

EDUCATING AMERICA

GROWING UP IN LGBT AMERICA

Over one-half of LGBT youth (54 percent) say they have been verbally harassed and called names involving anti-gay slurs;

Nearly half of LGBT youth (47 percent) say they do not “fit in” in their community while only 16 percent of non-LGBT youth feel that way;

67 percent of straight youth describe themselves as happy but this number drops to 37 percent among LGBT young people;

83 percent of LGBT youth believe they will be happy eventually, but only 49 percent believe they can be happy if they stay in the same city or town;


6 in 10 LGBT youth say their family is accepting of LGBT people, while a third say their family is not;

92 percent say they hear negative messages about being LGBT – 60 percent say those messages come from elected leaders.

When asked to describe their most important problem, straight teens articulated the usual challenges of grades and college and finances. On the other hand LGBT teens’ worries were directly related to their identity as LGBT including non-accepting families and bullying.

In The Human Rights Commission's study on LGBTQ Youth 10,000 youth participated. The study included a corollary of straight teens.

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