

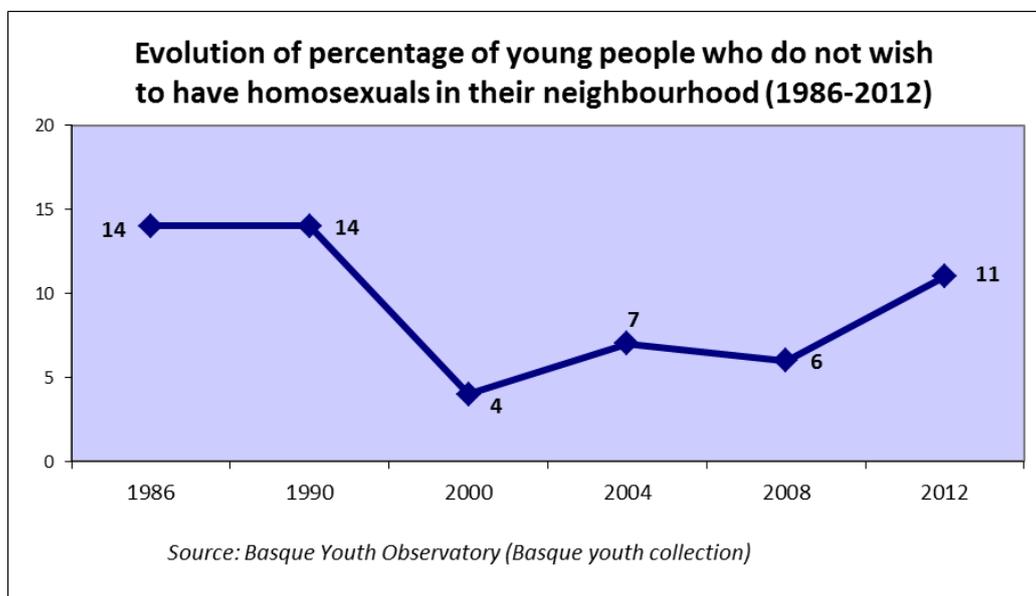
17th May: International Day against Homophobia

Most young people are in favour of same sex marriage and legal sex change

On the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia, the [Basque Youth Observatory](#) is providing some data about this issue. These data come from the study titled [Basque Youth 2012](#), conducted by the Basque Youth Observatory. 1500 Basque youths from 15 to 29 years were interviewed for this study.

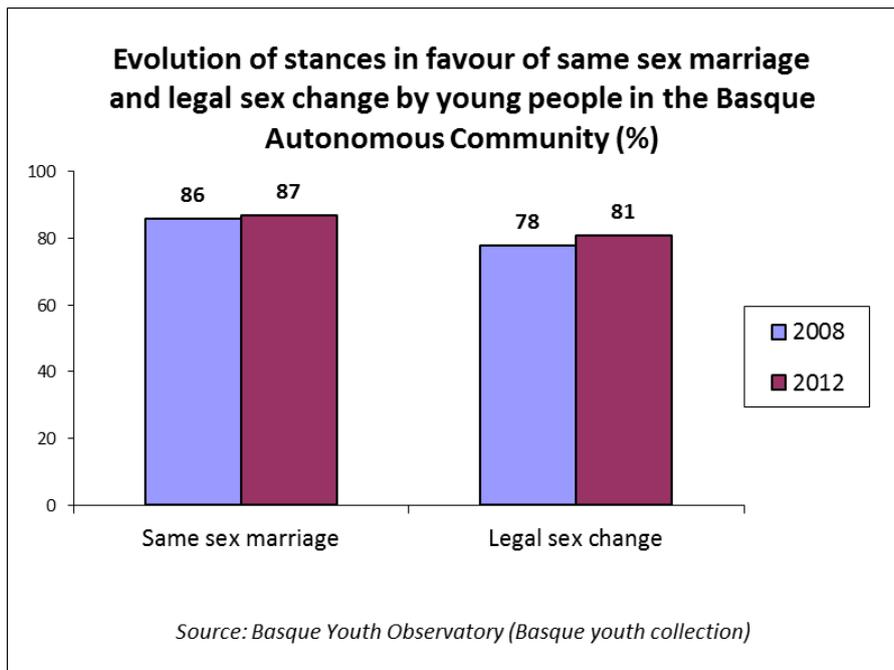
In spite of most young people have any objection in having homosexuals as neighbours (87 %), 11 % of people between 15 and 29 years of age would dislike having homosexuals (gays or lesbians) in their neighbourhood.

Rejection of homosexual people has increased, but not so much as to reach the levels recorded before 2000.



Rejection of homosexual people is slightly higher among young men (12 %) than young women (10 %). Those under 25 years of age also express some kind of rejection of homosexual people than those over this age (specifically, 14 % of those between 15 and 29, 13 % of those between 20 and 24 and 8 % of those between 25 and 29 years of age do not wish to have homosexuals as neighbours).

However, it should not be forgotten that the vast majority of young people in the Basque Autonomous Community between 15 and 29 years of age (87 %) state that they are in favour of marriage between people of the same sex, while 81 % is in favour of legal sex change. These data are similar to those recorded in 2008.



While there are no notable differences on these issues by age group, young women do seem to display greater support for same sex marriage (92% of young women compared to 82% of young men) and for legal sex change (88% vs. 74%).

It can be concluded therefore that the positions of young women on sexual identity are more open than those of young men.

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