

KEY FACTS ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY

One-page flyer in plain language on one of the most confusing issues of our time

1. Homosexual attraction is not the same as behavior.

- a) **Homosexual attraction** - in the vast majority of cases, this is not a choice, but a result of multiple factors.
- b) **Homosexual behavior** - this is a choice, because 50% of people who performed homosexual actions before age 15 never did it again.
- c) **Homosexual self-identification** - a choice of what to label oneself. (Source: [Family Research Council, Top Ten Myths about Homosexuality](#))

2. Homosexuality is not genetic.

- a) Researchers Bearman and Bruckman of Columbia and Yale University found in 2002 that only **6.7%** are gay among male identical twins and **5.3%** among females, compared to 98% of identical twins who have the same eye color. Another study of 2000 shows **11%** of identical twins are gays. (Bailey et al)

3. Homosexual attraction has multiple causes:

- a) **Sadness and loneliness due to father and child relationship** characterized by abandonment, extended absence, hostility or disinterest.
- b) **Conflict and lack of identification with same-sex peers**
- c) **Mother perceived as domineering, overly demanding**
- d) **Sexually abused**
- e) **Traumatized by important males** (for females)
- f) **Failure of parents** to encourage identification and friendship with same-sex peers
- g) **Poor body image**
- h) **Narcissism and self-centeredness** (Sources: [Homosexuality and Hope](#), [People can change self-survey](#))

4. Homosexual unions have negative implications:

- a) **Short-lived.** For married, the average number of years together was 9.8, 1.7 for cohabiting heterosexuals, **3.5 for the gay couples**, and **2.2 for the lesbian couples**. Most gays desire variety in sex partners.
- b) **Health hazard.** ‘Coupled’ homosexuals are more apt than ‘single’ gays to engage in highly risky, unsanitary sex, resulting in AIDS, hepatitis, etc. **More than 50% of all new HIV infections occur in gay men and other men who have sex with men (MSM).**
- c) **Highest rate of domestic violence.** In traditional marriage, the average rate of domestic violence in the US is less than 5% per year. Unmarried heterosexuals report higher rates of violence: 20% to 25% per year. **For lesbian couples, 48 -58%, and for gay couples 29-39% gay couples.**
- d) **Homosexuals make poor parents.** 0.6% children with non-homosexual parents reported sex with their parents or stepparents. For children with gay parents, **50% of sons** reported sex with their father and **18% of daughters** reported sex with a stepmother. Children of gays scored lowest in math and language skills, were least popular. **17% of children of homosexual parents practiced homosexuality. Only 2% of children of heterosexuals said they practiced homosexuality.** (Source: [Family Research Council, Getting the Facts: Same-Sex Marriage; amFAR, on spread of AIDS](#))

5. Bible: acts are “an abomination” (extremely disgusting and hateful). “Dishonorable, unnatural”.

- a) If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an **abomination**. (Lev 20:13) “Abomination” means an extremely disgusting and hateful thing (Merriam-Webster)
- b) God gave them up to **dishonorable passions**. Their women exchanged natural relations for **unnatural... men committing shameless acts with men** and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their **error**. (Romans 1:26-28)
- c) Fornicators, adulterers, male prostitutes, **sodomites...—none of these will inherit the kingdom of God** (1 Cor 6:9-10)

6. Catholic teaching: A disorder and a trial. Homosexual persons are accepted with compassion.

- a) **Homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered.** They close the sexual act to the gift of life and do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity.
- b) **This inclination constitutes a trial** for most of those who have these tendencies. **Homosexuals must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity.** Avoid any sign of unjust discrimination. These persons are **called to fulfill God's will** in their lives and, if they are Christians, to **unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross** the difficulties they may encounter from their condition.
- c) **Homosexual persons are called to chastity.** By the virtues of **self-mastery** that teach them inner freedom, at times by the **support of disinterested friendship, by prayer and sacramental grace**, they can and should gradually and resolutely approach Christian perfection. (CCC 2357-9)

7. Therapy: resolving emotional pain through forgiveness and training in chastity

- a) **Healing of homosexual attractions:** forgiveness for pains and overcoming loneliness through intimate friendship with Christ: <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resources/life-and-family/homosexuality/healing-of-homosexual-attractions/>
- b) **People Can Change.** Strategies, stories of change and resources: <http://www.peoplecanchange.com>
- c) **The Battle for Normality: A Guide for (self-) Therapy for Homosexuality:** <http://www.jonahweb.org/sections.php?secId=238>
- d) **Forgiveness websites.** There are many, e.g. <http://theforgivenessproject.com> & <http://www.forgivenessweb.com>
- e) **Chastity education internet resources.** Jason Evert's <http://chastity.com/research/document-library>; <http://primacyofreason.blogspot.com/2011/12/chastity-education-internet-resources.html>

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