

# Homophobia

**"Homophobia"** is the common denominator of negative judgments about homosexual people. This term refers to all possible (and impossible) "fears of homosexual orientation". In public speeches, in addition to serious considerations, purely emotional arguments also appear. Insults are far more often directed towards homosexual men than towards homosexual women. Despite its name, "homophobia" is not a real phobia, but rather a (often derogatory) term for a critical attitude towards homosexuality, its practice or the demands of homosexual activists.

The basis for "homophobia" is sometimes considered to be fear of the unknown and uncommon. This is not surprising for a characteristic that occurs in only a few percent of the population. However, those who have these concerns about unnatural sexuality can also argue for the obvious pathological nature of the characteristic, which hinders physiological reproductive function.

Support for attitudes considered "homophobic" by some experts in recent years can be found, for example, in the Old Testament - the book of *Leviticus* (18:22-23) evaluates homosexual sexual intercourse and intercourse with animals identically. Both practices are sometimes referred to as *sodomy*.



Expression of homophobia

## References

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- Homophobia (English Wikipedia)

### Bibliography

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