

Common Arguments on Homosexuality “Mad Libs” Worksheet

Some common arguments for the *conclusion* that homosexuality is wrong. This conclusion might be claiming that:

- certain behaviors or actions are wrong to do or engage in;
- certain feelings and desires are wrong to have;
- certain (short-term and/or *long-term, committed*) relationships are wrong; *and/or*
- certain stereotypical “lifestyles” (e.g., ways of dressing, etc.)

Note: the issue is NOT the related question of whether homosexuals should be allowed to marry.

Q1: Are any of these premises *unclear in meaning* or imprecise in quantity? If so, we need to clear them up so we can tell if they are true or false and so if the argument is sound or unsound.

Q2: Are any premises missing, i.e., unstated assumptions that we need to add to make the argument *logically valid*? If so, we need to add these (clear and precise) premises so we can tell if they are true or false and so if the argument is sound or unsound.

Q3: For each argument, are there good reasons to think all the premises are true? Or are there good reasons to think that at least one premise is false? Do any of the argument *assume* that the conclusion is true and so are “question begging” arguments (see directory of fallacies)?

1. Homosexuals can't reproduce. [T or F? *Why?*]
2. _____
3. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.

4. Homosexuals spread diseases (e.g., AIDS) and at a rate higher than heterosexuals. [T or F? *Why?*]
5. _____
6. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.

7. Homosexuals are unhealthy. [T or F? *Why?*]
8. _____
9. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.

10. Homosexual makes people uncomfortable. [T or F? *Why?*]
11. _____
12. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.

13. Homosexuals are abnormal, not normal. [T or F? *Why?*]
14. _____
15. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.

16. Homosexuality (i.e., _____) is gross, nasty, disgusting. [T or F? *Why?*]
17. _____
18. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.

19. Homosexuality is nontraditional. [T or F? *Why?*]
20. _____
21. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.

22. Homosexuality is different, weird. [T or F? *Why?*]
23. _____
24. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.

25. Homosexuality is uncommon. [T or F? *Why?*]
26. _____
27. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.

28. Homosexuality is a mental disorder. [T or F? *Why?*]
29. _____
30. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.

31. Homosexuality is Illegal. [T or F? *Why?*]
32. _____
Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.

33. Homosexuals are child molesters. [T or F? *Why?*]
34. _____
Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.

35. Homosexuals use body parts for ways they weren't intended. [T or F? *Why?*]
36. _____
37. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.

38. Homosexuality is “unnatural” or not “natural,” *meaning* _____.
39. _____
40. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.
41. Homosexuality is “unnatural” or not “natural,” *meaning* _____.
42. _____
43. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.
44. Homosexuality is “unnatural” or not “natural,” *meaning* _____.
45. _____
46. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.
47. Homosexuality is “unnatural” or not “natural,” *meaning* _____.
48. _____
49. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.
50. Homosexuality is “unnatural” or not “natural,” *meaning* _____.
51. _____
52. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.
53. My parents think homosexuality is wrong. [T or F? *Why?*]
54. _____
55. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.
56. Homosexuality is condemned by religion(s), condemned by the Bible and other religious texts. [T or F? *Why?*]
57. _____
58. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.
59. Homosexuals threaten the family; is contrary to “family values. [T or F? *Why?*]
60. _____
61. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.
62. Homosexuality is a choice. [T or F? *Why?*]
63. _____
64. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.

65. Homosexuality confuses/harms kids. [T or F? *Why?*]
66. _____
67. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.
68. Homosexual males act like females; homosexual females act like males. [T or F? *Why?*]
69. _____
70. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.
71. Homosexuals are the targets of hate crimes. [T or F? *Why?*]
72. _____
73. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.
74. Homosexuals are not liked by many people; society condemns them. [T or F? *Why?*]
75. _____
76. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.
77. Homosexuality scares people and produces fear/hatred; produces conflict in society. [T or F? *Why?*]
78. _____
79. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.
80. Homosexuality produces internal psychologically problems/ imbalances (why?). [T or F? *Why?*]
81. _____
82. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.
83. Homosexuality will lead to bestiality. [T or F? *Why?*]
84. _____
85. Therefore, homosexuality is wrong.

Other arguments?
