1 IN 2 YOUNG PEOPLE SAY THEY ARE NOT 100% HETEROSEXUAL

In August 2015 the UK government conducted a study of 1632 members of the country's general population.



Asked to plot themselves on a 'sexuality scale', 23% of the British people surveyed chose something other than 100% heterosexual –and the figure rises to 49% among 18-24 year olds.

Taken as a whole, 72% of the surveyed British public place themselves at the completely heterosexual end of the scale, while 4% put themselves at the completely homosexual end and 19% say they are somewhere in between. Of the people that do place themselves in this 1-5 area, the majority incline away from homosexuality – 15% are closer to the heterosexual end, 2% directly in the middle and 2% are closer to the homosexual end.

With each generation, people see their sexuality as less fixed in stone. The results for 18-24 year-olds are particularly striking, as 43% place themselves in the non-binary area between 1 and 5 and 52% place themselves at one end or the other. Of these, only 46% say they are completely heterosexual and 6% as completely homosexual.

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28% of heterosexuals and 27% of homosexuals believe that 'there is no middle ground – you are either heterosexual or you are not'.

But what does it mean to be at 1 on the scale, and what is the difference being here or at 2? According to the research, progressing further away from 'completely heterosexual' (0) towards the midpoint (3, or 'completely bisexual') increases the chance that you have had a sexual experience with a member of the same sex. 23% of those at level 1 have had a sexual encounter with a member of the same sex, while 52% of people at level 2 have had such an experience.

Clearly, these figures are not measures of active bisexuality – overall, 89% of the test popula-

tion describes themselves as heterosexual – but putting yourself at level 1 allows for the possibility of homosexual feelings and experiences. More than anything, it indicates an increasingly open minded approach to sexuality. In a further set of questions asking if respondents could conceivably be attracted to, have sex with or have a relationship with someone of the same sex (if the right person came along at the right time), level 1s were at least 35% more likely to say they could than level 0s.

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Our comments:

Majority opinion

The idea that sexuality is a continuous process of sexualizing and desexualizing is quite common in the UK. People of all generations now accept the idea that sexual orientation exists along a continuum rather than a binary choice – overall 60% of heterosexuals support this idea, and 73% of homosexuals.

There is reason to believe that these opinions also exist in other Western countries.

The radical elements of gaylib who believe that 'there is no middle ground – you are either heterosexual or you are not', do not match the opinions of the public majority, or the majority of people with same-sex attractions for that matter, according to this survey. They do not therefore speak on their behalf.

Radical gaylib

In the United States we see a radical gay-lib pursuing a policy to ban all therapists who mention heterosexual feelings with youngsters experiencing some homosexual or homoerotic feelings. Such talk would be "potentially harmful". The underlying mantra is clearly not supported by the general public, when they are interviewed, as we see in this study by the UK government. To the contrary, we see a growing open-mindedness about sexual fluidity and orientation in modern societies. It is becoming a majority stance. The presidential advisor who gay-lib contacted to impose bans on psychotherapies, has not done her homework.

