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Introduction

What are the major problems that are happening to the LGBTQ+ community that's also affecting children and teens in Generation Z?

As a member and ally of the LGBTQ+ community, this topic has not only become my interest, but has become the growth of my worries. Throughout social media, and seeing it in person throughout this society, made me realize the hate, abuse and harsh attacks the pride community is gaining. How bad it's become for the children and teens, even parents who are involved in pride. After becoming more and more worried I took it up with my curiosity to understand these problems more and more. So then I start questioning myself on what I wanted to know which is, What is causing the black community that's also in the LGBTQ+ community to be even more targeted? It may be a simple question to answer but I knew there was more to it. Another few questions I wondered was, what will happen to children who are coming to this community? And how are these incoming problems lowering teens' mental health state? Why are supportive parents being overlooked wrong? What is wrong with same gender parents? My questions eventually led to more and more questions. Which made it difficult for me to decide on what I want to focus on in this topic. While concluding my research I've finally found a few things that speak and answer all my questions. Although they're based on the same movements,

this movement that will be shared with you goes in more depth toward what is coming for pride parents, teens, and children.

Source Entries:

Citation #1

How 'Don't Say Gay' Diminishes Same-Sex Parents and Their Children | We are honoring the Top 11 winners of our Student Editorial Contest by publishing their essays. This one is by Lucas Cohen-d'Arbeloff, age 17.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/16/learning/dont-say-gay-parents-children.html>

Summary:

The “Don’t say gay” Bill has become a huge chaotic story and a very hateful legislation to take on. The Bill was refused and that demanded to basically put a hold into teachings within a classroom about sexual orientations or gender identity. This is being held for students from kindergarten through the 3rd grade, all because of the fact that apparently “in a manner that is not age appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students”. Then a big question gets put into place, “who gets to decide what is ‘appropriate’ for a particular age group? Especially when children could possibly have same sex parents. As what is noticed, children/students sometime grows up noticing that their same sex parents aren’t being acknowledged by their teacher. It became un-imaginable for pride parents to witness that their children won't be participating in any LGBTQ+ curriculum. Now teachers have to choose between their living style or treating their students “humanely”. Some same-sex parents had already took a stand against this injustice the pride community is receiving.

Reflection:

Child students as their growing up with same sex parents is difficult for them, witnessing other children looking at them differently because they're not used to seeing this, bullying can also happen yes, but what could prevent that? Yes I do believe that the LGBTQ+ should be taught as a curriculum, the hate that this community has been receiving has more than enough. Students are going to experience anyways, so what's the point of not educating them in advance?

Citation #2:

“Amendment to ‘Don’t Say Gay’ bill in Florida requires schools to out students to their parents within six weeks”
<https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/595218-amendment-to-dont-say-gay-bill-in-florida-requires-schools-to-out/>

Summary:

Its been noted that the “Don’t Say Gay” bill gained it’s attention, held back educators from teaching about gender identification and sexual orientation, even helping them understand how to adjust to others pronouns. Parents can take legal action if they feel that this extent is going too far. Teachers are instructed to inform their students parent about their sexual orientation in a dialogue that is basically not in a non judgemental way. However they are not realizing the risk of outing them could have on the students. The democratic state rep had filed that this will allow students to file for what they’ve called “irreparable harm” caused on behalf of their sexual orientation or identity role. Every parent hopes for their children's protection, safety and freedom from these values. President Biden has decided that this is advancing to become a designed target towards kids who need the support the most.

Reflection:

My concern is that why should it matter if the children want to be who they want to be? Why can't they make the decision on their own if they want to come out to their parents? They need to grow on their own with support coming from those who surround them. If teachers outs them to their parents, a lot of damage can be done, whether they feel like they're truly not accepted. They may obtain mental health issues, even more stress as well. The creation of these instructions were not thought out correctly. At this point I think it's pure hate to the community, and they're not being considerate of how young students may feel.

Citation #3:

“GOP lawmakers push historic wave of bills targeting rights of LGBTQ teens, children and their families”
https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/03/25/lgbtq-rights-gop-bills-dont-say-gay/?utm_source=reddit.com

Summary:

The article starts off by “Nationwide, GOP lawmakers have filed nearly 200 state bills this year that seek to erode protections for transgender and gay youth or restrict discussion of LGBTQ topics in public schools”. The efforts that’s being given, encouraged the legislators to help write to it. More and more measures towards the rights of the LGBTQ+ community are being restricted and similar bills of rights were introduced about 3 years ago. It’s causing damage towards children and teens who are already struggling. It's been noted that its becoming a form of discrimination. Especially those who are in peril towards the community like the trans community. It’s affecting trans youth from playing competitive sports and there's a thought to ban gender-affirming medical care. It’s causing a crime for children to even be on this medical awareness.

Reflection:

I think this hateful act deserves to be demolished, this article has shown me a lot of weakness and discrimination that our community is getting and is bound to get. Its a hate crime, it's injustice, it lowers equality and so much more