

LGBT Bullying, Rights & Equality.

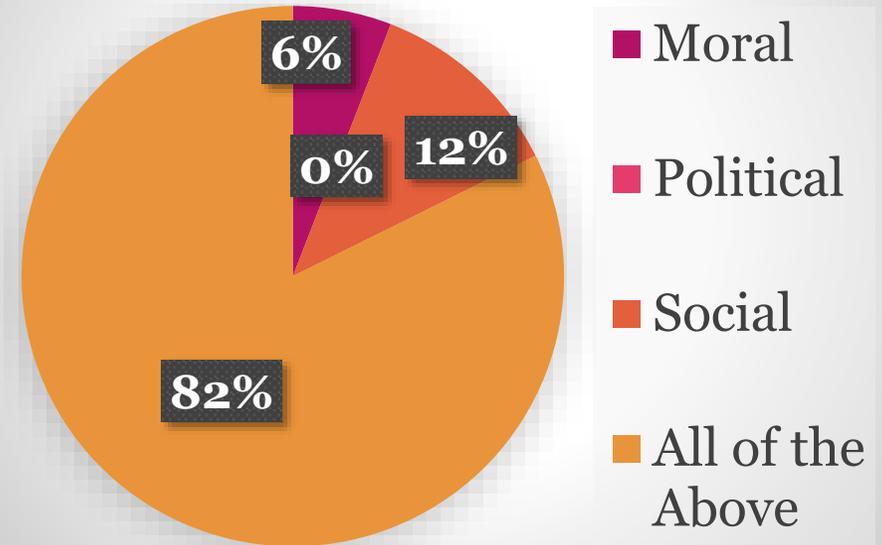
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The Issue of LGBT Bullying

- ▶ People who are most affected by this issue are the Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, and Transgender. Because of the way these people act and treat them, they feel like they can't be themselves. These people are so quick to judge that they can't see what they do. They can't see that judging them so harshly does damage.
- ▶ This problem isn't just within families and friends. This is a huge problem in politics as well. The Democratic Party believes that everyone should have equal rights. It shouldn't matter if you are gay or straight; you are equal. The Republican Party has a whole different view on the matter. The bible states that marriage is a sacred vow between man and woman. Not woman and woman nor man and man.
- ▶ Most of the problems that people have with gay marriage has to do with religion. Because of what it says in the bible, that marriage is between man and wife. There are religions such as; Christian groups that are for gay rights. Then there are religions such as The Islamic and the Jesus Christ of latter day saints, who are really against gay rights. Though there are people who in the religions they are in, may not believe the same things as everyone.

Survey Results.

Bullying of the LGBT is what type of issue?



Statistics on LGBT bullying.

- ▶ As many as 93% of teenagers hear derogatory words about sexual orientation once in a while.
- ▶ 78% of gay (or believed to be gay) teens are teased or bullied in their schools and communities.
(www.violencepreventionworks.org)

A study from the Gay, Lesbian and straight Education Network released a study that found:

- ▶ 42% of LGBT youth reported being harassed or bullied online.
- ▶ One in four LGBT youth said they had been bullied or harassed online because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.
(www.thinkprogress.org)

Statistics on LGBT bullying cont.

- ▶ 80% of transgender students reported feeling unsafe at school because of their gender expression.
- ▶ 8/10 students have been verbally harassed at school.
- ▶ 4/10 have been physically harassed at school.
(fenwayhealth.org)
- ▶ LGBT youth are 4 times more likely to attempt suicide than their straight peers.
- ▶ Nearly 1/2 of young transgender people have seriously thought about taking their own lives.
(thetrevorproject.org)

Interviews

- ▶ We interviewed four people (they wish to remain anonymous) and asked them the following questions:
- ▶ “Have you ever witnessed or been victim of homophobia and/or bullying because of not being heterosexual?”
- ▶ “What advice would you give to others going through bullying due to transphobia and homophobia?”
- ▶ “Have you ever witnessed or been the victim or transphobia and/or bullying because of being non-cisgender (having the same gender and sex)?
- ▶ “Do your family members know of your Gender?”
- ▶ **Some of their answers are on the following slides**

“ Yes, Last year in one of my classes kids would tease me about my sexuality as well as they would ask millions of different things about if I had a girlfriend or just things that are pretty personal. ”

ANONYMOUS

Have you ever witnessed or been victim of homophobia and/or bullying because of not being heterosexual? If so explain.

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Yes, my sister.
“Queeeerrrr”

”

ANONYMOUS

Do your family members know of your sexuality? If so, what were their reactions?

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Yes, my sister.

“Sweet. Our homophobic parents raised two queer kids.”

”

ANONYMOUS

Do your family members know of your sexuality? If so, what were their reactions?

“ Yes, People stating that unless you have had “the surgery” then you cannot identify as anything other than your assigned gender. ”

ANONYMOUS

Have you ever witnessed or been the victim or transphobia and/or bullying because of being non-cisgender (having the same gender and sex)? If so state the situation.

“

It was like finally putting the last puzzle piece into a large puzzle. It just fits.

”

ANONYMOUS.

What was it like discovering your sexuality?

“ Try to ignore it the best you can, depending on the situation. If its physical, tell someone and if its anything else try to stay strong. There is nothing wrong with you. ”

ANONYMOUS

What advice would you give to others going through bullying due to transphobia and homophobia?

The It Gets Better Project

- ▶ https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=geyAFbSDPVk
- ▶ The It Gets Better Project was created to help inspire and communicate with LGBT teenagers. To show them that happiness, potential, and positivity is a possibility in their futures. The project is centered around the idea of famous people, ordinary teens, and adults creating videos letting those in need know that it does indeed get better even if it doesn't seem that way now. This organization provides a support network for many that have been victims of bullying and discrimination.

How You Can Help

Join the others who support **It Gets Better.**

JOIN OUR MOVEMENT - TAKE THE PLEDGE: Everyone deserves to be respected for who they are. I pledge to spread this message to my friends, family and neighbors. I'll speak up against hate and intolerance whenever I see it, at school and at work. I'll provide hope for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and other bullied teens by letting them know that it gets better.

If you are in crisis or in need of immediate support please call:

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

The Trevor Project

The nation's only 24/7 crisis intervention and suicide prevention lifeline for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning young people ages 13 to 24.

1-866-4-U-TREVOR (866-488-7386)

The GLBT National Help Center

Hotline:

1-888-THE-GLNH (888-843-4564)

Youth Talkline:

1-800-246-PRIDE (800-246-7743)

If you think you need help, there are always people here to support you.

In Canada?

For anonymous and free support and counseling services, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, please call **KIDS HELP PHONE** at 1-800-668-6868. To ask a question online, visit **KIDSHELPPHONE.CA**.

These organizations provide services including crisis intervention, suicide prevention and mental health support, as well as community outreach, but are not affiliated in any way with the It Gets Better Project. They are listed here for informational purposes only.

Our Project

To show our support for the LGBT community, we made and sold rainbow beanies. We made \$35, which we donated to the It Gets Better Project.

**This kitten
wants
YOU
to fight
against
LGBT
bullying!**

**Rainbow beanies
for sale
in the commons
\$5 each.**

**All proceeds go to the
It Gets Better Project**





MAKING BEANIES!!!!