

Myths & Misconceptions Concerning Homosexual Behavior



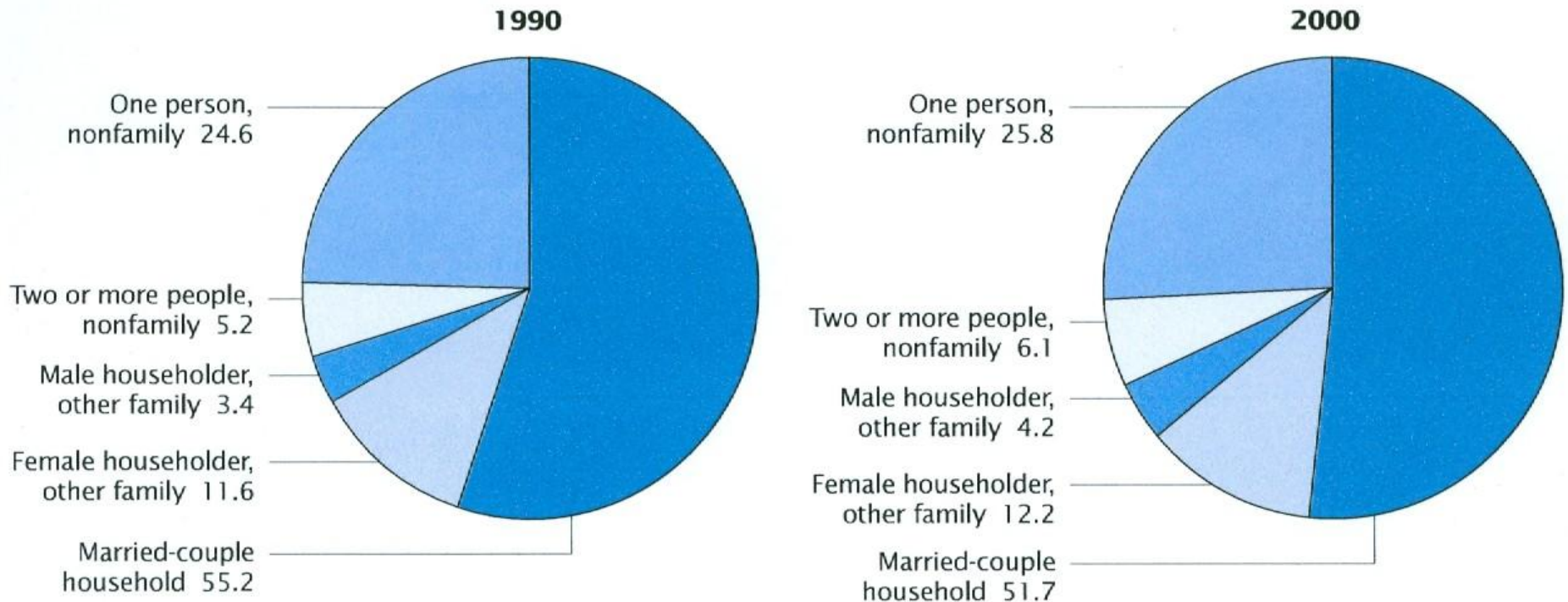
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2000 Census Data



Figure 2.
Households by Type: 1990 and 2000

(Percent distribution. For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf1.pdf)



Size of the Community



John Hopkins University researcher, John Money, found 13% of adult males to be gay and 7% of adult females to be lesbian.

2000 Census – 105.5 million households in US. married couples(51.7 million); 5.5 million living together but unmarried; .6 million (1% of couples) by same sex partners(301,000 had male partners and 293,000 had female partners)

Number of Partners Study



There is such diversity in the studies it is hard to accept any study as definitive. In 1992 the Center for Disease Control studied 50 persons with AIDS - the median number of sexual partners for these men was 1,100. The range was from 200-20,000.

The control group of homosexuals without the disease had a median number of 550.

Attaining Civil Rights

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Assumptions in ethics, genetics, hormonal research, environmental factors, animal studies, anthropology, psychology, biblical studies and political thought have contributed to our society accepting homosexuality in the home, church and state. The homosexual agenda, in order to accomplish this broad cultural toleration, has been achieved through a kind of “rhetorical terrorism” by the polemicists for homosexual rights.

Success of the Efforts

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It is not possible to judge whether the incidence of homosexuality is more prevalent today than in former days. It is not even possible to determine whether it is growing faster than ever before in the US.

One thing can be known, it has much more visibility today than ever before. Both the organized and unorganized movement to accept homosexuality as an acceptable alternative life style has infiltrated every sector of society and every area of culture: from the church to television and movies and from education to the courts their civil rights are being established.

Suggested Causes ...

1. Genetic and Chromosomal Factors – a form of reductionism
2. Hormonal imbalance before birth and after birth – another form of reductionism
3. Environmental factors in the home, dysfunctional family pathology
4. Intrinsic to the personality of the person as a constitutional element of personhood

Genetic Origin...



1. Past Research –
 - A. Simon LeVay – dissection of the brain of 19 gay men showed smaller hypothalamus...
 - B. Bailey & Pillard studied identical and fraternal twins - higher in identical ...
 - C. Dean Hamer – studied a section of the X chromosome in the families of 40 gay men and argued that it was maternal and genetic...
2. All Three agree today that their research does not prove that there is a gay gene -

Against Nature?

1. National History Museum – Norway
 - A. Reported in over 1500 species
 - B. Documented for 500 species
 - C. Proves homosexual behavior is not a crime against nature
2. Argument: Homosexual behavior is observed in animals therefore, homosexuality is in accord with animal nature. Man is an animal and therefore homosexuality is in accord with human nature.

The Formal Argument



If something is observed in animal behavior then it is in accord with nature

Homosexual behavior is observed in animals

Therefore: homosexual behavior in animals is in accord with nature

If homosexual behavior occurs in animals then it is in accord with nature

Man is an animal with homosexual behavior

Therefore: homosexual behavior in man is in accord with nature

Constitutional Homosexuality



Many admit that the Bible condemns certain homosexual acts (rape etc.). They argue that the Bible does not deal with constitutional homosexuality which is intrinsic to the personality of certain people and therefore not morally blameworthy. Homosexual activity by heterosexuals is condemned but not responsible relationships between constitutional homosexuals.

Public Health Issues

1. Sexually transmitted diseases – much higher instances in this community...50% of all new cases of syphilis occur in the male homosexual community.
2. Rectal gonorrhea –
3. Aids – over 75% of aids patients are from the homosexual community and intravenous drug abusers

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The End