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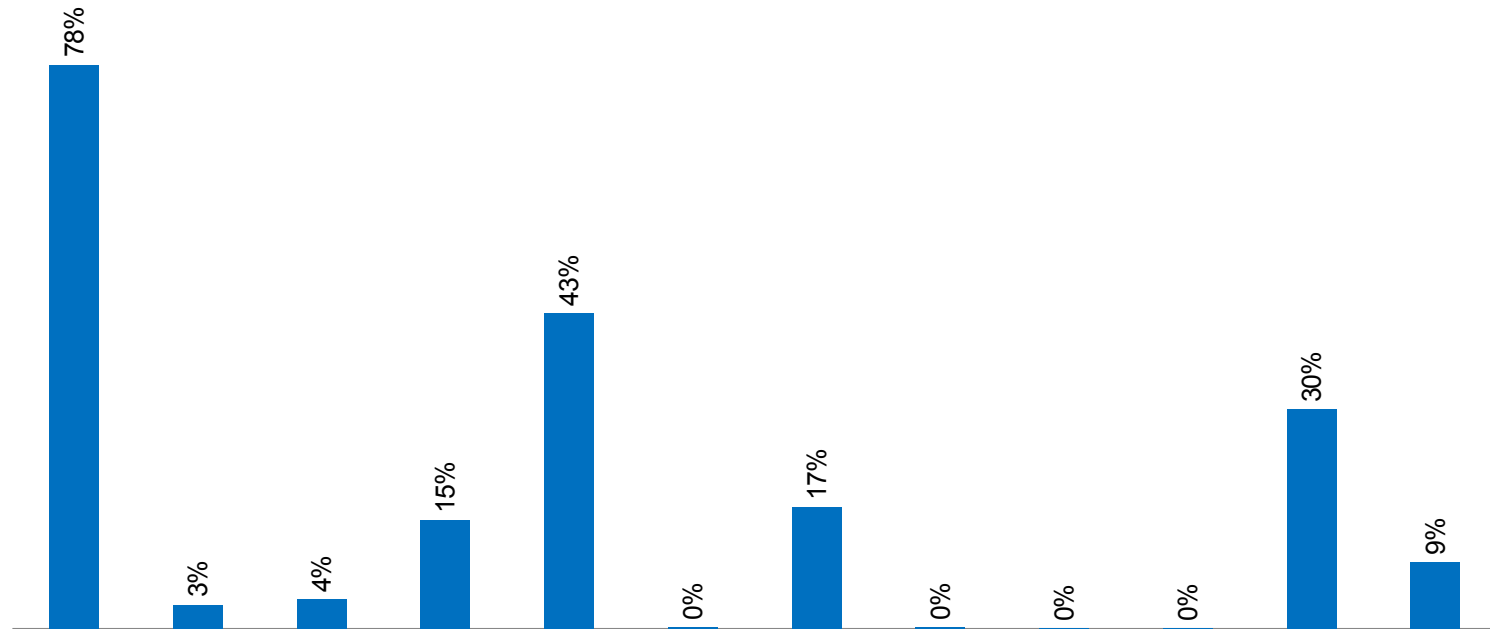


ATTITUDES TOWARD HOMOSEXUALS IN GUYANA

Summary



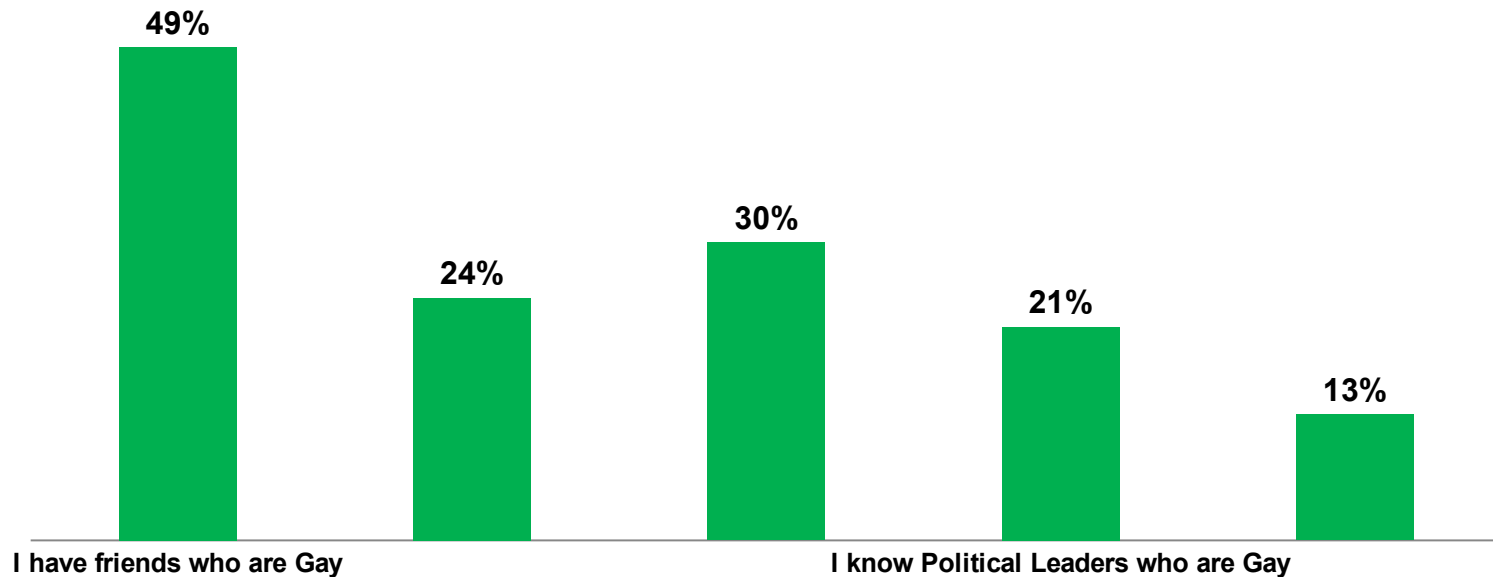
Sexual Identity versus Race in Guyana



- Declared “*homosexuality*” in Guyana was 3%, bi-sexuality was 4% while 15% “*preferred not to say*”



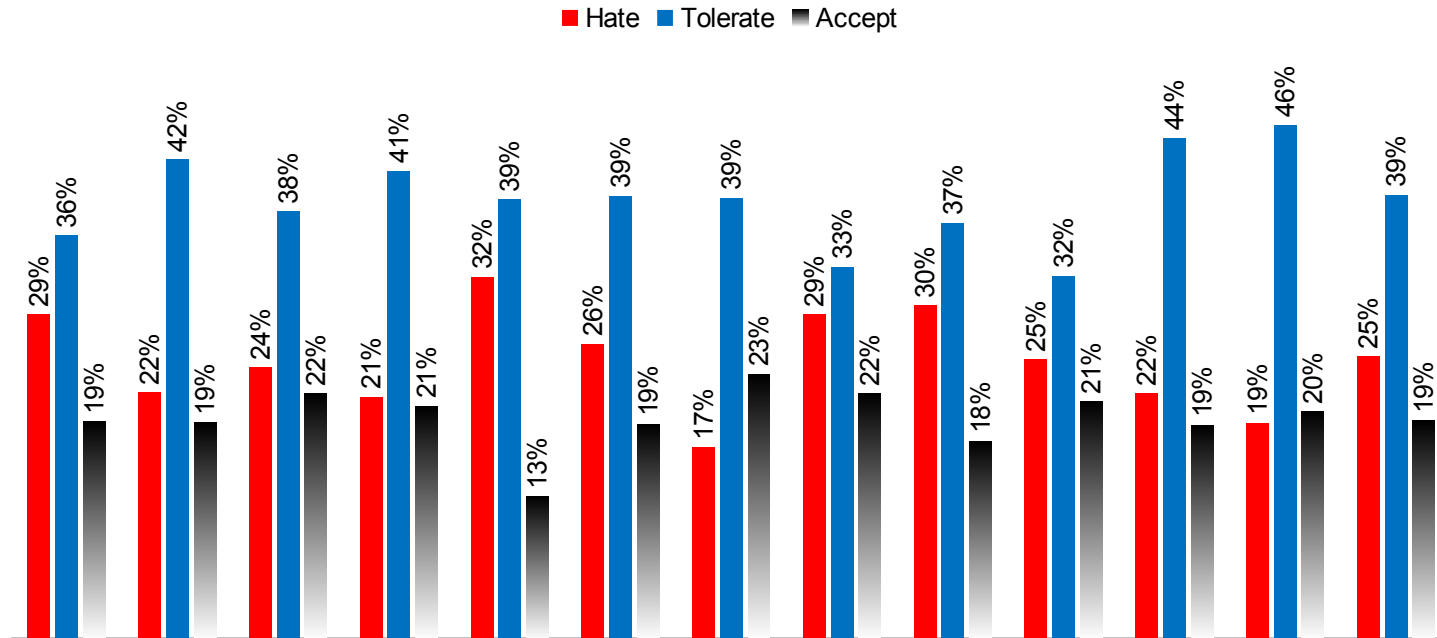
"Gay Associations"



- A significant quantity of Guyanese have gay associations of some sort and this has a positive impact on their attitude towards homosexuals



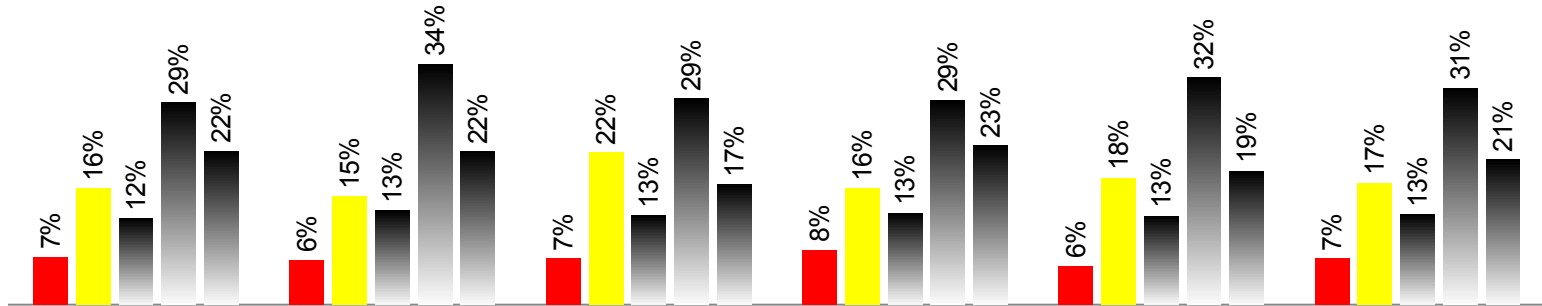
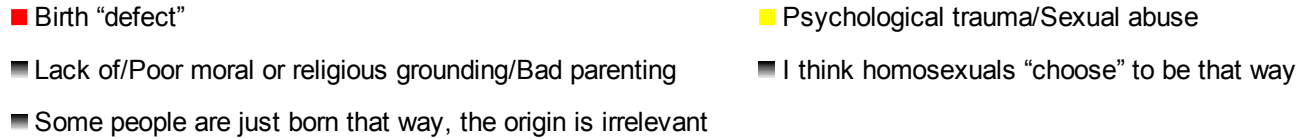
General Attitudes Toward homosexuals



- Homophobia/Hate stands at 25%
- Tolerance stands at 39%
- Acceptance stands at 19%



Origin of Homosexuality

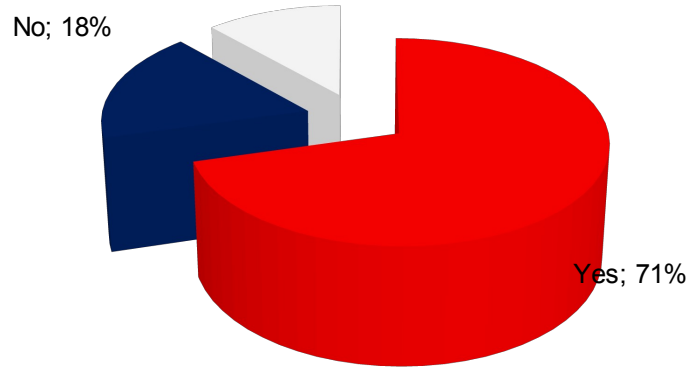


- The majority of Guyanese believe homosexuality to be a "choice"

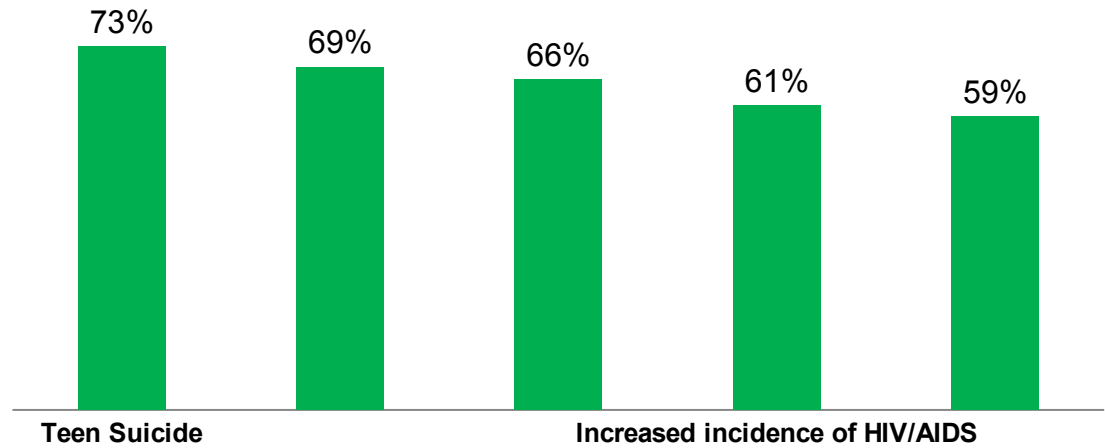


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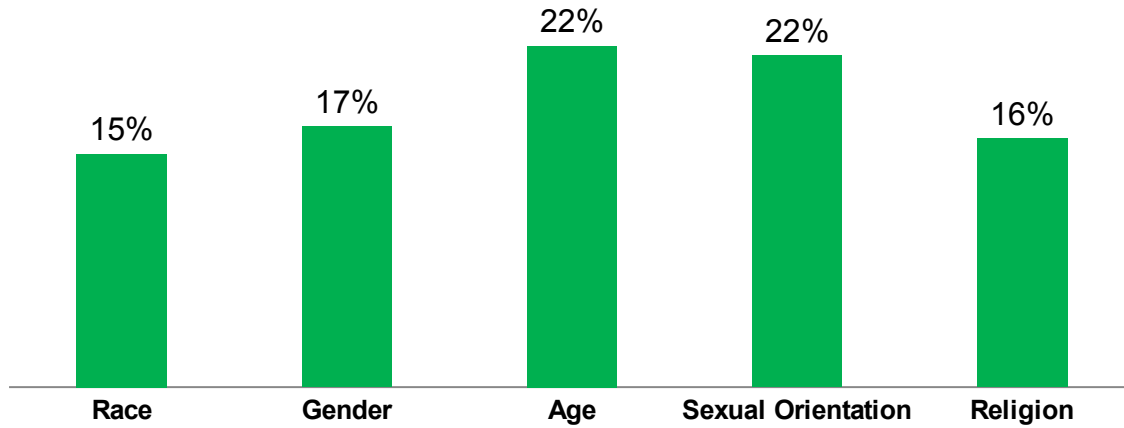
Unsure/Won't say; 12%



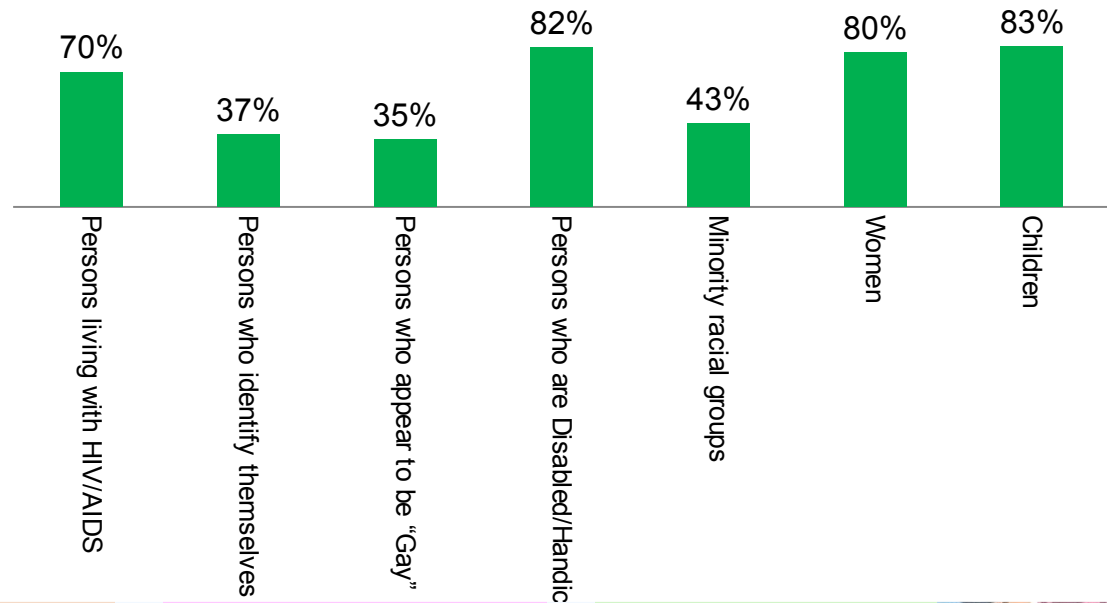
"Homophobia" can contribute to...



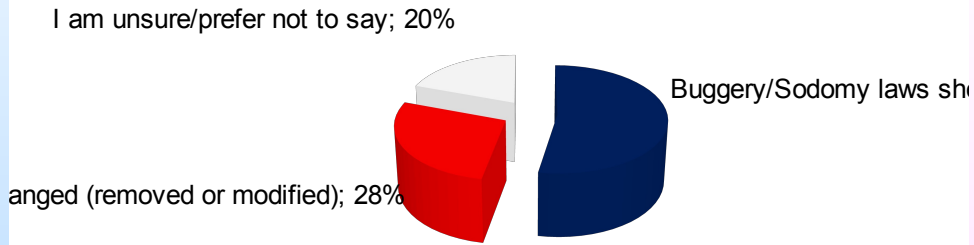
Acceptable to treat people differently (Discriminate) on the basis of...



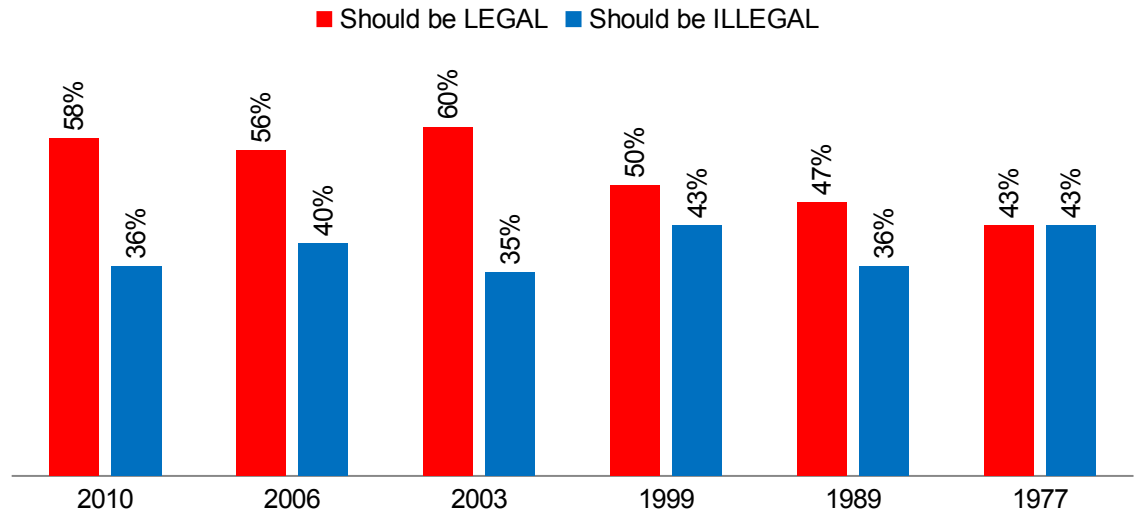
The State needs to provide special protection from discrimination to...



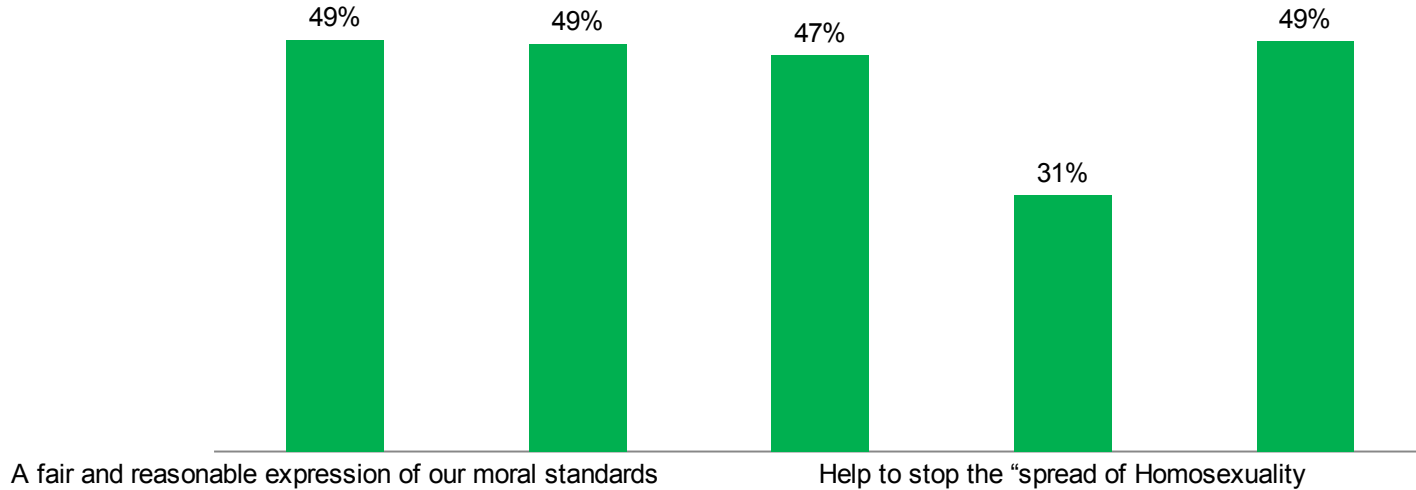
Support for the "Buggery Law"



Should Homosexual Acts Between Consenting Adults be Legal/Illegal (USA 1)



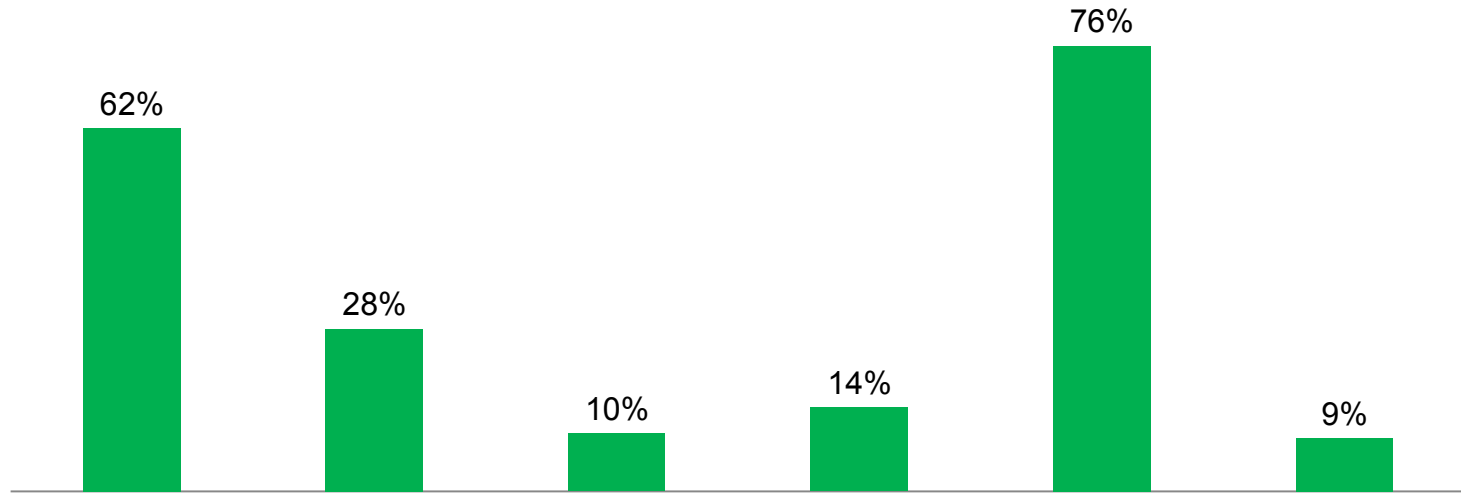
Rationale for "Buggery" Laws



- Guyanese think that the Buggery laws are a fair and reasonable expression of their moral and religious standards.



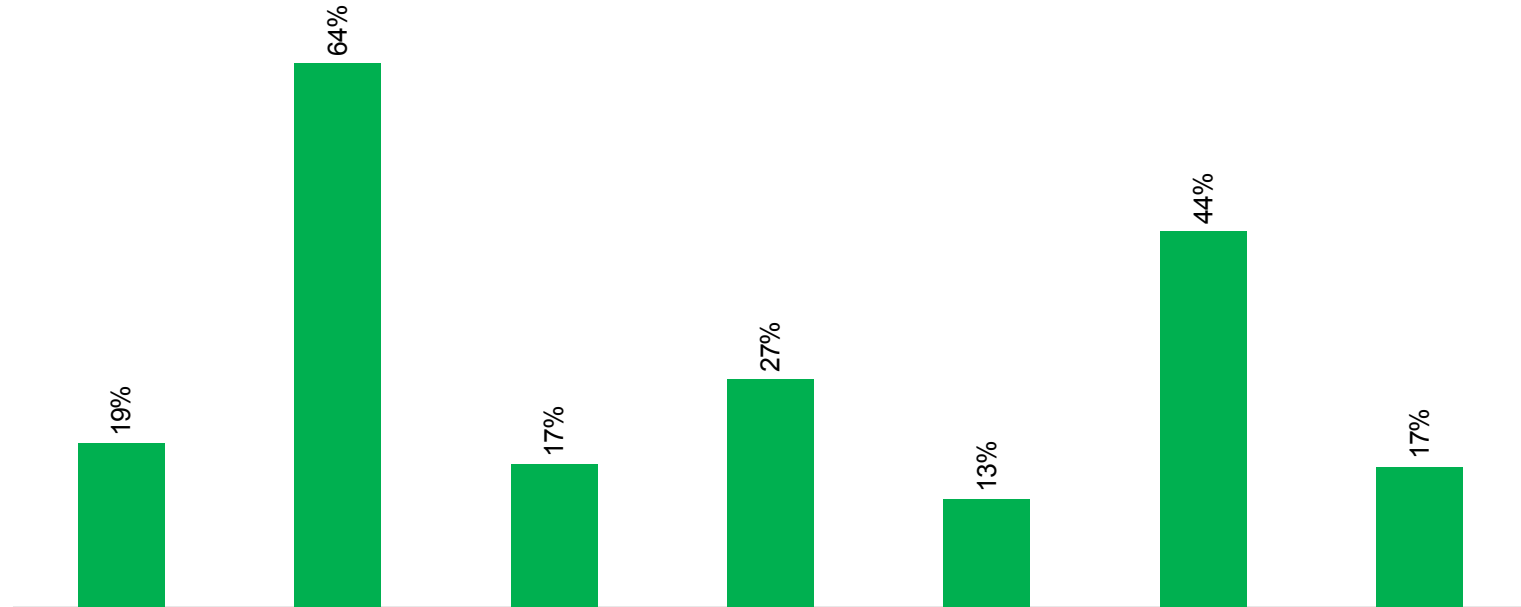
"Common Law" Marriage versus "Same Sex" Marriage



- The vast majority of Guyanese support “*Common Law*” marriage, but oppose “*Same Sex*” marriage.



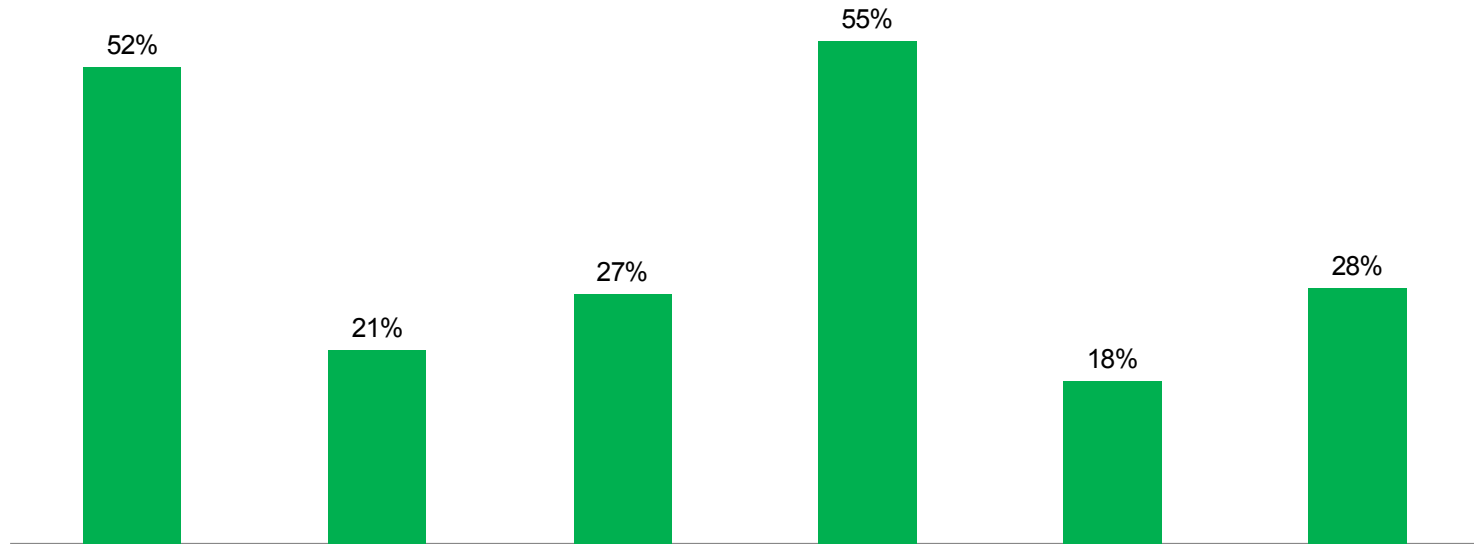
Gay Rights Issues



- Guyanese do not think that “*gay rights*” should be a priority for their government at this time.



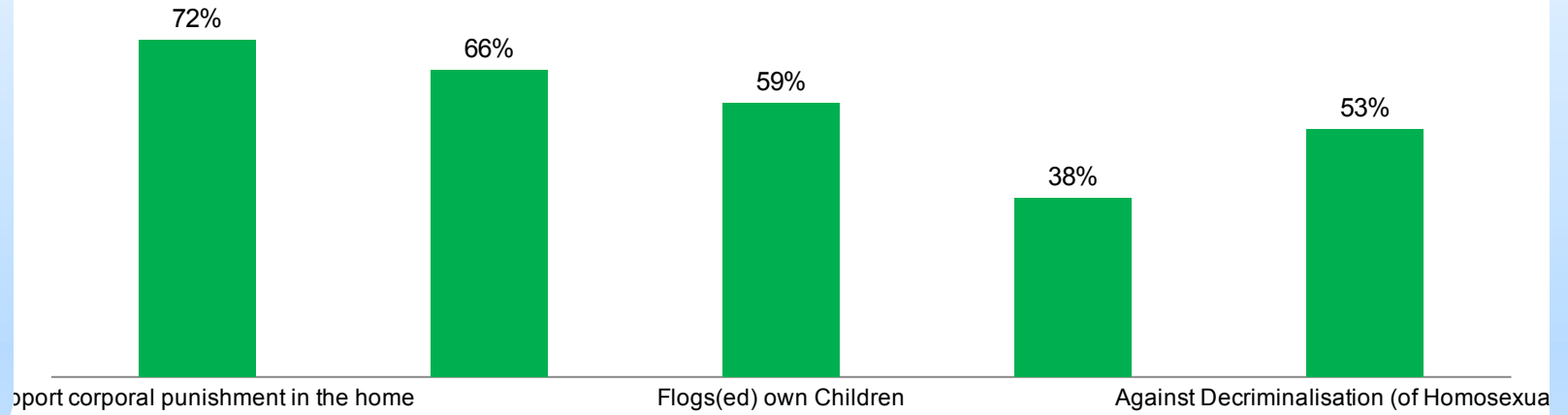
Possible reasons for changing Laws



- Guyanese would support the repeal of the Buggery laws if it could be proven that these resulted in social or psychological problems, or contributed to an increased incidence of HIV/AIDS

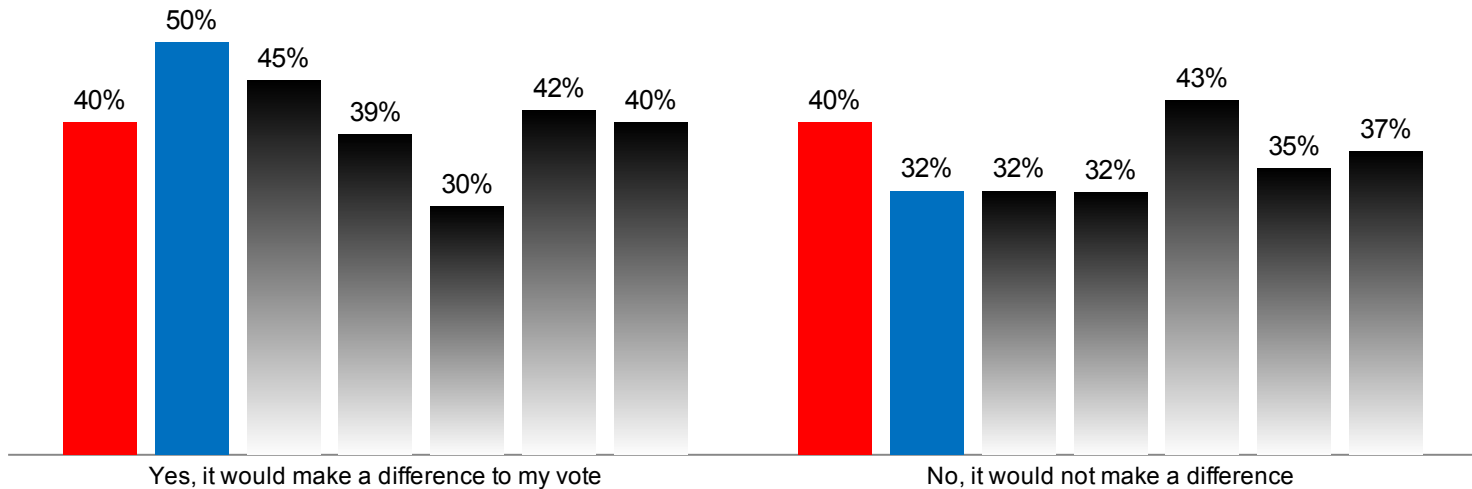


Comparative Issues



Would change Party Support based on Gay Stance

■ PPP/Civic Supporters ■ PNC Supporters ■ AFC Supporters ■ Other Party Supporters
■ Prefer not to say ■ Uncommitted voters ■ All Guyana



- There is no clear indication from these data that Guyanese would change their party support on the basis of a party's stance on gay issues

