

Reading Questions for April 1

There are four readings for today's class, but they're all short and for some of them you only have to look at particular sections. The first is by Michael Levin and is called, "Why Homosexuality is Abnormal." The second is from catholic.com and is called "Homosexuality." The third is from askphilosophers.org (which is a sort of cool site that you might want to play around with) and is titled "Is Homosexuality unnatural? There was much debate in our Philosophy class." The fourth is by John Corvino and is titled "Is Homosexuality Unnatural?"

*Background:*

Today we're looking at the question of whether homosexuality is immoral. The first thing we'll talk about is whether homosexuality is unnatural, and whether this shows that it's immoral. I've given you four things to look at that address this question. For the Levin you can stop after reading the first paragraph of section 3 (page 234). For the catholic.com reading you only need to read the section titled "Natural Law." After discussing this, we'll move on to discuss questions related to one's control over one's sexuality.

*Questions:*

1. What are the various ways of understanding "unnatural" that the authors discuss? What do they say about prospects regarding arguments that homosexuality is unnatural and thus immoral?
2. A popular argument in favor of the morality of homosexuality is that homosexuality is not a choice. What do you think of this argument? Is there a way of spelling out that it successful?