It's Society's Fault

Placing Blame on Political & Cultural Views Ignores Worldwide Reality

The mainstreaming of homosexuality is a serious threat to public health and to the health of individuals caught up in the LGBT lifestyles.

The American public is not being told how dangerous homosexuality is to the physical and mental health of its practitioners, as well as to our larger society. Rather homosexuality is now generally presented as normal, respectable sexual expression which can be engaged in safely. The serious health dangers of homosexuality are not well known by many of its practitioner-victims, or the general public.

Public schools are normalizing homosexuality and transgenderism to the youngest children, encouraging experimentation and LGBT self-identification.

Homosexuality has never been more accepted in America than it is today.

The recent push for "transgender rights" grew out of the push for "gay rights" following the successful model for diverting public attention from scientific facts about health dangers, and subverting public health agencies.

Medical professionals who choose not to put their stamp of approval on homosexuality are facing persecution.

Psychologist A. Dean Byrd stated: "On the issue of the risks of homosexual practices, the national health organizations have become reckless guardians of the public health. The failure to report morbidity and mortality rates associated with homosexual practices should be cause for governmental scrutiny. The furthering of an agenda - no matter whose agenda - must not be placed above the lives of those whose interest must be protected. Activism must not be placed above science in informing public policy. It is an injustice to homosexual men and women to allow activism, including accusations of homophobia, to silence discussion of health risks or to suppress research. A civil society has an obligation to implement policies that promote the health and well-being of its citizens."

LGBT-focused health groups and researchers in the U.S. agree that "sexual minority" groups are more susceptible to various health problems, especially STD's and cancers, higher drug/alcohol/cigarette use, higher levels of serious psychological stress, fitness issues, and higher incident of partner abuse. But many go on to blame these health disparities (especially mental health issues and poor lifestyle choices)

on discrimination.

A review of research from 2009, published by the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality Scientific Advisory Committee concluded that there is no reliable evidence that discrimination causes LGBT medical and psychological health disparities:

"Researchers have shown that medical, psychological and relationship pathology within the homosexual community is more prevalent than within the general population. This is



supported by studies that demonstrate the life-threatening risk taking of unprotected sex, violence, antisocial behavior, higher levels of substance abuse, anxiety disorders, depression, general suicidality, higher levels of promiscuity and of non-monogamous primary relationships, higher levels of parphilias, sexual addiction, personality disorders, and greater overall pathology among homosexual vs. heterosexual populations.

Overall, many of these problematic behaviors and psychological dysfunctions are experienced among homosexuals at about three times the prevalence found in the general population - and sometimes much more. Investigators using modern, state of the art research methods have documented that many different pathological traits are more prevalent in the homosexual than heterosexual groups. We believe that no other group of comparable size in society experiences such intense and widespread pathology.

The usual hypothesis is that societal discrimination against homosexuals is solely or primarily responsible for the development of these pathologies. However, specific attempts to confirm this social discrimination hypothesis have been unsuccessful, and the alternative possibility - that these conditions may somehow be related to the psychological structure of a

homosexual orientation or consequences of a homosexual lifestyle - has not been disconfirmed. Indeed, several cross-cultural studies suggest that this higher rate of psychological disturbance is in fact independent of a culture's tolerance of - or hostility toward - homosexual behavior. We believe that further research that is uncompromised by politically-motivated bias should be carried out to evaluate this issue."

New Zealand researcher Dr. Neil Whitehead states, "Very little evidence has been found for this. Whether in tolerant and accepting environments or in intolerant ones, the incidence and type of psychological problems remains about the same."

Denmark was the first country in the world to enact domestic partnerships providing same-sex couples the rights and benefits of marriage in 1989. In 2011, Danish researchers found, "the age-adjusted suicide rate for same-sex registered domestic partnerships [RDP] men was nearly eight times the rate for men in heterosexual marriages, and nearly twice the rate for men who had never married."

Homosexuality is compromised of behaviors, not innate biological characteristics. There is no scientific basis for claims that people are "born gay." Many prominent homosexual authors and activists have admitted that the "innate" argument is a political ploy to gain sympathy, social acceptance, and special rights. (Multiple studies of identical twins have discredited the "born gay" concept.) Today, with the growth of transgenderism, even prominent LGBT activists and affirming groups admit "sexual orientation" is not fixed, but can be fluid over a lifetime.

"Sexual orientation" may develop in part as a response to abuse or neglect suffered during childhood, or some other trauma, which may go unrecognized or untreated.

Enormous funding has gone to study the health risks connected to homosexual behaviors, and hospitals and clinics have gone out of their way for decades to cater to the special concerns of their LGBT patients. However, with worldwide similarities of physical and mental health disparities, in vastly different cultures, societal blame for the risks of the LGBT lifestyle lack serious credibility.

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