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WHAT HOMOSEXUALS AND LESBIANS WANT

What Time magazine did for Herpes last year, Newsweek recently did for AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome): a cover-story expose brought an incurable disease out of the closet and made it front-page news. Now the homosexuals, the largest group suffering from AIDS, are trying to blame their plight on the government for not moving as rapidly to find a cure as was done with Legionaires' Disease or Toxic Shock Syndrome.

But the trouble with doing research on AIDS is the near-impossibility of finding out who the victims have been in contact with because of their immense anonymous promiscuity. Newsweek reported that homosexuals with AIDS have an average of 1,100 sexual partners.

The concern of the homosexual community about AIDS is evident from now-candid articles in pro-homosexual magazines. A recent article in The Rolling Stone admitted that AIDS is "principally a phenomenon of the raunchy subculture in large cities, where [homosexual] bars and bathhouses are literal hotbeds of sexual promiscuity."

This magazine casually referred to "the very promiscuous fabric that knits the gay-male community together," and admitted that "the concept of a revolutionary sexual brotherhood is undisputedly a tenet of mainstream gay culture." The magazine even quoted a former director of the National Gay Task Force as saying that "People are beginning to see the connection between having high numbers of different sexual partners and disease."

The 1980 CBS-TV documentary called "Gay Power, Gay Politics" reported that the average homosexual has had 500 partners, and that 30 percent have had 1,000 partners; and many of the encounters are in the park or bathhouse where no names are exchanged. It's almost impossible for the average person to comprehend such massive promiscuity.

This is why repeal of all sodomy laws is a major political goal of the homosexual movement. They want the "right" to use public restrooms and even public parks (as they do in San Francisco) to solicit new partners and have their encounters.

The lesbian groups' support of sodomy-law repeal shows their political alliance with the homosexuals. If you think that "gay/lesbian rights" means merely the right of

"consenting adults" to exercise their "sexual preference" in private, you are twenty years behind the times.

They want the right to teach in private as well as public schools (thereby overriding the rights of the parents who do not want homosexuals as role-models for impressionable children.) Homosexuals have already filed suit to establish the right of homosexuals to be active in Boy Scouts (thereby overriding the rights of other Scouts.)

The same CBS documentary reported that the homosexual movement has a well-funded "educational" program in the schools to present homosexuality to school children as an "alternative normal lifestyle." Public school sex education programs are designed to describe sexuality in a non-judgmental way, without guidance that any acts are wrong; and the homosexual position is that, IF sexuality is taught, their "alternate lifestyle" must be included in the curriculum.

The lesbian groups agitate most often for child custody and adoption rights. They want to prohibit judges from using the lesbianism of a mother as a reason for awarding custody to a "straight" father of his own child. They also want an unmarried lesbian to have adoption rights.

The homosexuals are agitating vigorously to get the spousal benefits accorded by society and by employers to husbands and wives. Spousal health and medical benefits for homosexual couples were an issue in the recent San Francisco mayoralty election, and homosexuals have started a court case to try to get spousal benefits for homosexual airline flight attendants.

There is much, much more. Homosexuals and lesbians want to force the U.S. Armed Forces to accept them, even though this has never been acceptable conduct for service in the military. They want what they call housing rights, which means prohibiting individuals from refusing to rent them rooms or apartments.

The homosexuals and lesbians even want to amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act to include the words "affectional/sexual preference." That would make them eligible for status as a "minority" group entitled to "affirmative action" in jobs and schools.

Those who want to read further on this subject will find a gold mine of information in a new book called "The Homosexual Network: Private Lives & Public Policy" by Enrique Rueda (Devin-Adair Co., 1982).