

In my Western, predominantly Christian country, I have been exposed to many individuals who strongly disapprove of homosexuality. This disapproval, however, is only of an “unofficial” nature, as homosexuality is not actual illegal in my country (though formal marriage remains only a heterosexual option). In many other countries, it *is* illegal to be homosexual, and in some, it is punishable by death (Helie 2004).

Despite that, however, Helie has pointed out that even in the most “gay-dangerous” countries, homosexuals still remain true to themselves, and continue to engage in relationships with fellow homosexuals.

To me, this is encouraging; despite widespread persecution (even to deadly extremes), homosexuals continue to live according to their natures. Though their surrounding environment attempts it, it would appear that many homosexuals will simply not let themselves be oppressed.

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