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***Inside-OUT: A Report on the Experiences of
Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals in America and
the Public's Views on Issues and Policies Related
to Sexual Orientation***

Methodology

The Kaiser Family Foundation *Inside-OUT: A Report on the Experiences of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals in America and the Public's Views on Issues and Policies Related to Sexual Orientation* was designed and analyzed by researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation. Dr. Randall Sell of Columbia University served as an academic consultant on the design of the survey. Fieldwork was conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates from February 7 through September 4, 2000. The study had two components, the General Public (GP) Survey and the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual (LGB) Survey. The GP results of this project are based on a telephone survey among a randomly selected nationally representative sample of 2,283 adults 18 years or older living in continental United States. Interviews were completed in both English and Spanish, according to the preference of the respondent. The margin of sampling error for the GP survey is +/- 3.5 percentage points. For results based on subsets of respondents the margin of sampling error is higher. Note that in addition to sampling error there are other possible sources of measurement error.

Estimates of the number of men and women in the United States that identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual vary considerably, and drawing a scientific random sample of a group that is a relatively small percentage of the U.S. population without knowledge of its absolute size or geographic distribution poses numerous challenges. In an attempt to have a representative, random sample of opinions, we assembled a random sample of telephone households geographically limited to 15 major U.S. metropolitan areas. All sampled households were asked a series of questions inventorying household member characteristics, including whether there was any adult "who is gay, lesbian, bisexual." The LGB survey results are based on 405 telephone interviews among these randomly selected, self-identified gay, lesbian and bisexual adults 18 years or older. The margin of sampling error for the LGB survey is +/- 5.9 percentage points.

Note: **VOL** means response was volunteered by respondent, not an explicitly offered choice. Select questions were asked of a random half sample of respondents. These questions are identified by "Form 1" and "Form 2," indicating which half answered that particular question.

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SURVEY OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

1. To begin, I'd like you to think about the groups of people in this country that most often experience prejudice and discrimination -- that is, unfair treatment because of who they are. What specific group FIRST comes to mind?
2. And what specific group do you think of next?

(Combined total mentions)

65 African-Americans/Blacks
 38 Hispanics/Latinos/Spanish
 10 White people
 8 Minorities/Non-whites (general)
 6 Asians
 6 Gays/Lesbians/Bisexuals/Homosexuals
 5 American Indians
 5 Women
 3 Jews
 2 Disabled/Handicapped
 13 Other
 4 None
 8 Don't know/Refused

3. Now I'd like your opinions about the influence of certain groups in this country TODAY. Please tell me if you think each of the following has too much influence, too little influence, or about the right amount of influence. (First,) what about...

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>Right amount</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>
White males	46	8	39	7
Women	10	53	35	3
Blacks or African-Americans	15	47	33	5
Hispanics	10	57	26	7
Jews	13	22	48	17
Catholics	19	11	56	14
Evangelical or "born-again" Christians	20	25	39	15
The disabled	4	71	22	4
Gay men and lesbians	31	32	25	12

4. We'd like your opinion on how much prejudice and discrimination, if any, there is against these same groups in this country TODAY. By discrimination, I mean unfair treatment because of who they are. How much prejudice and discrimination do you think there is against each of the following groups -- a lot, some, only a little or none at all? (First,) what about...

How much prejudice and discrimination, if any, do you think there is against this group -- a lot, some, only a little, or none at all?

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>
White males	11	21	27	38	3
Women	21	44	21	11	3
Blacks or African-Americans	42	36	14	5	3
Hispanics	31	41	18	6	4
Jews	18	39	23	11	8
Catholics	5	27	30	31	7
Evangelical or "born-again" Christians	10	35	25	20	10
The disabled	30	35	21	11	2
Gay men and lesbians	57	21	11	5	5

5. Please tell me if you have ever PERSONALLY experienced prejudice or discrimination based on each of the following. (First,) have you ever experienced prejudice or discrimination...

6. Overall, how much prejudice and discrimination have you experienced -- a lot, some, or only a little?

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>
Because of your race or ethnic background?	8	13	14	64	1
Because of your religion?	2	7	8	81	1
Because you are a man/woman?	8	18	14	59	1
Because you are gay (or lesbian) or someone believed you were gay (or lesbian)?	2	1	2	92	2

7. We'd like your opinion about how much the government is now doing to protect the following groups from prejudice and discrimination. Do you think the government is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount to protect each of these groups from prejudice and discrimination? What about ...?

Do you think the government is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount to protect this group from discrimination?

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>Right amount</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>
White males	21	16	58	5
Women	7	44	45	4
Blacks or African-Americans	17	43	36	4
Hispanics	10	46	37	6
Jews	7	25	56	12
Catholics	7	14	67	12
Evangelical or "born-again" Christians	7	24	56	13
The disabled	6	56	34	4
Gay men and lesbians	24	40	29	7

8. Compared to a few years ago, do you think there is more violence or less violence directed against gays and lesbians in this country today -- or about the same amount of violence?

39 More violence
 22 Less violence
 35 Same amount
 5 Don't know/Refused

9. As you may know, there is a federal law that mandates increased penalties for people who commit crimes against blacks and other minorities out of prejudice against them. Would you favor or oppose a similar federal law that would mandate increased penalties for people who commit hate crimes out of prejudice toward gays and lesbians?

73 Favor
 22 Oppose
 5 Don't know/Refused

10. Have you have ever PERSONALLY been targeted for physical violence against your person or property because someone disliked a group they identified you with, such as a particular race, ethnic background, religion, or a gay (or lesbian) sexual orientation?

15 Yes
 85 No
 * Don't know/Refused

11. Were you ever targeted for physical violence against your person or property...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>
Because of your race or ethnic background?	10	90	*
Because of your religion?	3	97	*
Because you are a man/woman?	5	94	1
Because you are gay (or lesbian) or someone believed you were gay (or lesbian)?	2	98	*

12. Have you have ever PERSONALLY been targeted for verbal abuse, such as slurs or name-calling because someone disliked a group they identified you with?

37	Yes
63	No
1	Don't know/Refused

13. Were you ever targeted for verbal abuse, such as slurs or name calling...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>
Because of your race or ethnic background?	24	75	1
Because of your religion?	9	91	1
Because you are a man/woman?	14	85	1
Because you are gay (or lesbian) or someone believed you were gay (or lesbian)?	6	94	1

14. As you may know, "sexual orientation" refers to whether someone is sexually attracted to persons of the same sex, the opposite sex, or both sexes. Do you think a gay or lesbian person's sexual orientation can be changed or cannot be changed?

37	Can be changed
48	Cannot be changed
16	Don't know/Refused

15. Do you think that, in general...

21	Gays and lesbians are BORN with their sexual orientation OR that...
22	Their sexual orientation DEVELOPS as a result of other factors such as upbringing or environment OR...
49	A combination of both these factors?
8	Don't know/Refused

16. We'd like your impression of how large a share of this country's total adult population gays and lesbians make up. First, out of every 100 ADULT MEN in this country, how many do you think are gay? Please make your best guess by naming any number between one and 100.
- 14 1-3%
 - 14 4-5%
 - 20 6-10%
 - 15 11-20%
 - 15 21-40%
 - 8 More than 40%
 - 14 Don't know/Refused
17. And out of every 100 ADULT WOMEN in this country, how many do you think are lesbian?
- 14 1-3%
 - 14 4-5%
 - 18 6-10%
 - 15 11-20%
 - 16 21-40%
 - 9 More than 40%
 - 14 Don't know/Refused
18. On average, do you think that GAY MEN have higher incomes, lower incomes, or about the same income level as heterosexual men?
- 18 Higher
 - 13 Lower
 - 58 About the same
 - 10 Don't know/Refused
19. On average, do you think that LESBIANS have higher incomes, lower incomes, or about the same income level as heterosexual women?
- 9 Higher
 - 13 Lower
 - 67 About the same
 - 10 Don't know/Refused
20. Compared to a few years ago, do you think there is more acceptance or less acceptance of gays and lesbians in this country today -- or about the same amount of acceptance?
- 64 More acceptance
 - 8 Less acceptance
 - 25 Same amount
 - 3 Don't know/Refused

21. Regardless of what you think is actually happening, do you think more acceptance of gays and lesbians would be a good thing or a bad thing for the country -- or that it would not make much difference either way?

- 29 Good for country
- 23 Bad for country
- 44 Wouldn't make much difference
- 3 Don't know/Refused

22. Now I'm going to read you a series of statements that describe different views about gays, lesbians and human sexuality. Some statements will probably come very close to describing your own opinions, while others will not come close at all. As I read each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, somewhat agree, somewhat DISagree, or completely disagree with it.

What about this statement...

Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree?

	<u>Completely agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Completely disagree</u>	<u>Mixed opinion</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Society should not put ANY restrictions on sex between consenting adults in the privacy of their own home.	76	12	4	6	*	2
Homosexual behavior is morally wrong.	38	13	16	26	2	4
Homosexual behavior is a normal part of some people's sexuality.	36	30	8	20	1	4
Gay and lesbian couples can be as good parents as heterosexual couples.	34	22	11	28	1	4
Allowing gay and lesbian couples to legally marry would undermine the traditional American family.	37	17	16	26	1	3
Allowing gay and lesbian couples to legally marry would promote family values by encouraging committed relationships.	14	22	17	41	1	5

Question 22 continued...

	<u>Completely agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Completely disagree</u>	<u>Mixed opinion</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
It is NOT appropriate for a HETEROSEXUAL couple – that is, a man and a woman – to kiss and display affection in public.	15	17	23	42	1	2
It is NOT appropriate for SAME-SEX couples to kiss and display affection in public.	31	19	18	30	1	2

23. In general, how comfortable would you personally feel about working with someone who is openly gay or lesbian...

- 48 Very comfortable
- 30 Somewhat comfortable
- 12 Not too comfortable, OR
- 8 Not at all comfortable?
- 2 Don't know/Refused

24. How do you think you would react if you learned that someone close to you, such as a good friend or a family member, was gay or lesbian? Do you think...

- 43 It would NOT bother you and you would accept it, OR
- 45 It would bother you, but you would come to accept it, OR
- 10 It would bother you and you would NOT be able to accept it?
- 2 Don't know/Refused

25. Please tell me whether or not you would do each of the following...

	<u>Yes, would</u>	<u>No, would not</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Would you vote for a political candidate who is openly gay or lesbian?	58	37	5
Would you see a doctor who is openly gay or lesbian?	60	36	4
Would you attend a church or synagogue where the minister or rabbi is openly gay or lesbian?	46	49	5
Would you shop at a store owned by someone who is openly gay or lesbian?	87	11	2

Question 25 continued...

	<u>Yes, would</u>	<u>No, would not</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
If you had children, would you allow them to attend an elementary class if their teacher was openly gay or lesbian? <i>Asked of Form 1 (N=1160)</i>	61	32	6
If you had children, would you allow them to attend a high school class if their teacher was openly gay or lesbian? <i>Asked of Form 2 (N=1123)</i>	71	22	7
26. We'd like your views on the news media's coverage of gays and lesbians... In general, do you think the news media are paying too much attention to gays and lesbians, not enough attention, or about the right amount of attention?			
41 Too much			
8 Not enough			
47 Right amount			
4 Don't know/Refused			
27. In general, do you think the news media's coverage of gays and lesbians is...			
25 Favorable toward gays and lesbians			
20 Unfavorable, OR			
49 Neutral?			
2 (VOL.) Depends on which media			
4 Don't know/Refused			
28. Now thinking about popular entertainment media, such as movies, television, and books... Do you think the entertainment media are including too many gay themes and characters these days, not enough gay themes and characters, or about the right amount?			
37 Too many			
5 Not enough			
52 Right amount			
6 Don't know/Refused			
29. In general, do you think the entertainment media's portrayals of gays and lesbians are...			
35 Favorable toward gays and lesbians			
14 Unfavorable, OR			
44 Neutral?			
1 Depends on which media (VOL.)			
5 Don't know/Refused			

30. We're interested in how frequently, if ever, you think gays and lesbians experience certain kinds of discrimination because of their sexual orientation. How frequently do you think gays and lesbians experience discrimination in the following areas -- often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never. (First,) what about...

Do you think gays and lesbians often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never experience discrimination in this area?

	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Hardly ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Applying to a college, university, or other school	13	28	25	23	12
Applying for or keeping a job	30	46	10	7	8
Renting an apartment or buying a house	23	40	15	12	10
Getting health care or health insurance	23	31	16	14	15
Joining or serving in the U.S. military	59	26	5	5	6

31. How many people who are openly gay or lesbian do you think have had family members REFUSE to accept them because of their sexual orientation...

31 Most
 50 Some
 15 Very few
 * (VOL) None
 4 Don't know/Refused

32. Next I'd like your opinion on some gay rights issues... Do you think there should or should NOT be...?

	<u>Should be</u>	<u>Should not be</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Legally-sanctioned gay and lesbian marriages <i>Asked of Form 1 (N=1160)</i>	39	55	6
Legally-sanctioned gay and lesbian unions or partnerships <i>Asked of Form 2 (N=1123)</i>	47	42	11
Laws to protect gays and lesbians from prejudice and discrimination in job opportunities	76	20	4

Question 32 continued...

	<u>Should be</u>	<u>Should not be</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Laws to protect gays and lesbians from prejudice and discrimination in housing	74	23	3
Adoption rights for gay and lesbian couples so they can legally adopt children	46	47	7
Inheritance rights for gay and lesbian domestic partners	73	19	7
Social security benefits for gay and lesbian domestic partners	68	27	5
Health insurance and other employee benefits for gay and lesbian domestic partners	70	25	5
A change in policy to allow gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military	56	38	6

33. Now on another subject... I have some questions about the problem of HIV -- that is, the virus that causes AIDS. Do you think HIV is a more urgent problem or a less urgent problem for this country than it was a few years ago – or do you think it is about as urgent?

- 49 More urgent
- 15 Less urgent
- 34 About as urgent
- 2 Don't know/Refused

34. Bearing in mind the different ways people can be infected with HIV -- the virus that causes AIDS -- how concerned are you, personally, about becoming infected with HIV? Are you...

- 21 Very concerned
- 23 Somewhat concerned
- 18 Not too concerned, OR
- 38 Not at all concerned
- * **(VOL.)** Already have AIDS/HIV
- 1 Don't know/Refused

35. Compared with the amount of money the federal government spends on other health problems, such as heart disease and cancer, do you think federal spending on HIV and AIDS is too high, too low or about right?

- 9 Too high
- 40 Too low
- 39 About right
- 12 Don't know/Refused

36. Do you think high schools should or should NOT provide students with condoms if they ask for them?

- 69 Should
- 27 Should not
- 3 Don't know/Refused

37F1. Please tell me whether you think each of the following topics should or should NOT be discussed in high school sex education classes. (First,) what about...

Do you think this topic should or should NOT be discussed in high school sex ed. classes?
Asked of Form 1 (N=1160)

	<u>Should be discussed</u>	<u>Should not be discussed</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. How HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases are transmitted and how to protect against them?	96	3	1
b. How to use condoms?	84	14	3
c. Sexual orientation, including being gay, lesbian, or bisexual as a normal part of some people's sexuality?	64	30	6

37F2. Please tell me whether or not you think it is important for parents to talk to their children about each of the following topics. (First,) what about...

Do you think it is important for parents to talk to their children about this topic, or not?
Asked of Form 2 (N=1123)

	<u>Yes, important</u>	<u>No, not important</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. How HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases are transmitted and how to protect against them?	99	1	1
b. How to use condoms?	89	7	4
c. Sexual orientation, including being gay, lesbian, or bisexual as a normal part of some people's sexuality?	84	11	4

38. Are you the parent or legal guardian of ANY children ages eight to 18?

28 Yes
 72 No
 * Don't know/Refused

39. Thinking about all your children ages eight to 18, please tell me if you have EVER talked with any of them about each of the following topics. (First,) what about... Have you ever talked with any of them about this topic, or not?

	<u>Yes, talked</u>	<u>No, have not talked</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
How HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases are transmitted and how to protect against them?			
Total parents of children 8-18 (n=748)	76	24	0
Oldest child 8-12 (n=263)	55	45	0
Oldest child 13-18 (n=449)	86	14	0
How to use condoms?			
Total parents of children 8-18 (n=748)	36	64	0
Oldest child 8-12 (n=263)	14	86	0
Oldest child 13-18 (n=449)	45	55	0
Sexual orientation, including being gay, lesbian, or bisexual as a normal part of some people's sexuality?			
Total parents of children 8-18 (n=748)	60	39	*
Oldest child 8-12 (n=263)	49	49	1
Oldest child 13-18 (n=449)	65	35	0

40. In general, how comfortable do you/would you feel talking with your children about sexual orientation...

<u>Total parents of children 8-18</u>		<u>Oldest child 8-12</u>	<u>Oldest child 13-18</u>
57	Very comfortable	52	60
29	Somewhat comfortable	30	29
11	Not too comfortable,	12	9
	OR		
3	Not at all comfortable?	5	2
*	Don't know/Refused	*	*

41. What is the age of your OLDEST child who is between the ages of eight to 18?

(Based on parents of children aged 8-18, N=748)

31 8-12
 64 13-18
 4 Refused

42. Please tell me how much influence, if any, each of the following have had on your own views toward gays and lesbians. (First,) what about...?

Has this had a lot of influence, some, only a little, or no influence on your own views toward gays and lesbians?

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>No influence</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Personal experience with gays and lesbians you know	28	21	14	34	4
b. What you've heard about gays and lesbians from friends, family, or co-workers	11	25	19	45	1
c. What you learned about gays and lesbians at church, synagogue or other place of worship	13	12	15	58	2
d. What you've seen or heard about gays and lesbians in the media	13	23	23	40	1

43. Please tell me whether or not each of the following applies to you. (First,) do you...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>I am gay/lesbian/bisexual (VOL.)</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Work with someone you know is gay, lesbian or bisexual?	32	65	*	3
b. Have someone in your family who is gay, lesbian, or bisexual?	25	73	*	1
c. Have a friend or acquaintance who is gay, lesbian, or bisexual?	62	36	*	1

NET: Know someone who is gay, lesbian or bisexual: 73%

44. On another subject... In the past 12 months, have you had a routine gynecological exam -- that is, a pelvic exam?

(Based on women, N=1271)

- 74 Yes
- 24 No
- 2 Don't know/Refused

DEMOGRAPHICS:

D1. Gender

- 47 Male
- 53 Female

D2. Finally, I have just a few more questions so that we can describe the people who took part in our survey... In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

- 26 Republican
- 33 Democrat
- 33 Independent
- 1 Other
- 4 No preference/Not interested in politics
- 2 Don't know/Refused

D3. Regardless of your party affiliation, would you describe your political views as...

- 5 Very conservative
- 30 Conservative
- 37 Moderate
- 17 Liberal
- 7 Very liberal
- 4 Don't know/Refused

D4. Are you now married, living with a partner as married, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

- 51 Married
- 4 Living as married
- 12 Divorced
- 2 Separated
- 7 Widowed
- 23 Never married/Single
- * Refused

D5. How important would you say religion is in your own life...

- 56 Very important
- 27 Somewhat important
- 11 Not too important
- 6 Not at all important
- * Don't know/Refused

D6. What is your religious preference -- Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, an Orthodox Church, or some other religion?

D7. Do you think of yourself as a Christian, or not?

D8. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not?

- 61 Protestant/Christian
 - 31 Evangelical
 - 28 Non-Evangelical
- 25 Roman Catholic
- 1 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)
- * Orthodox Church (Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, etc.)
- 3 Jewish
- 3 Other non-Christian faith
- 6 No religion/Atheist/Agnostic
- 1 Undesignated

D9. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school?

- 4 None or grades 1-8
- 11 High school incomplete (grades 9-11)
- 35 High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)
- 2 Business, technical, or vocational school AFTER high school
- 22 Some college, no 4-year degree
- 17 College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other 4-year degree)
- 8 Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a master's degree or Ph.D.; law or medical school)
- * Refused

D10. What is your age?

- 22 18-29
- 43 30-49
- 20 50-64
- 15 65+
- 1 Age Undesignated

D11. Last year, that is in 1999, what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category...

- 8 Less than \$10,000
- 11 \$10,000 to under \$20,000
- 12 \$20,000 to under \$30,000
- 23 \$30,000 to under \$50,000
- 17 \$50,000 to under \$75,000
- 7 \$75,000 to under \$100,000
- 7 \$100,000 or more
- 6 Don't know
- 10 Refused

D12. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Latin American background?

D13. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

IF R SAYS "HISPANIC" OR "LATINO" ASK: Do you consider yourself a WHITE Hispanic/Latino or a BLACK Hispanic/Latino?

76	White, non-Hispanic
23	Total Non-White
11	Black or African-American, non-Hispanic
10	Hispanic
1	Asian
1	Other or mixed race
*	Undesignated

D14. My next question is personal in nature. Please keep in mind that this interview is completely confidential. Do you think of yourself as...

94	Straight or heterosexual
2	Gay (or lesbian)
1	Bisexual, OR
*	Something else?
2	Refused

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SURVEY OF LESBIANS, GAYS AND BISEXUALS

1. We’re interested in your opinions about the influence of certain groups in this country TODAY. Please tell me if you think each of the following groups has too much influence, too little influence, or about the right amount of influence. (First,) what about...?

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>Right amount</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. White males				
Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual (LGB)	67	3	27	3
General Public (GP)	46	8	39	7
b. Women				
LGB	3	79	17	1
GP	10	53	35	3
c. Blacks or African-Americans				
LGB	6	73	19	2
GP	15	47	33	5
d. Hispanics				
LGB	5	69	23	4
GP	10	57	26	7
e. Jews				
LGB	8	26	52	14
GP	13	22	48	17
f. Catholics				
LGB	38	7	45	11
GP	19	11	56	14
g. Evangelical or “born-again” Christians				
LGB	63	9	22	6
GP	20	25	39	15
h. The disabled				
LGB	3	81	13	3
GP	4	71	22	4
i. Gay men and lesbians				
LGB	3	81	15	1
GP	31	32	25	12

2. We'd like your opinion on how much prejudice and discrimination, if any, there is against these same groups in this country TODAY. By discrimination, I mean unfair treatment because of who they are. How much prejudice and discrimination do you think there is against each of the following groups -- a lot, some, only a little or none at all? (First,) what about...?

How much prejudice and discrimination, if any, do you think there is against this group -- a lot, some, only a little, or none at all?

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. White males					
LGB	4	15	37	44	*
GP	11	21	27	38	3
b. Women					
LGB	36	47	14	3	*
GP	21	44	21	11	3
c. Blacks or African-Americans					
LGB	64	28	7	1	1
GP	42	36	14	5	3
d. Hispanics					
LGB	47	39	11	1	1
GP	31	41	18	6	4
e. Jews					
LGB	29	45	18	4	4
GP	18	39	23	11	8
f. Catholics					
LGB	3	29	33	31	3
GP	5	27	30	31	7
g. Evangelical or "born-again" Christians					
LGB	9	30	32	25	4
GP	10	35	25	20	10
h. The disabled					
LGB	50	35	10	4	*
GP	30	35	21	11	2
i. Gay men and lesbians					
LGB	80	17	2	1	0
GP	57	21	11	5	5

3. Please tell me if you have ever PERSONALLY experienced prejudice or discrimination based on each of the following. (First,) have you ever experienced prejudice or discrimination...
4. Overall, how much prejudice and discrimination have you experienced -- a lot, some, or only a little?

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Because of your race or ethnic background?					
LGB	10	15	15	61	*
GP	8	13	14	64	1
b. Because of your religion?					
LGB	3	5	10	81	*
GP	2	7	8	81	1
c. Because you are a man/woman?					
LGB	11	18	15	55	1
GP	8	18	14	59	1
d. Because you are gay, lesbian) or bisexual?					
LGB	23	30	21	25	1
GP (<i>Because you are gay or lesbian or someone believed you were gay or lesbian</i>)	2	1	2	92	2

5. Would you say you have experienced more prejudice and discrimination...

(Based on those who have experienced a lot or some discrimination based on sexual orientation and any other reason, N=125)

- 52 Because you are gay, (lesbian) or bisexual
- 34 Because of your race or ethnic background, your religion, or because you are a man/woman
- 14 Both equally
- * Don't know/Refused

6. We'd like your opinion about how much the government is now doing to protect the following groups from prejudice and discrimination. Do you think the government is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount to protect each of these groups from prejudice and discrimination... What about...?

Do you think the government is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount to protect this group from discrimination?

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>Right amount</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. White males				
LGB	35	6	56	3
GP	21	16	58	5
b. Women				
LGB	1	58	39	1
GP	7	44	45	4
c. Blacks or African-Americans				
LGB	4	68	27	2
GP	17	43	36	4
d. Hispanics				
LGB	2	67	28	4
GP	10	46	37	6
e. Jews				
LGB	4	31	59	6
GP	7	25	56	12
f. Catholics				
LGB	14	8	71	7
GP	7	14	67	12
g. Evangelical or "born-again Christians"				
LGB	28	8	54	9
GP	7	24	56	13
h. The disabled				
LGB	2	67	29	2
GP	6	56	34	4
i. Gay men and lesbians				
LGB	0	90	9	1
GP	24	40	29	7

7. Compared to a few years ago, do you think there is more violence or less violence directed against gays and lesbians in this country today -- or about the same amount of violence?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
41	39	More violence
19	22	Less violence
40	35	Same amount
1	5	Don't know/Refused

8. As you may know, there is a federal law that mandates increased penalties for people who commit crimes against blacks and other minorities out of prejudice against them. Would you favor or oppose a similar federal law that would mandate increased penalties for people who commit hate crimes out of prejudice toward gays and lesbians?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
95	73	Favor
4	22	Oppose
1	5	Don't know/Refused

9. Have you have ever PERSONALLY been targeted for physical violence against your person or property because someone disliked a group they identified you with, such as a particular race, ethnic background, religion, or a gay or (lesbian) sexual orientation?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
37	15	Yes
63	85	No
0	*	Don't know/Refused

10. Were you ever targeted for physical violence against your person or property...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>
a. Because of your race or ethnic background			
LGB	13	87	*
GP	10	90	*
b. Because of your religion			
LGB	3	97	0
GP	3	97	*
c. Because you are a man/woman			
LGB	9	91	*
GP	5	94	1
d. Because you are gay, lesbian) or bisexual?			
LGB	32	68	0
GP (<i>Because you are gay or lesbian or someone believed you were gay or lesbian</i>)	2	98	*

11. Have you have ever PERSONALLY been targeted for verbal abuse, such as slurs or name-calling because someone disliked a group they identified you with?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
81	37	Yes
19	63	No
0	1	Don't know/Refused

12. Were you ever targeted for verbal abuse, such as slurs or name calling...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Because of your race or ethnic background?			
LGB	36	63	1
GP	24	75	1
b. Because of your religion?			
LGB	8	91	1
GP	9	91	1
c. Because you are a man/woman?			
LGB	25	74	*
GP	14	85	1
d. Because you are gay, (lesbian) or bisexual?			
LGB	74	25	*
GP (<i>Because you are gay or lesbian or someone believed you were gay or lesbian</i>)	6	94	1

13. How worried are you that you might be physically assaulted or beaten by someone who dislikes gay people?

8	Very worried
31	Somewhat worried
39	Not too worried
22	Not at all worried
*	Don't know/Refused

14. As you may know, "sexual orientation" refers to whether someone is sexually attracted to persons of the same sex, the opposite sex, or both sexes. Do you think a gay or lesbian person's sexual orientation can be changed or cannot be changed?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
8	37	Can be changed
88	48	Cannot be changed
4	16	Don't know/Refused

15. Do you think that, in general...

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
43	21	Gays and lesbians are BORN with their sexual orientation OR that...
3	22	Their sexual orientation DEVELOPS as a result of other factors such as upbringing or environment
51	49	A combination of both these factors
2	8	Don't know/Refused

16. We'd like your impression of how large a share of this country's total adult population gays and lesbians make up. First, out of every 100 ADULT MEN in this country, how many do you think are gay? Please make your best guess by naming any number between one and 100.

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
2	14	1-3%
4	14	4-5%
37	20	6-10%
24	15	11-20%
17	15	21-40%
13	8	More than 40%
2	14	Don't know/Refused

17. And out of every 100 ADULT WOMEN in this country, how many do you think are lesbian?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
4	14	1-3%
8	14	4-5%
33	18	6-10%
21	15	11-20%
15	16	21-40%
17	9	More than 40%
2	14	Don't know/Refused

18. On average, do you think that GAY MEN have higher incomes, lower incomes, or about the same income level as heterosexual men?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
31	18	Higher
16	13	Lower
51	58	About the same
2	10	Don't know/Refused

19. On average, do you think that LESBIANS have higher incomes, lower incomes, or about the same income level as heterosexual women?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
15	9	Higher
26	13	Lower
57	67	About the same
2	10	Don't know/Refused

20. Compared to a few years ago, do you think there is more acceptance or less acceptance of gays and lesbians in this country today -- or about the same amount of acceptance?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
76	64	More acceptance
4	8	Less acceptance
19	25	Same amount
1	3	Don't know/Refused

21. We'd like your views on the news media's coverage of gays and lesbians... In general, do you think the news media are paying too much attention to gays and lesbians, not enough attention, or about the right amount of attention?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
7	41	Too much
46	8	Not enough
45	47	Right amount
2	4	Don't know/Refused

22. In general, do you think the news media's coverage of gays and lesbians is...

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
18	25	Favorable toward gays and lesbians
35	20	Unfavorable
43	49	Neutral
2	2	(VOL.) Depends on which media
2	4	Don't know/Refused

23. Now thinking about popular entertainment media, such as movies, television, and books... Do you think the entertainment media are including too many gay themes and characters these days, not enough gay themes and characters, or about the right amount?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
1	37	Too much
48	5	Not enough
50	52	Right amount
1	6	Don't know/Refused

24. In general, do you think the entertainment media's portrayals of gays and lesbians are...

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
29	35	Favorable toward gays and lesbians
29	14	Unfavorable
39	44	Neutral
1	1	(VOL.) Depends on which media
2	5	Don't know/Refused

25. We're interested in how frequently, if ever, you think gays and lesbians experience certain kinds of discrimination because of their sexual orientation. How frequently do you think gays and lesbians experience discrimination in the following areas - often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never. (First,) what about...

	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Hardly ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Applying to a college, university, or other school					
LGB	3	26	48	17	6
GP	13	28	25	23	12
b. Applying for or keeping a job					
LGB	31	55	9	3	2
GP	30	46	10	7	8
c. Renting an apartment or buying a house					
LGB	22	57	15	4	2
GP	23	40	15	12	10
d. Getting health care or health insurance					
LGB	41	37	12	6	4
GP	23	31	16	14	15
e. Joining or serving in the U.S. military					
LGB	82	10	2	2	3
GP	59	26	5	5	6

26. How many people who are openly gay or lesbian do you think have had family members REFUSE to accept them because of their sexual orientation...

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
34	31	Most
57	50	Some
8	15	Very few
*	*	(VOL.) None
1	4	Don't know/Refused

27. Now, thinking about gay rights issues, please tell me how important YOU think it is to have each of the following. (First,) what about...?

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Asked of Form 1; N=196</i>					
aF1. Legally-sanctioned gay and lesbian marriages	68	25	5	1	1
<i>Asked of Form 2; N=209</i>					
aF2. Legally-sanctioned gay and lesbian unions or partnerships	67	27	3	4	0
b. Laws to protect gays and lesbians from prejudice and discrimination in job opportunities	90	8	1	1	*
c. Laws to protect gays and lesbians from prejudice and discrimination in housing	85	12	2	1	*
d. Adoption rights for gay and lesbian couples so they can legally adopt children	81	15	1	2	*
e. Inheritance rights for gay and lesbian domestic partners	90	8	1	0	1
f. Social security benefits for gay and lesbian domestic partners	87	11	1	*	1
g. Health insurance and other employee benefits for gay and lesbian domestic partners	91	7	2	0	*
h. A change in policy to allow gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military	68	23	4	3	2

28. Now on another subject... I have some questions about the problem of HIV -- that is, the virus that causes AIDS. Do you think HIV is a more urgent problem or a less urgent problem for this country than it was a few years ago -- or do you think it is about as urgent?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
36	49	More urgent
7	15	Less urgent
57	34	About as urgent
0	2	Don't know/Refused

29. Bearing in mind the different ways people can be infected with HIV -- the virus that causes AIDS how concerned are you, personally, about becoming infected with HIV? Are you...

Total	<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
23	21		Very concerned
28	23		Somewhat concerned
27	18		Not too concerned
19	38		Not at all concerned
2	*		(VOL.) Already have AIDS/HIV
*	1		Don't know/Refused

30. Compared with the amount of money the federal government spends on other health problems, such as heart disease and cancer, do you think federal spending on HIV and AIDS is too high, too low or about right?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
3	9	Too high
64	40	Too low
28	39	About right
5	12	Don't know/Refused

31. Do you think high schools should or should NOT provide students with condoms if they ask for them?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
94	69	Should
6	27	Should not
*	3	Don't know/ Refused

32F1. Please tell me whether you think each of the following topics should or should NOT be discussed in high school sex education classes. (First,) what about...

(LGB: Asked of Form 1; N=196)

(GP: Asked of Form 1; N=1160)

	<u>Should be discussed</u>	<u>Should not be discussed</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. How HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases are transmitted and how to protect against them?			
LGB	100	0	0
GP	96	3	1
b. How to use condoms?			
LGB	99	*	1
GP	84	14	3
c. Sexual orientation, including being gay, lesbian, or bisexual as a normal part of some people's sexuality?			
LGB	96	3	*
GP	64	30	6

32F2. Please tell me whether or not you think it is important for parents to talk to their children about each of the following topics. (First,) what about...

(LGB: Asked of Form 2; N=209)

(GP: Asked of Form 2; N=1123)

	<u>Yes, important</u>	<u>No, not important</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. How HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases are transmitted and how to protect against them?			
LGB	100	0	0
GP	99	1	1
b. How to use condoms?			
LGB	99	1	*
GP	89	7	4
c. Sexual orientation, including being gay, lesbian, or bisexual as a normal part of some people's sexuality?			
LGB	98	2	*
GP	84	11	4

33. Are you the parent or legal guardian of ANY children ages eight to 18?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
8	28	Yes
92	72	No
0	*	Don't know/Refused

34. Please tell me if you, or someone you know, has ever experienced discrimination in each of the following circumstances because of sexual orientation. (First,) what about in...?

	<u>Yes, self</u>	<u>Yes, someone else</u>	<u>Yes, both self and someone else</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Applying to a college, university, or other school	1	5	1	91	2
b. Applying for or keeping a job	10	37	8	44	2
c. Renting an apartment or buying a house	5	25	4	65	1
d. Getting health care or health insurance	7	35	4	52	2
e. Joining or serving in the U.S. military	3	28	2	65	2

NET: Self, someone else, or both self and someone else, said yes to at least one of a-e: 76%

35. Please tell me if you have ever done each of the following because you are gay (lesbian) or bisexual. (First,) what about...?

	<u>Yes, did</u>	<u>No, did not</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Choose to live in a particular geographic location, such as a state, city, or neighborhood	62	38	0
b. Decide to take or NOT to take a particular job	30	70	*
c. Choose a particular doctor or other health care provider	54	46	0

36. Has your family or a family member ever REFUSED to accept you because of your sexual orientation?

34	Yes
65	No
1	Family not aware of sexual orientation
*	Don't know/Refused

37. How many of your gay, lesbian, and bisexual friends or acquaintances are “out” -- or open about their sexual orientation? Would you say...

- 4 Very few or none
- 7 Less than half
- 14 About half
- 16 More than half
- 59 Nearly all of them
- 1 Don't know/Refused

38. In general, are you open about your sexual orientation with each of the following? (First,/next) how about...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Your boss?	55	37	7	*
b. Co-workers?	72	24	4	*
c. Family members?	84	15	*	*
d. Neighbors?	66	31	2	1
e. Heterosexual friends?	93	7	*	*
f. Your landlord?	44	30	25	1

39. At what age did you FIRST tell someone that you were gay, (lesbian,) or bisexual?

- 32 Under 18
- 32 18-21
- 33 Over 21
- * Have never told anyone
- 2 Don't know/Refused

40. On another subject... Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan?

- 87 Yes
- 13 No
- 0 Don't know/Refused

41. Has your doctor or health care provider ever asked about your SEXUAL ORIENTATION?

- 44 Yes
- 54 No
- * Never see a doctor/health care provider
- 1 Don't know/Refused

42. Has your doctor or health care provider ever asked about your SEXUAL BEHAVIORS?

59 Yes
41 No
* Never see a doctor/health care provider
* Don't know/Refused

43. Have you ever VOLUNTARILY told your doctor or health care provider about your sexual orientation?

64 Yes
35 No
* Never see a doctor/health care provider
* Don't know/Refused

44. Are there any children under 18 now living in your household?

11 Yes
88 No
1 Don't know/Refused

45. Are you the parent or legal guardian of any child under 18 who lives with you?

8 Yes
92 No
1 Don't know/Refused

46. Would you like to have or adopt children of your own someday?
(Asked of non-parents, N=374)

49 Yes
42 No
2 Already have (adult) children
8 Don't know/Refused

47. If you could get legally married to someone of the same sex, would you like to do that someday or not?

74 Yes, would like to
21 No, would not
6 Don't know/Refused

48. Are you NOW self-employed, are you employed by someone else, are you retired, or are you not employed for pay?

12	Self-employed
75	Employed by someone else
3	Retired
7	Not employed
1	Disabled
2	Other (full-time student, homemakers, etc.)
1	Refused

49. Are health insurance and other employee benefits for gay and lesbian domestic partners available at your workplace, or not?

(Asked of those employed by someone else; N=281)

43	Yes, available
47	No, not available
0	Partially available
10	Don't know/Refused

50. On another subject... Have you ever been vaccinated against Hepatitis B?

(Asked of men, N=265)

59	Yes
36	No
5	Don't know/Refused

51. On another subject... In the past 12 months, have you had a routine gynecological exam -- that is, a pelvic exam?

(LGB: Asked of women; N=140)

(GP: Asked of women; N=1271)

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
76	74	Yes
24	24	No
*	2	Don't know/Refused

D1. Gender:

	<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>
Male	65	47
Female	35	53

D2. Finally, I have just a few more questions so that we can describe the people who took part in our survey... In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

	<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
	8	26	Republican
	61	33	Democrat
	26	33	Independent
	1	1	Other
	2	4	No preference/Not interested in politics
	3	2	Don't know/Refused

D3. Regardless of your party affiliation, would you describe your political views as...

	<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
	1	5	Very conservative
	6	30	Conservative
	25	37	Moderate
	41	17	Liberal
	25	7	Very liberal
	3	4	Don't know/Refused

D4. Are you now married, living with a partner as married, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

	<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
	3	51	Married
	28	4	Living as married
	5	12	Divorced
	1	2	Separated
	1	7	Widowed
	59	23	Never married/Single
	2	*	Refused

D5. Are you now living with a partner of the same sex, or the opposite sex?
(Asked of those married or living as married, N=117)

83	Same sex
17	Opposite sex
*	Both
0	Refused

D6. How important would you say religion is in your own life...

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
31	56	Very important
25	27	Somewhat important
22	11	Not too important
19	6	Not at all important
2	*	Don't know/Refused

D7. What is your religious preference -- Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, an Orthodox Church, or some other religion?

D8. Do you think of yourself as a Christian, or not?

D9. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
41	61	Protestant/Christian
10	31	Evangelical
30	28	Non-Evangelical
21	25	Roman Catholic
*	1	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)
0	*	Orthodox Church (Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, etc.)
4	3	Jewish
16	3	Other non-Christian faith
15	6	No religion/Atheist/Agnostic
2	1	Undesignated

D10. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
0	4	None or grades 1-8
3	11	High school incomplete (grades 9-11)
11	35	High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)
2	2	Business, technical, or vocational school AFTER high school
24	22	Some college, no 4-year degree
34	17	College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other 4-year degree)
25	8	Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a master's degree or Ph.D.; law or medical school)
2	*	Refused

D11. What is your age?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
27	22	18-29
61	43	30-49
8	20	50-64
3	15	65+
1	1	Age Undesignated

D12. Last year, that is in 1999, what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category...

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
6	8	Less than \$10,000
11	11	\$10,000 to under \$20,000
10	12	\$20,000 to under \$30,000
29	23	\$30,000 to under \$50,000
13	17	\$50,000 to under \$75,000
9	7	\$75,000 to under \$100,000
18	7	\$100,000 or more
1	6	Don't know
3	10	Refused

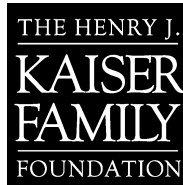
D13. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Latin American background?

D14. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

<u>LGB</u>	<u>GP</u>	
71	76	White, non-Hispanic
27	23	Total Non-White
12	11	Black or African-American, non-Hispanic
12	10	Hispanic
1	1	Asian
2	1	Other or mixed race
2	1	Undesignated

D15. Do you think of yourself as...

<u>Total</u>	<u>Men</u> (N=265)	<u>Women</u> (N=140)	
75	85	55	Gay (or lesbian)
21	10	41	Bisexual
1	1	0	Something else
4	4	4	Refused



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