

The Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, and Transgender Question

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For many years the American society has denied gays, lesbians, and transgender people the same rights as heterosexuals. My views may straddle the fence on many topics, but I feel that everyone deserves the right to pursue their own idea of happiness, just as long as it doesn't break any laws or harm people.

The LGBT community contributes to our society just as much, if not, more than heterosexuals. These individuals have to fight for the simple rights we take for granted. This year alone there have been so many suicides in the gay community that celebrities are now stepping to build awareness. A young male at Rutgers University met his demise by jumping off a bridge after his roommate caught him making out with his gay lover. The roommate posted a status the social website known as Facebook.com about what he'd seen his roommate doing. This type of bullying pushed this young man over the edge; literally. When is enough, enough? What more is it going to take.

At this point, homosexuality cannot be explained, although there is some scientific data pointing to a genetic predisposition. In other words, you may be born gay. There have been numerous discussions on this particular topic, especially in the science community. Are gays born this way; is it hereditary; how does this come about? The research is vast, but the answer is still unknown. There are many gays, lesbians, and transgender persons that hope for a scientific explanation on why they are this way. So many people are searching for answers; homosexuals and heterosexuals alike.

In recent years there has been plenty of debate about the U.S Armed Forces “Don’t ask, don’t tell” policy. On December 22, 2010, president Obama made history by signing a bill and abolishing the “Don’t ask, don’t tell policy.” The lifting of this 17 year old ban allows for lesbians and homosexuals to join all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Speaking as a U.S. Soldier, this brings about a multitude of concerns. I find it difficult to take a higher ranking officer seriously if he or she is openly homosexual. The U.S. military is also known for having a very uniform appearance, especially when standing side by side in formation. No one should stand out in any way. All haircuts, hairstyles, and makeup should meet military codes and regulations. Will our homosexual service members adhere to our policies of uniformity? Are our lesbian female Soldiers willing to grow out their hair and/or wear makeup if it makes it easier for us all to resemble each other? Are the homosexual male and female Soldiers allowed to display mannerisms of the opposite sex while in uniform? Will there be an increase in sexual misconduct amongst homosexual and heterosexual service members?

Gay marriage is legalized in six U.S. states including the District of Columbia. Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Washington D.C. allow gays to marry. Marriage isn’t just the union of two individuals; marriage to a gay couple means the right to adopt children, shared healthcare plans, shared insurance policies, and tax deductions that normal heterosexual couples receive. This topic is the topics that I straddle the fence on. In the Bible, Genesis 1:28 God says unto Adam and Eve, “Be fruitful and multiply.” In short, this means to engage in heterosexual acts to repopulate the earth. Men and women should engage in sex, a man should deliver his seed to a healthy woman capable of bearing children, a woman should conceive and carry a child to full-term, and delivery a live baby. In vitro fertilization and other fertility methods should not be used to help gays and lesbians produce a child. If these

individuals want children, I believe they should engage in the natural of making a child. We have been able to populate the earth for millions of years through natural, heterosexual means. So, because these various medical options are now available to same sex couples, is it okay for them to take advantage if they are both capable of having heterosexual sex? Does this make it okay in the eyes of God? Why can't same sex couple adopt, or engage in heterosexual sex to conceive a child. These acts are natural and it has been this way since the beginning of time, so what's wrong with it now?

Another topic of huge debate is same sex parent homes. I feel that same sex parents are capable of providing children with the same love, if not more love than heterosexual parents. Same sex parents are most times more prepared for families than heterosexual parents. Same sex parents either have children from a previous heterosexual relationship, or choose to adopt. These situations encourage same sex parents to plan their lives around children. These couples have to discuss ways a child can have a relatively normal upbringing if one parent may lack skills in a certain area. For example: If a gay couple adopts two young girls, how will she participate in ballet if neither of them have the skills? Same sex parents think of these issue and topic earlier than most heterosexual couples because they have to be prepared. Same sex couples usually do not encourage their children to become homosexual or lesbian. They simple encourage. Same sex couples should be allowed to raise children and have a family if they so choose. Love is love.

As I bring this paper to a close, I've learned so much about LGBT. Before taking my American Government class I had no idea this organization existed. LGBT awareness should be required for all of us, especially students. We are the future; we lead the way with innovative ideas, and concepts. We are so much more willing to accept rather than tolerate differences. We are far more willing to protest and stand up for what we believe in. I am almost certain that if the topic

of LGBT was mentioned twenty years ago in the Kansas City Kansas Community College, this paper would not have gone so smoothly. There was so much hate and misunderstanding about lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and homosexuals. I remember when my family members were uneducated about homosexuality. My family used to say all child molesters were gays. We know now that statement is untrue. There are heterosexual and homosexual pedophiles. This paper will be saved to my hard drive, just like all of my other college papers. Ten years from now I plan to open all of my college papers and read them. I want do this in order to see how much my views will change from now to then. I want to know how much more tolerant I will become, or worse, how much more close-minded I ought to be.

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