

Homosexuality is unnatural and evil

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I am writing to respond to the opinions published in last week's Campus which were critical of my letter from the previous week's issue. I would like to clarify my views.

Yes, I do believe that homosexual acts are contrary to both the physical and spiritual nature of man; they are both unnatural and intrinsically evil. Moreover, the orientation towards performing such acts is abnormal. In not making these views explicit in my letter, I was in no way trying to conceal my beliefs from the readers. Rather, I was hoping to appeal to those readers who may not necessarily agree with my opinions, but who support my right to express them. Furthermore, the purpose of my article was not to defend my beliefs concerning homosexuality, but to demonstrate that the college's harassment policy threatens free speech.

The harassment policy does not clearly protect expression of opinion. Although it allows for "classroom discussion" of homosexuality, the sexual harassment posters on campus clearly list "negative comments concerning sexual orientation" as a form of intolerance which will not be tolerated at Middlebury

College. I see no reason why the expression of opinions opposed to homosexuality should not be published. In fact, the purpose of these policies is to do just that. The policy's stated purpose is to "maintain a campus environment where bigotry and intolerance have no place." Words such as "intolerance," "bigotry," or "harassment" are obviously quite vague. What they mean would be determined by those implementing the policy. Undoubtedly, Professor Moss speaks for the bulk of the faculty and the administration when he says such opinions are rooted in "naked hatred and intolerance."

Under similar policies at other colleges, students have actually been prosecuted for their expression of "politically incorrect" beliefs concerning homosexuality. In classic totalitarian style, they have been subsequently forced to take classes of re-education and to publicly renounce their views. Have we any reason to believe that similar punishments will not soon be imposed on the "politically incorrect" at Middlebury? Are there not many at the college who look with an envious eye towards those more "progressive" institutions which have done just that?

The college's harassment policy does not truly allow for discussion. It would seem that the only way the PC movement would tolerate the discussion of "politically incorrect" beliefs would be if they were presented

in the classroom as the ideas of the silly, intolerant past, and certainly not as ideas to be taken seriously by the enlightened people of the modern age. One also gets the impression that if a student were to present such views as his own, he could certainly not do so in such a forceful manner that would suggest that the current PC orthodoxy concerning homosexuality is, in fact, wrong. The PC discussion is no discussion at all.

Furthermore, the question as to whether homosexuality constitutes a mental disorder does, in fact, remain a point of controversy within the field of psychology. Although the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its list of disorders, the decision was not without its critics. In a subsequent sample poll, 69% of A.P.A. members held that homosexuality is “usually a pathological adaptation.” (Joseph Dilenno, *Homosexuality: The Questions*, p. 101) In fact, many have argued that the decision was based not upon scientific grounds, but upon a sort of PC consideration: “The decision...marks a time in psychiatric history when a scientific society, ignoring scientific evidence, yielded to the [political] demands of a militant, zealous group.” (Samuel Hadden “Homosexuality Classification” in *Psychiatric Annals*, April, 1976, p. 46.) Perhaps it has been similar intellectual coercion within academia by certain PC groups, which creates the false impression that “no one with a degree in psychology” would contend that homosexuality is a

disorder. Nevertheless, during winter term, a psychology course discussed this issue seriously. Let us hope that such discussions will not be banned in the near future.