

Science Facts on Homosexual Unions

A summary of the paper from the
Family Research Council entitled
“Getting the Facts: Same-sex Marriages”

1. Homosexual unions are short lived.

The plea for legal homosexual marriage is less about marriage than the push for legitimacy. Most gays and lesbians are not in monogamous relationships, and in fact often live alone by preference.

Survey of 8000 couples: The average number of years together was 9.8 for the married, 1.7 for cohabiting heterosexuals, 3.5 for the gay couples, and 2.2 for the lesbian couples.

Most gays desire variety in their sex partners, not the monogamy of traditional marriage: In 1994, the largest national gay magazine reported that only 17% of its sample of 2,500 gays claimed to live together in a monogamous relationship.

At any given time, less than a third of gays and approximately half of lesbians are living with a lover. Because the relationships are so short, the average homosexual can anticipate many, many 'divorces.'

2. Studies show homosexual union is hazardous to one's health.

'Committed' or 'coupled' homosexuals are more apt than 'single' gays to engage in highly risky and biologically unsanitary sexual practices. As a consequence of this activity, they increase their chances of getting AIDS and other sexually transmitted or blood-borne diseases.

The evidence is strong that both gays and lesbians are more apt to take biological risks when having sex with a partner than when having casual sex. The evidence is also strong that gays disproportionately contract more disease, especially AIDS and the various forms of hepatitis, from sex with 'partners' than they do from sex with strangers.

3. Homosexual union has the highest rate of domestic violence.

The average rate of domestic violence in traditional marriage, established by a nationwide federal government survey of 6,779 married couples in 1988, is apparently less than 5% per year.

Unmarried, cohabiting heterosexuals report higher rates of violence — a rate of about 20% to 25% per year.

In 1987 in Georgia, 48% of 43 lesbian couples, and 39% of 39 gay couples reported domestic violence.

In 1988, 70 lesbian and gay students participated in a study: an estimated 29% of gay and 56% of lesbian couples experienced violence in the past year.

In 1990, nearly half of 90 lesbian couples in Los Angeles reported domestic violence yearly.

The physical threat to homosexuals from same-sex domestic violence is at least twice as great as the physical threat they experience from "gay bashers."

4. Empirical evidence demonstrates that homosexuals make poor parents.

Twenty-eight (0.6%) of 4,600 children with non-homosexual parents reported sex with their parents or stepparents. By contrast, for children with homosexual parents, 3 of 6 sons reported sex with their father (2 of the 3 said they were homosexual as adults) and 2 of 11 daughters reported sex with a stepmother.

Children of homosexuals scored lowest in math and language skills, were least popular (often socially isolated), most restrained and formal, experienced the lowest levels of parental involvement both at school and at home. Their parents less frequently expressed high educational and career aspirations for them. In fact, teachers said children of homosexuals were 'more confused' about their gender.

Seventeen percent of children of homosexual parents practiced homosexuality. Only 2% of children of heterosexuals said they practiced homosexuality.

Fifty-six percent of adult children of homosexual parents "expressed some concern over the burden of keeping a part of their lives secret," and 44% "stated that they had felt that their parent's sexuality had placed special demands or constraints upon their friendships."

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Declaration on Masonic Associations

Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

THE QUESTION has been raised whether the Church's position on Masonic associations has been altered, especially since no explicit mention is made of them in the new Code of Canon Law, as there was in the old code.

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The Church's negative position on Masonic associations therefore remains unaltered, since their principles have always been regarded as irreconcilable with the Church's doctrine. **Hence joining them remains prohibited by the Church. Catholics enrolled in Masonic associations are involved in serious sin and may not approach Holy Communion.**

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The Supreme Pontiff John Paul II approved this declaration, deliberated at an ordinary meeting of this sacred congregation, and ordered it to become part of public law.

Rome. From the office of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, November 26, 1983.

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