

hate and fear. Their desire to destroy their own homosexual feelings can manifest as violence against other GLBT people.

This is not to say that being in the closet leads to one to commit anti-gay violence or that all gay bashers are closeted GLBT people, rather that the dynamic of the closet has this effect on some people.

Additionally, not all victims of anti-GLBT violence are members of the GLBT community themselves. The NCAVP reports that 17% of victims of anti-GLBT violence identify themselves as heterosexual, a 36% increase from the previous year. This statistic suggests that anti-GLBT violence is motivated by the perception of the perpetrator, not the actual sexual orientation of the victim.

Stopping Anti-GLBT Violence

Unlike AIDS, Breast Cancer, or other health issues that GLBT communities face, stop-

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP) reported an 8% increase in anti-gay violence since 1995. This figure includes a 36% increase in serial incidents of anti-gay violence.

ping anti-GLBT violence is not as simple as changing behavior or getting more information. Anti-GLBT violence is a product of societal homophobia and heterosexism. Fighting these diseases is perhaps that only permanent solution.

In the mean time, GLBT communities can work with their local police to develop strong anti-violence initiatives such as policies and procedures for handling anti-gay violence incidents and involving the GLBT community in those efforts. There is also a need for victim assistance and advocacy programs to assist

men and women who are victims of anti-GLBT violence. Lastly, communities can also work toward the inclusion of anti-homophobia and heterosexism messages in community education programs.

Individuals can protect themselves in a variety of ways. Be aware of areas where anti-GLBT violence has occurred and avoid them if possible. When cruising, take a friend of let others know where you are going. If you pick up someone at the bar, introduce the person to at least one other person before you leave with them. And finally, when out and about, keep an eye out for people acting strange and let other GLBT know around you to avoid such a person.

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