Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality
Posted by Spoony on Thu, 18 Mar 2010 15:25:49 GMT
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reborn wrote on Thu, 18 March 2010 08:59You followed that through logically, but you have changed what I said. The findings suggest a greater chance, not a certainty.
You said "is going to make them homosexual", this implies an absolute; I never said that.
They are suggesting that there is simply a greater chance of the child being homosexual, not a certainty.

Use that same logic and think of it from this perspective:
A hetrosexual couple's offspring have an increased chance of being hetrosexual.
Therefore does it not seem logical that a homosexual environment would produce offspring that had an increased chance of being homosexual?
I don't know the figures, but it could prove that the child has a 15% chance of being homosexual if raised by homosexual aprents, instead of 10% in a hetrosexual environment. I'm not suggesing certainties, just an increased chance.

Well, I don't think that can be conclusively stated.

Is it not much more likely that, instead, children who happen to be homosexual and have heterosexual parents are more likely to grow up in an environment that disapproves of them, and therefore they will feel that they have to keep their sexuality secret?

Quote:You must accept that children learn behaviour from parents? It doesn't seem impossible to me that homosexual parents influence the chance fo their children being homosexual.
Well, if parents are:
- racist
- homophobic
- violent
- religious fanatics

then this will certainly affect the kids and probably make them more likely to grow up with these too. but there are two reasons why "homosexual" doesn't belong on the list.
1. nobody's explained why homosexuality is actually a bad thing
2. i am willing to grant that if a heterosexual child sees his homosexual parents at it, he might be inspired to try a homosexual relationship. i'll grant that. it sounds damn silly to me, but i'll grant it for the sake of your argument.
what i can't grant is the possibility that they might, as a result of trying that, "turn gay".

Quote:I have thought about this, and as I am about to be a father very soon, I took this discussion seriously. I have come to the conclusion that I would prefer my child to not be homosexual.

Not because I am a biggot or a homophobe, but because my Brother is homosexual and he has suffered all his life for this.
He was bullied at school, he has been ridiculed by people all his life, he is lonely and is often depressed. Using his words, not mine, "Being homosexual is a harder life, and not One many people would willingly choose.".

He finds it harder to fit in, and his sexualality affects every part of his life.
I love my Brother dearly, and hate seeing him un-happy. It breaks my heart.

It's a cowardly thing for me to say, I concede that. But I do not want my child to suffer that same life of prejudice.
I completely understand; you make a good argument, but it still hinges on the case being proven that you could actually make someone more likely to become homosexual if the parents are, and it doesn't change the fact that the over-riding solution to the problem is simply to combat homophobia, and the best way of doing that is to protect children from religion until they're old enough to understand it critically. of course, that solves a multitude of other problems too.

and there is a point to be made in the opposite direction.

if a child is homosexual, who is most likely to treat them with the understanding they need? homosexual parents, or heterosexual parents? who's less likely to be homophobic?

Quote:You could argue that I should teach my child if they was homosexual that these people are ignorant (and they are), but it would still hurt their feelings, and I want them to be as happy as possible.

Yes, the only reason for me to not want this life style is because of other people prejudice, but I don't care. I don't think people's views ar going to change any time soon, and I don't want my child to suffer the ignorance of others while the world catches up! Is that so wrong of me?

If I apply this to my own child, I would be a hypocrit to say I was fine with another child entering a homosexual environment.
it's a good point you make, although see my response to the same stuff above.