

Annotation Instructions:

In the following, you are asked to annotate a set of sentences.

We ask you to decide for every individual sentence whether you think it is **homophobic** or not.

All of the sentences of this survey will **not** be explicitly negative. Still, they might be homophobic.

The sentences given to you will be in a random order. This means that each sentence should be **judged in isolation** without considering the preceding or following sentence.

For each sentence, you will have to assign exactly one of the following **3 categories:**

1. The first category is **OFFENSIVE**. It should be used if the **sentence is homophobic**. Examples are:

- *Gay men are feminine.*
 - *Gay people don't drive in straight lines.*
 - *Lesbians walk fast.*
 - *Gay people will never put their mobile phones down.*
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- Superficially all the sentences given to you in this survey will look unsuspecting. This is mostly due to the fact that the sentences are not explicitly negative. However, there are many forms of homophobia that are expressed in a more indirect way. It is your task to **read between the lines** and also recognize what a sentence possibly suggests.
 - For example, some of the sentences may address some behaviour or habits that try to **depict homosexual people as being very different to other people**, for instance, by claiming that they do not participate in common activities (e.g. *Gay men don't play football*) or that they engage in some activity excessively (e.g. *Gay people eat out a lot*).
 - There may also be cases of **exaggerated generalizations**, that is, properties or habits that may apply to some homosexual people but that certainly do not apply to all members (e.g. *Gay people love to go to the club*). Please also pay attention to properties or habits that are explicitly positive. For example, *Gay people are good with children* is a positive sentence but it is also a generalization that will not be true for every member of that identity group.
 - There may also be sentences that are simply incorrect or are even sheer nonsense. Imagine how you would react to such remark when you read it on some social-media platform. Please label such remarks as **OFFENSIVE** if you perceive them that way. Also bear in mind that such remarks are often written with a purpose to offend and that incorrect/obscure statements are rarely the result of lacking knowledge.

2. The second category is **NOT OFFENSIVE**. This label should be applied if the **sentence is not homophobic**:

- **Gay people are emotionally and sexually attracted to the same sex, according to a recent survey reported by the 'Journal of Homosexuality'.**

- As reported by a recent survey published in the 'Journal of Homosexuality', gay people can't be identified by certain mannerisms or physical characteristics.
- A recent survey published in the 'Journal of Homosexuality' reported that lesbians respond differently to the scent of human pheromones than heterosexual women.

3. The final category is **UNKNOWN + comment**. You should use this category if you **definitely cannot decide between OFFENSIVE and NOT OFFENSIVE**, if you **do not understand the sentence** or if the **content of the sentence is incorrect**. It is **obligatory** to write the reason in the comment field. Please notice that if the sentence is written in poor language then this does **not** qualify for this category as long as you can sufficiently understand the meaning in order to make decision between the labels OFFENSIVE and NOT OFFENSIVE. Please **use this category sparingly**. We pre-checked all sentences and removed all those we thought are impossible to annotate.

IMPORTANT:

- Please **rate the view of the author of the sentence AND rate the entire sentence rather than just parts of it**. For example, the following sentence contains a homophobic stereotype, however, as a whole (and this is what you should focus on), the utterance is not homophobic since the author clearly indicates that they do not share the stereotype that they report on (they correctly identify their teacher as a homophobic person):
 - ***My homophobic teacher said that gay men either work as flight attendants or hairdressers.***

Therefore, though the proposition *Gay men either work as flight attendants or hairdressers* is offensive, the entire sentence should be labeled as **NOT OFFENSIVE**.

Remember: If the author reports some homophobic content, ask yourself whether they share it. Only if they seem to share the reported content, you should label such sentences as OFFENSIVE.

- In deciding whether some remark is offensive or not, you **do not have to assess whether a sentence reflects the truth or not**. Please focus on the aspect of offensiveness and rely entirely on your **intuition**.

You have been assigned this survey since **you identify yourself as a homosexual person**.

By the nature of this survey, you will be exposed to some offensive language. This survey is intended to produce labeled data for subsequent linguistic analysis. The authors of this survey, **in no way**, share the views that are expressed in these offensive remarks!