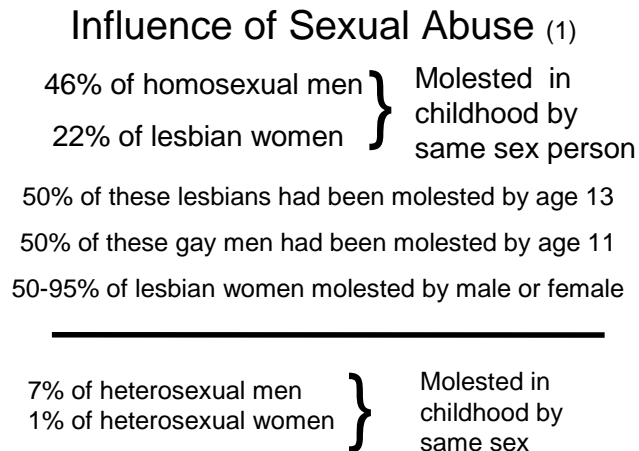


Sexual abuse

There is a high rate of sexual abuse in the developmental histories of many gay males and a very high rate in the developmental histories of lesbians. The chart below shows the results of research on sexual abuse:



The figure of 22% for lesbians was for women who had been molested as a child by a female. When you include the percentage of lesbians who were molested by either a male or a female, some statistics go as high as 95%. The 95% figure comes from lesbians who were in a program to overcome their same-sex attractions because they were dissatisfied with their sexuality.

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