## CASE STUDY Attitudes towards homosexuality

This survey is about a law enacted in 1988 that prevented councils from in any way promoting homosexuality. It was repealed as of 17 November 2003. The survey was undertaken shortly after the passing of the infamous Clause 28 of the Local Government Bill and was used to explore attitudes of older teenagers towards homosexuality.

## QUESTIONS FROM THE SURVEY OF ATTITUDES TOWARDS HOMOSEXUALITY AMONGST 16-20-YEAR-OLD FURTHER EDUCATION STUDENTS IN BIRMINGHAM.

Clause 28 of the Local Government Bill came into force on 27 May 1988 (repealed as of 17 November 2003). For 15 years this law prevents local councils from 'intentionally promoting homosexuality'. Nor may they 'promote the teaching of the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship' in schools.								
(Circle the answer	rs you think are applicable)							
1) Had you previo	ously heard of Clause 28?							
yes	no							
2) Do you underst	and the clause?							
yes	no							
3) Do you agree w	with the clause?							
yes	no							
4) Do you feel that	at Clause 28 affects only gay and lesbian people in society?							
yes	no							
5) Do you think th	nat the clause will make any difference to general opinion on homosexuality?							
yes	no							
6) Do you agree w	with homosexuality being included in sex education at school?							
yes	no							
7) Do you think the homosexuality:	ne inclusion of homosexuality, as part of sex education in schools, intentionally promotes?							
yes	no							
8) Do you conside	er that the timing of Clause 28 is in any way a response to the AIDS media scare?							
yes	no							
,	ecome aware of homosexuality? e appropriate answer(s)):							
a) Friend b) Parent c) Schoo d) Media	ts							

10) Which g	roups in society,	do you co	nsider, to	be most a	t risk	from AI	IDS?					
a)	Gays			yes	no							
	Heterosexuals			yes	no							
	<ul><li>c) Intravenous drug users</li><li>d) Lesbians</li></ul>			yes	no							
,	Prostitutes			yes yes	no no							
11)Do you consider there to be any truth in the term 'The gay plague', in connection with the problem of AIDS?											`AIDS?	
yes no												
	2) What is the age at which homosexuality is legal?  (Circle your answer).											
	a) Females: 16 18 20 21 25 other (please state) b) Males: 16 18 20 21 25 other (please state)											
13) What do you think the consenting age limit should be?												
	Females											
,	Males											
14) Do you think homosexuality should be made illegal?												
ye	es no											
15) Do you think acts of an affectionate nature, between homosexuals (male and female), should be confined to their home?												
	Female Male	yes yes	no no									
16) Is there anyone in your family or social circle, either male or female, whom you know to be homosexual?												
ye	es no											
17) If you had, or have a child, would you be, or are you prepared to discuss homosexuality with them?												
ye	es no											
18) Do you	agree with two ga	ay men, oi	r two lesbi	ian wome	n, rea	ring chil	dren in a	a family s	ituation'	?		
	a) Gay men b) Lesbian women		yes yes	no no								
This questionnaire is anonymous and confidential, however it would help us if you would provide some general details about yourself												
Age												
Sex	Male		Female									
Religion (if	any)											
Would you	Asian Europear Oriental	an Caribbean		ck one)								

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If you have any general comments on this issue, or the questionnaire overall please write them on the back.

Thank you very much for your time and co-operation.

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