

Discussion questions for the Socratic Seminar

1. How would you celebrate, publicize or utilize the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia?
2. As some countries advance rights and equality for LGBT people, advocates and activists note that this increases violence in more homophobic/transphobic countries. What are your thoughts on this issue? What should be done to remedy this?
3. In the 3rd to last paragraph, Radcliffe states that, "Grassroots activists, often at great personal risk, are playing a critical role in raising awareness, challenging negative stereotypes and pressing for change." Must change occur at a grassroots level? What other options are there for change?
4. 76+ countries still have laws which criminalize homosexuality. We saw that most of these countries were in Africa and the Middle East? What might be causes of this concentration of homophobia?
5. How is the metaphor of a kaleidoscope used in the article?