

Am I Homophobic Quiz

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of assessment: _____

This questionnaire is designed to measure your thoughts, feelings, and behaviors with regards to homosexuality. It is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers. Answer each item by checking the number after each question as follows:

- 1 = Strongly agree
- 2 = Agree
- 3 = Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 = Disagree
- 5 = Strongly disagree

	1	2	3	4	5
1. Gay people make me nervous.					
2. Gay people deserve what they get.					
3. Homosexuality is acceptable to me.					
4. If I discovered a friend was gay I would end the friendship.					
5. I think homosexual people should not work with children.					
6. I make derogatory remarks about gay people.					
7. I enjoy the company of gay people.					
8. Marriage between homosexual individuals is acceptable.					

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9. I make derogatory remarks like "faggot" or "queer" to people I suspect are gay.					
10. It does not matter to me whether my friends are gay or straight.					
11. It would upset me if I learned that a close friend was homosexual.					
12. Homosexuality is immoral.					
13. I tease and make jokes about gay people.					
14. I feel that you cannot trust a person who is homosexual.					
15. I fear homosexual persons will make sexual advances towards me.					
16. Organizations which promote gay rights are not necessary.					
17. I have damaged property of a gay person, such as "keying" their car.					
18. I would feel uncomfortable having a gay roommate.					
19. I would hit a homosexual for coming on to me.					
20. Homosexual behavior should not be against the law.					
21. I avoid gay individuals.					

	1	2	3	4	5
22. It bothers me to see two homosexual people together in public.					
23. When I see a gay person I think, "What a waste."					
24. When I meet someone I try to find out if he/she is gay.					
25. I have rocky relationships with people that I suspect are gay.					

Total score: _____

Disclaimer: It is not a perfect measure of anti-gay feelings or ideas, and is not a predictor of potential for anti-gay violence. [Though this scale was used in a research project designed to test the theory that homophobia is a manifestation of repressed homosexual desire, the scale is not a measure of homosexuality.]

Scoring and interpretation

The following items are reverse scored: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25.

To reverse score the items 1=5, 2=4, 3=3, 4=2, 5=1.

Then, to calculate the total scale score, add items 1–25, then subtract 25 from the total scale score.

The range of scores should then be between 0–100, with a score of 0 being the least homophobic and 100 being the most homophobic.

To calculate the subscale scores (after items have been reverse scored):

- **Behavior/negative affect:** Add items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 22, then subtract 10. Scores should range between 0–40.
- **Affect/behavioral aggression:** Add items 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, then subtract 10. Scores should range between 0–40.
- **Negative cognition:** Add items 3, 8, 16, 18, 20, then subtract 5. Scores should range between 0–20.

Higher scores on the quiz indicate a higher level of homophobia, while lower scores suggest a more accepting attitude toward homosexuality.

References

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