

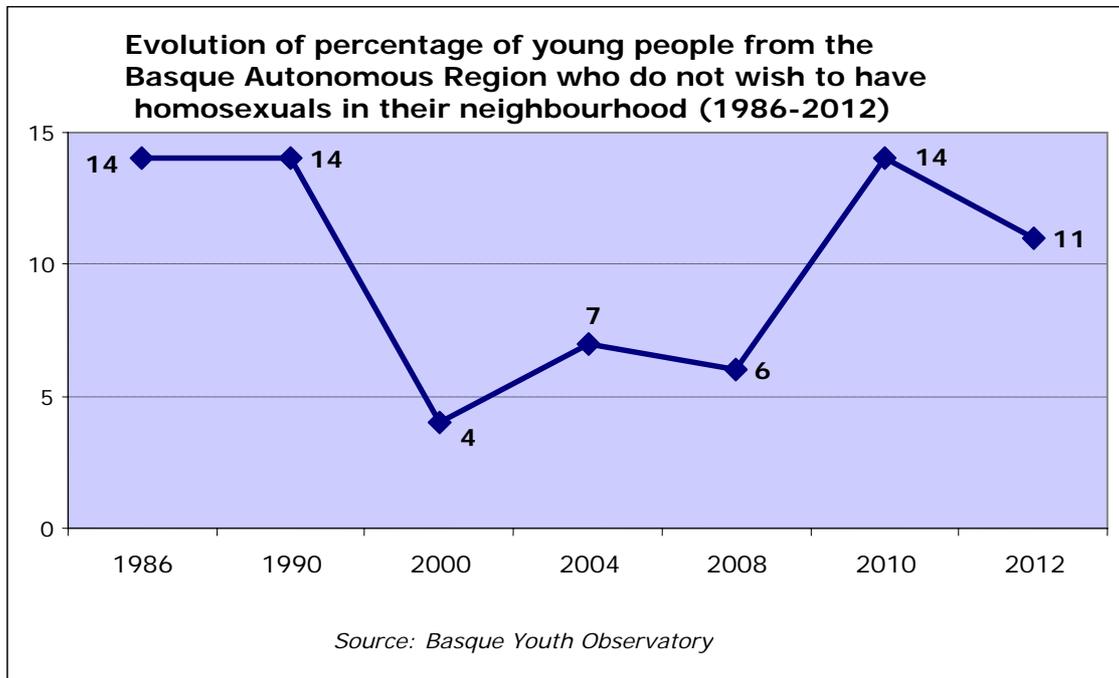
## 17<sup>th</sup> May: International Day against Homophobia

***One in every ten young people from the Basque Autonomous Community would not like to have a homosexual (gay or lesbian) person as a neighbour***

On the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia, the [Basque Youth Observatory](#) is providing new data about this issue – the result of a survey conducted in March on a sample of 1,500 young people from the Basque Autonomous Community between 15 and 29 years of age.

According to this data, 11% of people between 15 and 29 years of age would mind having homosexuals (gays or lesbians) in their neighbourhood.

Rejection of homosexual people has dropped in comparison to 2010, but not so much as to reach the levels recorded between 2000 and 2008.

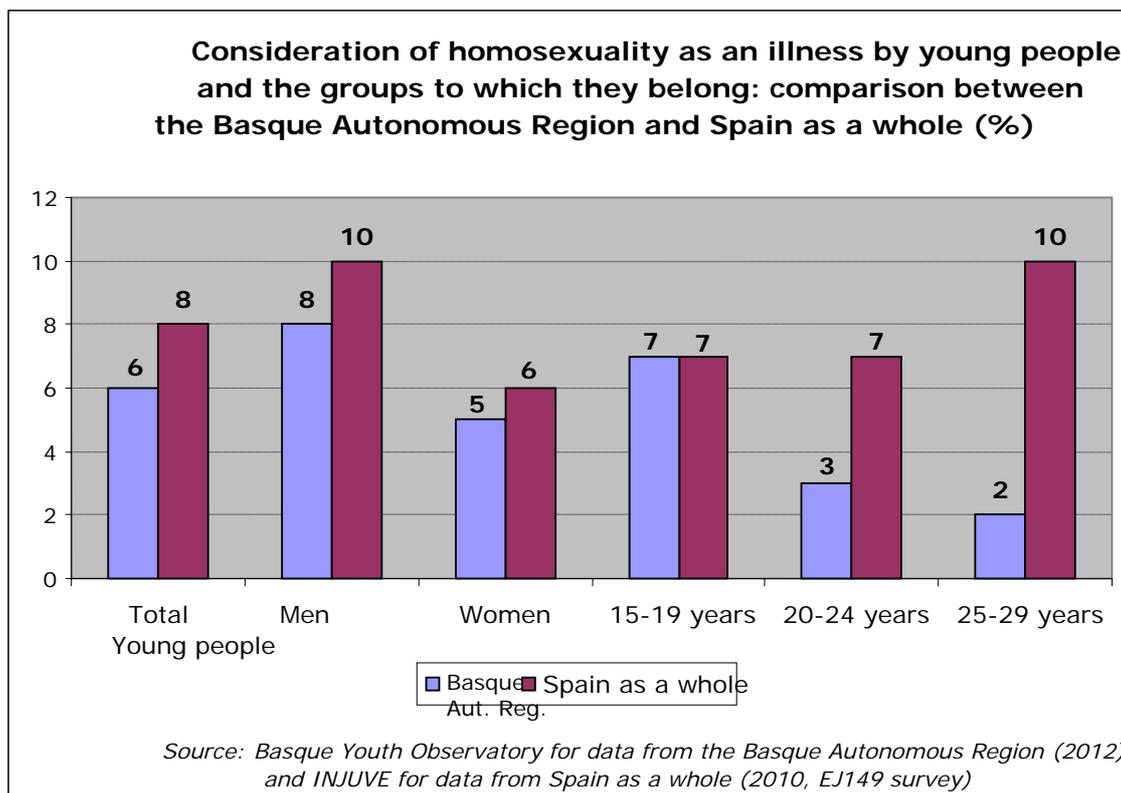


Rejection of homosexual people is slightly higher among young men (12%) than young women (10%). Those under 25 years of age also express some kind of rejection of homosexual people than those over this age (specifically, 14% of those between 15 and 29, 13% of those between 20

and 24 and 8% of those between 25 and 29 years of age do not wish to have homosexuals as neighbours).

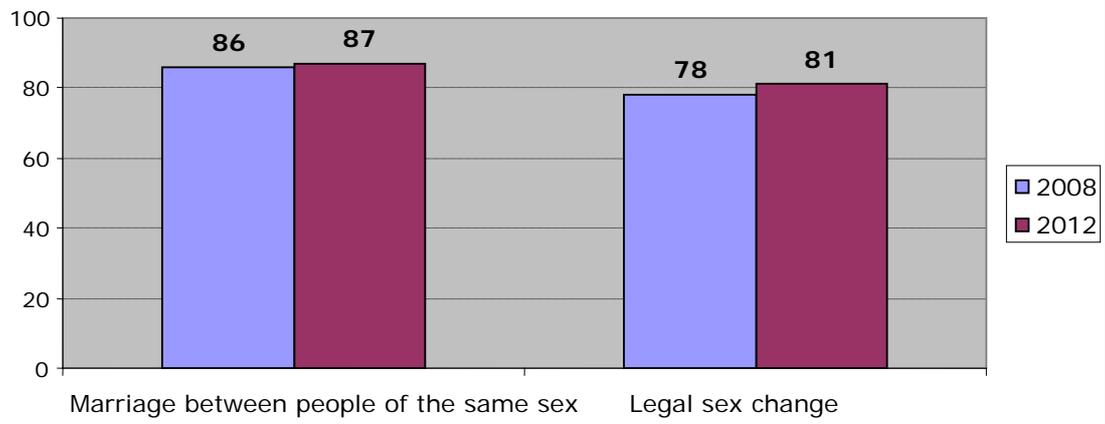
On the other hand, it should be pointed out that 6% of youth in the Basque Autonomous Community believes homosexuality to be an illness and that it should be treated as such. This idea is shared more among young men (8%) than young women (5%), and drops as age increases: 7% among those under 20, 3% among those between 20 and 24, and 2% among those between 25 and 29 years of age.

As regards [Spain as a whole](#), there are rather more young people who share this opinion and, unlike the Basque Autonomous Community, homosexuality is considered to be an illness more as the age of young people increases.



However, it should not be forgotten that the vast majority of young people from 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. This data is similar to that recorded in 2008.

**Evolution of stances in favour of marriage between people of the same sex and legal sex change on the part of young people from the Basque Autonomous Region (%)**



*Source: Basque Youth Observatory*

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