

HOMOSEXUALITY

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AGENDA

- Introduction: The Top Ten Myths of the Sexual revolution
- Week 2: Why sexual apologetics? The state of the Church
- Week 3: Defending Biblical sexuality to professing believers
- Week 4: Scientific basis for the Genesis paradigm (recorded)
- Week 5: Victims of the sexual revolution
- **Week 6: Homosexuality**
- Week 7: Transgenderism
- Week 8: How we got here, where we're headed, what we can do

RESOURCES

- Weekly notes and PowerPoint at www.swilling.com
- Contact: steve@willing.org

HOMOSEXUALITY: SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING

- What is it?
- How common is it?
- What causes it?
- Is it healthy or unhealthy?
- What are the moral ramifications?

WHAT IS IT?

- “Homosexual” coined by Karl Maria Kertbeny in 19th century
- Behavior? Identity? Attraction?
- Does not exist in original Biblical languages, but....
- Implies something more than men who have sex with men (MSM)
- Complex interplay of biological and cultural factors

HOW DO YOU DEFINE IT?

- Any same-sex experience?
- Exclusively same-sex experience?
- Self-identification?

EPIDEMIOLOGY

- FAR less common than most Americans believe
 - 0.9% of females report exclusively same-sex experience
 - 1.7% of males, which is the probable real incidence
 - Any opposite sex experience: 8.7% females, 8.2% males
 - So, 6.5% of males are either bisexual or otherwise malleable, 4x the number of exclusively homosexual
 - Male vs female very different
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- Twenge, 2015

INNATE VS. SOCIALLY CONSTRUCTED

- Some evidence that “gayness” is manifested in early childhood
- Homosexuality likely derives from combination of genetic, developmental, and environmental factors (nature *and* nurture)
- Self-identification, comportment, behavior are largely determined by social expectations and mimickry



WHAT CAUSES IT?

- Both the American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychological Association affirm that the cause is unknown, but probably multifactorial
- 24% coincidence in identical twin pairs
- Possible birth order effect
- Correlations with childhood trauma, esp. sexual

ANDERSON & BLOSNICH, 2013


- Childhood sexual assault in 76% of sexual minority women and 60% men.
- Both at least double incidence in heterosexuals
- Hypotheses differ as to which comes first
- Most who are abused do not become homosexual, not all homosexuals were abused.
- Does not prove causality, but it hasn't been refuted either

PLOS ONE

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Disparities in Adverse Childhood Experiences among Sexual Minority and Heterosexual Adults: Results from a Multi-State Probability-Based Sample

Judith P Andersen , John Blonich

Published: January 23, 2013 • <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0054691>

IS IT IMMUTABLE?

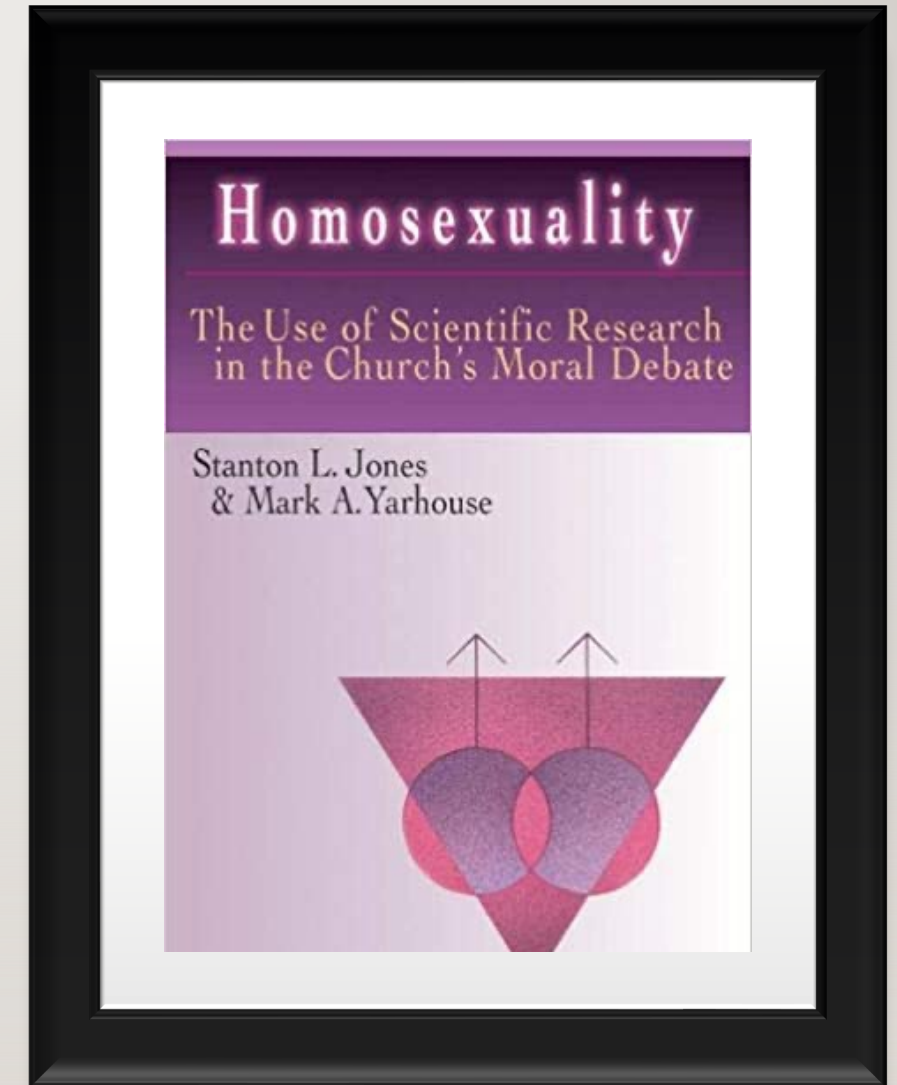
- A high percentage of adolescents reporting SSA initially change with maturation
- “Reported sexual identity, attraction, and behavior have been shown to change substantially across adolescence and young adulthood” *Ott et al, J Adolesc Health, 2012*
- “Several such studies have now been completed, and they unequivocally demonstrate that same-sex and other-sex attractions do change over time in some individuals” *Diamond, 2016. J Sex Research*

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOMOSEXUALITY AND HETEROSEXUALITY

- Sexual practices
- Promiscuity
- Infertility
- Mental illness
- Interpersonal violence

HOMOSEXUALITY VS HETEROSEXUALITY

- Dire biological differences between anogenital intercourse versus vaginal intercourse
- Higher levels of promiscuity among male homosexuals
- Impossibility of natural parenthood
- Higher levels of mental illness
- Cannot be explained by “minority stress theory”



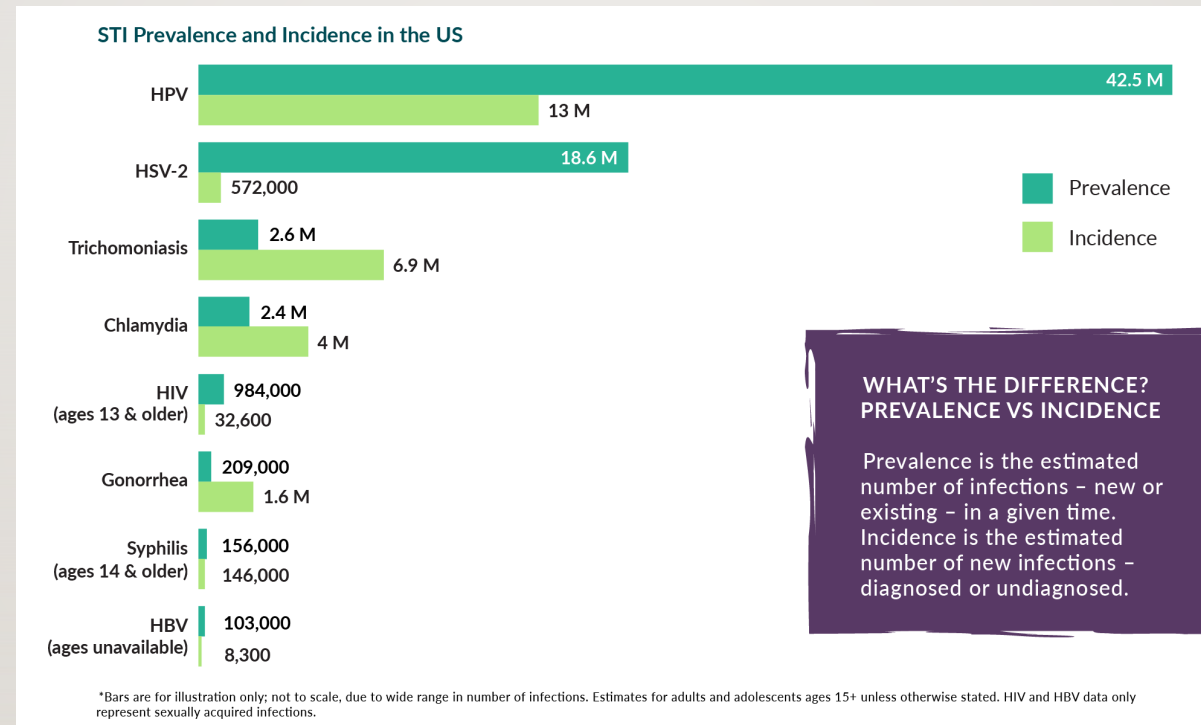
DANGER OF HOMOSEXUAL INTERCOURSE

- Rectal trauma
- Sexually transmitted diseases

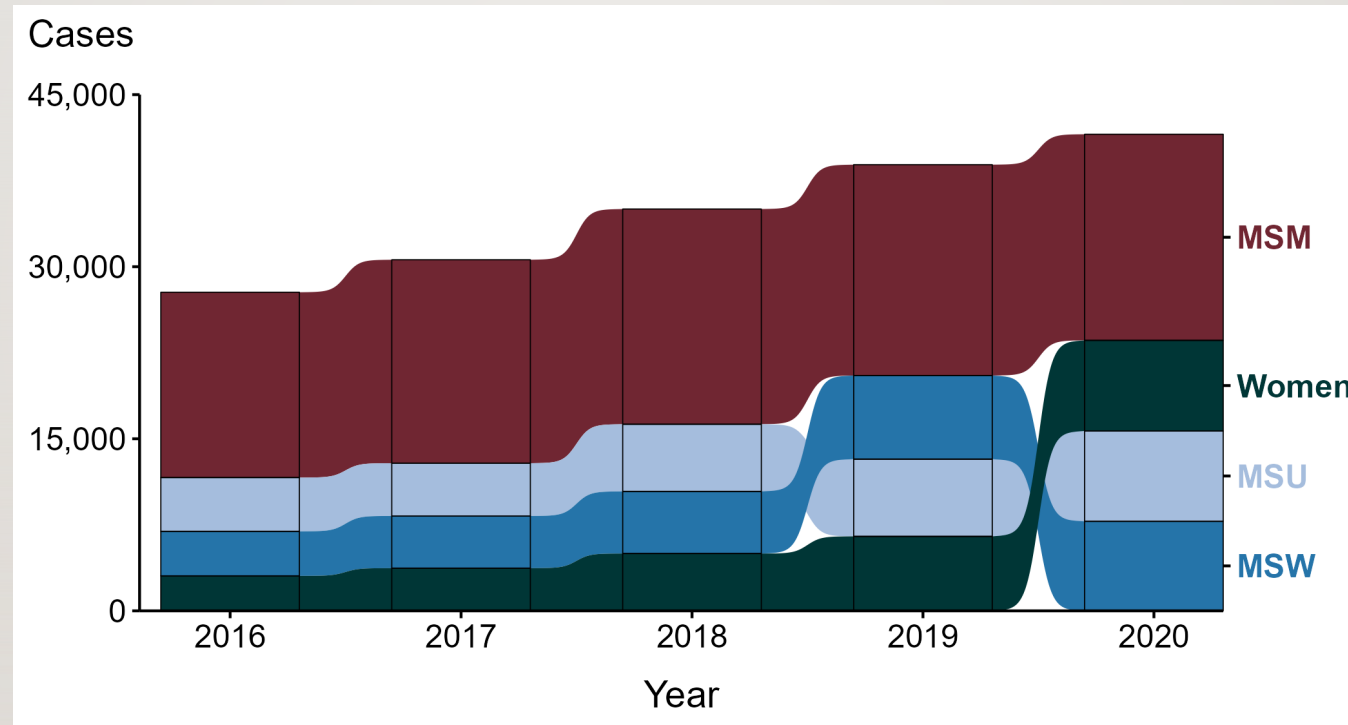
RECTUM VS VAGINA

- Much thinner wall
- Inelastic
- Little to no immune defense
- Terminates in a sphincter
- Colonized with bacterial pathogens

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

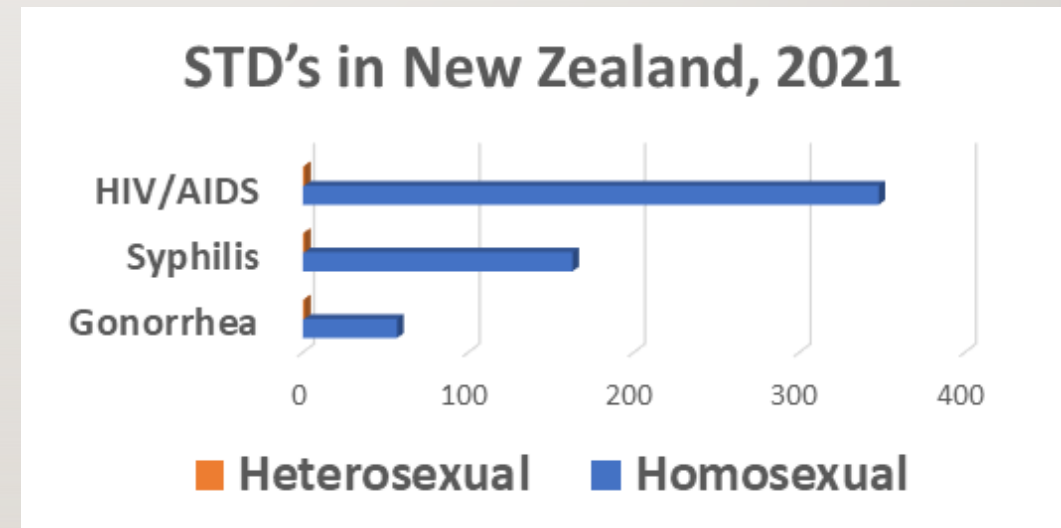


SYPHILIS: CDC



SAXTON ET AL, NEW ZEALAND, 2021

- National surveillance data
- Relative risk of Gay/Bisexual Men versus Heterosexuals:
 - Gonorrhea: 57x
 - Syphilis: 163x
 - HIV: 348x

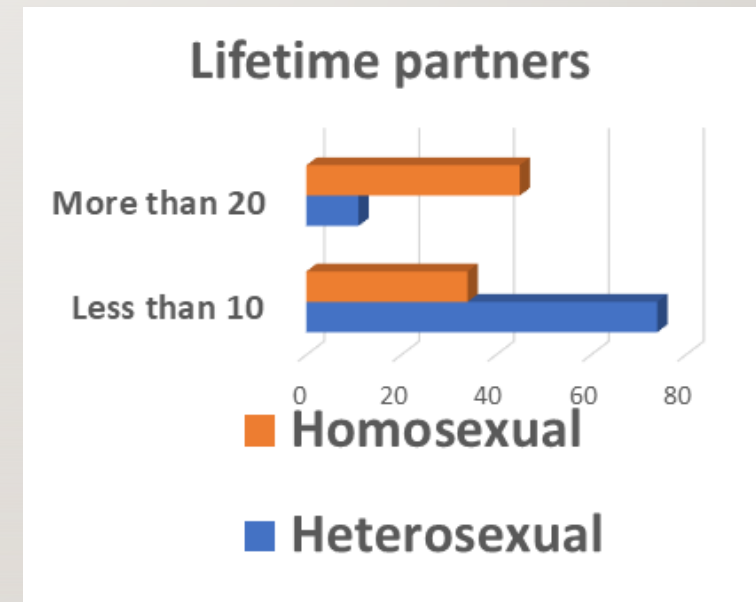




HIV: CDC

PROMISCUITY

- 45% of gay men report >20 lifetime partners, versus 11% of heterosexual men
- 34% of gay men report <10 lifetime partners, versus 74% of heterosexual men
- Source: *Relationships in America Survey (2014)*, The Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture, UT Austin
- Possible factors: loss of gatekeeper, male sex drive, gay subculture.



MENTAL HEALTH EFFECTS

- Promiscuity
- Anxiety 1.5x
- Depression: 2x
- Substance abuse: 1.5x (men), 3.4x (women)
- Suicide: >4x higher among gay and bisexual men



MINORITY STRESS?

- Multiple factors contribute
- Possible co-morbidity of SSA
- Minority stress probably not zero
- Higher neuroticism leads to increased *perception* of discrimination

*The Minority Stress Model Deserves
Reconsideration, Not Just Extension*

J. Michael Bailey

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NEUROTICISM

“Neuroticism, one of the Big 5 personality traits, is typically defined as a tendency toward *anxiety, depression, self-doubt, and other negative feelings*. All personality traits, including neuroticism, exist on a spectrum—some people are just much more neurotic than others.”

- *Psychology Today*

MINORITY STRESS THEORY

- A meta-analysis from 2020 found homosexual men consistently scored higher in Neuroticism
- In 2020, another study found that neuroticism had a worse impact on mental health than actual victimization

> [Arch Sex Behav](#). 2022 Oct;51(7):3405-3416. doi: 10.1007/s10508-022-02319-2. Epub 2022 May 18.

Neuroticism and Sexual Orientation-Based Victimization as Mediators of Sexual Orientation Disparities in Mental Health

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PMID: 35585371 DOI: [10.1007/s10508-022-02319-2](#)

SOCIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

- Interpersonal violence
- Child sexual abuse

CONTACT SEXUAL VIOLENCE (VICTIM)

- Lifetime prevalence among:
 - Heterosexual men: 17%
 - Bisexual men: 39%
 - Homosexual men: 38%
- Lifetime prevalence:
 - Heterosexual women: 36%
 - Bisexual women 69%
 - Homosexual women 46%



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INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

- Bisexual women 60%
- Heterosexual women 37%
- Homosexual men 52%
- Heterosexual men 36%



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CHILD ABUSE

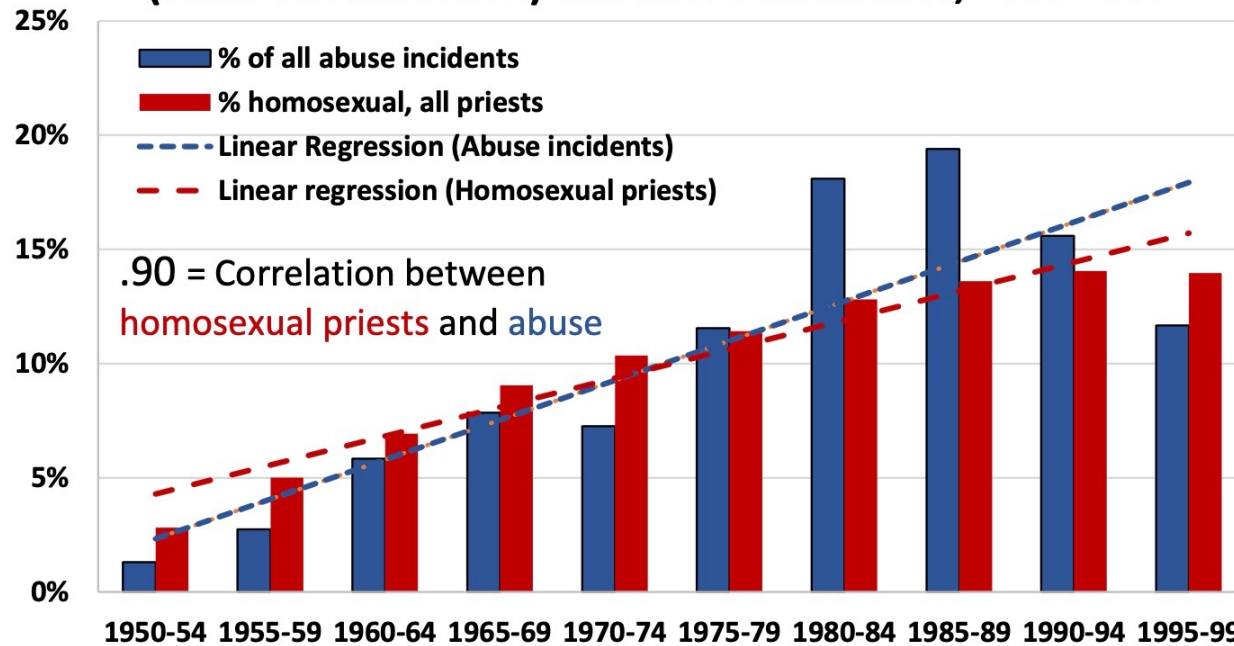
- Do homosexual men abuse children at a higher rate?
- Percentage of sexually abused boys much higher than % of homosexual males
- There are problems with most of the reports: how do you know?
- The Sullins report offered strong evidence in the affirmative
- The hypothesis has *not* been falsified

SULLINS REPORT (CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, 2019)

- Fourfold increase in homosexual priests from 1950s to 1980s.
- 80% of victims over age 7 were boys.

Figure 10

**Comparing priests reporting a homosexual orientation
(same-sex attraction) and abuse incidence, 1955-1999**



Source: John Jay Reports Data, Contemporary Allegations (n=905), and
Los Angeles Times 2002 Survey
Scales are equated for comparison.

PROPORTION OF MALE TO FEMALE VICTIMS INCREASED

Figure 5.2 *Nature and Scope*: Gender of Victims of Sexual Abuse, in Five-Year Intervals



CHILD ABUSE

- Evidence is quite compelling
- Should be cautious about invoking it
- Example: Boy Scouts

WHAT ARE THE MORAL RAMIFICATIONS?

- Hume's law: science cannot define morality
- Science can, however, distinguish safe from unsafe, healthy from unhealthy
- Truth
- Love
- Humility

ANCIENT GREEK

- “*kinaidos*” – slur applied to effeminate men. Not used in NT
- “*malakos*” – effeminate, catamite*, “a male who submits his body to unnatural lewdness” (Thayer’s) Matthew 11:8, Luke 7:25, 1 Corinthians 6:9
- “*arsenokoites*” – man who lies with a man, sodomite: 1 Corinthians 6:9, 1 Timothy 1:10

*“a boy or youth who is in a sexual relationship with a man” – dictionary.com

WHY DO PEOPLE REACT SO DIFFERENTLY?

- Jonathan Haidt: Moral Foundations theory
- “Sanctity/Degradation”:

“This foundation was shaped by the psychology of disgust and contamination. It underlies religious notions of striving to live in an elevated, less carnal, more noble way. It underlies the widespread idea that the body is a temple which can be desecrated by immoral activities and contaminants (an idea not unique to religious traditions).”

CONCLUDING COMMENTS

- The corrupting effect of sin acts mostly on the mind
- Satan uses sex as a primary weapon to tempt and deceive
- The popular secular narratives are in spite of, not based upon, current science
- The sexually broken need compassion and grace, not judgment and condemnation