

## Position Statement on Homosexuality

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*This position statement was proposed by the Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues of the Council on National Affairs.<sup>1</sup> It was approved by the Board of Trustees in December 1992.*

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Whereas homosexuality per se implies no impairment in judgment, stability, reliability, or general social or vocational capabilities, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) calls on all international health organizations, psychiatric organizations, and individual psychiatrists in other countries to urge the repeal in their own countries of legislation that penalizes homosexual acts by consenting adults in private. Further, APA calls on these organizations and individuals to do all that is possible to decrease the stigma related to homosexuality wherever and whenever it may occur.