

Gay Activism In The Schools

Adolescents are not always certain of their sexual identity. The study shown below found that by age 12, 25.9% of adolescents were unsure of their sexual orientation. By age 17, only 5% were unsure. Of the 95% who were sure of their sexual orientation, almost 99% were certain that they were heterosexual. In other words, about 80% of our adolescents decide during their teen years what their sexual orientation is. It is not unusual for some boys to experience same-sex attraction during early adolescence. It does not mean they will be homosexual.

Remafedi Study of Adolescents⁽¹⁾

At age 12

25.9% of students are unsure of their sexual orientation

At age 17

5% of students are unsure of their sexual orientation

95% of students are sure of their sexual orientation

(99% of these are sure that they are heterosexual)

80% of unsure 12 year olds will turn out heterosexual if nothing happens to change that.

This means that the sexuality of ¼ of our 12 year olds will be “up for grabs” in the next 5 years of their lives.

The more we allow gay activism in the schools to take the place of identifying unmet needs, the more children we put at risk.

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