

Beyond Tolerance: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals on Campus

I. Awareness

This content area will focus on personal awareness of the participant and provide opportunities to take inventory of their own myths, missing information, stereotypes, etc. about people who are gay, lesbian or bisexual. Investigation of the cycle of socialization to identify how we learned homophobic attitudes and behaviors. Initial exploration of the connection of gender role stereotypes and homophobia/biphobia and how the participants' own actions and inactions contribute to creating and maintaining homophobic/biphobic/heterosexist environments.

Program: Heterosexual Questionnaire

Purpose: Reversal of Questions Frequently asked of gays based on Homophobia

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1. What do you think caused your heterosexuality?
2. When and how did you first decide you were a heterosexual?
3. Is it possible your heterosexuality is just a phase you may grow out of?
4. Is it possible your heterosexuality stems from a neurotic fear of others of the same sex?
5. Isn't it possible that all you need is a good ga lover?
6. Heterosexuals have histories of failures in gay relationships. Do you know you wouldn't prefer that?
7. If heterosexuality is normal, why are a disproportionate number of mental patients heterosexual?
8. To whom have you disclosed your heterosexual tendencies? How did they react?
9. Your heterosexuality doesn't offend me as long as you don't try to force it on me. Why do people feel compelled to seduce others into your sexual orientation?
10. If you should choose to nurture children, would you want them to be heterosexual, knowing the problems they would face?
11. The great majority of child molesters are heterosexual. Do you really consider it safe to expose your children to heterosexual teachers?
12. Why do you insist on being so obvious, and making a public spectacle of heterosexuality? Can't you just be what you are and keep it quiet?
13. How can you ever hope to become a whole person if you limit yourself to a compulsive, inclusive heterosexual object choice, and remain unwilling to explore and develop your normal, natural, healthy, God-given homosexual potential.
14. Heterosexuals are noted for assigning themselves and each other narrowly restricted, stereotyped sex-roles. Why do you cling to such unhealthy role-playing?
15. Why do heterosexuals place so much emphasis on sex?
16. With all the societal support marriage receives, the divorce rate is spiraling. Why are there so few stable relationships among heterosexuals?
17. Shouldn't you ask the far-out straight types, like Swingers, Hell's Angels, and Jesus Freaks to conform more? Wouldn't that improve your image?
18. How could the human race survive if everyone were heterosexual like you, consider the menace of overpopulation?
19. There seem to be very few happy heterosexuals. Techniques have been developed with which you might be able to change if you really want to. Have you considered trying aversion therapy?

20. Do heterosexuals hate and/or distrust others of their own sex? Is that what makes them heterosexual?
21. Does heterosexual acting-out necessarily make one a heterosexual? Can't a person have loving friends of the opposite sex without being labeled a heterosexual?
22. Why are heterosexuals so promiscuous?
23. Why do you make a point of attributing heterosexuality to famous people: Is it to justify your own heterosexuality?
24. Could you really trust a heterosexual therapist/counselor to be objective and unbiased? Don't you fear he/she might be inclined to influence you in the direction of his/her own leanings?

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