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183 MAILED - ONLY 8.19% REPLIED!

THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you consider regulation of consensual sexual behavior among adults in private a violation of the 9th Amendment of the U. S. Constitution and civil rights practices?
Yes ⁸62% No ⁵38% Comment _____
2. Do you favor repeal of Texas sodomy law (Article 524, TPC) as they apply to consenting adults acting in private?
Yes ⁹69% No ⁴31% Comment _____
3. Do you favor deletion from the proposed Penal Code revision of Section 21.06 relating to homosexual conduct?
Yes ⁹69% No ⁴31% Comment _____
4. Do you favor the imposition of religious beliefs or moral convictions on one group by another?
Yes ²15% No ¹¹85% Comment _____
5. Do you favor laws guaranteeing the right of employment for everyone, regardless of private sexual orientation? Would you be willing to support passage of a bill that would end discrimination in housing and employment because of a person's sexual orientation?
Yes ⁷52% No ⁴31% Comment "Very important." "???" "No, No." "Further study needed"
6. Do you believe that the present or proposed laws governing sexual behavior among consenting adults in private are enforceable?
Yes ⁴31% No ⁹69% Comment "On a selective basis."
7. Do you favor the abolishment of current laws regarding victimless crimes?
Yes ⁹69% No ⁴31% Comment "Abolish laws relating to drugs, prostitution, gambling, homosexuality, etc."
8. Do you believe a law against homosexuality will:
(a) Reduce crime? Yes ³23% No ⁹69% Comment _____
(b) Save the State of Texas money? Yes ³23% No ⁹69% Comment _____
(c) Serve any useful purpose? Yes ⁵38% No ⁸62% Comment see below
Comments on C: "Restore the rights to the individual"
"Absolutely not."
"No means official sanction."

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Texas law reform signed

AUSTIN, Tex.—Gov. Dolph Briscoe signed into law June 14 a new criminal code which replaces the state's old sodomy law with a much milder "homosexual conduct" offense.

The new code takes effect next Jan. 1.

Instead of a maximum of 15 years in prison under the old law for homosexual acts, the new code sets a maximum penalty of a \$200 fine for homosexual conduct *per se*, and up to one year in jail and/or a \$2000 fine for "public lewdness."

Private heterosexual activities of a "deviate" nature are not penalized under the new code.

Briscoe also signed, on June 16, a measure providing full majority rights for 18-year-olds, but specifying that only those of opposite sex are eligible for a marriage license—an obvious reaction to gay marriage agitation around the nation. This

Figure above each percentage is actual number of replies checked.

* One questionnaire returned completely blank and one with the notation scrawled across page: "No time for such a foolish questionnaire."