

How has bullying affected the lives of teens and young adults that are "LGBTQ"?

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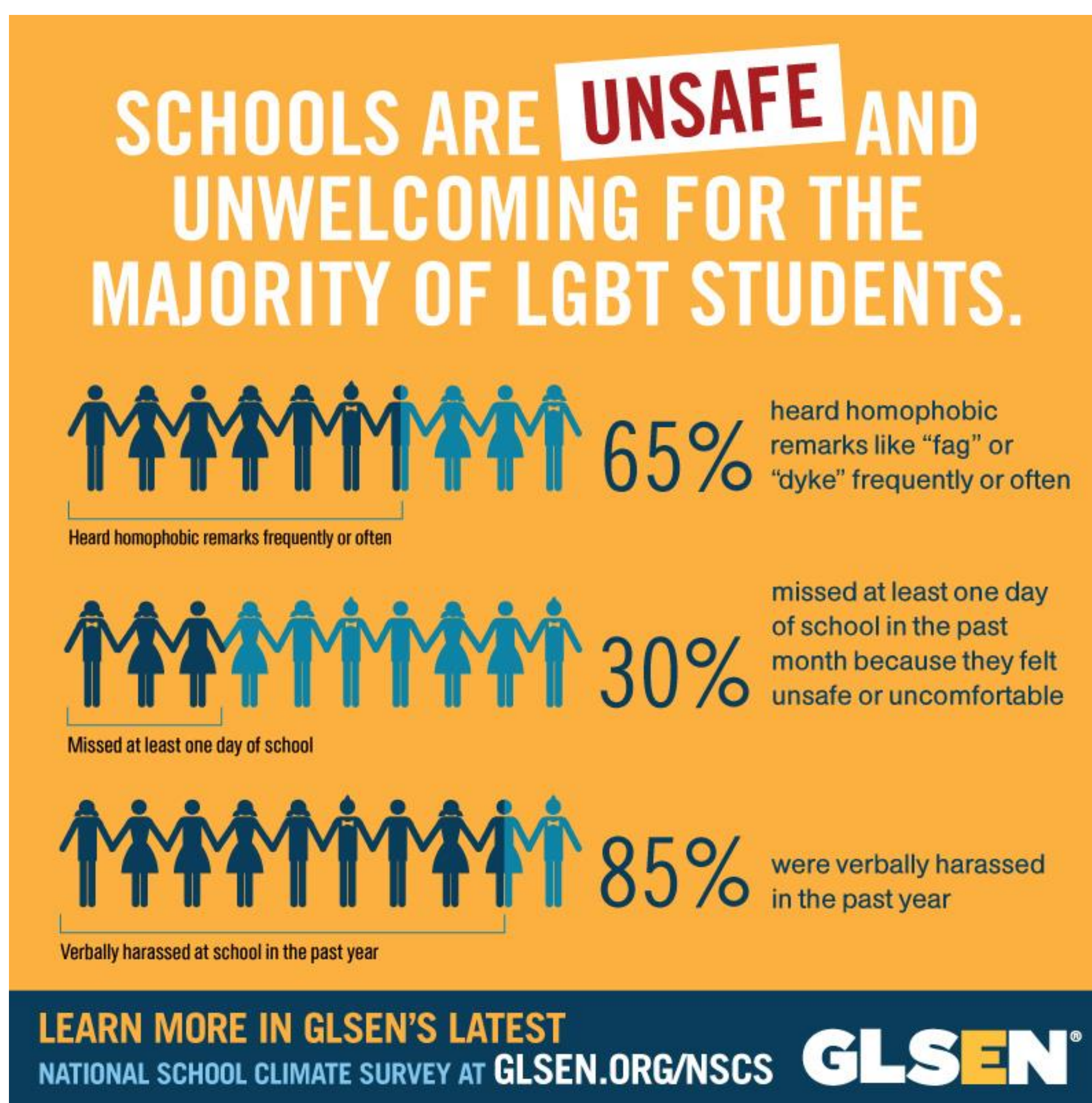
Question:

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The Need:

- Our youth not able to express themselves safely
- We need to better understand the emotional & physical abuse of our LGBTQ teen & young adult community

Facts:



Data findings

We surveyed over 120 youth from various schools & colleges throughout Northeast Ohio

- **53%** of survey responders state that it's important to be open about your sexuality
- **46%** of respondents recorded that they are comfortable being around people who don't share the same sexual orientation as them
- Only **29%** of respondents think society is tolerant of the LGBTQ community

Sample Survey question:

"In your opinion why do you think people hurt or bully or even dislike those who are LGBT?"

"In my opinion I think that people bully people that are LGBT because they expect everyone to be straight or they expect them to fit into some type of social norm"

-Survey Responder

"I feel like they bully those in the "LGBTQ" community because they are different or like to label them like a "freak" just because they prefer a different sexual preference"

-Survey Responder

Recommendations

1. Create support groups for LGBT student at local community centers and schools
2. Implement students led mentor programs between high school and middle school students that promotes positive social relations across all boundaries of difference.
3. Advocate for stricter enforcement of anti-bullying rules in schools

Get Involved!

- **Social media**
#Supportive Community
#CLEGAYPRIDE

- **Volunteer**

- LGBT Center of Greater Cleveland
- Cleveland Out and About
- Parents families & friends of Lesbians and Gays CLE (PFLAG)
- InterACT: Advocates for intersex youth