

LIST OF RECENT INSTANCES OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST GAY, LESBIAN, AND BISEXUALS IN CALIFORNIA
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LOCATION	DATE	OCCURRENCE	SOURCE
California	March 9, 2006	The California Supreme Court voted unanimously that the City of Berkeley could withdraw a rent subsidy to a Boy Scouts affiliate (the Sea Scouts) at the city marina because of the Scouts' opposition to homosexuality.	http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1593336/posts
California	April 5, 2006	San Francisco City Board of Supervisors issued a scathing resolution condemning the Catholic Church's moral teachings on homosexuality and urging Catholic leaders to defy Vatican directives telling agencies not to place children with same-sex couples.	http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewCulture.asp?Page=/Culture/archive/200604/CUL20060405a.html
California	June 6, 2005	U.S. District Court held that a student's religious speech opposing school support of homosexuality could be banned as such "injurious remarks intrude upon...the rights of other students". See <i>Harper v. Poway Unified Sch. Dist.</i> 445 F.3d 1166, 1179-80 (2006)	http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/ca9/newopinions.nsf/D2D4CBF690CD61A6882571560001FEBD/\$file/0457037.pdf?openelement
California	May 31, 2007	Eharmony.com was sued for refusing to offer its dating services to gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. [Eharmony.com was founded in 2000 by an evangelical Christian with strong ties to Focus on the Family.]	http://www.americansfortruth.com/news/homosexual-legal-bullies-latest-target-eharmonycom.html
California	June 1, 2007	The Oakland city government found the words "Marriage is the foundation of the natural family and sustains family values" to be a hate crime and reprimanded a group of Oakland city government employees for using these words on a flyer in the workplace.	http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/06/22/AR2007062201704.html
California	July 21, 2007	Four San Diego firefighters were ordered to participate in the San Diego Gay Pride Parade. In a lawsuit currently before the San Diego Superior Court, they are suing the City of San Diego for sexual harassment and violating their freedom of speech.	http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,292442,00.html
California	August 2, 2007	Two evangelical physicians have been sued for acting in accord with their religious beliefs and not artificially inseminating a lesbian. This case is pending before the California Supreme Court.	http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2007-08-02-doctors-side_N.htm
California	September 13, 2007	Transsexual Nicole Murray Ramirez, the San Diego City Human Relations Chairperson, condemned San Diego Roman Catholic Bishop Robert Brom in the print media and called for his resignation. Ramirez is a transvestite who dresses as a Catholic nun to run bingo games at a homosexual men's bar.	http://www.gaylesbiantimes.com/?id=10535&issue=1029
California	September 15, 2007	California Lutheran high school is being sued for expelling two girls who engaged in "homosexual conduct" on campus.	http://www.calcatholic.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?id=f1b804c0-d29f-4f77-90d5-0c2da25b6687
California	September 25, 2007	A lesbian high school student accuses principal of violating Equal Protection and First Amendment rights for issuing disciplinary action in response to continual inappropriate displays of public affection on school grounds. U.S. District Court rules in favor of school defendants, finding no federal or state constitutional violations.	http://www.aclu.org/images/asset_upload_file749_32161.pdf

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California	March 1, 2008	A Catholic hospital that refused to allow its facilities to be used for breast implant surgery on a man who had undergone a sex-change operation has backed down and will now allow the procedure. Plaintiff is continuing the lawsuit to win an award of monetary damages from the hospital.	www.calcatholic.com/news/newsArticlePrintable.aspx?id=95b10b5f-9552-4022-a54f-29574567d00a
Colorado	February, 2008	Colorado public elementary school is preparing to accommodate a 2nd grader who was born a boy and now feels that he is a girl. He will dress like a girl and begin using a unisex bathroom. A Douglas County Schools spokesperson stated, "As a public school system, our calling is to educate all kids no matter where they come from, what their background is, beliefs, values, it doesn't matter."	http://www.9news.com/news/article.aspx?storyid=85989
Colorado	June 12, 2008	Colorado governor signs into law a statute making it illegal to publish or distribute books, papers, or any other writings that discriminate against sexual orientation. This could effectively outlaw the Bible. The governor signed a separate law making it illegal to deny a person access to public accommodations, including restrooms and locker rooms based on the person's gender identity or the "perception" of gender identity.	http://worldnetdaily.com/index.php?fa=PAGE_printable&pagelid=66829
Illinois	June 1, 2005	A former manager with Allstate was fired on the sole basis that he wrote a column posted on several websites that was critical of same-sex marriage and espoused Christian beliefs. This was done while he was not at work. He sued and reached a settlement.	www.worldnetdaily.com/news/printer-friendly.asp?ARTICLE_ID=44961
Illinois	April 11, 2008	Christian college student commented to a friend, "Look at those two guys holding hands," while walking past two homosexuals. One of the homosexuals subsequently grabbed the student and a scuffle followed. The college student is being accused of perpetrating a Class 4 felony hate crime, and faces the possibility of the loss of his baseball scholarship and three years in jail.	http://americansfortruth.com/news/illinois-teen-faces-three-years-jail-sentence-for-potentially-fraudulent-hate-crime.html
Iowa	August, 2007	The Des Moines YMCA signed a conciliatory agreement with a lesbian couple to change the organization's definition of family from a heterosexual couple to include cohabiting adults after the couple filed a complaint against the YMCA with the city's human rights commission.	http://www.radioiowa.com/gestalt/go.cfm?objectid=40A245F6-E2E5-B7F4-EDC11DD58848B78A
Kentucky	December, 2007	A lawsuit against the University of the Cumberland, Governor Ernie Fletcher and a dozen Republican lawmakers has been filed, challenging the constitutionality of awarding an \$11 million state grant to the private Baptist university because it has a policy that students cannot be practicing homosexuals.	http://www.365gay.com/Newscon07/12/121107uni.htm
Maine	January 4, 2008	A school district following Maine's Human Rights Law and providing special accommodations to a 10-year-old with "sexual orientation or gender identification" issues has been accused of discrimination by a man whose grandson is being denied those same accommodations, namely the ability to use the girls bathroom, because of his heterosexual orientation.	http://www.worldnetdaily.com/index.php?fa=PAGE_printable&pagelid=45379
Maryland	June 16, 2006	Robert J. Smith, a member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, appointed by Governor Robert L.Ehrlich, discussed the federal marriage amendment on a local cable show, stating that gays and lesbians are "persons of sexual deviancy." He said that as a Catholic this was part of his religious beliefs. He was subsequently fired from his position.	http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/15/AR2006061502097.html

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Maryland	February, 2008	Maryland Circuit Court Judge William J. Rowan ruled that it is permissible to teach 8th and 10th grade Montgomery County public school students how to use condoms during anal and oral sex, as well as that homosexuality is inborn, even though in 2007 Maryland's highest appellate court ruled there is no scientific basis for such a conclusion.	http://www.thomasmore.org
Massachusetts	May 17, 2004	Twelve of the the state's 1,200 justices of the peace resigned rather than perform same-sex marriages. On April 26, 2004 Daniel B. Winslow, chief legal counsel for Gov.Mitt Romney told justices of the peace that they must simply "follow the law", meaning that they had an obligation to perform same-sex marriages.	http://christiangays.com/marriage/massachusetts.shtml http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9504E4DA103AF935A15757C0A9629C8B63
Massachusetts	March 10, 2006	Catholic Charities is forced out of the adoption business for the first time in 100 years because it will not place children with homosexual couples.	http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/03/10/catholic_charities_to_halt_adoptions_over_issue_involving_gays/
Massachusetts	February 1, 2008	A father who objected to the homosexual curriculum being taught to his kindergartener was handcuffed and taken to jail for refusing to leave a school meeting where he came to complain. The First Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with the trial judge's decision that a school can expose children to contrary ideas about homosexuality without violating their parents' rights to exercise religious beliefs.	http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=57298 ; http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/printer-friendly.asp?ARTICLE_ID=59997
Michigan	July 10, 2008	A Michigan homosexual man sued two Christian publishers for emotional distress due to their versions of the Bible that refer to homosexuality as a sin. He is seeking \$70 million.	http://www.newsmax.com/insidecover/man_sues_bible_publishers/2008/07/10/111626.html
Missouri	November 1, 2006	Emily Brooker, a social-work student at Missouri State University, was charged with violating the school's "Standards of Essential Functioning in Social Work Education." One of her professors accused her of the violation after he assigned a project that required the entire class to write and each sign a letter to the Missouri Legislature in support of gay adoption. Brooker said her Christian beliefs required her to refuse to sign the letter. She subsequently sued the school for a violation of her First Amendment rights and won.	http://www.news.missouristate.edu/releases/27833.htm
New Jersey	October 7, 2007	Ocean Grove Camp Ground, a Methodist camp, lost its state tax exempt status for not hosting a same-sex union in its marriage pavilion.	http://www.ird-renew.org/site/apps/nl/content2.asp?c=fvKVLfMVsG&b=390529&ct=4455835&printmode=1
New Mexico	January 28-29, 2008	A Christian photographer is being tried under state antidiscrimination laws for declining to photograph a same-sex "commitment ceremony."	www.alliancedefensefund.org/main/general/print.aspx?cid=4369
Oklahoma	March, 2008	Rep.Sally Kern (R-OK) spoke to a small group of Republicans about the magnitude of the threat that the radical homosexual agenda poses to our culture. Her speech was taped, edited to create a false record of her statements, and posted on YouTube. Subsequently, Rep.Kern received more than 26,000 hate emails condemning her for her views, including multiple death threats.	http://americansfortruth.com/news/the-untold-story-about-rep-sally-kern.html ; http://newsok.com/article/3214388/
Pennsylvania	October 15, 2004	Group of Christians was arrested, spent 21 hours in jail, and was charged with multiple felonies for peacefully protesting at a Philadelphia gay pride event even though the event was open to the public and held on city streets and sidewalks.	http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=40929 ; See also Startzell v. City of Philadelphia, No. 05-05287, 2007 WL 172400 (E.D. Pa. Jan.18, 2007).

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Pennsylvania	April 16, 2008	Parents of a third grade student in Haverford Township approached the Chatham Park Elementary School administration to ask for help in making a "social transition" for their child, a boy who will now wear girls' clothes and be called by a girl's name.	http://www.philly.com/philly/news/local/18543504.html
Vermont	June 30, 2005	Lesbian couple used Vermont's public accommodations law to file a discrimination complaint against a couple who own a small inn for expressing their concern that, as Roman Catholics, they would have moral difficulty hosting a same-sex civil union on their premises.	http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=45073
Virginia	April 28, 2006	A government commission ordered a man who runs a video duplicator business to do a job for a lesbian activist after he initially refused because, as a Christian, he did not want to help promote homosexuality. He is planning to bring a lawsuit against Arlington County, Virginia.	www.worldnetdaily.com/news/printer-friendly.asp?ARTICLE_ID=49954
Washington, DC	October 2, 2007	General Peter Pace, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was fired because he publicly expressed moral opposition to homosexual behavior.	http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/10/01/AR2007100101555.html
Washington, DC	October 15, 2007	Current nominee for the position of Surgeon General will likely not be confirmed due to a paper he wrote in 1991 for a United Methodist Church committee to study homosexuality. In the paper he contended that homosexual sex was neither natural nor healthy.	http://news.cincypost.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071015/NEWS01/710150383
Belgium	January 26, 2004	Cardinal Gustaaf Joos was sued by the Centre for Equal Opportunities and the Fight Against Racism (CEO FAR) for human rights violations because he said that most homosexuals are perverts.	http://www.cwnews.com/news/viewstory.cfm?recnum=27229
Belgium	June 27, 2007	Belgian homosexual activists have brought charges against Monsignor Andre-Mutien Leonard, the Roman Catholic bishop of Namur, for homophobia because he is said to have described homosexuals as "abnormal" people.	www.brusselsjournal.com/node/2221/print
Canada	February 24, 2000	A professional printer refused to print material for the Canadian Gay and Lesbian Archives because he felt doing so would violate his religious beliefs. He was fined and ordered to print the material anyway. He took his case to the Ontario Supreme Court and then to the Ontario Court of Appeal and lost both times. His total legal bills exceed \$170,000.	www.catholiceducation.org/articles/persecution/pch0080.html
Canada	2001, 2008	An evangelical Christian employed as a prison guard placed an ad in the Saskatchewan Star Phoenix. The ad was a picture of two stick men holding hands, with a red circle and a bar superimposed across them. Below the picture were four scripture references, but not actual Bible verses. He was convicted of a hate crime by the Saskatchewan Human Rights Tribunal. The judge suggested that using Bible verses in a newspaper ad like this could be construed as hate literature. In 2008, the Court of Queen's Bench upheld the 2001 ruling by the province's human rights tribunal, ordering damages in the amount of \$1500 Canadian dollars to be paid to each of the three homosexual men who filed the complaint. Thus, there is now legal precedent in Canada that the Holy Bible is hate literature.	www.catholiceducation.org/articles/persecution/pch0080.html ; www.worldnetdaily.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.printable&pageid=17314

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Canada	May 1, 2002	A Catholic high school in Whitby, Ontario was forced by the Ontario Supreme Court to allow a homosexual student to take his boyfriend to the graduation prom, even though the church-run school has strict prohibitions against condoning any kind of homosexual behavior.	www.catholiceducation.org/articles/persecution/pch0080.html
Canada	February 3, 2004	Canadian teacher Chris Kempling was suspended for one month for his Christian views on homosexuality, expressed in a letter to the editor.	http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2005/sep/05093005.html
Canada	January 1, 2005	Calgary Bishop Fred Henry was forced by the Alberta Human Rights Commission to remove a diocesan letter from his website because it urged Catholic Christians to support traditional marriage and oppose same-sex marriage.	http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2005/jan/050113a.html http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/1112231085323_10
Canada	January 26, 2005	B.C. Knights of Columbus were sued for not permitting the rental of their hall for a same-sex wedding reception.	http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2005/jan/05012607.html
Canada	August 16, 2007	Canadian Mennonites were forced to enroll children in state-run schools or their children would be placed in foster homes. State-run schools teach "alternative" (i.e. homosexual) lifestyles contrary to the Mennonites' religious beliefs.	http://www.canada.com/components/print.aspx?id=98ae22a3-a4e1-4286-bb21-2d42127c47a6&k=78372
Canada	December, 2007	The Saskatchewan Court of Queens Bench upheld the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission's decision to impose a "lifetime" ban on a local Catholic's freedom to publicly criticize homosexuality.	www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/printerfriendlynew.html?articleid=07121306
Canada	February, 2008	A nine-point complaint filed by a homosexual activist against Catholic Insight is being investigated by the Canadian Human Rights Commission. The complaint alleges that Catholic Insight, a Canadian magazine known for its fidelity to Church teachings, promotes "extreme hatred and contempt" against homosexuals.	www.zenit.org/article-21689?l=english
Canada	April 25, 2008	The Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario ordered a Christian organization to stop using an employment contract which has staff promise that they will not engage in "homosexual relationships." The ruling also demands that the organization pay \$23,000 plus two years wages and benefits to a former employee who lodged a complaint and that all the managers and employees of the organization receive a pro-homosexuality "human rights training program."	http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/printerfriendly.html?articleid=08042512
Canada	May, 2008	The Human Rights Tribunal of Saskatchewan fined a Regina marriage commissioner \$2,500 when he declined to perform a same-sex ceremony. The commissioner referred the couple to another commissioner and said his (Baptist) religious beliefs kept him from performing the ceremony.	http://www.zenit.org/article-23134?l=english
Canada	June 5, 2008	A Catholic priest is under criminal investigation under a "hate crimes" law, for quoting from the Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and Pope John Paul II's encyclicals during Canada's same-sex marriage debate.	http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.printable&pageId=66247
Canada	June 5, 2008	The Alberta Human Rights Tribunal fined an evangelical pastor, Stephen Boisson, \$5,000 for mailing a letter expressing his moral opposition to homosexuality, to the Red Deer Avocate, a local paper.	http://www.catholicexchange.com/2008/06/09/112825

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France	June 5, 2005	Gay protestors marched down the aisle of the altar of Notre Dame Cathedral during mass, where one of the protestors, dressed like a priest, performed a mock marriage ceremony for a lesbian couple. One of the priests saying mass received a minor injury while trying to remove the protestors from the Cathedral.	www.365gay.com/newscon05/06/060505parisDemo.htm
France	January 1, 2007	Christian Vanneste, a member of the French parliament, was convicted for homophobia by a French court. He had said that "heterosexuality is morally superior to homosexuality" and that "homosexuality endangers the survival of mankind."	http://www.brusselsjournal.com/node/724
Italy	October 27, 2004	Rocco Buttiglione was nominated as Commissioner of Justice for the newly formed European Commission, the Executive Branch of the European Union. He said publicly that he thought homosexual conduct was immoral, and members of the European Parliament then blocked his nomination.	http://www.ilga.org/news_results.asp?LanguageID=1&FileCategory=1&FileID=361
Italy	June 12, 2007	Archbishop Angelo Bagnasco, leader of the Italian Bishops' Conference, received his second death threat, in the form of three bullets, from an anonymous militant homosexual activist enraged at the Catholic Church's campaign to defeat civil union legislation in Italy.	http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2007/jun/07061203.html
Sweden	February 11, 2005	Swedish pastor was sentenced to jail for one month after speaking out against homosexual lifestyles from the pulpit. The Gota Court of Appeals subsequently overturned this decision.	http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,147084,00.html
United Kingdom	July 28, 2007	Anglican Church found guilty of discrimination against homosexuals for requiring lay Diocesan Youth Director to be celibate if not married. The bishop was further ordered to undergo equal opportunities training and to pay damages of £47,000.	http://catholicactionuk.blogspot.com/2007/07/anglican-bishop-condemned-for-refusing.html
United Kingdom	October 24, 2007	Christian couple denied reregistration as foster parents following their refusal to sign an "Equality" policy which forbids discrimination on the grounds of homosexuality. After public outcry, on October 31, 2007 Somerset Social Services met with the couple and allowed them to make a conscientious objection to the "Equality" policy, reinstating them as foster parents.	http://www.christiantoday.com/article/christian_foster_parents_no_longer_forced_to_promote_homosexuality/14339.htm
United Kingdom	November 3, 2007	British Employment Appeals Tribunal (EAT) upheld a decision rendered last March rejecting a discrimination claim by a Justice of the Peace. The Justice sat on the court's Family Panel and had requested to be excused from hearing cases involving same-sex couples based on his Christian religious beliefs. His request was denied and he filed a discrimination claim. The EAT concluded that magistrates must apply the law as their oath requires, and cannot opt out of cases on moral grounds.	http://religionclause.blogspot.com/2007/11/british-appeals-panel-rejects-religious.html
United Kingdom	February, 2008	A guidance plan has been released to tackle "anti-gay bullying" in schools in Britain. Written by the homosexual activist group Stonewall and announced by government Schools Secretary Ed Balls, the plan tells teachers not to make assumptions about a student's "mum and dad," instead referring just to "parents."	www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=59990