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# **The LGBT Group**

Do we have the right to choose  
who "we" love?

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## *THE DEFINITION OF LGBT GROUP*

LGBT is an acronym for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Nowadays LGBT people get more attention in the society. According to the data of our survey, 55% of Chinese teenagers know the term LGBT and its meaning, and nearly 20% have heard about it but don't know about it, and 25% don't know about it at all. So we know that within the youth community, not many people know what the term LGBT means. Everyone knows the Chinese meaning of the word but there is an international name for it called LGBT.

### *Conditions Chinese LGBT people are facing*

With the development of subculture, LGBT group becomes more and more well-known among young people. Lot of teenagers or twenties have shown their understanding while elders feel "homosexual" is disgusting.

Due to most of the society can't take the love between the same sex, LGBT is an underground group in some ways. They have their own APP to connect with each other, a relatively small social circle. It is supposed to be ashamed if you talk about LGBT topic in public. So it is hard for LGBT to find a mate.

### *Law limitation*

The law of china hasn't admit legal homosexual marriage. Thus it brings a variety of problems to this group. The civil rights of LGBT people are also lacking in terms of adoption, inheritance, community property and divorce compensation.

China's current film and television censorship system explicitly prohibits any form of gay-related content, hindering broader public discourse about LGBT people and sexual and gender identity. China's current anti-discrimination law covers only women. In the criminal law, same-sex rape is not subject to legal sanction.

Although China has no policies specifically targeting LGBT people, there have been some positive changes in policies regarding sexual orientation and gender identity.

Historically, Chinese society and culture have not shown strong opposition to homosexuality. Chinese historical records of sexual desire and relationships between men can be traced back to 650 BC. Historian YingShao recorded the relationship between women imitating husbands and wives in the 2nd century AD. Buddhism and Taoism, two of the most influential religions in Chinese history, do

not explicitly condemn homosexuality. At present, negative public opinion still dominates in China's treatment of non-traditional sexual orientation and gender identity. A 2012 poll of residents in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou showed that only 31 percent of respondents accepted gay and lesbian people, while only 27 percent said that sexual minorities should be protected by law.



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#### *Contemporary Netizen's views on the LGBT community*

Nowadays, through the Internet, we can see that many netizen are willing to express their feelings and opinions freely in the case of anonymous answers. And there also exists a small amount of controversy.

We picked up some anonymous comments on ZhiHu—— a question-and-answer site.

Here we can see: most netizen think it is the most important point to face objectively the fact that China still lags behind in its attitude towards the LGBT community.

Anonymous user "Emperor of Li" said: "most of our elders is still hard to accept this group due to the influence of old ideas and conservative opinions, but we have more access to new ideas than our parents' generation, so we should know this group more objectively."

But in the aspect of equal rights, our country still needs to guide the masses' thoughts correctly, and there is still a long way to go.

However, there are also different voices: there are a few users who disagree with this group. Through the research, we found that the majority of the people who oppose it are disgusted by the fact that LGBT people often portray themselves as vulnerable groups.

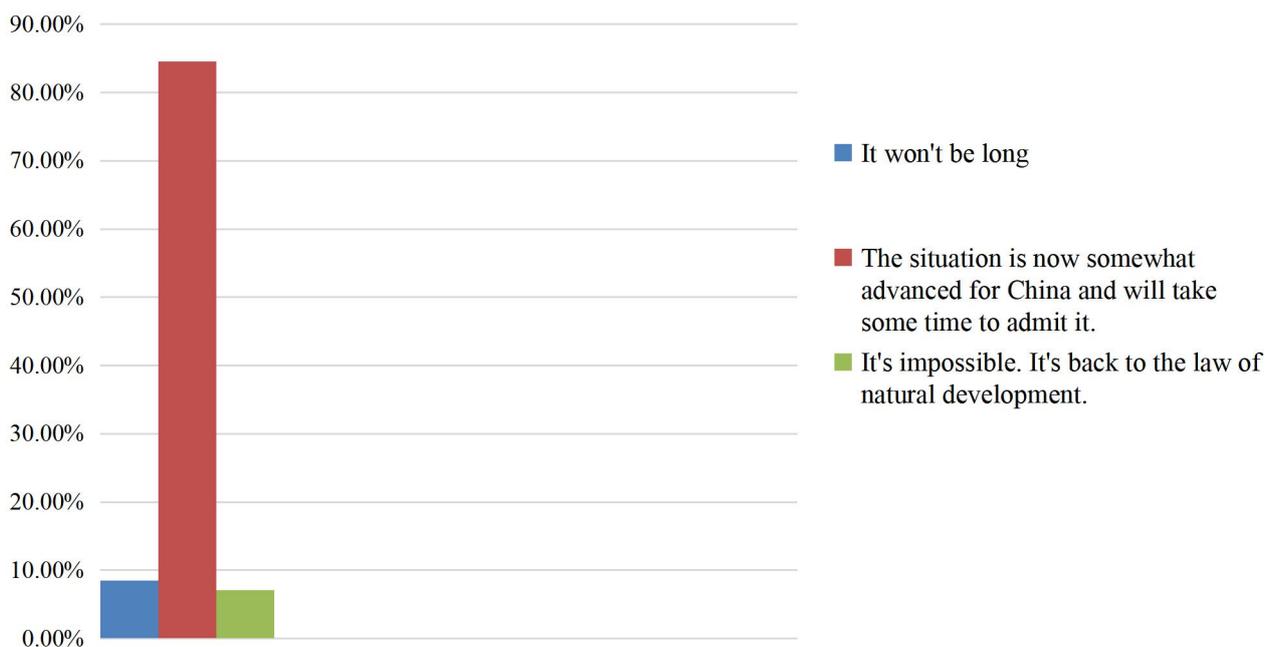
However, anonymous user "Moni" pointed out that LGBT individuals are no less capable than heterosexuals in today's brain-work society, which is one of the reasons why the fight for equal rights is so fierce.

LGBT is in a strong position on the battlefield of public opinion because it is more united.

### *Survey in adolescent groups*

Based on this question, we designed a questionnaire which includes multiple choice questions and brief questions. Most of the participants are Chinese youth groups between the ages of 15 and 18. In the next part we will analyze the public's answer. There are 71 persons attending the survey.

#### Question A



Do you think homosexuality will one day be recognized and accepted by the mainstream of Chinese society?

As we can see, 8.45% of participants thought it won't be long. Most of the participants (84.51%) think the situation is now somewhat advanced for China and will take some time to admit it. The rest of the people (7.04%) think it's impossible to achieve.

#### Question B

If you have a close friend around you, you will have an impact on that relationship between you?

The people who will try to help them reverse their sexual orientation forms 16.9%.12,86% of participant think it's going to be nauseous, they will change from a close friend to a common friend. 81.69% participant will help them overcome the difficulties encountered along the way. People who will laugh at them, in person or behind them to stay away from them, and then become Strangers takes up 2.82%.

**Question C** is a brief questions,I summed up all the answers and classified into several types.

The question is if gay marriage is legalized in the mainland, do you think it will affect your life?

Why?

74.64% of participant suppose the Legality of homosexuality won't affect them life since this is their basic right.25.36% of them believe the introduction of policies will affect your life. But people think that it will not only have negative effects but also positive effects. Those people who have positive view suppose the policy may change the perceptions of people around the LGBT community, and the acceptance of the LGBT community will be higher in daily life.