

## CROSS TRAINING – SPECIAL TOPIC

### NOTES ON HOMOSEXUALITY AND EVIDENCE FOR REJECTING HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE

1. **Intro: There are many different issues in this debate which must be understood before conclusions can be drawn.**
  - a. We'll discuss: Causes of homosexuality, effects of homosexuality, parental requirements, marriage criteria, implications of homosexual marriage, reasons the debate exists and the Christian response.
  
2. **Research concludes homosexuality is not natural.**
  - a. **Biology of homosexuality.**
    - i. Research contradicts the theory that homosexuality is genetically determined.
      1. ***Journal of Neuropsychiatry*** – “Despite recent neurobiological findings suggesting homosexuality is genetically-biologically determined, credible evidence is lacking for a biological model of homosexuality.” *R.Friedman, MD and J.Downey, MD, Vol.5, No.2, Spring 1993.*
      2. ***Science*** – “The same data that show the effects of genes also point to the enormous effects of non-genetic factors.” *264:1687 (1994), pp.1686-1689.*
      3. ***The Journal of Human Sexuality*** – “There is no evidence that shows that homosexuality is genetic – and none of the research itself claims there is. Only the press and certain researchers do, when speaking in sound bites to the public.” Jeffrey Satinover, MD, 1996, p.8.
      4. ***Dr. Clinton Anderson of the American Psychological Association*** – “To date, no researcher has claimed that genes can determine sexual orientation.” *Quote from Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) pamphlet “Why ask Why? Addressing the research on Homosexuality and Biology.”*
      5. ***Scientific American*** – When asked whether homosexuality is rooted solely in biology, the foremost researcher in the field, “gay gene” researcher and also a gay man himself, Dr. Dean Hamer replied “**Absolutely not.**” *November 1995, P.26.*
    - ii. **Basic biology: Genes which don't propagate are eliminated.**
      1. A homosexuality gene would be eliminated in a matter of a few generations.
      2. Only genetic defects could provide a genetic cause for homosexuality (these would be treated not classified as normal).
        - a. There is no evidence of a genetic defect among homosexuals further confirming that homosexuality is not genetic.
    - iii. **Twin studies:** If homosexuality were genetic all twin siblings would be gay (twins would both have the “gay gene”). Evidence confirms that less than half of twin siblings of homosexuals are themselves gay.
      1. ***Scientific American*** – “From twin studies, we already know that half or more of the variability in sexual orientation is not inherited.” *The world's foremost “gay gene” researcher, Dr. Dean Hamer, November 1995, p.26.*
    - iv. Genes may cause some effeminate characteristics in men and masculine characteristics in women but claiming that genes are the cause of homosexuality is false, unverifiable and contradicts scientific research.

**Note:** The research concludes that homosexuality is not genetically determined but even if it were one should realize that a genetic predisposition does not validate a behavior. A genetic predisposition to alcoholism does not make alcoholism an acceptable behavior.

b. **Physiology of homosexuality.**

- i. Homosexuality involves using sexual organs in conjunction with non-sexual organs and/or foreign objects in a way that violates and contradicts human anatomy.
  1. Male homosexuality involves the use of the male sexual organ in conjunction with the excretory system in a manner that negatively impacts the excretory system (excretory system designed for expulsion not intrusion).
  2. Female homosexuality involves the use of foreign objects not intended for intercourse in conjunction with the female sexual organs (sexual organs are not used as intended).
  3. Both male and female homosexuality contradict human anatomy and involve a misuse of sexual organs with deleterious effects to other parts of the human anatomy (ex. Excretory system).

c. **Psychology of homosexuality.**

- i. Sexual identity confusion is prevalent in the homosexual community.
    1. 0.3% of women are exclusively gay (*Nature 360, 1992: 410-412*) yet 12% of the children of lesbians become gay themselves (*Developmental Psychology 31, 1995, p.213*).
    2. 1% to 2% of men are exclusively gay (*Nature 360, 1992: 407-409*) yet 9% of adult male sons of gay parents are gay (*Developmental Psychology 31, 1995, 124-129*).
    3. Compared to the rest of society, homosexuality is up to 40 times as prevalent among adults raised by lesbians and up to 9 times as prevalent among adults raised by gay men. **Homosexuality can be a learned trait arising from sexual identity confusion.**
  - ii. Brain structure changes with use.
    1. Blindness in adults leads to a growth of the part of the brain which controls the index finger (used to read Braille) and likewise brain tissue controlling sexual activity in rats grows proportionately with learned sexual behavior (*These studies were reported in Newsweek, February 24, 1992, pp.46-53*).
    2. "Plainly, the neural correlates of genetically determined gender are plastic at a sufficiently early stage...Plastic structures in the hypothalamus allowing the consequences of early sexual arousal to be made permanent..." (*Nature, 353, September 1991, p.13*)
    3. Homosexual activity "trains" the brain in this behavior – further evidence homosexuality is a learned trait.
      - a. Research can be difficult because homosexuals have trained their brains for homosexuality – making it seem natural.
  - iii. Homosexuality should be classified as a psychological illness.
- d. Causes of homosexuality.
- i. One study concluded that 37% of adult homosexuals admitted childhood sexual abuse – these men were not given anonymity (only interviewed at clinics) so the rates could well be higher (*Child abuse and neglect 16, no.6, 1992, p.855-64*).
  - ii. 37% of lesbians reported being physically abused as children and 32% reported being raped or sexually attacked as children (*Journal of consulting and clinical psychology, 62, 1994, 239*).

- iii. These levels are similar to those reported by pedophiles, 42% of pedophiles report childhood sexual abuse (*Journal of forensic science*, 38, no.2, March 1993, pp.432-436).
  - 1. Homosexuality and pedophilia are both associated with almost identical rates of childhood sexual abuse. Further evidence that homosexuality should be classified in the same category as pedophilia.

**Note:** Homosexuality is not a biologically, physiologically or psychologically natural lifestyle and should be classified and treated as such.

### 3. Research concludes homosexuality is not healthy.

- a. Homosexual promiscuity – dangerous and also evidence of lack of satisfaction with lifestyle.
  - i. Bell and Weinberg found that 43% of white homosexuals had sex with 500 or more partners, while 28% had sex with more than 1000 partners (*Homosexualities: a study of diversity among men and women*, New York: Simon and Schuster, 1978, p.308-309).
  - ii. Modal (most frequent) range for homosexual number of lifetime sexual partners is between 101 and 500, with 10.2-15.7% having between 500 and 1000 partners and 10.2-15.7% having over 1000 lifetime sexual partners (*Journal of Sex Research* 34, 1997, p.354).
  - iii. Only 2.7% of older homosexual men reported having only 1 lifetime sexual partner (*Journal of sex research*, 34, 1997, p.354).
  - iv. “Few homosexual relationships last longer than 2 years, with many men reporting hundreds of lifetime sexual partners.” (*M. Pollak, Western Sexuality: practice and precept in past and present times*. New York, NY, B. Blackwell 1985)

**Note:** The contrast - 77% of married heterosexual men and 88% of married heterosexual women remain monogamous (*Journal of Sex Research* 34, 1997, p.170).

- b. Homosexual monogamy is also dangerous.
  - i. The many unhealthy aspects of homosexuality (mental illness, depression, STD's, irresponsible sexual practices, etc.) are not prevented by homosexual monogamy.
- c. Sexually transmitted diseases are rampant among gay men.
  - i. **54.8%** of total HIV cases in the U.S are attributable to the male-to-male sexual contact risk category which makes up only **1%** of the population.
  - ii. **~17.5%** of gay men are infected with the HIV virus, while **0.176%** of heterosexual men are infected with the HIV virus. **This means that homosexual men are more than 99 times as likely to contract the HIV virus than heterosexual men.** (Source – CDC see below.)
    - 1. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for HIV, STD and TB prevention reports (as of December 2002) **877,274** HIV cases in the U.S, **480,509** of which are associated with the male-to-male sexual contact risk category, **237,494** of the total HIV cases are associated with males not included in the male to male sexual contact risk category. Assuming that homosexual men make up 1%of the U.S population (estimated 275,000,000) or 2,750,000 members and that heterosexual men make up 49% of the population or 134,750,000 members, the previous percentages were calculated.
- d. Emotional, mental and psychological illness and depression.
  - i. Homosexuals have elevated levels of mental and emotional illnesses (*D. Ferguson, et al. Archives of General Psychology* 56,1999).
  - ii. 75% of lesbians had pursued psychological treatment of some kind (*Journal of consulting and clinical psychology*, 62, 1994, 239).

- e. Contemplated suicide, attempted suicide and committed suicide prevalent among homosexuals.
  - i. Homosexual twins are 6.5 times more likely than their heterosexual twins to attempt suicide (*Archives of General Psychology* 56, 1999, p.867-874).
- f. Drug and alcohol abuse is prevalent in the homosexual community.
  - i. One study found that lesbians are 3 times more likely to abuse alcohol and other substances than their heterosexual counterparts (*Nursing research* 43, 1994, p.238-244).
- g. Several studies have concluded that instances of rape among both the male and female homosexual populations far outnumber the cases of rape in the heterosexual population.
- h. Domestic violence is prevalent among homosexuals.
  - i. More than half of lesbians surveyed reported being abused by a lesbian partner (*Journal of Social Service Research*, 15, 1991, p.41-59).
  - ii. Another study found 31% of lesbians report physical abuse by a lesbian partner (*Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 9, 1994, p.469-492).
  - iii. "The incidence of domestic violence among gay men is nearly double that in the heterosexual population." (*Island and Letellier; Men who beat men who love them. New York, Haworth Press, 1991, p.14*).

**Note:** The contrast – Women in heterosexual marriages experience lower rates of domestic violence than women in any other types of relationships (*Bureau of Justice Statistics Selected Findings, November 1994, p.2*).

- i. Homosexuals have a reduced life span
  - i. Life expectancy for gay men age 20 is 8 to 20 years shorter than for their heterosexual counterparts – it is estimated that up to half of gay men age 20 will not reach their 65<sup>th</sup> birthdays (*International Journal of Epidemiology* 26, 1997, p.657).
- j. Unmitigated homosexual promiscuity, rampant sexually transmitted diseases and other illnesses such as bacterial and parasitic infections, emotional illness, psychological illness, depression, suicide, drug abuse, alcohol abuse, rape, domestic violence and reduced life spans are all indications that homosexuality is dangerous.

**4. Homosexuality does not meet the criteria required for parenting.**

- a. Children are susceptible to perils of homosexual lifestyle.
  - i. Children desperately need both a mother and a father.
    - 1. Statistics on children's necessity of two parents of opposite sexes.
      - a. 63% of youth suicides are from homes without fathers (*US DHHS Bureau of the census*).
      - b. 90% of homeless children and runaways come from homes without fathers (*US DHHS Bureau of the census*).
      - c. 80% of rapists motivated by displaced anger come from homes without fathers (*Criminal and Justice Behavior*, vol.14, p.403-426, 1973).
      - d. 85% of children with behavioral disorders come from homes without fathers (*Center for Disease Control*).
      - e. Teenage pregnancy is more than twice as likely in homes without both a father and a mother (*Atlantic Monthly*, vol.271, no.4, April 1993).
      - f. Girls are more than 3 times as likely to become single parents if they grow up in homes without both a father and a mother (*Atlantic Monthly*, vol.271, no.4, April 1993).
  - ii. Children raised by homosexuals see a poor example of marriage and parenting (see notes above).

- iii. Children raised by homosexuals will develop sexual identity confusion (as described previously).
- iv. Children raised by homosexuals are exposed to increased drug and alcohol abuse, emotional and psychologically instable parents (see notes above).
- v. Children with gay parents are exposed to extremely high levels of sexually transmitted disease (STD rates in the gay community are orders of magnitude higher than those in the heterosexual community – see notes above).
- b. Abuse is rampant in homosexual parenting.
  - i. Incest is rampant in homosexual parenting. **Children with homosexual parents are 48.3 times as likely to be sexually molested by their parents than children with heterosexual parents.**
    - 1. 0.6% of adult children of heterosexual parents reported sexual molestation by a parent while 29% of adult children of homosexual parents reported sexual molestation by a homosexual parent (*Adolescence 31, 1996, p.772*).
- c. The information listed in these notes confirms that homosexual partnerships provide a hostile environment for children.
- d. Positive Homosexual parenting research is mostly faulty and invalid due to:
  - i. <sup>1</sup>Inadequate sample sizes, <sup>2</sup>lack of random sampling, <sup>3</sup>lack of control groups, <sup>4</sup>lack of anonymity of research subjects and <sup>5</sup>self-presentation bias (random sampling and control groups ensure that correct conclusions are drawn, when these don't exist research is skewed and invalid).
  - ii. The conclusions drawn from most research on homosexual parenting are based on incorrect research techniques and can't be trusted.

##### **5. Homosexuality does not meet the criteria required for marriage.**

**Note:** Homosexuals have the same right as all other Americans to marry a member of the opposite sex, they like all other Americans are prohibited from same sex marriage. There is no inequality here. All Americans are treated equally and have the right to heterosexual marriage. Changing marriage criteria to fit one group of people would be establishment of an inequality.

- a. The entire recorded history of human beings of all places, times, religions and ethnicities defines marriage as being between a man and woman.
- b. Society is literally built around the family unit – allowing a transfer of values from parents to children. This societal equilibrium has been established since the beginning of human history and should not be tampered with.
- c. Licenses are given to members of a society which provide services important and necessary to that society, in a way that protects the licensed individuals and the society itself.
  - i. Doctors, lawyers, drivers, and others must do what is required to obtain and maintain their respective licenses (medical, law, drivers licenses). These licenses are only issued when required criteria are met.
  - ii. **Criteria must be met not changed.**

##### **6. Implications of homosexual marriage.**

- a. Moral implications will be tremendous. Future social corroboration of polygamy, pedophilia and other perverted forms of sex. **This is not a slippery slope argument.**
- b. Society and its core unit the family will be altered in a freak experiment.
- c. Marriage will become a meaningless institution and the marriage commitment which provides stability necessary for society will be completely devalued.
- d. Psychological impacts will be prevalent as sexual identity is erased.
- e. Economic impacts will be tremendous as employers are required to provide the same benefits to the reprobate and irresponsible as they do to responsible employees.

- f. Medical insurance costs will soar as the health impacts of the homosexual lifestyle are required to be covered.
- g. Religious freedoms will be erased as full corroboration of the gay lifestyle will make any opposition illegal under the guise of “hate crimes” legislation.

7. **Reasons the debate exists.**

- a. Homosexuals desire societal corroboration of their lifestyle.
  - i. They naturally recognize their lack of satisfaction evidenced by unparalleled promiscuity, depression and other issues.
- b. Homosexuals desire to change the entire fabric of our society.
  - i. “Being queer means pushing the parameters of sex, sexuality, and family, and in the process transforming the very fabric of society.” – Paula Ettelbrick, former legal editor for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.
  - ii. “To fight for same sex marriage and its benefits and then, once granted, redefine the institution of marriage completely, to demand the right to marry not as a way of adhering to society’s moral codes but rather to debunk a myth and radically alter an archaic institution...the most subversive action lesbian and gay men can undertake...is to transform the notion of “family” completely.” – Michelangelo Signorile, a homosexual writer and activist.

8. **The Christian’s response.**

- a. God’s Word does prohibit homosexuality (1Cor.6, Rom.1, others).
  - i. God’s Word isn’t describing polygamous homosexuality as some “theologians” have argued.
  - ii. God’s Word is logical, coherent and corresponds with reality – The information contained in these notes is not confirms the logic expressed in God’s word.
- b. We are commanded to love our neighbors as ourselves and even though we disagree with the gay lifestyle we must show homosexuals God’s love while at the same time standing up for the Truth.
- c. We must stand up for a correct, logical and coherent view of marriage.
  - i. We must be good stewards of what God has given us.

9. **Conclusion.**

- a. Homosexuals are confused individuals participating in a very dangerous and unhealthy lifestyle.
  - i. We must love them and lovingly expose the dangers of their lifestyle.
- b. War is being waged upon the entire fabric of our society.
- c. The will of the people, the states, elected members of both legislative and executive branches of government is being overrun by a few activist judges.
  - i. Responsibilities of the judiciary are to uphold not create legislation.
  - ii. MA, CA, NM, OR and other examples.
- d. The Federal Marriage Amendment is not a luxury; it is an issue which has been forced by liberals across the country.
- e. The FMA is a vitally important part of protecting marriage, the family and society as we know it.

Sources include all those listed, Family Resource Council paper titled Homosexual Parenting: Placing Children at risk (by Timothy Dailey, Ph.D) and several papers by NARTH.

*“When judges insist on imposing their arbitrary will on the people, the only alternative left to the people is an amendment to the Constitution -- the only law a court cannot overturn. A constitutional amendment should never be undertaken lightly -- yet to defend marriage, our nation has no other choice. A great deal is at stake in this matter. The union of a man and woman in marriage is the most enduring and important human institution.”* – **President George W. Bush**

