

SURVEY ON CSUN ATTITUDES TOWARD LGBT ISSUES

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for volunteering to take this **anonymous survey**. Given the debates over homophobic and transphobic bullying and suicides, to Don't Ask, Don't Tell, to gender-neutral bathrooms, to same-sex marriage, and to teaching about LGBT people, this is a pilot study from our Queer Studies class at California State University, Northridge (CSUN) to gather as much information as we can about the attitudes of our CSUN community members toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender/transsexual, and intersexual matters. We will report the summary of what we find to the public.

If you wish to voice a concern about the research, you may direct your question(s) to Research and Sponsored Projects, California State University, Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330-8232, and by phone at 818-677-2901. If you have specific questions about the study you may contact Dr. Gina Masequesmay by e-mail at gina.masequesmay@csun.edu or phone at 818-677-7219.

If you know of other CSUN students, staff, faculty and administrators who are willing to take this survey, please send them to this link. <http://www.csun.edu/~gm61310/survey/indexsurvey.html>

Thank you for your time!

QS401CAL class at CSUN

Instruction: Please answer honestly and to the best of your knowledge. We are interested in your opinions and there are no correct or wrong answers. You can skip any question that you do not wish to answer. There are 24 questions; the first section has 10 questions asking about your demographic information. The second section has 14 sets of questions asking about your beliefs, attitudes, and practices. The survey should take 15 to 20 minutes to complete. We value your time and appreciate your participation in this survey to collect data about our CSUN community. Thank you!

1. Demographic Information

This first section of the questionnaire asks you about your demographic background. You can skip any questions that you are not comfortable answering.

Please check the circle next to your selected answer.

1. How old are you? (in years)

- 18-21 27-29 40-49 60-69
 22-26 30-39 50-59 Over 70

2. What is your racial background? Please select all that apply.

- White or European Native American or American Indian Pacific Islander (e.g., Hawaiian, Samoan, Tongan)
 Black or African Middle Eastern Asian (east, Southeast & South Asian in Asian continent, and Pilipino/a)
 Latino/a

3. What was your sex or gender assignment at birth?

- Male Female Intersexual

4. What is your current sex or gender identity?

- Male / man Intersexual Gender queer
 Female / woman Androgynous
 Other (please specify): _____

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5. What is your sexual orientation?

- Straight or heterosexual
- Gay/lesbian or homosexual
- Bisexual
- Other (please specify): _____
- Queer
- Asexual (A person who does not experience sexual attraction. Unlike celibacy, which is a choice, asexuality is a sexual orientation)
- Pansexual (A person who can have emotional, romantic & sexual attraction toward people of all biological sexes and gender identities)

6. What is your role at CSUN?

- Undergraduate student
- Graduate Student
- Staff
- Faculty & Chair/Associate Chair (Non-Administrator)
- Administrator

7. With which college(s) or institutional division are you affiliated? Please check all that apply.

- Arts, Media and Communication
- College of Education
- Health and Human Development
- Science and Mathematics
- Tseng College
- Financial Aid
- Library
- Student Health Services
- University Student Union
- Business and Economics
- Engineering and Computer Science
- Humanities
- Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Admission & Records
- Information Technology
- Physical Plant and Management
- Student Psychological Services
- Other (please specify): _____

8. What is your highest level of education?

- Some elementary school (kindergarten to 6th grade)
- Some junior high school (7th to 8th grade)
- Some high school (9th through 12th grade)
- High school graduate, G.E.D., or equivalent
- Some junior college
- Junior college associate degree (A.S. or A.A.)
- Other (please specify): _____
- Some four-year college
- Four-year B.A or B.S. degree
- Some graduate or professional school
- Master's degree (M.A., M.S., M.B.A., M.Ed., M.F.A.)
- Professional degree (D.D.S., M.D., D.O., J.D.)
- Doctoral degree (Ph.D., Ed.D., S.J.D.)

9. What is your religion or religious belief?

- Baptist
- Catholic
- Episcopalian
- Evangelical
- Lutheran
- Methodist
- Mormon
- Pentecostal
- Other (please specify): _____
- Presbyterian
- 7th Day Adventist
- Unitarian Universalist, Quaker
- Other Christian (Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Hindu
- Buddhist
- Ancestor Worship
- Pagan, Nature Reverence
- Agnostic
- Atheistic
- None

10. My political ideology is _____.

- Conservative
- Moderate
- Liberal

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2. Attitudes, Beliefs, and Practices

This last section of the questionnaire asks about your beliefs, attitudes, and practices. Please answer honestly and to the best of your knowledge. Please note that this is about your personal opinion, and there is no correct or wrong answer. You can skip any questions you are not comfortable answering.

11. For the following items that ask about your religiosity, please pick the best answer for each row.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	N/A
How often do you attend a place of worship or participate in religious/spiritual ceremony?	<input type="radio"/>					
How often do you practice or follow what your church, temple, synagogue, or mosque preaches or advises (e.g., observe religious practices such as meditating, fasting, dieting, following the 10 commandments, or following the 5 Buddhist precepts)?	<input type="radio"/>					

12. I was raised in a very religious household.

Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
<input type="radio"/>				

13. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about traditional gender roles:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know.
I believe men and women have separate and complementary gender roles to play in society.	<input type="radio"/>				
The tasks of childbearing, nurturing and providing emotional support are for women.	<input type="radio"/>				
The tasks of breadwinning, strict discipline and decision-making are for men.	<input type="radio"/>				
The role of men and women are to procreate for the continuation of our species.	<input type="radio"/>				
To NOT conform to traditional gender roles is to go against nature and biology.	<input type="radio"/>				

14. How comfortable are you interacting in person with the following people? Please choose the level of comfortableness. Please answer honestly to the best of your knowledge. We are interested in your personal view and there are no correct or wrong answers to these questions.

	Highly Comfortable	Somewhat Comfortable	Neutral	Somewhat Uncomfortable	Very Uncomfortable
Gay men (men who are emotionally and sexually attracted to other men)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lesbian women (women who are emotionally and sexually attracted to other women)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bisexual men (men who are emotionally and sexually attracted to both men and women)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bisexual women (women who are emotionally and sexually attracted to both men and women)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Female-to-male transgender/transsexual people (feeling born in the wrong body and should have been born male and actively changing his appearance to match his gender identity)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Male-to-female transgender/transsexual people (feeling born in the wrong body and should have been born female and actively changing her appearance to match her gender identity)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intersexual people (a person born with both genital male and female characteristics, ambiguous genitalia, or sex chromosomal makeup of XXX, XYY, XXY, YY, or X)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Androgynous-looking people (a person whose gender is ambiguous to you; you can't tell if the person is a he or a she)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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15. Please select the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following general statements about LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) people.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
LGBT people's sexual acts or gender expressions are against what the Creator or God intended.	<input type="radio"/>				
LGBT people are unnatural.	<input type="radio"/>				
LGBT people are mentally sick or never grew up to be mature heterosexual men and women.	<input type="radio"/>				
LGBT people are sexual and gender perverts.	<input type="radio"/>				
Intersexual people are nature's mistakes.	<input type="radio"/>				
Homosexuality, bisexuality, and transgenderism are a result of too much freedom in a country that is losing traditional family values.	<input type="radio"/>				

16. Please select the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about origins of sexuality and gender. Please note that this is about your personal opinion, and there is no correct or wrong answer.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
One is born homosexual, straight, or bisexual.	<input type="radio"/>				
Homosexual people can become heterosexual.	<input type="radio"/>				
Bisexuality is a choice.	<input type="radio"/>				
One is born transgender.	<input type="radio"/>				
Transgender people choose to be transgender.	<input type="radio"/>				

17. Please select the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about issues pertaining to LGBTI people (LGBTI refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersexual)

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
Marriage should only be between a man and a woman.	<input type="radio"/>				
There are public areas or occupations where homosexual and bisexual people should be excluded (e.g., not allowed to teach young children in public schools).	<input type="radio"/>				
There are public areas or occupations where transgender people should be excluded (e.g., not be allowed to serve in the military).	<input type="radio"/>				
LGBTI couples should have the right to adopt children.	<input type="radio"/>				
Students should be exposed to age-appropriate lessons about LGBT historic figures in their history and social science courses.	<input type="radio"/>				
Parents of students taking sex education should have the options to allow these students to learn about heterosexuality, homosexuality, and/or transgenderism.	<input type="radio"/>				
Students should be taught about tolerance/acceptance of LGBTI people to reduce bullying and suicides among youth.	<input type="radio"/>				

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18. Please select the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about what CSUN should do. Please note that this is about your personal opinion, and there is no correct or wrong answer (LGBTI refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersexual).

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
CSUN should provide everyone with training on racial and ethnic diversity (e.g., learning about the achievements and struggles of racial and ethnic minorities).	<input type="radio"/>				
CSUN should provide everyone with training on sexual and gender diversity (e.g., learning about the achievements and struggles of LGBTI people).	<input type="radio"/>				
CSUN should provide everyone with training on disability issues and ablism (e.g., learning about the achievements and struggles of people with disability or people who are differently abled.)	<input type="radio"/>				
CSUN should provide everyone with training on women and gender issues (e.g., learning about the achievements and struggles of women)	<input type="radio"/>				
CSUN should provide everyone with training on sexual and gender harassment.	<input type="radio"/>				
CSUN should provide gender-neutral bathrooms on campus.	<input type="radio"/>				
CSUN should provide a resource center for LGBTI students.	<input type="radio"/>				
CSUN should provide a full-time paid staff and a yearly budget for this LGBTI resource center.	<input type="radio"/>				
CSUN should provide funding for programming by the resource center to support LGBTI students (e.g., suicide hotlines, peer mentoring, anti-bullying campaign, LGBTI 101 workshop)	<input type="radio"/>				

19. Which of the following public displays of affection do you find acceptable and for whom? Please check all situations that are acceptable to you.

	Between a man and a woman	Between a woman and a woman	Between a man and a man
Holding hands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hugging	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friendly kiss (e.g., kissing on the cheek)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Romantic kiss	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20. Please select the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about religion. Please note that this is about your personal opinion, and there is no correct or wrong answer (LGBTI refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersexual).

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know	N/A
My religion/spirituality accepts and supports LGBTI people.	<input type="radio"/>					
My church/temple/spiritual leaders seldom or never speak about LGBTI people.	<input type="radio"/>					
My church/temple/spiritual leaders accept and support LGBTI people.	<input type="radio"/>					

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21. Please select the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about your family and friends. Please note that this is about your personal opinion, and there is no correct or wrong answer (LGBTI refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersexual).

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
My family doesn't speak about LGBTI people.	<input type="radio"/>				
My friends don't speak about LGBTI people.	<input type="radio"/>				
My family accepts and supports LGBTI people.	<input type="radio"/>				
My friends accept and support LGBTI people.	<input type="radio"/>				

22. Please select the adverb that best describes the frequency in which you use the following words in a derogatory or negative manner.

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Gay	<input type="radio"/>				
Fag or Faggot	<input type="radio"/>				
Queer	<input type="radio"/>				

23. How many LGBTI people do you know from each of the following groups? (LGBTI refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersexual)

	None Are LGBTI	One Is LGBTI	Two Are LGBTI	Three to Five Are LGBTI	Six Or More Are LGBTI
Co-workers or classmates who are LGBTI	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friends who are LGBTI	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family members or relatives who are LGBTI	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

24. Should you have any other comments that you want to share please write them below.

Thank you for completing the survey! If you were not able to return it to one of the students in QS 401CAL, please send it to:

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Thank you very much for your time!