

Abuse

A number of studies show the childhood sex abuse rate for homosexual males is between 35 to 40%. The abuse rate for heterosexual males is less than 5%. According to the National Lesbian Health Care Survey, the rate of childhood physical abuse of lesbians is between 37% and 41%.

Suicide

Numerous studies show the suicide attempt rate for homosexuals is between 20 and 39% compared to 3% for heterosexuals. Nearly one third of all recent male adolescent suicide attempts were having a crisis over their sexual orientation.

Average Lifespan

Excerpts from a report by the D.C. Family Research Council, citing dozens of experts and studies, including a study of some 5,200 obituaries, over five years, in 16 homosexual newspapers:

- Average age of men dying w/ AIDS is 39.
- The average age of homosexuals dying of all other causes, 42 (Average Mafioso dies at 44).
- 1% lived to be 65 or older, as opposed to 80% for heterosexual men.
- Other studies have found only 3% of all homosexuals are over the age of 55.

% With diseases vs. heterosexuals

According the FRC report, homosexual men are:

- 3 times as likely to have abuse problems
- 6 times more likely to contract gonorrhea
- 8 times more susceptible to deadly, liver-destroying hepatitis viruses
- 14 times more likely to have syphilis
- 23 times more likely to contract any venereal disease
- 5500 times more likely to contract AIDS
- 90% of gay men have chronic or recurrent viral infections with herpes cytomegalovirus, or hepatitis B. *Peter LaBarbera homeschoolinfo.com issue 22372 (7/2002)*

- An estimated 36% of gay men are HIV positive. Between .5% and 1% of male homosexuals test positive annually.

A compilation of recent studies shows that lesbians are:

- 19 times more likely than heterosexual women to have had syphilis
- 2 times more likely to suffer from genital warts
- 4 times more likely to have scabies

Top Arguments for “Christian Homosexuality”

The following views are not that of the Rock Church, but represent the belief of those who feel one can be homosexual and Christian.

1. I love God and I can't help this...why would a loving God punish/exclude me, when I don't have a choice, I've been different my WHOLE life. There may not be a “gay gene” but gays can't help it. It is not a choice like commonly believed. Until you are about 2 or 3 you have preferences to both sexes. Then your body tells a chemical it is time to block of the part of attraction to your same sex. Sometimes the chemical blocks off the wrong one, neither, or both. That's what causes gays, lesbians, bi and the likes. But nobody can help it, and it isn't their fault, it's nature.
2. I am a Christian. There are Christians who get drunk, sleep with girlfriends, and get divorced... do you kick them out of church or tell them they are not Christians? God said he “hates” divorce...why does the church turn its head on that...or preach that you can't get divorced and be a Christian.
3. What does the Bible really say about homosexuality? Actually, very little. Jesus said nothing at all, which is most significant. Considering the relatively small amount of attention the Bible gives to the subject, we must ask ourselves why this is such a volatile issue while other subjects (e.g. judgment, pride, hypocrisy) about which the scriptures say a great deal, receive much less passionate attention.
4. Nowhere in the Bible is the idea of persons being homosexual addressed. The statements are, without exception, directed to certain homosexual acts.
5. Early writers had no understanding of homosexuality as a psycho-sexual orientation. That truth is a relatively recent discovery. The biblical authors were referring to homosexual acts performed by persons they assumed were heterosexuals. Jesus saw injustice and religious hypocrisy as a far greater threat to the Realm of God.

6. Before looking at specific passages, let us note that everyone understands the scriptures on and through the light of what they have been taught. The Bible was not written in a cultural void, and many of its instructions and laws we simply classify as less relevant today (e.g. prohibition of eating pork).
7. The position of my church is yes a homosexual can be a Christian as long as the homosexual is not sexually active. I think you have to distinguish between sexually-active homosexuals and celibate homosexuals. Some homosexuals choose to live celibate lives.
8. The final and central message of the New Testament is that ALL persons are loved by God so much that God's Son was sent as a means of redemption from a disease by which we are all afflicted. The cure for this disease cannot be found in any set of actions. Neither homosexuality nor heterosexuality is redemptive. God's love through Christ was given to all people.
9. When will the Church finally be brave enough to say with Paul, "in Christ there is neither Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female," gay or straight. God has enough love for all?
10. Jesus did a great deal to change many social customs and ideas. He elevated the position of women, and they were ultimately his best and most faithful disciples. He did this by example and by commandments which were absolutely inclusive of the rights of all people. Yet, in the name of the Christ whose love encompassed all, the Church has been the most homophobic of all institutions. This should not be surprising when we realize that the Church is still the largest institution which is primarily racially segregated.
11. Many Christians insist that God can change/cure the homosexual. In the book, *The Third Sex*, there are six reported cases of homosexuals whom God has "cured". Of these six, at least four are known to have returned to their gay life style. Many lesbians and gays spend most of their lives trying, with no success, to persuade God to change them. It is like trying to get God to change your eye color. What option then is left to these persons? They have been told that they can't be gay and be Christians; and since all efforts have failed in their struggle not to be gay or lesbian, then their only recourse, according to the Church, is that they can't be Christian. So the Church has discounted or discarded as much as 10% of the population

For the church's stance on this make sure to check out Miles' February 1, 2004 message titled, "Leave it to Cleave Her, Part 3". If you have any other questions, please contact a Rock Church pastor.