

Leaders speak for themselves...

"It's part of Satan, I think, to say that this is gay: it's anything but gay... if you're involved in the gay and lesbian lifestyle, it's bondage. It is personal bondage, personal despair and personal enslavement."

Michele Bachmann, then state senator, US, 2004

"I don't care what happens in Belize; there will be no change in the law on buggery in Antigua & Barbuda. At least not if I can help it. Being gay is morally wrong, and to be honest personally, I am still homophobic."

Attorney General Austin Simon
Antigua and Barbuda, 2011

"Do you in the future want to live in a America where a gay man or gay woman can be in the Cabinet?"

Golding: "Sure they can be in the cabinet - but not mine!"

C: "Well they can't be in yours..."

(interrupted.)

Golding: "Not mine!"

C: "No, but do you want..."

Golding: "Not mine!"

Bruce Golding, then prime minister
Jamaica, 2006

"The traditional teaching of the church has proven to be the only fail-safe way to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS." 2006

"[Gay marriage undermines] the future of humanity itself." 2012

Pope Benedict XVI
Catholic Pontiff

"Such elements [gays] in society should be killed!"

Senator Yusuf Baiti Babo-Ahmed
Hagazi, 2011

"I as president, will never initiate or support any attempts to legalize homosexuality in Ghana."

President John Evans Atta Mills
Ghana, 2011

"All efforts are being made to get rid of these people [gays], in the society."

MP is Western Region Minister Paul Evans Akaho Khati, 2011

"For several years, Moscow has experienced unprecedented pressure to conduct a gay pride parade, which cannot be called anything but a satanic act... It's high time to crack down on them [gays] with all the power and justice of the law instead of talking about human rights."

Iury Lushcheyev, then mayor of Moscow
Russia, 2009

"These who commit sodomy must be killed in the harshest way!"

Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, leading Shia cleric
Iraq, 2006

"We don't have homosexuals in Uganda." 1999

"The African church is the only one that is still standing against homosexuality. The Europeans are finished. If we follow them, we shall end up in Sodom and Gomorrah." 2012

President Yoweri Museveni
Uganda

"In Iran we don't have homosexuals like in your country, in Iran we do not have this phenomenon." President **Mahmoud Ahmadinejad**
Iran, 2007

"Homosexuality is unnatural and it is mad for men to fall in love with each other when there are plenty of women available."

Prime Minister Raila Odinga Kenya, 2010

"Those boys committed a crime against our culture, our religions, our laws."

Bingu wa Mutharika, then president
Malawi, 2010 (after pardoning two gay men convicted of sodomy)

"[Homosexuals] behave worse than dogs and pigs." 1995

On the possibility of new gay rights legislation: "That issue is not debatable, it's not up for discussion. It is just matters, insanity. The ancestors will come in their graves should we allow this to happen." 2010

President Robert Mugabe Zimbabwe

"Such people [gays] are the curse of society and social garbage... They don't deserve to be Muslim or Pakistani, and the support and protection enjoinized by the U.S. administration for them is the worst social and cultural terrorism against Pakistan."

Statement issued by a coalition of political and religious activists
Pakistan, 2011

"Unfortunately this disease has come to the world and in our country in which a man has sex with a man. It is very unnatural and this should not happen, but in our country the numbers are increasing. It's difficult to find them because you don't know who is doing it and where they are."

Minister of Health & Family Welfare Ghulam Nabi Azad
India, 2011

Source: Reuters, AP, BBC, New York Times, Washington Post, CNN, Guardian, Associated Press, Reuters, AFP, Bloomberg, etc.

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