phobia /ˈfəʊbiə/ noun

a strong unreasonable fear of something

homophobia /ˌhəʊməˈfəʊbiə/ noun

***AIDS creating health disparity in America's south:***

**Even as US president Barack Obama endorses gay marriage, homophobia, stigma and denial in the south are exacerbating a striking health disparity in one of the richest countries on Earth.**