

Origin of Homosexual Rights Becoming a Civil Rights Issue

A magazine entitled *Traditional Values* published in Anaheim, CA, reported on the first annual Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN or “Glisten”) Midwest Conference held March 11, 1995. The entire meeting was to plan an agenda for American education to rethink the idea of homosexuality in America. The desire was to reframe the issue by presenting it in a different perspective. One of the points was that heterosexuals say they must protect their children from the homosexual community. The homosexuals declared that they are going to make schools safe for gay and lesbian young people. They want to parade homosexual youth and teachers before the public to put a human face forward telling stories of suicide and suffering. They want to tell how homosexual people have committed suicide and how they suffer at the hands of heterosexual people. They are going to turn the thing around stating, “We want to organize so as to include non-gay people and non-gay groups. We want to pull in straight people and attempt to make this issue a human rights issue, not a gay rights issue. These are human beings. We want to force the heterosexual community, the so-called “straight” community to explain why they are heterosexual, not why we are homosexual.”

See also: Louisville News Report (March 7, 1995)

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