

Published on *National Catholic Reporter* (<https://www.ncronline.org>)

June 18, 2013 at 9:33am

---

## The "LGBT Gap"

by Michael Sean Winters

Distinctly Catholic

UPDATED: The link is fixed.

Mark Silk, the Sage of Hartford, looks at the new Pew numbers that compare the perceptions of the LGBT community as to the hostility of various religious groups versus the attitudes towards the LGBT community held by the adherents of different religion. That largest gap between those two numbers? Catholics. Silk writes:

*"By far the largest gap is in Catholicism ? fully 59 points separate LGBT perception of Catholic unfriendliness from Catholics? support for societal discouragement. Simply put, the bishops have gotten the message across very well that the Church looks with disfavor on homosexuality, but the laity isn?t buying it. Or at least, the laity isn?t buying the proposition that society as a whole should follow the lead of the Magisterium."*

Advertisement

---

Source URL (retrieved on 05/25/2018 - 4:26am): <https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/distinctly-catholic/lgbt-gap>

### Links:

[1] <https://www.ncronline.org/forward/join?clickSource=end-article>

[2] <https://www.ncronline.org/node/160616>