



Self-Assessment of Attitudes and Knowledge about Sexual Minorities

Use the following scale to rate your responses to the statements

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5

- _____ 1. I believe that homosexuality is a sin
 - _____ 2. I would feel disappointed if I learned that my child was lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT).
 - _____ 3. Same-sex couples should be allowed to marry
 - _____ 4. Children should be taught that being gay is a normal and health way for people to be.
 - _____ 5. If a member of my sex asked me out for a date, I would feel flattered.
- Items 1-5 reflect attitudes toward LGBT people

- _____ 6. Most lesbians hate men.
 - _____ 7. Lesbianism is the result of traumatic relationships with men.
 - _____ 8. Gay men are more likely than heterosexual men to be paedophiles.
 - _____ 9. Most men who display effeminate traits are gay.
 - _____ 10. Bisexual men and women are really 'closeted' gay men and lesbians.
- Items 6-10 reflect commonly held myths about LGBT people.

- _____ 11. I have close friends who are LGBT.
 - _____ 12. Someone has 'come out' to me in the past two years.
 - _____ 13. I am familiar with religious groups that welcome and affirm LGBT people.
 - _____ 14. I know of someone who has been beaten up or murdered because of their sexual orientation.
 - _____ 15. I have attended LGBT establishments and events, such as a gay bar or a gay pride festival.
 - _____ 16. I understand the costs of 'coming out' that LGBT people face.
 - _____ 17. I am knowledgeable about a variety of reactions a parent might have after learning that her/his child is LGBT.
 - _____ 18. I am familiar with the community resources in my area for LGBT people (bookstores, helplines, support groups, bars etc.)
 - _____ 19. I understand the significance of the Stonewall riots.
 - _____ 20. I am knowledgeable about the conditions of 'triple jeopardy' that affect lesbians and bisexual women of colour, or disabled LGBT people.
- Items 11-20 reflect knowledge about and experience with LGBT people and communities.

What questions/issues did the self-assessment raise for you?



Scoring:

It is not necessary to score your responses. Rather, they can be a basis for discussion of each item. However, if you choose to summarise your score, here is the key:

Reverse score (that is, 1=5, 2=4, 3=3, 4=2, 5=1) the following items, 1, 2,6,7,8,9 and 10. Then add up all the items for a total score.

Scores can range from 20 to 100 and higher scores reflect positive attitudes and more knowledge and experiences with LGBT people and communities. Lower scores reflect negative attitudes and limited knowledge and experiences with LGBT people and communities.