHEET ON "HATE CRIME" LEGISLATION

"Nothing should ever be implied as Law which leads to unjust or absurd consequences."

Abraham Lincoln

All crimes committed against our fellow man are "Hate Crimes". Legislation that calls for a special class of crime or for special protection for homosexual behavior is openly discriminatory. To make the consequences greater or lesser simply because it was directed against one individual or group rather than another is absurd.

To create a special class of punishment based on ones "sexual orientation" and "gender" (defined to include transgender, cross dressing, rest room rights, etc.) would not only be a dangerous prescient, but also un-constitutional. We all deserve equal protection under the law, including equal punishment for criminals as well! To create special protections for such behavior would only lead to a Pandora's Box of legal and ethical dilemmas.

1. According to the "1997 Hate/Bias Report" issued by the Maryland State Police, Criminal Intelligence Division, only 37 "incidents" involving "sexual orientation" were identified in 1997. Out of that, only two (2) arrest, zero (0) in 1996, and zero (0) in 1995. In other words in the last three (3) years there has been only 2 arrest for "sexual orientation" bias base crime.
2. In the "Conclusion" of the Maryland State Police report it states for 1997, "The report suggest a downward trend in the number of reported incidents from 1995 (18%) and 1996 (24.7%). In addition the reports states that "Adults are found to be targets of hate bias more often than juveniles" and "hate/bias incidents for both juvenile and adult offenders have decreased".
3. "HATE CRIME" deems some victims more important than others.
 - While the nation focused on the murder of homosexual student Matthew Shepard, few heard about the brutal rape and murder, also in Wyoming, of eight-year-old Christin Lamb just days before. Russell Henderson, convicted of killing Matthew Shepard, received two consecutive life sentences, versus one life sentence for Christin's murderer. Under the Hate Crimes Protection Act (HCPA), an eight-year-old girl has less protection under the law than a homosexual college student. HCPA violates the 14th Amendment: By granting special consideration to victims of "politically incorrect" crimes, the legislation denies equal protection under the law.
4. According to FBI data (*Crime in the United States, 1997*, and *Hate Crime Statistics, 1997*), "hate crimes" account for only a tiny fraction of total crimes:
 - Of every 20,000 murders, 9 are "hate crimes" (0.044 percent).
 - Of every 20,000 rapes, 2 are "hate crimes" (0.009 percent).
 - Of every 20,000 robberies, 6 are "hate crimes" (0.029 percent).
 - Of every 20,000 aggravated assaults, 24 are "hate crimes" (0.121 percent).Hate Crime statistics include "Intimidation", the use of threatening words or conduct, such as angry shouting and fist-waving. The Hate Crimes Reporting Act of 1990 mandated that the FBI include "intimidation." Nearly half the "hate crimes" in the 1997 FBI statistics are in this category.
5. Respondents to a 1999 poll conducted by Wirthlin Worldwide revealed that a vast majority of Americans believe in "Equal Protection Under the Law" and not Hate Crime legislation.
 - Ninety-eight percent think the murders of a homosexual and a heterosexual are equally serious, and should both be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
 - Ninety-two percent said criminals should be punished for their actions alone, not their beliefs, and that their victims should receive equal protection under the law.
6. Majority of violent crime against homosexuals is committed by other homosexuals, not by heterosexuals. According to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, the number of "gay-on-gay" domestic violence cases is *14 times greater* than the number of violent "anti-gay" attacks.

We all deserve equal protection under the law, and that includes equal punishment for criminals as well! To create a special class of punishment based on race, sex or religion would not only be a dangerous prescient but also un-constitutional.

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FACT SHEET ON "HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR"

SODOMY:

Sodomy laws set needed standards sodomy laws set standards of public conduct, and keep a lid on conduct that is a public health issue. Furthermore, they help to safeguard the legal and moral status of the family in our society.

The U.S. Supreme Court in the landmark 1986 *Bowers v. Hardwick* decision stated that there is no constitutional right to engage in sodomy. However the result of abandoning legal and social restraints against sodomy has been an epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases causing 40,000 to 50,000 tragic early deaths annually, not to mention federal AIDS spending in the \$9 billion range per year — and climbing.

Sodomy laws on the books have never created "sex police" in private bedrooms. Typically they have been used to keep homosexual curricula out of schools; to prevent sodomites from acquiring children; to curb public sex; and to limit the practice of "semi-public" sex, such as occurs in bars, booths in bookstores and bathhouses.

Legalizing sodomy would normalize it and encourage it. It would endanger not only the physical health but also the moral health of our nation. It would erode the legal basis to withhold full marital status to homosexual couples, to prevent harmful sex practices being taught in schools, and to give homosexuals the "right" to raise children.

Abandoning laws and taboos against fornication, adultery, and divorce has already greatly weakened the social and legal foundation of the family as an institution. Legalizing sodomy would only further undermine the special status of the family, and, consequently, would further erode the bedrock institution of society.

SELF-DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR:

Sexually transmitted diseases are without a doubt the most serious consequence of homosexual behavior. Practicing homosexuals as a group account for an overwhelmingly disproportionate number of cases of sexually transmitted diseases, including gonorrhea, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and syphilis. According to the American Medical Association, homosexual youth are twenty-three times more likely to contract sexually transmitted diseases than heterosexuals. In particular, male homosexuals suffer from a unique combination of diseases, including what is termed gay bowel syndrome, caused by parasites exchanged during rectal and oral-anal intercourse, standard sexual practices of homosexual men.

Even when using a condom, homosexual men discover that what originally was designed as a birth control device between a man and a woman engaging in natural relations is no guarantee against disease transmission, rectal damage, or even HIV infection. Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, who promoted condoms as a part of the government's anti-AIDS strategy, warned against the use of condoms for anal (homosexual) sexual relations. In rather graphic terms, he cut to the heart of the issue:

The rectum was not made for intercourse. It's at the wrong angle, it's the wrong size, it doesn't have the same kind of tough lining that the vagina does. It has its blood supply directly under the mucosa. Therefore, you would expect a great many more failures of condoms in rectal intercourse than you would in vaginal intercourse, and it's important to know that.

The risk of infection in homosexual relations — even with a condom — is so great that the National Institutes of Health canceled a condom study among young homosexuals in Los Angeles on the grounds that it would be immoral to put the young people at risk. Study director Jeffrey Perlman explained: "In a place like L.A., in the gay community, one would really be talking about delaying the infection rather than preventing it."

RISKS AMONG YOUNG HOMOSEXUALS:

Current research also demonstrates the health risks younger homosexuals. A study of young homosexual men by the San Francisco Department of Public Health reported that 33 percent of "high-risk youth" admitted to engaging in unprotected anal intercourse during the previous six months. A Los Angeles study of young homosexual males in 1996 revealed that about half of those between fifteen and twenty-two years of age had engaged in "high-risk, unprotected sex" during the previous six months. As Wesley Ford of the Los Angeles County's HIV epidemiology program lamented in the *Los Angeles Times*, "These are kids with relatively short sexual histories. What will this [group] look like 10 years from now when they have another 10 years of sexual behavior under their belt?"

A study of 4,159 Massachusetts high school students discovered a strong correlation of many risk behaviors associated with self-identified "gay, lesbian or bisexual" youth, who comprised 2.5 percent of the sample. The behaviors included suicide, victimization, sexual risk behaviors, and multiple substance abuse such as tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, and cocaine. In addition, gay youths were more likely to report initiating and engaging in multiple risk behaviors at an earlier age than their peers.

In another study of 1,086 lesbian and bisexual women, 21 percent of the lesbians reported having high-risk sexual contact, including sex with homosexual men, and 49 percent of bisexual women interviewed reported having high-risk sexual contact. In addition, 9 percent of the lesbian/bisexual women reported a history of intravenous drug abuse.

Even in the face of public service and education campaigns that warn about the dangers of unprotected sex and HIV infection, young homosexuals continue to engage in behaviors that will most certainly lead to premature mortality. A cover story in the *Los Angeles Times Magazine* featured a number of young men who were HIV positive (or would eventually become so) who risk death in pursuit of the perfect orgasm.

Further intensifying these documented risks, some homosexual activist insist that unprotected sex is something worth dying for. Anal sex without condoms, according to some makes a much needed statement of sexual freedom and homosexual identity, a statement that for some is worth more than their lives or the lives of their partners.

THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILDREN:

According to Joseph Nicolosi, a licensed psychologist who specializes in gender identity research, efforts to normalize homosexuality are clearly not in the best interests of "the children,". Nicolosi says that boys with an unmet need for masculine affirmation are vulnerable to homosexual seduction. When a boy's otherwise healthy drive to gain masculine identity becomes sexualized, homosexuality can result first as an experiment and later as a habitual way of life, especially if parents, teachers, and other role models view homosexuality as harmless. Nicolosi writes:

It is a grave injustice to direct a struggling youngster into a sexual "identity" that has lifelong emotional and social repercussions he cannot begin to understand — not to mention life-threatening health consequences for which he may pay a price later.

A 1991 study cited by Nicolosi found that one-third of all first suicide attempts among homosexual youths occurred in the very same year the teenagers "first identified themselves as bisexual or homosexual." That finding dovetails with a very recent study of Massachusetts teenagers, published in the *American Journal of Public Health*, that discovered that self-identified gays were:

- nine times more likely to have reported using alcohol on a daily basis;
- six times more likely to report having recently used cocaine than their heterosexual counterparts;
- nineteen times more likely to report having used cocaine on ten or more occasions per month;
- five times more likely to report having used other illegal drugs, including cocaine, twenty or more times in their lives;
- nearly seven times more likely to report ever having injected an illegal drug;
- fifty percent more likely than their heterosexual counterparts to have considered committing suicide.

Nicolosi distinguishes between *homosexual* and *gay*. Homosexual, notes Nicolosi, is a psychological condition, nothing more. The word *gay*, however, is a far more loaded term; it is a chosen socio-political identity. To be "gay" is to consciously enlist oneself in an activist movement that seeks the normalization of homosexuality in society.

EXPOSING HOMOSEXUAL TEEN SUICIDE MYTHS

Behind the drive to normalize homosexuality and encourage young people to identify themselves as gay lies the influential study by homosexual political activist Paul Gibson. Gibson's figures were suspect from the start. He quoted from a writer in the homosexual newspaper, *The Washington Blade*, who reported that as many as three thousand gay teens kill themselves each year. Few readers of the study even bothered to note that the estimated figure exceeded the total of *all* teen suicides, which in 1989 was about two thousand. Today the total figure is estimated to be near five thousand. In addition, Gibson used the 10 percent estimate that Alfred C. Kinsey devised in the 1940s to calculate the total number of homosexual teens. That 10 percent figure fully discredited in 1990 by Judith A. Reisman, Ph.D. More recent and objective surveys show that the number of teens engaging in homosexuality is significantly less than Kinsey's estimates.

Newhouse News Service reporter, Delia M. Rios, detailed in the *Seattle Times* the inaccurate findings of Gibson's 1989 report. Her story featured Peter Muehrer, chief of the youth mental health program in the Prevention and Behavioral Medicine Research Branch of the National Institute of Mental Health. Muehrer said the major research studies most often cited to support a link between sexual orientation and suicide are "limited in both quantity and quality." Muehrer concluded, "it is not possible to accurately compare suicide attempt rates between gay and lesbian youth and non-gay youth in the general population." Of two relatively recent studies on sexual orientation and suicide, both "found that between 2.5 and 5 percent of the suicides in their overall samples were by people believed to be gay." A study by the University of Minnesota surveyed teens in grades seven through twelve of self-identified bisexuals and homosexuals observed that studies of bisexual and homosexual males that have found increased rates of suicide attempts were **not** universal. And that other risk factors such as substance abuse, family dysfunction, their own interpersonal conflict regarding sexual orientation, and depression were associated and driving factors.

REALITY CHECK ON HOMELESS GAY TEENS

A recent study of runaways surveyed 775 runaway teens from San Francisco, Denver, and New York City who were nineteen years old or younger and had been living on the streets for at least three months. Among this sample, 78 percent had left home on their own accord; only 16 percent were told to leave. Fifty-nine percent said they left home because of general family conflicts; 22 percent indicated there had been abuse and rape; 10 percent said they left because of their parents' drug and alcohol problems; 6 percent just wanted to leave home.

Only 2 percent indicated they had experienced family disapproval of their sexual orientation.

The report also listed the following sobering statistics:

- 38 percent of the girls and 23 percent of the runaway boys in San Francisco reported engaging in homosexual oral sex.
- Less than half the number of homeless teens in Denver and New York made the same claim.
- The average age that runaway girls lost their virginity was under fourteen years of age; runaway boys lost their virginity under thirteen years of age.
- Group sex was more common among runaways in San Francisco than in other cities. Overall, a third of the boys and a quarter of the girls had engaged in some form of sexual relations involving more than two people.
- One-seventh of the girls and a quarter of the boys reported engaging in prostitution.

IS "10% OF THE POPULATION IS GAY" ?.

ABC, CBS, NBC, and CNN find only 2.4% of respondents saying they were gay, lesbian or bisexual. A Minnesota public school study in 1986 report a 2% homosexual student population out of a sample of 36, 741. Norwegian and Danish surveys report 3.5% or less. Clearly, those pushing the homosexual agenda have misrepresented their numbers.

Is "Homosexuality as normal as heterosexuality." ?

Dr. Armand Nicholai, chief psychiatrist at Harvard Medical School (1994) and editor of [The Harvard Guide to Psychiatry](#), states: "I have treated hundreds of homosexuals. None of them, deep down, thought he was normal. Simulating eating is not eating. Simulating being female is not female. Simulating sex is not sex." Dr. Charles Socarides, expert on homosexuality states: "Those who urge the acceptance of homosexuality as simply a normal form of sexuality, rather than a behavioral disorder, developmental arrest or failure, or a clinical illness, reflect the blurred boundaries of social behavior which currently impair communal health in many ways." Though homosexuals represent less than 5% of the population they are responsible for half the nation's cases of syphilis and 'a phenomenal incidence of venereal disease' generally. (Source: *The Atlantic Monthly*, Jan 1988). During the first decade that gay rights laws were in effect in San Francisco, the city saw a sharp increase in the venereal disease rate to 22 times the national average. Over a ten year period, the annual rate of infectious hepatitis A increased 100%; infectious hepatitis B 300%; and amoebic colon infections increased 2,500%. Venereal disease clinics in the city saw 75,000 patients every year during the same decade, of whom close to 80% were homosexual males. (Sources: *San Jose Mercury News* (24 Apr 1980), *San Francisco Chronicle Examiner* (23 Apr 1979), *The Advocate Guide to Gay Health* (1983)). The best evidence now is that heterosexuals have not been at substantial risk for contracting AIDS simply because they do not commit the sexual acts most closely linked with AIDS transmission." The original name for AIDS was GRID (Gay Related Immune Deficiency)? (Sources: *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Newsweek*, *Principles and Practices of Infectious Diseases*, and references therein between 1983 and 1986.) These are clearly not the result of normal sexual relationships.

PSYCHIATRISTS DO CONSIDER HOMOSEXUALITY A DISORDER

In 1977 ten thousand members of the APA were polled at random, asking them their opinion on homosexuality. Time magazine summarized the results of the poll: Of those answering, 69% said they believed homosexuality is usually a pathological adaptation, as opposed to a normal variation, 18% disagreed and 13% were uncertain. Similarly, sizable majorities said that homosexuals are generally less happy than heterosexuals (73%) and less capable of mature, loving relationships (60%). A total of 70% said that homosexual problems have more to do with their own inner conflicts than with stigmatization by society at large. What about today? Dr. Stanton L. Jones, professor of psychology at Wheaton College, states "I would not regard homosexuality to be a psychopathology in the same sense as schizophrenia or phobic disorders. But neither can it be viewed as a normal lifestyle variation on a par with being introverted versus extroverted." One may debate whether or not homosexuality is a pathological disorder, but it is clear that the APA's 1973 decision to pull it from its list of pathological disorders cannot be cited as medical consensus that homosexuality is a "normal" condition.

Many psychiatrists and psychologists believe that homosexuality arises from various environmental factors. The majority says that homosexuality's root causes are psychological, not biological. But these people are not cited nearly as often by the media as the others due to perhaps a pro-homosexual bias by the media. They are virtually never even acknowledged by the homosexual community, because most homosexuals want to believe that they were born that way and had no choice (conscious or subliminal) in the matter. In any case, some of the most noteworthy and respected researchers and therapists in the world deny that homosexuality is determined by biological factors. For example, therapists helping homosexuals who are unhappy with their condition can cite one case history after another showing that negative early childhood experiences are the one common factor found in almost all their patients. The vital factor here is that these people were raised in a very unloving home environment, never knowing love or acceptance from their mother or their father, or in some cases both. According to these studies, the child's reaction to this rejection and lack of nurturing is formulated at a very early age, usually before five years old. The following references illustrate these findings. William H. Masters (co-director of the Masters and Johnson Institute), Virginia E. Brown, and Robert C. Kolodny stated categorically in their 1982 work *Human Sexuality*: "The genetic theory of homosexuality has been generally discarded today." Robert Kronmeyer, in his work *Overcoming Homosexuality*, writes: "With rare exceptions, homosexuality is neither inherited nor the result of some glandular disturbance or the scrambling of genes or chromosomes. Homosexuals are made, not born that way. I firmly believe that homosexuality is a learned response to early painful experiences and that it can be unlearned. For those homosexuals who are unhappy with their life and find effective therapy, it is curable." Dr. John DeCecco, professor of psychology at San Francisco State University and the editor of the 25-volume *Journal of Homosexuality*, expressed the same view in a 1989 USA Today article: "The idea that people are born into one type of sexual behavior is entirely foolish." John Dr. DeCecco goes on to state; "Homosexuality, is a behavior, not a condition, and something that some people can and do change, just like they sometimes change other tastes and personality traits." One thing is clear, and that is it's hardly an established scientific fact accepted by the entire medical field.

IS "HOMOSEXUALITY IS GENETIC". ?

Few people believe this assertion, and in addition, assertions are not facts. "Homosexual Behavior Among Males" (Wainwright Churchill, 1967), "The Encyclopedia of Sexual Behavior" (Robert Frumkin, 1967), and "Human Sexuality" (Masters, Brown & Kolodny, i.e., Masters and Johnson 1984) and other experts in the medical community discarded the genetic theory of homosexuality. In addition many leaders in the ex-gay movement such as Mr. Joe Dallas in his latest work "*Strong Delusion*" are refuting with facts in hand, pro-homosexual researchers Boswell and LeVay, and their unduplicated genetic "experiments."

The most recent research suggesting that homosexuality may be caused by biological factors came out in the 1991 preliminary findings of Dr. Simon LeVay, a neuroscientist at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in San Diego. Dr. LeVay studied the brains of 41 cadavers, including 19 homosexual males. He found that "a tiny area believed to control sexual activity [the hypothalamus] was less than half the size in the gay men than in the heterosexuals." The study was seized upon by many as "irrefutable evidence". John Money, a leading psychologist at Johns Hopkins University states "The real question is, when did it get there? Was it prenatal, neonatal, during childhood, puberty? That we do not know." Problems with his findings include: (1) all 19 of the homosexual men had died of AIDS, something that many researchers believe could very well account for or contribute to the differences; (2) there was no way to know the sexual history of the "heterosexual" men; (3) there is no way to determine if the smaller hypothalamuses were the cause or the result of homosexuality; (4) Three of the "heterosexual men" also appeared to have small hypothalamuses; and (5) Dr. LeVay, a homosexual himself, admitted that his study was not entirely a dispassionate scientific endeavor. In addition there is much controversy over how the brains were weighed and the fact remains that Dr. LeVay's experiment has never been repeated.

“YOUR JUST A HOMOPHOBIC HATE-MONGERING BIGOT.”!!!

Look and sound familiar? Homosexual activists have ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS resorted to name-calling, ad homonym attacks and avoid addressing the real issues. Anybody who disagrees with their social agenda is instantly labeled a “homophobe” and/or “bigot.” Can we have a civilized discussion on points of order without the name-calling? Let’s deal with facts, please. No bigotry, no name-calling just a review of the facts. Let’s remember that eternal commandment: “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.” An issue of this magnitude must be weighed in light of Scripture. We are commanded to “Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.” (Thessalonians 5:21-22) One cannot eliminate homosexual behavior from the scrutiny of Scripture, or give up their right to disassociate themselves from it. Christians who hold the Biblical view that homosexual conduct is sinful, should not be intimidated by name calling such as “homophobic, unloving, bigoted, judgmental and racist. Remember we are called to suffer for the cause of Christ. In the words of St. Paul (1Ti 6:11); But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

JESUS DID CONDEMNED HOMOSEXUALITY.

The word “Christian” by definition means “Christ-like.” Jesus spoke of the Old Testament Law as authoritative, and he most emphatically stated that he came to complete that Law (Matthew 5:17-20). This includes Leviticus 18:22, which declares homosexuality an abomination. For proper interpretations of the Bible, one must use the whole counsel of Scripture. It’s true that God is love (1 John 4:16), and that Jesus came to save the world and not condemn it (John 3:16-17), but what many people fail to accept is that God is also HOLY (Revelation 4:8, Exodus 20:4-6, Psalms 1 & 94 and many other verses) and that He must punish sin. That fact violates peoples’ comfort zone. Indeed, judgment is a prevailing theme throughout the entire Bible, whether it’s daily application of God’s moral standards (and the blessings that result) or punishment when those standards are violated. The bottom line is: You cannot exclude God’s holiness from His love. You cannot just look at the Christmas Story and forget about Jesus lambasting the Pharisees’ hypocrisy in Matthew 23, John 8 and His opening of the Seals in Revelation 6. To do so is self-deception, by making God in your own image and that my friend is, pagan idolatry. One other very important point: “Love” has three translations from the original New Testament Greek: “eros” (sexual, “touchy-feely” temporary carnal love), “phileo” (brotherly love; friendship) and “agape” (the love of life’s virtues in self-disciplines; sacrificial love). God’s love is usually associated with agape (John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 13 and 1 John 4:16). Because agape deals with facts and disciplines, it is not subject to the whims of emotion and can therefore be commanded. This is why it’s possible to stiffly rebuke homosexuality and still be loving. This is often beyond comprehension to many in our culture. Why? Our culture chases eros, not agape. There is more compassion in truth than deception, and more compassion in denouncing homosexuality than endorsing it.

CAN THOSE WHO ARE HOMOSEXUAL CHANGE?

The majority of and psychologists agree that change is possible. William H. Masters and Virginia E. Johnson in their work *Homosexuality in Perspective* state: “Providing therapeutic support for a homosexual oriented man or woman who wishes to convert or revert to heterosexuality has been an integral part of the practice of psychotherapy for decades.” Dr. Nicolosi has documented hundreds case histories and accounts of people who sought relief from their lives of “homosexual bondage” (their own description of their lifestyles) and were restored to heterosexuality. Numerous Christian ministries are reaching out to homosexuals who desire help. Do they work? Sometimes individuals stumble and never get back up again. Sometimes they stumble, get back up, and continue on in the process of recovery. Occasionally, individuals are healed instantly and never turn back again. Whatever the case, the fact remains that there are thousands of former homosexuals, ex-gays, who lives have been transformed.

THE DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT: EXPERT TESTIMONY

The following are excerpts from a July 2, 1996 Capitol Hill briefing regarding the Defense of Marriage Act. The briefing was sponsored by the Family Research Council.

RESEARCH

"Two profoundly mistaken ideas have sunk deeply into public sentiment where they exert a powerful influence in the shaping of public policy as it relates to family, sexuality and marriage. These are: 1) That homosexuality is genetic, and that consequently, 2) Homosexuality is unchangeable. Neither idea is true, and in fact there is a mountain of scientific evidence to the contrary. The Americans being most severely harmed by the propagation of these untruths are the very large number of homosexuals who wish nothing more than to rid themselves of these unwanted impulses and establish quiet marriages and families. The gay and lesbian activism that claims to speak for these many struggling fellow citizens speaks for their interests in no way whatsoever. Completely ignored are the very large number of people who have already succeeded in leaving homosexuality behind....Epidemiologists around the country have confirmed that among young gay men there is a significant return to the unsafest of sexual practices in spite of over fifteen years of massively-funded education programs. They have also found that a shocking 30 percent of all currently 20-year-old young men who identify themselves as 'gay' will be either HIV-positive or dead of AIDS by the time they are 30. Yet, as is widely known and confirmed by recent research, many of these young men will spontaneously leave homosexuality behind....With respect to genetics, even those recent studies widely touted as demonstrating the innate, biological and genetically determined nature of homosexuality demonstrate precisely the contrary, and a careful reading of the authors themselves makes this clear." -- *Jeffrey B. Satinover, M.D., psychiatrist, former Fellow in Psychiatry and Child Psychiatry at Yale University, and author of Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth.*

THE LAW AND MARRIAGE

"Every argument for gay marriage is an argument that would support polygamy. The gay activists may not have the remotest interest in promoting polygamy, but this much may fairly be said: They have the most profound interest, rooted in the logic of their doctrine, in discrediting the notion that marriage finds its defining ground in 'nature.' Their rhetorical strategy, their public arguments, have all been directed explicitly to the derision of that claim that sexuality in the strictest sense involves the sexuality 'imprinted in our natures.' For that reason, we can count on the fact that there will be someone, somewhere, ready to press this issue by raising a challenge in the court and testing the limits even further. The irony then is that the notion of marriage cannot accommodate couples of the same sex without so altering the cast or character of marriage that it will cease to be that special relation, which seems to be the object of such deep craving now for so many people. Once the notion of marriage is broadened in that way, it will simply not be tenable any longer to hold up marriage, in the laws, as a relation that deserves a special place, a special commendation -- a special effort to sustain and promote it. This Act is the most delicate and limited measure that the Congress could produce on the subject. It treats subjects that are evidently within the reach of the Congress, and it makes the least intrusion into the domain of State law. What other institution could possibly have the authority to clarify the meaning of terms in federal legislation, if not the federal legislature?" -- *Hadley Arkes, Professor of Jurisprudence and American Institutions at Amherst College.*

REAL RECOVERY

"I speak to you today not just as an observer of this movement, but as one of them. I am a former homosexual. I lived that lifestyle from the time I was 17 until I was 26. I entered the gay lifestyle thinking that there really wasn't any choice for me. What I didn't realize is that although I didn't choose to be homosexual, I did not have to be gay. I had a choice. I could change my orientation from gay to straight. My healing process was a long and difficult one. However, change is possible. The four national ex-gay networks are currently ministering to more than 10,000 former homosexuals. Many of us are sick and tired of a lifestyle that initially seems very freeing but eventually puts us in all kinds of bondage and eventually will kill us. I have lost over 35 of my friends and acquaintances to the disease of AIDS and don't want to see one more person become infected with this deadly disease. The organized gay community is telling us that AIDS is no longer a gay disease and, although it is spreading into the heterosexual population in this country very quickly, 61 percent of people that are coming down with this deadly disease in the U.S. are homosexual, according to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. America must take a very strong stand against the very highly organized gay community in this country by supporting The Defense of Marriage Act. If we don't say 'no' to the organized gay community now, the United States will suffer the consequences of our complacency. America needs to start helping homosexuals recover from their sexual brokenness. Putting a stamp of approval on a lifestyle by legally recognizing it (and even calling it marriage) is not really helping homosexuals. It's perpetuating a myth and delivering them over to a death-style." -- *Anthony Falzarano, former homosexual, executive director of Transformation Ministries.*

THE GAY RIGHTS AGENDA

"Most Americans believe in the philosophy of 'live and let live.' They don't want to make the plight of homosexuals any more difficult than it already is. But tolerance is not what homosexual activists are seeking. They are demanding that society elevate homosexuality to the moral level of marriage. When they bring the law into it, they are no longer just minding their own business, but imposing it on every single citizen. If you are a devout Christian, Jew or Muslim, or merely someone who believes homosexuality is immoral and harmful, and the law declares homosexuality a protected status, then your personal beliefs are now outside civil law. This has very serious implications, for if the law declares opposition to homosexuality as bigotry, then the entire power of the civil rights apparatus can be brought against you. Businessmen will have to subsidize homosexuality or face legal sanctions; schoolchildren will have to be taught that homosexuality is the equivalent of marital love; religious people will be told their beliefs are no longer valid, and their independence will be challenged....The Boy Scouts of America are under legal attack in the states which have special rights for 'sexual orientation.' The Scouts, a private group, are being told to abandon their moral code of more than 80 years and to place young boys under homosexual men on camping trips -- or face financial ruin. The attack against the Scouts is really an attack on parents, because parents have the right, in a free nation, to entrust their children to organizations that reflect the parents' most deeply held beliefs. If they cannot do this, then we are living in tyranny." -- *Robert H. Knight, director of cultural studies at the Family Research Council.*

THE MYTH OF 'GAY TEEN SUICIDE'

"Homosexual activists have shamelessly exploited the issue of 'gay youth' suicide to promote pro-homosexuality programs in schools, hyping a non-existent 'epidemic' to silence their critics and frame the debate before an emotionally sympathetic public. As (homosexual and former high school teacher Kevin) Jennings recently said, 'In Massachusetts, no one could speak up against our frame and say, "Why yes, I do think students should kill themselves." This allowed us to set the terms of the debate.' (Editor's note: Jennings is now executive director of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teacher's Network, or GLSTN, a 3,000-member organization crusading against "homophobia" in schools.) There are two major problems with Jennings' assertion. Firstly, his claim of a rash of 'gay youth' suicides is baseless, and relies mainly on a thoroughly discredited paper by a homosexual activist. Secondly, even it were true that self-perceived 'homosexuals' are prone to commit suicide in higher numbers than other youth, it does not mean that schools should be *confirming* young teens in an immoral and dangerous lifestyle. In fact, disproportionate rates of (adult) suicide in even the most 'gay-friendly' areas like San Francisco indicate that this is yet another sad fact of homosexual life, not the fault of society....And yet confirming 'gay youth' in their homosexuality is precisely the goal of GLSTN and countless other homosexual organizations who routinely repeat the claim that homosexual youth make up one-third of all youth suicides. The figure has its origins in a paper San Francisco gay activist Paul Gibson wrote that was part of a Health and Human Services report on youth suicide. Gibson's report, which was repudiated by HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan, made the claim that 'gay youth' made up '30 percent' of all youth suicides by extrapolating from another bogus 'gay' number -- that homosexuals represent 10 percent of the population. David Shaffer, a Columbia University psychiatrist and one of the world's leading specialists on adolescent suicide, said, 'I struggled for a long time over [Gibson's] mathematics, but in the end it seemed more hocus-pocus than math.' Shaffer also wrote that Gibson's and others' claims that gay suicide is common is 'an excellent example of how bad research provides misleading answers that can come home to roost.'" -- *Peter LaBarbera, editor and founder of The Lambda Report on Homosexuality.*

THE EFFECTS ON SAME-SEX FRIENDSHIPS

"Many...(junior and high school) teens and preteens are entering a phase in their psychosocial development where it is characteristic for girls to have one close girlfriend and boys to have one close boyfriend. This is an important phase in learning emotional intimacy that is crucial to forming healthy relationships....So what happens to the preteens and teens who receive information about homosexuality and same-sex 'marriages' at the same time that they are bonding with their friends (around the ages of 11-14)...for many children with family or personal problems and no one to turn to for help, there may be confusion. That confusion can turn to a fear that they may be homosexual, when they are not. They may then turn away from their friends and interrupt an important developmental process. In some cases, because of the confusion about this topic, well-meaning but misguided counselors would even have these children believe that they are homosexual, when they are not even sexually mature." -- *Brenda Destro, D.S.W., Adjunct Professor for Studies on Marriage and Family at the John Paul II Institute and former social work consultant for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Adolescent Pregnancy and the Institute for Human Resources (IHR).*

NO 'RIGHT' TO ADOPT

"Unfortunately, in recent years, some who have attempted to reform adoption laws and policies are not addressing the needs of children, but instead are promoting the cause of adults. Discussions about 'rights to adopt' are clearly not child-centered, but adult-driven....Obviously, if states begin to recognize marriage between homosexuals, it will likely become easier for two homosexuals to adopt a child because they will be meeting the marriage requirement....There is no 'right' to adopt, and to create one would be contrary to the best interests of

children, because instead of finding the most appropriate family for a child, the state and its agents would have to ensure that adults are allowed to adopt a child. Since a 'right' is a guarantee, the state would be required to 'guarantee' a child for adoption. The absurdity of that position is obvious." -- *Mary Beth Style, M.S.W., former vice president for policy and practice of the National Council for Adoption.*

SEX EDUCATION

"Our students have been guinea pigs in Russian roulette with their futures long enough....Our kids will be bombarded with the propaganda from books such as *Heather Has Two Mommies*....Same-sex marriage is a result of a destructive, narcissistic way of thinking and of 'value-neutral' curriculums. One can only shudder to consider the horrific possibilities which may occur on the sexuality continuum with the perpetuation of such policies....We have communicated to students that all values are equal. How ludicrous..." -- *Linda Page, former school principal, education consultant, talk show host and writer.*

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Concerned Families of Maryland's Position Statement on Violence Against Homosexuals

Concerned Families believes that all expressions of sexual intimacy outside the bonds of heterosexual marriage are both unbiblical and immoral. This applies equally to heterosexual and homosexual relationships. Therefore, Concerned Families does not believe that homosexuality is deserving of greater disapproval than any other sexual sin. Neither are those involved in homosexuality deserving of special condemnation; as the Bible states, "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." More importantly, we believe that Jesus did not come to condemn anyone, but to redeem and free all people from the particular forms of bondage in which they find themselves.

Concerned Families recognizes the important distinction between persons and policies. While echoing the Biblical message of compassion and forgiveness and redemption for individuals, we nonetheless stand firm in our objection to social policies that have the effect of legitimizing homosexual behavior. We reject and oppose the attempts of pro-homosexual activists to legitimize homosexuality through such matters as the redefinition of the family, the legalization of same-sex marriages, and the instruction of children and youth that homosexuality and bisexuality are morally equivalent to heterosexuality. We believe such policies are detrimental to individuals and families, and undermine the welfare of society. Therefore, as citizens we speak and act to block the political agenda of pro-homosexual movement, but we harbor no ill will toward individuals, even those who disagree with us concerning the morality of homosexuality.

In light of the increasingly volatile nature of the public debate on homosexuality, Concerned Families calls upon all Christians and, indeed, all citizens to recognize that moral opposition is not a license to engage in any form of slander, harassment or violence against those with whom we disagree. Morally and legally speaking, a crime against a homosexual is no less a crime against humanity, and deserves to be punished to the full extent of the law.

From the perspective of the Biblical witness, which is of fundamental importance for Concerned Families, homosexuality is just one form in which the brokenness of humanity reveals itself, along with greed, hatred, fear, dishonesty and intemperance, to name a few. What people with homosexual desires need above all else is truth, compassion and acceptance. Concerned Families stands in solidarity with all people against any form of evil, including prejudice, bigotry and violence.