Finding LGBTQ+ Voices in the World Language Classroom

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Webinar Outline

• Introduction to Self and Session
• Research re: Classroom Environment
• Representation
• Entry Points
• Language and Gender
• Questions
Introduction

- Marianapolis Preparatory School
- Spanish teacher
- Modern Languages department chair
- Senior Dean
- SHIELD Director
Philosophical Framework
Research

- National School Climate Survey
- 1999-2019

Table 2.2 Positive Representations of LGBTQ-Related Topics Taught in Class

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<tr>
<th>Classes</th>
<th>% of LGBTQ Students Taught Positive Representations of LGBTQ-Related Topics (n = 3213)</th>
<th>% of All LGBTQ Students* (n = 16636)</th>
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<tr>
<td>History or Social Studies</td>
<td>60.3%</td>
<td>11.6%</td>
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<td>English</td>
<td>38.0%</td>
<td>7.3%</td>
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<td>Health</td>
<td>26.6%</td>
<td>5.1%</td>
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<td>Art</td>
<td>14.2%</td>
<td>2.7%</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>11.6%</td>
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<td>Science</td>
<td>10.6%</td>
<td>2.1%</td>
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<td>Psychology</td>
<td>8.9%</td>
<td>1.7%</td>
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<td>Foreign Language</td>
<td>8.8%</td>
<td>1.7%</td>
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<td>Gym or Physical Education</td>
<td>5.3%</td>
<td>1.0%</td>
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<td>Sociology</td>
<td>4.6%</td>
<td>0.9%</td>
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<td>Math</td>
<td>3.6%</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
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<td>Other Class (e.g., Drama, Advisory)</td>
<td>10.2%</td>
<td>2.0%</td>
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*Note: This number does not include respondents who chose not to respond to the question about the availability of LGBTQ curricular content.
Representation

• 19.4% positive representation;
• 17.0% negative content

• Area of opportunity for WL teachers
Entry Points

• Thematic Units
  – Family
  – Government
  – TV/Movies
  – Literature
  – Art
  – Clothing/Fashion
  – Sports
  – Music
La “stepchild adoption”, ovvero l’adozione del figlio del partner, rimane possibile solo alle coppie eterosessuali. Nelle famiglie omogenitoriali solo il genitore celibe che ha adottato il minore ha diritti legali su di esso. Il partner non ne è formalmente legato. La sentenza dell’11 luglio 2020 del tribunale per i Minorenni di Bologna potrebbe però dare una svolta a questa tendenza. Un giudice ha per la prima volta riconosciuto la “stepchild adoption” per una coppia omosessuale.
CÉS PAYS OÙ L’HOMOSEXUALITÉ RESTE REPRÉHENSIBLE

Prise de mort (12 pays)
- Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Burundi, Cameroun, Côte d'Ivoire, Émirats arabes unis, Indonésie, Jordanie, Pakistan, Qatar, Somalie, Soudan, Soudan du Sud

Emprisonnement
- Algérie, Azerbaïdjan, Bahreïn, Brunei, Burundi, Chine, Émirats arabes unis, Jordanie, Libye, Maldives, Monde, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Royaume-Uni, Russie, Soudan, Soudan du Sud, Turquie, Vietnam

PAYS AYANT LÉGALISÉ L’HOMOSEXUALITÉ CES 5 DERNIÈRES ANNÉES
- Gambia 2016
- Niue 2016
- Tchéquie 2016
- Moldavie 2016
- Namibie 2016

29 ÉTATS AUTorisENT LE MARIAGE HOMOSEXUEL


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MARIANAPOLIS
Orientation sexuelle et identité de genre

La France déploie que dans un trop grand nombre de pays encore, les personnes lesbiennes, gays, bisexuelles, transgenres et intersexes (LGBTI) continuent d’être victimes de violences, d’actes de torture, d’arrestations arbitraires, de harcèlement, de discriminations voire de meurtres, commis en toute impunité, sans que les autorités ne prennent de mesures appropriées en réponse.

Sommaire

- Les actions de la France aux Nations unies

Droits de l’Homme

- La France et le Conseil de l’Europe
- Cour européenne des Droits de l’Homme
- Disparitions forcées, lutte contre la torture et détentions arbitraires
- Droits des enfants
- Droits des femmes
- Entreprises et droits de l’homme
- La France et les institutions de protection et de promotion des droits de l’Homme
QUEER REFUGEES DEUTSCHLAND: EMPOWERMENT FÜR GEFLÜCHTETE LSBTI

Netzwerk aus 30 Aktivist*innen verschafft sich Gehör

Das LSVD-Projekt "Queer Refugees Deutschland" hat ein Netzwerk aufgebaut, mit dem sich quere Geflüchtete unterstützen und in die politischen Debatten einbringen. Beim Cologne Pride trugen sie ihre Forderungen vor.
Wer den Fußball kennt, versteht, dass Thomas Hitzlsperger sich erst nach dem Ende der Karriere zur Homosexualität bekannte. Für den deutschen Fußball ist das Bekennen ein guter Anfang für mehr Toleranz, Offenheit, Respekt nicht nur in Sonntagsreden.

Language and Gender

• A real challenge for language teachers

• Potential conflicts

• Emerging solutions and other opinions
Language and Gender – The Challenge

• LGB language – straightforward
• T language – straightforwardish
• NB language - ???
  – Endings!
  – Pronouns!

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Rammi ✨ @Rammi · Mar 6, 2018
Replying to @millenomi and @dreaminghour
@EstanceMoriarty was telling me about gender-neutral pronouns in French a while back - I know they personally like to use ul when referring to themself?

Estance Moriarty
@EstanceMoriarty

French traditional pronouns are il (male), elle (female), ils (plural), elles (plural referring exclusively to female ppl or thinks).
The most common NB, neutral pronom is “iel”, that can be spelled iels, iell, ielle, ille, illes...
I also know ppl who go by ol, al, ul & yul.
1:28 PM · Mar 7, 2018

See Estance Moriarty’s other Tweets
Potential conflicts

• Language evolves (slowly)

• Linguistic colonization

• Not one standard solution
Emerging solutions

• **Arabic**
  – Use of dual to avoid gender specification

• **French**
  – iel
  – use of median period for endings

• **German**
  – Prioritizing gender-neutral terms

• **Hebrew**
  – Hebrew Non Binary

• **Italian**
  – Use of –u
  – elu

• **Portuguese**
  – elu, eli, el

• **Spanish**:  
  – @, -x, -e
  – le/les, une/un, elle
Thank you!

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