

Research And Handout Resources/References:

<http://www.jeramyt.org/gay.html> (included some proposals on experimental design which would validate reparative therapy, and also provide a link to an academic award winning paper defending reparative therapy)

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www.wikipedia.org (supported neither supposition, inclusive of both points of view, liberal/conservative)

“Wikipedia is a multilingual project to create a complete and accurate open content encyclopedia. We started on January 15, 2001 and are currently working on 129628 articles in the English version.”

(Content accuracy governed primarily by the editing of users. Large number of users improves content accuracy, as incorrect information is quickly weeded out. Also the founders have asked the participants/users to verify their content before posting, and include references.)

<http://www.religioustolerance.org/> (portions of website used referenced numerous sources for both liberal and conservative suppositions).

“Religious Tolerance.org is a Ontario based group which describe themselves as follows: We are an multi-faith agency of five volunteers in the U.S. and Canada who follow five different religious beliefs (Agnosticism, Atheism, Christianity, Wicca, and Zen Buddhism). Our group is not affiliated with any religious organization. We mainly rely on the revenue from banner ads, our readers' donations, and sales of CD-ROMs of our web site, to enable us to continue our work.

Our office is located in Canada; our web site is located in Texas.

We try to be tolerant of all religious beliefs. By that, we promote the concept that everyone should allow others to follow their own faith, enjoying freedom of belief, speech and assembly, without discrimination and oppression.

We try to write accurate, balanced, clear, objective and inclusive articles. We often tackle tough religious questions We don't promote a specific religious viewpoint; we don't attack anyone's theological beliefs. We don't value religious beliefs over secularism or vice-versa. However, we do criticize actions that harm people, even if those actions are religiously motivated. We are dedicated to "liberty and justice for all" (with the exception of those engaging in acts which can be shown to be criminal and hurtful). More information on our purposes, beliefs, rules of engagement etc. is available.”

“One Family’s Story” By Dr. Paul W. Egertson

Dr. Paul W. Egertson, serves as Lutheran Reverend/Pastor, in Southern California West Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church Of America

“Homosexuality” By Dr. Gregory M. Herek

<http://herek.socialpsychology.org/>

(Ph.D. in Social Psychology from University of California, Davis, 1983, with a prolific history of scientific publications.) “Professor Herek's work focuses on issues of prejudice and stigma, especially as they apply to sexual orientation and HIV/AIDS. His recent research projects have included studies of AIDS and stigma in the US population, the mental health consequences of hate crimes against lesbians and gay men, and the impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic on gay and bisexual men. A Fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Psychological Society, Professor Herek is the 1996 recipient of the APA Award for Distinguished Contribution to Psychology in the Public Interest”

<http://www.narth.com/>

National Association For Research And Therapy Of Homosexuality

“Drs. Charles Socarides, Benjamin Kaufman, and Joseph Nicolosi founded NARTH in 1992 in response to the growing threat of scientific censorship. The organization has grown rapidly to include over 1,000 members.

NARTH has gained much ground toward achieving its goals. Gay activists have attempted to compel both the American Psychological and Psychiatric Associations to declare as unethical any type of therapy which encourages homosexuals to change. In both cases NARTH has stood as the only organized voice against this lobby.

NARTH welcomes the support of all lay organizations, including religious groups, which turn to us for scientific evidence which may support their traditional doctrines. We remain, however, a professional organization devoted to scientific inquiry.”

Quotations presented in this discussion were from the following list of individuals who participated in a forum printed in the Philadelphia Enquirer (both conservative and liberal members served on the panel):

David Bartlett, professor at Yale Divinity School

Rev. Timothy Crater of the National Association of Evangelicals

Reuven Kimelman, professor of near Eastern and Judaic studies at Brandeis University.

R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Seminary

The Rev. Jill Nelson, pastor of the Sunshine Cathedral Metropolitan Community Church

Krister Stendahl, ex-dean of Harvard Divinity School.