



HOT TOPICS

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What does culture & science tell us about
LGBTQ+?



Moral relativism – the idea that there are no universal or absolute morals and that morals are authored by each individual

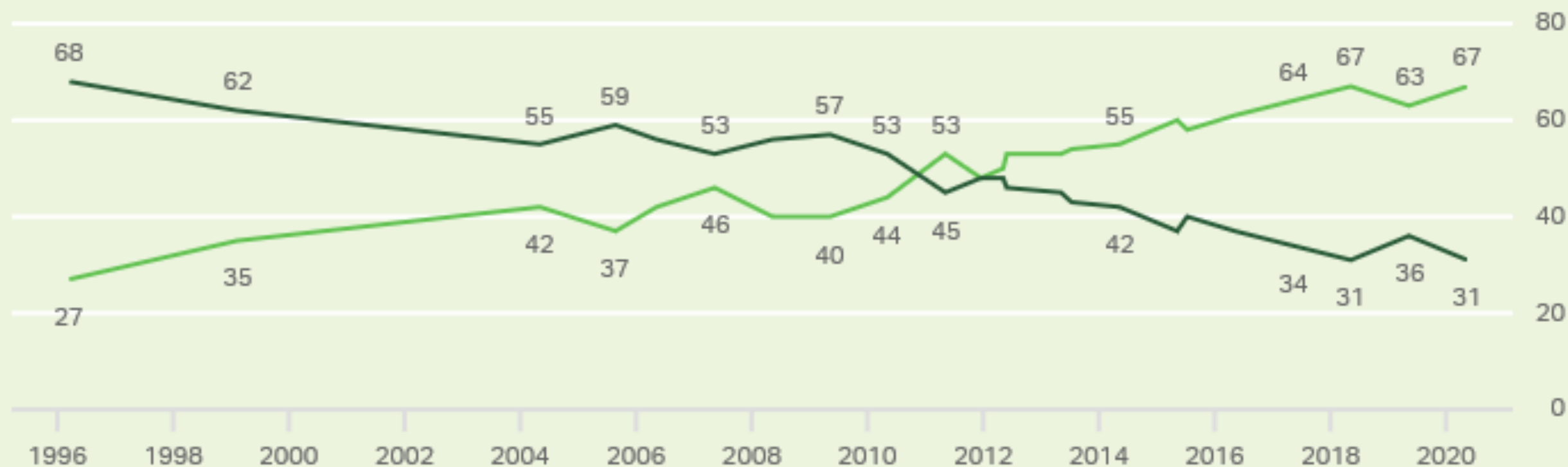


The American Psychiatric Association says
that 3.8% of US adults identify as LGBT.



Do you think marriages between same-sex couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?

■ % Should be valid ■ % Should not be valid



Trend for polls in which same-sex marriage question followed questions on gay/lesbian rights and relations

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Science and biology haven't confirmed a single "gay gene," but various genetic factors cause 8%-25% of sexuality (Andrea Ganna et al., Science 2019) and the rest is environmental factors.



Where do our moral ethics come from?



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Theonomous – God's/religious law
(Muslim & Hindu countries)

Heteronomous – Man's law (Communist
dictator)

Autonomous – Individual determines
morality (America)



Can anyone put a boundary on sexuality
within relativistic, autonomous society?



IN THIS HOUSE, WE BELIEVE:
BLACK LIVES MATTER
WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS
NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL
SCIENCE IS REAL
LOVE IS LOVE
KINDNESS IS EVERYTHING



Passages from the Old Testament

Leviticus 18:22 (NIV) – Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable

Leviticus 20:13 (NIV) – If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.




Passages from the New Testament

Two Greek words:

- **Malakoi** – effeminate, boy kept for homosexual relations, male prostitute
- **Arsenokoitai** – male & bed; one who lies with a male as with a female, sodomite, homosexual





1 Corinthians 6: 9-11 (NIV) – Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes (*malakos*), nor homosexual offenders (*arsenokoites*), nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor the drunkards, nor slanderers, nor swindlers will inherit the Kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of God.

1 Timothy 1: 8-10 (ESV) – Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality (*arsenokoites*), enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine





Romans 1:26-27 (ESV) – For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.



Every reference Jesus make to
marriage is between a man and woman
(Mark 10:6 & Matthew 19:4)



How should the church respond?

Begin by seeing everyone as made in the image of God & praying for a heart of compassion.



How should the church respond?

Stop elevating LGBTQ+ over all other issues and point people to Jesus.



How should the church respond?

Our own sin & brokenness drives us to a posture of humility before God and not a place of judgment.



Luke 18:9-14 (NIV) – To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men---robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.



How should the church respond?

Sexuality/LGBTQ+ is different, because it's not just a behavior, it's identity.



How should the church respond?

The Christian faith teaches us that we don't determine our identity, but God does.



Galatians 2:20 (NIV) – I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.



How should the church respond?

Our role in the conversation: caring relationship & pointing them to Jesus.

