


Out of the Closet and Into the Streets!

The Stonewall Uprising and the Fight for LGBT Rights




Essential Questions

- What common stereotypes about homosexual men and women did many people in society hold?
- What laws did communities use to restrict homosexual activity?
- How did the Stonewall Uprising affect the LGBT community?
- How has the gay liberation movement affected attitudes toward and beliefs about LGBT people?

Against the Law



Advertisement for public baths that were "Men Only"



Coded advertisement for a gay bar in Westport, Connecticut

The 1950s



Frank Kameny, fired in 1958 from his government job for being gay



Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, organizers of the Daughters of Bilitis, at their 2004 wedding



A scene from the film of Lillian Hellman's play *The Children's Hour*, in which a rumor of lesbianism destroys two women's lives

Against the Law



Booking photos for a woman arrested for being a lesbian



Gay man being arrested by police

June 28th, 1969



Police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village, New York City. Patrons of the bar resisted, and a riot ensued.



Reaction

First gay protest march in New York City following the Stonewall Uprising



Coming Out

In support of gay rights, more LGBT people made their sexual orientation public



Eugene Robinson,
Episcopal Bishop



Congressman
Barney Frank

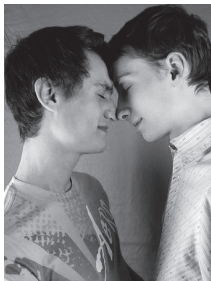


Greg Louganis,
Olympic Diver



Ellen DeGeneres

Changing Attitudes



The Fight for Marriage Equality

- LGBT couples demand recognition of their relationships on equal terms with heterosexual couples
- 1993—Hawaii's State Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriage should be legal; the decision was later overturned by a popular vote
- 1989–2003—Denmark, Canada, Croatia, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, Argentina, France, Finland, Germany, and other countries legalized some form of same-sex marriage
- 2004—Massachusetts became the first state to legalize same-sex marriages
- By 2011, six states had legalized same-sex marriage, and four others recognized civil unions



Pro-gay marriage marchers in San Francisco

Fighting Discrimination



People protesting "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"



Lt. Dan Choi, West Point graduate and gay rights activist

Study: Gays in the military

Gays and lesbians could begin openly serving with regular rise to U.S. military readiness, according to a long-awaited study by the Pentagon.

If Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT) is repealed, and someone in your immediate unit says he/she is gay or lesbian...

... How will that affect your ability to work together to get the job?

Probably worse: 18%

Equally positive/negative: 22%

Negatively: 39%

Positively: 39%

No effect: 3%

Don't know: 1%

Asked to those who said they served with leader they believed to be gay or lesbian and others in unit believed to be gay...

... How would you rate unit's ability to work together?

Good: 77%

Neither good nor poor: 15%

Poor: 8%

How much did this belief that a service member was gay or lesbian affect the unit's combat performance?

A lot: 7%

Some: 18%

A little: 13%

Not at all: 39%

No basis to judge: 8%

Don't know: 1%

Asked to those who said they served with leader they believed to be gay or lesbian and others in unit believed to be gay...

... How would you rate unit's ability to work together?

Good: 68%

Neither good nor poor: 18%

Poor: 14%

How much did this belief that a service member was gay or lesbian affect the unit's combat performance?

A lot: 4%

Some: 24%

A little: 24%

Not at all: 62%

No basis to judge: 6%

Don't know: 1%

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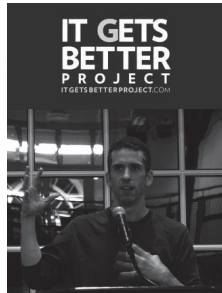
The Fight Goes On

United States - LGBT Employment Discrimination Law

Situation as of 25 May 2011

Original map from www.itgetsbetterproject.com

Map Continually Updated by Allyson Hale (@BORGALIS666)



"It Gets Better" Project co-founder Dan Savage
