



"It is no measure of health to be well adjusted to a profoundly sick society."

—Krishnamurti

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## How Normal Is Deviance?

Readers with a background in statistics or logic will immediately recognize the oxymoron in the question, "How Normal is Deviance?" The question states a contradiction in terms, for deviance is, by definition, a *departure* from the normal. To be deviant is to be *abnormal*.

That raw fact is not deterring the homosexual community from its logic-defying campaign to convince Middle America that deviant sexual behavior is normal. Mary Eberstadt ("The Family: Discovering the Obvious," *First Things*, February 2004, p. 10) summarizes evidence that proves the contrary to be true.

- **Drug Abuse:** The "propensity to addiction . . . is ubiquitously documented to be worse among lesbians and gays. Virtually every study one can find on the subject confirms it." A recent issue of the *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy* dedicated an entire issue to the topic.
- **Alcoholism:** The *Gay Community News* points out, "The statistics do point to the gay community, particularly gay men, as being most at risk of becoming alcoholics." A website which focuses on gay and lesbian health issues claims that "alcohol, drug, and tobacco use all occur at

significantly higher rates in the GLBT community than in the general population" (*glbthealth.org*). Eberstadt points out that gay Alcoholics Anonymous chapters flourish in "many localities—an interesting detail, given the numerically small proportion represented by the gay population."

- **Depression:** Depressions and phobias of a variety of types appear disproportionately in the homosexual world. Eberstadt quotes the *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, which she points out is "no socially conservative rag": "The levels of depression and anxiety in our homosexual subjects, whether HIV positive or HIV negative, are substantially higher than those found in representative general population samples."
- **Attempted Suicide:** The findings of a highly-respected 1978 study by Alan Bell and Martin Weinberg contradict the authors' song of tolerance for homosexuals. They note that the incidence of attempted suicide by white homosexual males is no less than *six times* higher than that of their heterosexual counterparts. Newer evidence suggests that the attempted suicide rate of gay and lesbian teenagers is three times higher than that of their heterosexual peers.
- **Educational Dropouts:** Eberstadt points to evidence that "[n]early one-third of gay teens drop out of school annually, three times the national average."

Bottom line: Members of the homosexual community are not statistically normal. On a number of measures, they manifest behavioral problems in far greater numbers than the general (heterosexual) population.

Homosexuality is not normal, any more than it is free. Rather, it is costly to the individual, who, even in these days of "tolerance" and legal protections, is racked by the guilt, fear, and disease his [sin](#) exacts from him. In addition, it is costly to society at large, which must fund disease-control centers, psychotherapy facilities, detoxification programs—all these and more to fill the gap left by an individual who is psychologically, educationally, and socially "wasted," not performing to his potential.

Do not fall for the media's preachments. The homosexual "preference" is everything *but* normal. It is a highly self-destructive sin.

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by Martin G. Collins

Moral legislation over the years has steadily eroded because antinomian liberal leaders, claiming that morality cannot be legislated, have rejected biblical standards of morality in favor of personal choice or private morality. Ironically, they, like many mainstream Christian denominations, have endorsed Satanic abominable practices, such as sodomy, homosexuality, abortion, and euthanasia — all condemned and censured in the Bible. Disregarding personal responsibility, these same liberal leaders blame poverty, parents, or environment instead of personal accountability. A culture that turns its back on God's standards is a culture which embraces death.

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