

## What is normal?

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The United Nations has a nonbinding declaratory statement that was signed by 66 of its 192 member countries in December 2008 including all 27 European Union members, Japan, Australia, and Mexico. However, 50 nations opposed that declaration on moral grounds and then President George W. Bush "refused to sign" the measure because it calls for the decriminalization of unnatural acts (punishable by death in several countries).

The Vatican stood against the statement and Islamic countries claim that it could lead to "the social normalization and possibly the legalization of deplorable acts."

Additionally, the Bush administration's legal team expressed a concern that some of the legal language written into the U.N. statement could obligate the U.S. federal government on matters that "fall under state jurisdiction." Current law allows for local/state governments, landlords, and private employers to have some preferences as to the lifestyle choices of people, with whom, they do business. But the U.N. wants to strip that from us so that they choose what is right and wrong for our local governments and private employers.

**And now we have President Obama, whose administration has committed the United States to support that U.N. statement, and its effect, according to Rea Carey the executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, is that "the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people will now be considered human rights."**

The United Nations has declared that people have the "human right" to blur the line between social norms and deviance in terms of sexual preferences. But, where is the line drawn? Who is to decide what is normal and what is deviant? Is it now considered normal for a guy to sleep with another guy just because a vocal minority of people claim that it is normal? And, even if it is normal, who gives the U.N. the right to push their agenda onto the rest of the world?

Perhaps more importantly, to where are they going to move the line next?