

letters

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against women and their need for protection.

Ralph Gardner
Business

Hypocrites!

Although I didn't have the guts to speak out last night at a meeting I attended, I am still so mad today I feel I must say something. I went to see Audre Lourde, a fantastic poet and author who writes on racism and societal problems. After her statements, there was much time for dialogue, and many interesting things were said.

The room was packed with mostly women, and a handful of men. During this discussion on racism and sexism, a young man stood up to voice an opinion, and I was shocked at the audience's reaction — they booed him! These same people had been screaming about discrimination towards anyone for any reason; skin color, religion, sex, anything. Then when a white, male, and (God forbid) heterosexual stood up to say what was on his mind, did they see a human being with rights and feelings inherent to all human beings? No! They saw someone different from themselves, and made it very clear that because he was different, he (and his opinion) was worth less than they were! Hypocrites!

Susan Kinner
International Studies

Both barrels

Well, it looks like Brandon Shepard and myself got both barrels from the homosexuals. Should I apologize for my convictions? Absolutely not! Tim Salcedo decided to help his argument with a list of, shall we say, "Big Name" perverts. Does this prove his point, or save his conscience? Ms. Dockstader wants us to believe that homosexuals are a minority just like handicaps and persons of a different color. What a total slap in the face to handicaps and other races. Handicaps and other races don't make a conscious decision to be handicapped or of a different color. Each time a homosexual decides to jump in the sack, he does so by making a conscious decision. Since when should homosexuals pervert logic, and disgrace

minorities who make no conscious decision to be minorities by saying that gays are true-to-form minorities?

I was shocked by Ms. Pinckney's unorthodox statement, "Homosexuality is normal." Tell us Ms. Pinckney, is it normal for two men to have sex? Is it normal Ms. Pinckney for women to have sex? It's perverted logic Ms. Pinckney to believe homosexuality is "made natural" simply because homosexuals have lived in different cultures. Ms. Pinckney, do you really believe "nature" supports the homosexual lifestyle? If you do, read the definition of "perversion," and then enlighten us on AIDS and the various other forms of VD that are rampant in the homosexual community. Now, do you really think "nature" supports homosexuality?

Fred Elledge
Business

Freedom!

Response to Fred Elledge and Brandon Shepard:

Lesbianism is one road to freedom from oppression by men. Our ability to obtain love from women frees lesbians of dependence on men for love, sex, and money. Lesbians do not cater to male egos. Lesbians do not fall for this "natural" horseshit the patriarchy feeds us.

Lesbians are not afraid of being abandoned by men. Women who are totally independent of men are a terrible threat to male supremacy. Lesbians do not need men, therefore men have less power over women.

Lesbians are less reluctant to express our hostility towards male supremacy. Women who reject the patriarchy are called "lesbian, dyke, butch" or whatever men see as an insult. To be hostile towards the patriarchy, then, is to be a lesbian. Well, if lesbianism is caused by hostility, then it is a healthy reaction to rejecting male supremacy.

I can only laugh at anyone who falls for Freud's notion of penis envy. People ask, "How do you do it without a penis?" as if the penis is the ultimate in sexual pleasure. Let me tell you, lesbians can do without the penis and keep it going longer, too! Lesbianism involves love and respect, not sucking up to

our oppressors.

Men oppress lesbians out of fear because we threaten their dominance. Men fear and hate the oppressed. Lesbians have found a way to conquer male control. We will fight until we win our freedom, and we won't give up.

Laura Romano
Lesbian



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