

Discrimination Against Teens

- General society is told that teenagers are the main cause of accidents on the road and most believe this falsity because they are looking for someone to blame. However, most charts indicate that the age group between twenty-five and thirty-four are twice as likely to be in an accident as those in the age group categorized as below twenty <http://www.youthrights.org/newminority.php>
- Curfews are commonly associated with lowering crime rates by keeping teenagers off of the streets during hours when crime is most likely to occur. No logical studies have proven that curfews help to prevent crime; in fact, some statistics show they are actually counter-productive. In 1992 San Francisco repealed its forceful curfew laws, the results were astounding, between 1992 and 1997 there was a 50% decrease in juvenile murders, a 36% decrease in crime reported to the police, and a 41% decrease occurred in violent crimes reported to the police. <http://www.youthrights.org/newminority.php>
- Teenagers are often discriminated against in stores which only allow two students in at a time, or watch teens more closely than other customers.
- Youths are often depicted in films as lazy, stupid, or rude.
- Teens are often stereotyped as being disrespectful "slackers" who care about little beyond video games and having fun.

Discrimination against GLBTQ teens

- Students who describe themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered are five times more likely to miss school because of feeling unsafe. 28% are forced to drop out
- 85% of teachers oppose integrating lesbian, gay and bisexual themes in their curricula
- 42% of homeless youth identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual
- 75% of people committing hate crimes are under age 30 - one in three are under 18 - and some of the most pervasive anti-gay violence occurs in schools.

Discrimination against foreign teens or immigrants

- School dropout rates among immigrant teenagers are most severe among Mexicans, particularly those who migrated to the United States after starting school in Mexico. Nearly 28 percent of Mexican immigrants ages 15-17 were not enrolled in high school
- Teenagers were shown to face problems ranging from attacks to verbal conflict to being excluded from some classes simply because of their religion.

Violence Against Teens

- Homicide is the second leading cause of death for youth fifteen to twenty-four years old. It is the leading cause of death for African American males and the second leading cause of death in Hispanic Males.
- In 1997, there was an average of seventeen youth homicide victims each day in the United States.
- Teens are 2.5 times more likely than adults to be victims of violence.
- Over 98% of middle school students have witnessed or have been the victim of violence.