

Hello,

Sometimes when you see into other people's hearts, it's not a good thing. You just want to wrap them back up and pretend you didn't see.

We heard a lot from the medical community (by a certain doctor, who shall remain unnamed, someone who treats medical issues; interestingly, the medical information was substantially biased against the male homosexual population. - Patriarchally influenced homosexual information? ☺) Also notes from the scientific world, and from names of authors who have a lot to say about the homosexual community, obviously. However, there was **no representation from the homosexual community** itself. And that is where I have a problem. If you want to know when a homosexual starts having feelings of homosexuality, maybe one should ask one, and stop imagining and speculating on what it is about or when it starts. Charts, statistics and scientific explanations fall short of what is in a person's heart and thoughts and feelings.

However, homosexuals even if they have rights in today's society don't all go shouting it from the rooftops that they are gay. Why? Because, I'm sorry to say, they are still widely **NOT** accepted, and they are still judged negatively, most of the time. Weird, because they most often have the biggest giving hearts I've ever encountered.

They are shunned from their families in some cases, and from churches, and from biased people that have a “negative” view of them. So, I'm not surprised that they are not represented.

As a side note, that is the same reason I volunteered to help with the Syrian refugees' English as a Second Language program. I heard so many un-charitable comments in our communities, that I was moved to action. I figured they needed all the friends they could get to help them, because they have enough enemies as it is.

After 15 years of being in a relationship with Anthony, I see the racial bigotry in our society all the time. Our society is **NOT** nice, **a lot of the time.**

So, I kind of fall in the same frame of mind for the homosexuals. **It is not an easy life.** Why would anyone **CHOOSE** that life, if it is going to be an uphill battle all the way? I lived through the witch hunts they had in the military in the 1970's, when they were looking for homosexuals. Do you have any idea how many lives were wrecked? Unbelievably, homosexuality in the Canadian Armed Forces went from being socially repressive to being socially accepted. Who would have thought? I'm sure that the people whose lives were wrecked are so pleased with that fact now.

Anyway, I digress.

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I went looking for the last census information that is available, because the census process had pretty much disappeared for a few years under the Harper government. I did find some figures,

albeit not the most recent ones, information STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH, so to speak.

https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/dai/smr08/2015/smr08_203_2015

FROM the above link, I extracted the portions below:

Same-sex couples across Canada

As same-sex marriages were legalized in Canada in 2005, census data on legally married and same-sex couples are available for 2006 and 2011 only.

According to the census, the number of same-sex married couples nearly tripled between 2006 and 2011, while the number of same-sex common-law couples rose 15.0%.

As a result, married couples represented about 3 in 10 same-sex couples in 2011, nearly twice the share of 16.5% in 2006.

- **64,575**— *The number of same-sex couple families in 2011, up 42.4% from 2006.*
- **21,015**— *The number of same-sex married couples.*
- **43,560**— *The number of same-sex common-law couples.*
- **0.8%**— *The proportion of all couples in 2011 who were same-sex couples.*
- **54.5%**— *The proportion of same-sex couples who were male.*
- **45.5%**— *The proportion of same-sex couples who were female.*
- **25.3%**— *The proportion of same-sex married spouses and common-law partners aged 15 to 34.*
- **17.5%**— *The proportion of opposite-sex married spouses and common-law partners aged 15 to 34.*
- **6.2%**— *The proportion of same-sex married spouses and common-law partners aged 65 and over.*
- **17.8%**— *The proportion of opposite-sex married spouses and common-law partners aged 65 and over.*
- **45.6%**— *The proportion of all same-sex couples in Canada living in Toronto, Montréal and Vancouver.*
- **33.4%**— *The proportion of all opposite-sex couples in Canada living in Toronto, Montréal and Vancouver.*

Sources: "[2011 Census of Population: Families, households, marital status, structural type of dwelling, collectives](#)," *The Daily*, Wednesday, September 19, 2012; 2011 Census, [Portrait of Families and Living Arrangements in Canada](#).

Source data: [Conjugal Status and Opposite/Same-sex Status, Sex and Age Groups for Persons Living in Couples in Private Households of Canada, Provinces, Territories and Census Metropolitan Areas, 2011 Census](#).

Sexual orientation

The [Canadian Community Health Survey](#), Cycle 2.1, was the first Statistics Canada survey to include a question on sexual orientation.

- **1.7%**— The percentage of Canadians aged 18 to 59 who reported in 2014 that they consider themselves to be homosexual (gay or lesbian).
- **1.3%**— The percentage of Canadians aged 18 to 59 who reported in 2014 that they consider themselves to be bisexual

So, by a 1.7% calculation- in 2014, there were **604,180 Canadians who identified themselves as homosexual**. If you add in the 1.3%, then 3% of 35.54 million is **1.066 million Canadians who identified themselves as either homosexual or bisexual**. (Yes, it is a far cry from the 10% that the doctor present, was discounting. **But 1,066,200 Canadians** is a figure that is hard to ignore.)

To put this in perspective, the **other** “minority” in Canada is the aboriginal people, at **1.4 million approximately**.

So, are these homosexual people not important because they are a **“MINORITY”**? (I heard that word used tonight by the doctor present.)Are they an abomination of nature? I did hear the word “abomination” tonight, as well. Almost said with relish. Real Christian-like.

******* Of note:** The 2011 Canadian Census counted **1,631,845** self-identified **Anglicans** (5 percent of the total Canadian population), making the Anglican Church the third-largest Canadian church after the Roman Catholic Church and the United Church of Canada. (Sorry I didn't have 2014 figures.)

The Anglican population in Canada is close to the Aboriginal population. (The Anglicans are a bit of a minority in Canada, wouldn't you say?)

What percentage makes a group “worthy”?

Aboriginal people – Diverse groups living across the country

- *New data from the National Household Survey (NHS) show that 1,400,685 people had an Aboriginal identity in 2011, representing 4.3% of the total Canadian population. Aboriginal people accounted for 3.8% of the population enumerated in the 2006 Census, 3.3% in the 2001 Census and 2.8% in the 1996 Census. <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm/2011/as-sa/99-011-x/99-011-x2011001-eng.cfm>*

On the drive home with another member of the congregation, I was surprised to hear that she was on the same wave length as I was. We both thought there was a lot of painting people with the same brush in the facts presented, which I already mentioned I thought were VERY negatively biased, at least against the male portion of the homosexual population. At least give a homosexual a chance to speak! I've known a fair number of homosexuals in my life, and NONE of them were promiscuous.

I told this parishioner, that if it were a vote, that I would vote AGAINST same-sex marriage in a church, as I wouldn't want to subject ANYONE I know to any more negativity than they already have to live with, day-in and day-out.

She had some good comments. She said why is the church choosing to divide on this. Why not have a list of the reverends who want to perform same-sex marriages and a list of those who don't. So, no one has to do anything they don't want to do.

Personally, I don't think anyone who is not welcomed in a church to begin with, would even want to get married in that church. Why would they? I would think they would stick to being married before the court..... However, if someone is of a certain faith, and homosexual, I would like to think that they have a church SOMEWHERE that they can be themselves and feel loved and accepted AND WELCOMED in all respects of who they are and where they can go and worship our Lord.

If there are this many negative feelings, then, the Anglican Church is obviously not that church.

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