

“Some people think I am gay, which I think is awesome.”

-Daniel Radcliffe

“I learned compassion from being discriminated against, everything bad that has ever happened to me taught me compassion”

-Ellen Degeneres

“Bisexuality immediately doubles your chance for a date Saturday night”

-Woody Allen

“The fact is, I’m gay, always have been, always will be and I couldn’t be anymore happy, comfortable with myself and proud”

-Anderson Cooper

“If Michelangelo had been straight, the Sistine Chapel would have been wallpapered”

-Robin Tyler

For information and resources on health related issues and playing safe contact NHCS or visit the extensive onsite Resource Library.

- *Safe Zone Fact Sheet*
- *Brochures/Pamphlets*
- *Post Cards*
- *Free Condoms & Lube*
- *Condom Use Fact Sheet*
- *Wayves Magazine*
- *Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth*

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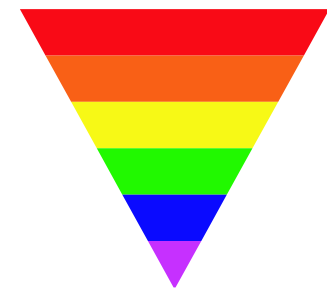
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“Cover Your Cock”



Homophobia Awareness



What is Homophobia?

It's Discrimination

Just like racism or anti-Semitism, homophobia, too, is a form of discrimination. It like any other form of prejudice originates from a lack of awareness on sexual minority issues.

Homophobia can be easily defined as all negative attitudes that can lead to direct or indirect discrimination of people who identify or are perceived as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual or transgender.

May 17th: International Day against Homophobia

May 17th is a symbolic day for the homosexual community because in may 17th 1990 homosexuality was removed from the list of mental illnesses by the World Health Organization. (WHO)

Equality In Canada

Equality Rules

1969– Prime Minister Trudeau introduces bill C-150 that amends the criminal code to allow private sexual acts between two adults no matter what their sex.

May 1995– Canadian supreme court includes sexual orientation under section 15 of the Charter of rights and freedoms , which offers protection from discrimination.

July 20th 2005– Canada becomes the fourth nation to officially recognize marriage of same sex couples behind the Netherlands, Spain and Belgium.

What effect does homophobia have?

In Canada youth that identify as gay, lesbian or bisexual attempt suicide at a rate of about five times greater then youth who identify as straight.

Recent studies show that a LGBT youth living in an area with programs that support them attempt suicide 20% less then those in areas that lack these programs.

Changing Perceptions

Changing public opinion

In 1987 only one in ten Canadians approved homosexuality, in 2004 that number jumped to 50%.

Generational gap

In a poll conducted in 2004 70% of young people approved homosexuality

In a recent survey in 2010 only 46% of Canadians born before 1946 supported the continued legalization of gay marriage. In the same poll 81% if Canadians born after 1980 supported gay marriage.

Still work to be done

Even though public opinion is changing there is still a long way to go before homosexual people are free from any from of discrimination. Homophobic language is still common, certain words and expressions can hurt people even without intending to. Terms such as “fag”, “that’s so gay”, “lesbo”, “butch”, “homo” and “dyke”

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