Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality Posted by reborn on Thu, 18 Mar 2010 18:41:15 GMT

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Spoony wrote on Thu, 18 March 2010 11:40

i think there's no "might" about it. i'm pretty confident that a far greater proportion of heterosexual adults are overly homophobic than homosexual adults.

Yeah, you're probably right. There could be some special cases, but pretty much across the board, I would imagine you're right.

Spoony wrote on Thu, 18 March 2010 11:40

i'd like to think that all parents had unconditional love for their children, but i suspect it isn't always the case.

Yeah, it's a sad truth. But having said that, I would guess there is a proportionate amount of homosexual parents lacking this same instinct, too.

Spoony wrote on Thu, 18 March 2010 11:40 and i think it's a much higher number than you probably think.

Hmm, I would aim pretty high. Some friends of the family are in their 60's and they never told their parents. It's very sad, his mother actually passed in January, and he never found the courage to let her know about that side of him.

Two friends of the family in their late Forties do not tell people at work, and at work functions they have a friend to take as their partner. They live a lie, for whatever reasons, this is sad.

Spoony wrote on Thu, 18 March 2010 11:40

as for whether it's justified, well, it would be difficult to know in advance for sure how your parents would react if you told them you were gay. i wonder how much thought your brother put into it before telling you and your parents?

My parents made a point of letting us both know they would love us no matter what we chose. This I believe was in part because they knew (or suspected) my Brother was homosexual from a young age, and felt it would make it easier for him.

However, my Brother still felt he could only tell my Mum, and asked her to let me and my Dad know, he didn't want to talk about it because he was embarrassed. I however felt it was important to tell him I loved him and broke the ice immediately. I think it was the right thing to do.

This only further strengthens your arguement about just how many people tell their parents. My brother and I was fortunate to be raised in such a loving environment, and he still struggled with it. Although, I kinda pretty much knew much much earlier than when he let me know through my Mum.

Spoony wrote on Thu, 18 March 2010 11:40

i must admit i think i should be having an easier time refuting it.

Well, I suppose it's logical in terms or maths, statistics or whatever. But emotionally and in terms of depth of character it's a pretty dumb argument. Avoiding enlightenment purposefully? lol...

Spoony wrote on Thu, 18 March 2010 11:40

i'll be honest, if you had tried to make the point without giving a touching example of someone close to you, i probably wouldn't have thought the argument was worth much.

that is probably more my fault than anything else.

I too am guilty of assuming the worst in people. I often think people hide behind arguments that actually hold no stock in themselves, just to avoid saying what they really feel. I'm glad you can see that I am speaking truthfully, and not just giving possible reasons for the sake of arguing.