Supplementary Material Making Migration Sexy

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1 Descriptive statistics

Table 1: Summary statistics for country-level analysis

Characteristic	N = 3,281
prop_same_sex distw contig comlang_off comlang_ethno	0.00 (0.00, 0.45) 8,949 (7,441, 11,790) 58 (1.8%) 801 (24%) 1,382 (42%)
colony wage_dif unemp_dif vdem origin_score	116 (3.5%) 27 (19, 32) -0.5 (-4.6, 2.1) 0.40 (0.18, 0.75) 1 (0, 3)
stock_prop	0.002 (0.001, 0.005)

¹ Median (IQR); n (%)

Table 2: Summary statistics for state-level analysis

Characteristic	N = 35,868
same_prop	0.00 (0.00, 0.00)
state_policy	2 (0, 5)
origin_score	1 (0, 3)
distw	8,883 (7,282, 11,800)
contig	1,135 (3.2%)
comlang_off	8,951 (25%)
comlang_ethno	16,558 (46%)
colony	1,940 (5.4%)
wage_dif	29 (22, 32)
unemp_dif	-1.2 (-5.4, 1.2)
vdem	0.42 (0.21, 0.76)
stock_prop	0.003 (0.001, 0.009)
state_unemploy	5.70 (4.26, 7.77)
state_income	31.9 (28.8, 36.3)

¹ Median (IQR); n (%)

Table 3: Summary statistics for individual-level analysis

Characteristic	Overall, N = $908,428$	Different-sex, $N = 901,249$	Same-sex, $N = 7,179$
state_policy_binned			
Repressive	191,961 (21%)	190,984 (21%)	977 (14%)
Neutral	173,601 (19%)	172,117 (19%)	1,484 (21%)
Progressive	542,866 (60%)	538,148 (60%)	$4,718 \ (66\%)$
origin_score	2(0, 2)	2(0, 2)	2(1,4)
sex			
Female	493,594 (54%)	491,039 (54%)	2,555 (36%)
Male	$414,834 \ (46\%)$	$410,210 \ (46\%)$	$4,624 \ (64\%)$
age	42 (36, 50)	42 (36, 50)	41 (35, 49)
educ			
< HS	184,981 (20%)	184,176 (20%)	805 (11%)
college	380,306 (42%)	376,637 (42%)	3,669 (51%)
HS	221,735 (24%)	220,211 (24%)	1,524 (21%)
some col	121,406 (13%)	120,225 (13%)	1,181 (16%)
nchild	1 (0, 2)	1 (0, 2)	0 (0, 1)
ihs income	3.44 (1.86, 4.29)	3.43 (1.85, 4.29)	3.74 (2.65, 4.56)
no income	183,521 (20%)	182,562 (20%)	959 (13%)
yrimmig	2,001 (1,997, 2,007)	2,001 (1,997, 2,007)	2,003 (1,998, 2,010)
distw	8,089 (2,468, 12,724)	8,089 (2,468, 12,724)	7,457 (3,003, 11,183)
contig	230,850 (25%)	229,221 (25%)	1,629 (23%)
comlang off	270,709 (30%)	268,501 (30%)	2,208 (31%)
comlang ethno	625,633 (69%)	620,802 (69%)	4,831 (67%)
wage dif	26 (23, 31)	26 (23, 31)	25 (16, 30)
unemp dif	0.9 (-1.6, 2.2)	0.9 (-1.6, 2.2)	0.4 (-2.8, 2.0)
vdem	0.43 (0.26, 0.59)	0.43 (0.26, 0.59)	0.46 (0.31, 0.76)
stock_prop	0.03 (0.01, 0.04)	0.03 (0.01, 0.04)	0.02 (0.01, 0.04)
state_unemploy	5.82 (4.43, 8.13)	5.82 (4.43, 8.13)	4.98 (4.14, 7.24)
state income	34.5 (31.1, 39.1)	34.5 (31.1, 39.1)	35.6 (31.8, 41.1)

¹ n (%); Median (IQR)

Table 4: Top 10 sending countries of immigrants in same-sex couples in the American Community Survey 2008-2019

Birth country	n
Mexico	1206
Philippines	532
Canada	423
China	324
Brazil	321
India	270
Colombia	252
United Kingdom, ns	250
Vietnam	181
Germany	176

Table 5: Top 10 sending countries of immigrants in different-sex couples in the American Community Survey 2008-2019

Birth country	n
Mexico	201449
India	100155
China	63877
Philippines	49964
Vietnam	28399
Canada	27772
Korea	24133
El Salvador	18820
Colombia	17382
Brazil	14590

2 Additional descriptive analyses

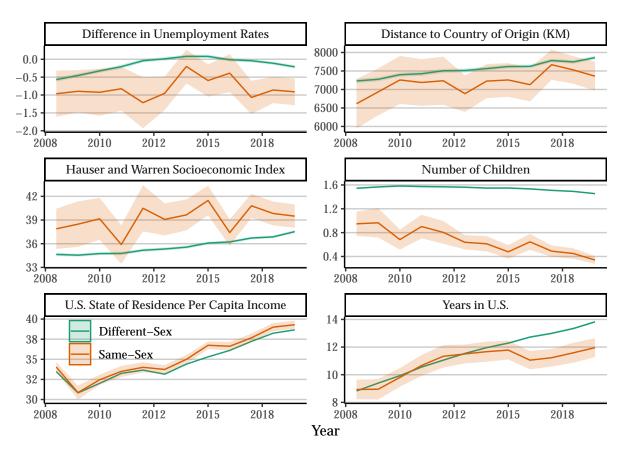


Figure 1: Additional descriptive statistics for immigrants in couples 2008-2019, with survey weights and 95% confidence intervals. All currency in 1000s of 1999 dollars.

3 Alternate specifications of country proportion models

Table 6: Alternate Specifications of OLS regressions of percent of immigrants in same-sex couples by year of immigration and country of origin, using only proportions of married couples or couples with one immigrant and one U.S.-born citizen. Country-clustered standard errors shown in parentheses. Country controls include population-weighted distance, contiguous border, common official language, common ethnic language, colonial relationship, wage differential, unemployment differential, proportion same-country stock, and Polity 5 measure of democracy.

	Dependent variable:							
		Married		One Immigrant				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		
Country LGBT policy score	0.076^{***} (0.022)	$0.041^{\dagger} \\ (0.024)$	0.001 (0.028)	$0.009 \\ (0.008)$	0.003 (0.009)	-0.010 (0.010)		
Post-2013		0.350^{***} (0.085)	0.200^* (0.100)		$0.057^{\dagger} \\ (0.030)$	0.009 (0.035)		
Country score \times Post-2013			$0.070^{**} (0.025)$			0.023** (0.009)		
Country controls?	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		
Country FEs? Observations	yes 3,281	yes 3,281	$\begin{array}{c} \text{yes} \\ 3,281 \end{array}$	yes 3,281	yes 3,281	yes 3,281		

4 Relative immmigrant population-weighted regressions

We perform the same regressions with proportion in same-sex couples by country or state, but weighted by the relative size of the immigrant stock.

Table 7: Weighted OLS regressions of percent of immigrants in same-sex couples by year of immigration and country of origin. Country-clustered standard errors shown in parentheses.

	Dependent variable:								
	Perce	Percent in same-sex couples by country-year							
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)				
Country LGB policy score	$0.057^{***} (0.005)$	0.051*** (0.006)	0.038*** (0.007)	0.020^* (0.008)	0.001 (0.009)				
Post-2013				0.180*** (0.032)	0.062 (0.044)				
Country score \times Post-2013					0.038*** (0.010)				
Country controls?	no	yes	yes	yes	yes				
Country FEs? Observations	no 3,281	no 3,281	yes 3,281	yes 3,281	yes 3,281				

Table 8: Weighted regression of percent same-sex in by country of origin, U.S. state, and survey year. Country-clustered standard errors are shown in parentheses.

	Dependent variable:								
	Per	Percent in same-sex couples by state-country-year							
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)			
State LGB policy score	0.050*** (0.006)	0.048*** (0.006)	0.027 (0.020)	0.018 (0.021)	0.005 (0.023)	0.006 (0.024)			
Country LGB policy score		0.082*** (0.009)	0.078*** (0.009)	0.078^* (0.031)	0.073^* (0.032)	0.023 (0.043)			
Post-2013					0.079 (0.060)	0.007 (0.073)			
Country score \times Post-2013						$0.040^{\dagger} \ (0.023)$			
State controls and FEs? Country controls and FEs?	no no	no no	yes no	yes yes	yes yes	yes yes			
Observations	35,868	35,868	35,868	35,868	35,868	35,868			

5 OLS models of individual state of residence

Table 9: Individual OLS analysis of state policy score. Country-clustered standard errors are shown in parentheses. Individual controls include sex, age, education, number of children, log(income), indicator for no income, and year of immigration, which are all interacted with the indicator for same-sex couple.

	$Dependent\ variable:$							
	Binned state LGB policy score							
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)				
Same-sex	0.520*** (0.030)	0.370^{***} (0.042)	25.000* (9.900)	21.000** (6.400)				
Country LGB policy score		-0.048^{***} (0.004)	-0.073^{***} (0.004)	0.016*** (0.003)				
Same-sex \times country score		0.073*** (0.012)	0.057^{***} (0.013)	-0.005 (0.009)				
Individual controls?	no	no	yes	yes				
State controls and FEs?	no	no	no	yes				
Country controls and FEs?	no	no	no	yes				
Observations	107,179	107,179	107,179	107,179				

Table 10: Response mode proportions for different- and same-sex couples, by year. Proportions are within couple type and year.

respmode	same_sex	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CATI/CAPI	FALSE	0.45	0.44	0.41	0.42	0.40	0.36	0.35	0.33	0.32	0.29	0.26	0.23
Internet	FALSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.44	0.47	0.50	0.53	0.56	0.59	0.63
Mail	FALSE	0.55	0.56	0.59	0.58	0.60	0.20	0.18	0.17	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.14
CATI/CAPI	TRUE	0.26	0.23	0.20	0.28	0.23	0.15	0.19	0.13	0.18	0.15	0.13	0.11
Internet	TRUE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.56	0.58	0.67	0.62	0.67	0.69	0.69
Mail	TRUE	0.74	0.77	0.80	0.72	0.77	0.30	0.23	0.20	0.20	0.17	0.17	0.20

Table 11: Mismatch rates from Kreider & Lofquist (2015) and Kreider et al. (2017)

Study Year	Relationship	Mail	Internet	CAPI/CATI	Overall
2010	Married	59%	NA	46%	57.3%
2010	Unmarried Partner	7%	NA	13%	7%
2016	Married	47.4%	22.5%	Unknown	35%
2016	Unmarried Partner	5.6%	2.4%	Unknown	3.4%

Source: American Community Survey 2008-2019. Authors' calculations.

6 Adjusting proportions based on empirical mismatch rates

Published papers using the ACS to study same-sex couples overwhelmingly use the method by Gates & Steinberger (2009) employed our main paper to adjust for misreporting. However here we implement a novel method to adjust proportions of estimated immigrants in same-sex couples, based on the estimated mismatch rates from two U.S. Census Bureau studies. Beginning in 2019, the ACS provides explicit categories for "Opposite-sex husband/wife/spouse," "Opposite-sex unmarried partner," "Same-sex husband/wife/spouse," and "Same-sex unmarried partner" (Walker & Taylor, 2021), so sex misreporting in the 2019 data is unlikely. Hence in most sensitivity analyses below, 2019 estimates are not adjusted for misreporting.

In a Census Bureau working paper, Kreider & Lofquist (2015) use personal information such as names and addresses match same-sex couples from the 2010 ACS to Social Security administrative data. They find that 57 percent of married couples coded as same-sex in the ACS are coded as different-sex in the administrative data. The corresponding sex mismatch rate for unmarried samesex couples is 7 percent. (Our data include 4,632 married and 4,428 unmarried same-sex immigrant couples.) A follow-up study (Kreider et al., 2017) shows that these mismatch rates appear to have fallen: In a 2016 ACS test module that included explicit categories for different- and same-sex spouses and partners, 31 percent of married and 3 percent of unmarried same-sex couples had inconsistent sex responses. This decreasing mismatch rate may be due to the greater numbers of same-sex couples openly identifying themselves as well as the growing popularity of responding to the ACS via Internet (see Supplementary Material), a response mode introduced in 2013 which is now the default (U.S. Census Bureau, 2017). In the 2016 test of the ACS, the mismatch rate for mail-in responses was 47 and 6 percent for married and unmarried same-sex couples, respectively, whereas for Internet responses they were only 22 and 2.4 percent (Kreider et al., 2017). A computerassisted telephone interviewing (CATI) or computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) response mode is sometimes administered as well, but the 2016 study did not assess its error rate. In the 2010 ACS, Kreider & Lofquist (2015) find CATI/CAPI sex reporting mismatch for 46 and 13 percent for married and unmarried same-sex couples, respectively. In our sample of immigrants in same-sex couples, 2,388 responded by mail, 1,202 responded by CAPI/CATI, and 3,589 responded by Internet survey. Response mode proportions by couple type are shown in Table 10.

Table 11 shows the mismatch rates estimated by Kreider & Lofquist (2015) and Kreider & Lofquist (2015). In the supplemental analysis below (Table 12), we use these apparent mismatch rates to adjust proportions used in models in Table 3 of the main paper. Each proportion is adjusted separately by marital status and response mode. For example, all internet respondents coded as being in married same-sex couples have their final proportion reduced by 22.5%. For mail-in responses, the proportions are reduced by the average between the two studies (53 percent for married and 6.3 percent for unmarried couples).

Table 12: Adjusted by rates of empirical sex mismatch by married, unmarried, and response mode. OLS regressions of percent of immigrants in same-sex couples by year of immigration and country of origin, adjusted. Country-clustered standard errors shown in parentheses. Country controls include population-weighted distance, contiguous border, common official language, common ethnic language, colonial relationship, wage differential, unemployment differential, proportion same-country stock, and democracy.

	Dependent variable: Percent in same-sex couples by country-year						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)		
Country LGBT policy score	0.075^{***} (0.009)	0.043^{***} (0.012)	0.046^* (0.018)	0.022 (0.020)	-0.015 (0.023)		
Post-2013				0.240*** (0.070)	0.110 (0.082)		
Country score \times Post-2013					0.065** (0.021)		
Country controls?	no	yes	yes	yes	yes		
Country FEs?	no	no	yes	yes	yes		
Observations	3,281	3,281	3,281	3,281	3,281		

Note: †p<0.1; *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001 Source: American Community Survey 2008-2019

Figure 2 takes Model 3 from the country proportions models (Table 3) and Model 4 from the state proportions models (Table 4) and reduces the proportions of same-sex couples in the data for pre-2019 data. It varies the percentage of misreported same-sex married couples from 0 to 90 percent and of unmarried couples from 0 to 14 percent. Highlighted in blue bars are the empirical mismatch rates found in the two studies by Kreider & Lofquist (2015) and Kreider et al. (2017). We see that even extremely high misreporting rates in the pre-2019 ACS do not reduce our results to 0.

Table 13: Adjusted by rates of empirical sex mismatch by married, unmarried, and response mode. Percent same-sex in by country of origin, U.S. state, and survey year. Country and state two-way clustered standard errors are shown in parentheses. State controls include unemployment rate and per-capita income. Country controls include population-weighted distance, contiguous border, common official language, common ethnic language, colonial relationship, wage differential, unemployment differential, proportion same-country stock, and democracy.

			Dependent	variable:			
	Percent in same-sex couples by state-country-year						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
State LGB policy score	0.046*** (0.008)	0.043*** (0.008)	0.089^{**} (0.028)	0.082^{**} (0.029)	0.066^* (0.032)	0.067^* (0.032)	
Country LGB policy score		0.072*** (0.009)	0.067*** (0.009)	0.120** (0.037)	0.110** (0.038)	0.034 (0.046)	
Post-2013					0.099 (0.081)	0.016 (0.085)	
Country score \times Post-2013						0.060** (0.020)	
State controls and FEs?	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Country controls and FEs? Observations	$^{\rm no}_{35,868}$	no 35,868	$^{\rm no}_{35,868}$	$\underset{35,868}{\text{yes}}$	$\underset{35,868}{\text{yes}}$	$\underset{35,868}{\text{yes}}$	

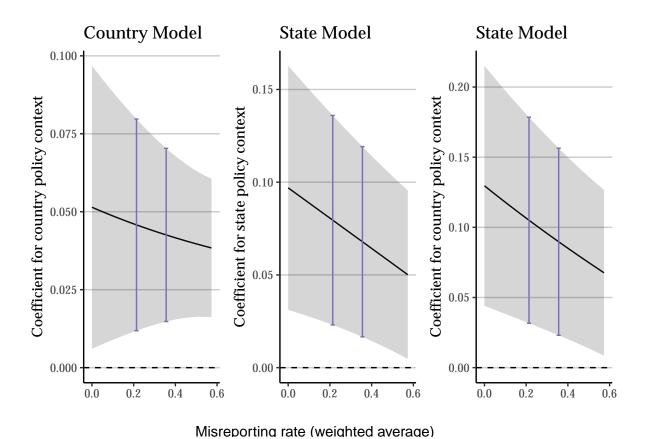


Figure 2: Coefficient for sending-country LGBT policy context for fixed effects models, adjusted for possible misreporting of same-sex couples in pre-2019 data. Ribbon shows 95 percent confidence intervals and blue bars show estimated misreporting from the 2010 and 2016 U.S. Census Bureau tests on the ACS.

7 Full regression tables

Table 14: OLS regressions of percent of immigrants in same-sex couples by year of immigration and country of origin. Country-clustered standard errors shown in parentheses. Country controls include population-weighted distance, contiguous border, common official language, common ethnic language, colonial relationship, wage differential, unemployment differential, proportion same-country stock, and democracy.

	Dependent variable:					
	Percent in same-sex couples by country-year					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
Country LGB policy score	0.088***	0.052***	0.051^{*}	0.023	-0.019	
	(0.012)	(0.015)	(0.023)	(0.025)	(0.029)	
Post-2013	, ,			0.280**	0.130	
				(0.088)	(0.100)	
Country score \times Post-2013				,	0.074**	
v					(0.026)	
distw		0.00003**	0.001	0.001	0.001	
		(0.00001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	
contig		0.380	0.900	$0.960^{'}$	0.650	
_		(0.360)	(3.900)	(3.900)	(3.900)	
comlang_off		-0.049	-8.200	-7.500	-7.500	
		(0.100)	(10.000)	(10.000)	(10.000)	
comlang_ethno		0.065	4.400	4.000	4.000	
		(0.089)	(4.900)	(4.900)	(4.900)	
colony		0.190	6.800	6.300	6.300	
		(0.180)	(7.400)	(7.400)	(7.400)	
wage_dif		-0.006^{\dagger}	0.010	0.001	0.006	
		(0.003)	(0.008)	(0.009)	(0.009)	
unemp_dif		0.001	0.007	0.010	0.014	
		(0.005)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)	
vdem		0.560^{***}	-0.400	-0.390	-0.270	
		(0.160)	(0.400)	(0.400)	(0.400)	
stock_prop		-2.500	0.790	0.096	1.400	
		(1.900)	(13.000)	(13.000)	(13.000)	
Constant	0.320***	-0.032	-7.700	-6.800	-6.800	
	(0.036)	(0.190)	(9.400)	(9.400)	(9.300)	
Country controls?	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Country FEs?	no	no	yes	yes	yes	
Observations	3,281	3,281	3,281	3,281	3,281	

Table 15: Percent same-sex in by country of origin, U.S. state, and survey year. Country and state two-way clustered standard errors are shown in parentheses. State controls include unemployment rate and per-capita income. Country controls include population-weighted distance, contiguous border, common official language, common ethnic language, colonial relationship, wage differential, unemployment differential, proportion same-country stock, and democracy.

				Dependent var	riable:		
	Percent in same-sex couples by state-country-year						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
state_policy	0.055***	0.052***	0.097**	0.078^{*}	0.066^{\dagger}	0.064^{\dagger}	0.067^\dagger
	(0.010)	(0.010)	(0.034)	(0.034)	(0.037)	(0.038)	(0.037)
origin_score	,	0.086***	0.130**	$0.077^{'}$	0.120^{**}	0.120**	$0.015^{'}$
0 —		(0.010)	(0.044)	(0.047)	(0.044)	(0.044)	(0.053)
state_policy:origin_score		,	, ,	0.013**	,	,	, ,
_				(0.004)			
post 2013				,	0.190*	0.180^{\dagger}	0.077
. –					(0.094)	(0.100)	(0.100)
post_2013TRUE:state_policy					()	0.004	()
FF						(0.022)	
post 2013TRUE:origin score						(0.0==)	0.079***
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distw			0.004***	0.004***	0.004***	0.004***	0.004***
			(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)
contig			10.000	8.000	12.000	11.000	5.200
			(12.000)	(12.000)	(12.000)	(12.000)	(12.000)
comlang_off			-40.000***	-39.000***	-40.000***	-40.000***	-38.000***
			(11.000)	(11.000)	(11.000)	(11.000)	(12.000)
comlang ethno			20.000***	20.000***	20.000***	20.000***	19.000***
_ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			(5.600)	(5.600)	(5.600)	(5.600)	(5.600)
colony			28.000***	27.000**	29.000***	29.000***	27.000**
			(8.400)	(8.400)	(8.400)	(8.400)	(8.400)
wage_dif			0.002	0.001	0.0004	0.0004	-0.003
			(0.013)	(0.013)	(0.013)	(0.013)	(0.013)
unemp_dif			0.002	0.005	-0.001	-0.001	0.006
r			(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.016)
vdem			0.360	0.390	0.300	0.300	0.380
			(0.590)	(0.590)	(0.590)	(0.590)	(0.590)
stock_prop			-16.000	-8.300	-20.000	-20.000	1.700
_1 1			(45.000)	(45.000)	(45.000)	(45.000)	(45.000)
state unemploy			0.021	0.020	0.039	0.038	0.039
F 15			(0.022)	(0.022)	(0.024)	(0.024)	(0.024)
state income			$0.032^{'}$	0.030	$0.027^{'}$	0.026	$0.029^{'}$
_ ***			(0.022)	(0.022)	(0.023)	(0.024)	(0.023)
Constant	0.370***	0.240***	-38.000***	-37.000***	-38.000***	-38.000***	-36.000***
	(0.035)	(0.038)	(11.000)	(11.000)	(11.000)	(11.000)	(11.000)
State controls and FEs?	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Country controls and FEs?	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Observations	35,868	$35,\!868$	35,868	35,868	35,868	35,868	35,868

Table 16: Individual ordered logit analysis of three-category state policy score. Country and state two-way clustered standard errors are shown in parentheses. Individual controls include sex, age, education, number of children, IHS-transformed income, indicator for no income, and year of immigration, which are all interacted with the indicator for same-sex couple. State controls include unemployment rate and per-capita income. Country controls include population-weighted distance, contiguous border, common official language, common ethnic language, colonial relationship, wage differential, unemployment differential, proportion same-country stock, and democracy.

Country LGB policy score			Depende	nt variable:			
Same-sex		В	Binned state LGB policy score				
Country LGB policy score		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		
Country LGB policy score	Same-sex		-0.046^{***}	-0.052^{***}	-0.003^{*}		
(0.003) (0.004) (0.0002)							
Same-sex × country score	Country LGB policy score						
(0.009) (0.012) (0.0001) (0.00000) genderMale	2	0.010444			` ,		
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