



REACTIONS TO SHEPARD CASE

Westboro Baptist Church picket - Fred Phelps

Response by "Angels of Peace"

Songs

Plays and Films: The Laramie Project/ The Matthew Shepard Story/ Anatomy of a Hate Crime/ Laramie Inside Out

Aging GLBT population
3 million elders now
by 2030 6 million estimated

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NATIONAL GAY TASK FORCE

1974 New York anti-discrimination bill

1991 Homosexuality declassified as mental illness

1993 Clinton's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy

1994 Employment Non-Discrimination Act defeated

1997 Task Force includes bi-sexual and transgender

2001 Opposes "charitable choice" policy of Bush

2007 Again pushes for a "trans-gender" ENDA

Sodomy Laws ruled unconstitutional in 2003

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CAMPUS ISSUES

Evidence of rise in anti-GLBT incidents♪

U.Of Mass. Study: 50% reported harrassment♪
1998 21% reported assaults♪

SFBay Area Community College Survey:♪
484 students surveyed♪
18% admitted assaulting or threatening gays♪
32% admitted to verbal harassment♪
23% witnessed some form of anti-gay aggression ♪

FBI Statistics 2007:♪
1,265 hate crimes based on sexual orientation♪
up from 1,017 in 2005; 1,239 in 2003♪
(3,820 crimes were racially motivated;♪
1400 crimes were motivated by religion of victim♪

<http://www.unitedagainsth8.org/>

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