

SURVEY ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD LGBT MATTERS

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for volunteering to take this **anonymous survey**. Because there are few opinion polls of Asian Pacific Americans, this is a pilot study from an Asian American Studies class at California State University, Northridge (CSUN) to gather as much information as we can about the attitudes of Asian Pacific Americans 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 Asian Pacific Americans who are willing to take this survey, please send them to this link.
<http://www.csun.edu/~gm61310/survey/>

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 22 questions; the first section has 10 questions asking about your demographic information. The second section has 12 sets of questions asking about your beliefs, attitudes, and practices. The survey should take 20 minutes to complete. We value your time and appreciate your participation in this survey to collect data about our Asian Pacific American community. Thank you!

AAS 495GS class at CSUN

GLOSSARY

Before you begin the survey, please apply the definitions of the following terms in your answers.

Straight/Heterosexual: A person who is emotionally and sexually attracted to a person of the opposite sex.

Lesbian: A woman who is emotionally and sexually attracted to another woman.

Gay: A man who is emotionally and sexually attracted to another man.

Bisexual: A person who is emotionally and sexually attracted to either a man or a woman.

Transgender/Transsexual: A person who experiences intense, persistent discomfort and feelings of inappropriateness with the sex assignment made at birth, and who actively seeks to change his/her appearance to match his/her gender identity. The methods for changing one's appearance could include clothing, taking hormones, or various surgical procedures. For example, a female-to-male (FTM) transsexual and a male-to-female (MTF) transsexual.

Intersexual: A person born with both male and female genital characteristics, ambiguous genitalia, or sex chromosomal makeup of XXX, XYY, XXY, YY, or X.

LGBT: Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender.

Queer: A person who does not conform to the heterosexual and binary sex-gender norms of our mainstream society.

Androgynous: Appearing and identifying as neither man nor woman, presenting a gender either mixed or neutral.

Asexual: A person who does not experience sexual attraction. Unlike celibacy, which is a choice, asexuality is a sexual orientation.

Same-sex marriage: Marriage between people of the same sex. For example, marriage between two men or marriage between two women. Allowing marriage for same sex couples would change 1,149 discriminatory laws and policies against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersexual people.

Domestic partnership: A legal means for same-sex couples to register with the states, and to have some of the rights of married, heterosexual couples. Some heterosexual couples also register as domestic partners when they want some of the rights of marriage without wanting to complete the obligations of marriage.

Ethnicity: Refers to a specific cultural heritage of a people who share a common history. Some examples are Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean, Indian, Pakistani, Thai, and Filipino.

Race: An imposed category that lumps different ethnicities together based on phenotypic features. Some examples are Asian American, African American, European American, Latino/Latina, and Native Americans.

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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)

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

2. If you have only one Asian ethnic background, please select it. If you have more than one Asian ethnic background, please choose the one below that you feel closest to identification and practice, and please use this Asian ethnicity to answer the rest of the questionnaire.

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| ☐ Chinese | ☐ Filipino/a | ☐ Vietnamese | ☐ Thai |
| ☐ Taiwanese | ☐ Indian | ☐ Cambodian | ☐ Hawaiian |
| ☐ Japanese | ☐ Pakistani | ☐ Laotian | ☐ Samoan |
| ☐ Korean | ☐ Sri Lankan | ☐ Hmong | ☐ Tongan |
| ☐ Other (please specify): _____ | | | |

3. I am of _____ generation.

- ☐ 1st generation or immigrant generation (I came to the U.S. from another country)
- ☐ 1.5 generation (I am an immigrant but I was raised in the U.S.)
- ☐ 2nd generation (my parents are immigrants; I was born in the U.S.)
- ☐ 3rd generation (my grandparents are immigrants; my parents and I are born in the U.S.)
- ☐ 4th or more generations (my great grandparents are immigrants)
- ☐ Mixed immigrant (where one of my parents is an immigrant)
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

4. What is the zip code of your current residence (where you currently live)? _____

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

- ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Intersexual

6. What is your current sex or gender identity?

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

7. What is your sexual orientation?

- ☐ Straight or heterosexual ☐ Asexual
- ☐ Gay/lesbian or homosexual ☐ Queer
- ☐ Bisexual ☐ Other (please specify): _____

8. What is your highest level of education?

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

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9. What is your religion or religious belief?

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

10. Which political party best describes your political philosophy and political interests?

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|---|------------------------------------|
| ☐ Peace and Freedom | ☐ Republican |
| ☐ Green | ☐ Libertarian |
| ☐ Democrat | ☐ Constitution |
- ☐ Other ((please specify): _____

2. Beliefs, Attitudes, 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. How comfortable do you feel if you have to interact in person with the following people? Please choose the level of comfortableness that you feel for the following groups of people.

	Highly Uncomfortable	Somewhat Uncomfortable	Neutral	Somewhat Comfortable	Very Comfortable
Gay men (men who are emotionally and sexually attracted to other men)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lesbian women (women who are emotionally and sexually attracted to other women)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bisexual men (men who are emotionally and sexually attracted to both men and women)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bisexual women (women who are emotionally and sexually attracted to both men and women)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Male-to-female transgender/transsexual people (feeling born in the wrong body and actively changing her appearance to match her gender identity)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

12. 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.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
LGBT people are unnatural.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
LGBT people are mentally sick or never grew up to be mature heterosexual men and women.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
LGBT people are sexual and gender perverts.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
Intersexual people are nature's mistakes.	0	0	0	0	0
Homosexuality, bisexuality, and transgenderism are a result of too much freedom in a country that is losing traditional family values.	0	0	0	0	0

13. Please select the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about origins of sexuality and gender.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
Homosexuality, bisexuality, and transgenderism are a result of how one is raised.	0	0	0	0	0
One is born homosexual, straight, or bisexual.	0	0	0	0	0
One is born transgender.	0	0	0	0	0
Homosexual, bisexual and transgender people can change their sexual orientation or gender orientation to become normal people.	0	0	0	0	0

14. Please select the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about same-sex marriage. (LGBT refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender).

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
Marriage can only be between a man and a woman.	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic partnership is equivalent to same-sex marriage, so LGBT people should be satisfied with domestic partnership.	0	0	0	0	0
If same-sex marriage is legalized, my place of worship could be sued for not conducting same-sex marriages.	0	0	0	0	0
Allowing same-sex marriage will encourage opportunities for young children to be taught about homosexuality and homosexual sex in school.	0	0	0	0	0
I am opposed to same-sex couples having the right to adopt children.	0	0	0	0	0

15. Please select the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements related to same-sex marriage (LGBT refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender).

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
Opposing same-sex marriage is similar to opposing interracial marriage or denying equal rights to a group of people.	0	0	0	0	0
Civil union (granting all the rights of marriage without the title of marriage) should be allowed to LGBT people.	0	0	0	0	0
Married same-sex couples are just as likely as heterosexual married couples to raise healthy, well-adjusted children.	0	0	0	0	0
Students taking sex education should learn about heterosexuality, homosexuality, and transgenderism.	0	0	0	0	0

16. 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	0	0	0
Hugging	0	0	0
Friendly kiss (e.g., kissing on the cheek)	0	0	0
Romantic kiss	0	0	0

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17. Please select the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements concerning your ethnic community. (LGBT refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender)

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
I would want/allow my children or loved ones to attend an ethnic event if LGBT people were represented in the event (e.g., Lunar New Year parade).	0	0	0	0	0
LGBT people are better treated/accepted in my Asian ethnic culture or place of origin than in the mainstream U.S. society.	0	0	0	0	0
LGBT people are a part of my ethnic tradition and customs.	0	0	0	0	0
The majority of Asian Pacific Americans of my ethnic background whom I know support same-sex marriage.	0	0	0	0	0
The majority of Asian Pacific Americans of my ethnic background whom I know are accepting and supportive of LGBT people.	0	0	0	0	0

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

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know	N/A
My religion/spirituality accepts and supports LGBT people.	0	0	0	0	0	0
My church/temple/spiritual leaders have never spoken about LGBT people.	0	0	0	0	0	0
My church/temple/spiritual leaders accept and support LGBT people.	0	0	0	0	0	0

19. 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. (LGBT refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender)

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know
My family never speaks about LGBT people.	0	0	0	0	0
My friends never speak about LGBT people.	0	0	0	0	0
My family accepts and supports LGBT people.	0	0	0	0	0
My friends accept and support LGBT people.	0	0	0	0	0

20. How much do the following sources influence your view of LGBTI people? 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. (LGBTI refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersexual)

	Not Influential	Somewhat Influential	Very Influential
My religion or spirituality	0	0	0
My ethnic cultural heritage	0	0	0
My own sexual and gender identities	0	0	0
My ethnic/racial minority status	0	0	0
My view or philosophy on life and liberty	0	0	0
Leaders in my ethnic community	0	0	0

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	Not Influential	Somewhat Influential	Very Influential
My family	0	0	0
My friends	0	0	0
My work environment or co-workers	0	0	0
My school, classes or teachers	0	0	0
My doctors or medical providers	0	0	0
Mainstream news sources	0	0	0
My ethnic news sources	0	0	0
Popular culture media (music, sitcoms, reality shows, films)	0	0	0
My ethnic popular culture media (music, sitcoms, reality shows, films)	0	0	0
The Internet	0	0	0

21. 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 whom I know are LGBTI	0	0	0	0	0
Friends whom I know are LGBTI	0	0	0	0	0
Family members or relatives whom I know are LGBTI	0	0	0	0	0

22. 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 AAS 495GS, please send it to:

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Thank you very much for your time!