

HETEROSEXUALITY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. When did you discover your heterosexuality?
 - I always knew.
 - As a teenager.
 - Not long ago.
 - I still have doubts.
2. Was it hard for you to accept your heterosexuality?
 - Yes, it is still hard.
 - Just a bit.
 - Actually I feel quite happy about it.
3. Do you know any similar cases?
 - Yes.
 - No.
 - I don't know. People don't talk about those things.
4. Are you considering telling your parents?
 - Yes, I guess so, and I think they will understand. They are very open-minded.
 - No, I would never tell them such a thing.
 - I think it would be very hard for them to understand. They were educated in a very traditional way.
 - I have already done it.
5. What about your friends?
 - Yes, I guess I will and they will understand, as some of them are also heterosexual.
 - No, I would never tell them such a thing.
 - I think it would be very hard for them to understand.
 - I have already shared it with some of them.
6. Have you ever felt discriminated against for being heterosexual?
 - A few times.
 - Yes, very often.
 - No.
 - No, because I hide who I am.
7. How many times have you gone to a psychologist searching for either guidance for self-acceptance or for help to stop you being heterosexual?
 - Many times.
 - I am in therapy.
 - I am afraid of not being understood by the psychologist.
 - No, I have never been to a doctor for this "problem" of mine.
8. Do you think an opposite-sex couple can form a family and raise children without it being traumatic for them?
 - Yes.
 - No.
 - It depends on the couple.
9. What do you feel when you hear the expression: "fucking hetero" or those constant jokes and funny comments regarding heterosexuals?
 - It hurts me and I would rather disappear.
 - As long as they are not addressing me directly.
 - The truth is that we, heterosexuals, are so.
 - I defend myself openly and I defend those who are like me.

MORE QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER...

1. What do you think caused your heterosexuality?
2. When and how did you first decide that you were a heterosexual?
3. Is it possible that your heterosexuality is just a phase you are going through, something you will grow out of?
4. Is it possible that your heterosexuality stems from a neurotic fear of others of the same sex?
5. If you've never slept with a person of the same sex and enjoyed it, is it possible that all you need is a good gay/lesbian lover?
6. If you've never slept with a person of the same sex, how do you know that you wouldn't prefer that?
7. Whom have you disclosed your heterosexual tendencies to? How did they react?
8. Your heterosexuality doesn't offend me as long as you don't try and force it on me. Why do you heterosexuals feel compelled to seduce others into your life style?
9. Why do you insist on being so obvious, making a public spectacle of your heterosexuality and flaunting your heterosexuality? Can't you just be what you are and keep quiet about it?
10. Would you want your children to be heterosexual, knowing the problems they'd face?
11. The great majority of child molesters are heterosexuals. Do you consider it safe to expose your children to heterosexual teachers?
12. Even with all the societal support that marriage receives, the divorce rate is spiraling upward. Why are there so few stable relationships among heterosexuals?
13. Why do heterosexuals place so much emphasis on sex?
14. Heterosexuals are noted for assigning themselves and each other to narrowly-restricted, stereotyped sex roles. Why do you cling to such unhealthy role-playing?
15. How can you enjoy a fully satisfying sexual experience or deep emotional rapport with a person of the opposite sex, when the obvious physical and biological differences between you are so vast? How can a man understand what pleases a woman sexually, or vice-versa?
16. Considering the menace of overpopulation, how could the human race survive if everyone was heterosexual?
17. Could you trust a heterosexual therapist to be objective? Don't you fear that she/he might be inclined to influence you in the direction of her | his leaning?
18. How can you become a whole person if you limit yourself to compulsive, exclusive heterosexuality? Shouldn't you at least try to develop your healthy, natural homosexual potential?
19. There seem to be very few happy heterosexuals. Techniques have been developed to help you change, if you really want to. Have you considered aversion therapy?

WORLD UPSIDE DOWN
Questionnaire about HETEROSEXUALITY

Workshop explanation

It might help people understand other points of view, by putting themselves into someone else's shoes.

After people have already answer it personally, ask them about their impressions, feelings, thoughts...

EXPLANATION:

Language is a very powerful tool to transmit our own values and positiong.

Questions can be actually statements:

- Message might happen to be -> THIS IS OUR WORLD, YOU ARE JUST LIVING IN IT.

Those who (im)pose the questions:

- are not always neutral
- might be (mis)informed about the subject

Homophobia is a HUMAN RIGHTS issue (non discrimination, right to private life, right to free speech, right to live...)

- Homosexuals (and also those not being homosexuals but seeming to be) are discriminated against either socially or legally almost in every country in the world
- There are even 7 countries where death penalty is applied

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Mind your language!
- Don't presume everyone around you is heterosexual
- Get informed so that you can help young people questioning themselves
- Wear the glasses of gender, dissabilities, beliefs, migrants, sexual orientation... things that most of the times are invisible.

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