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PRIVILEGES OF BEING HETEROSEXUAL

The following are examples of aspects of interpersonal relationships, which people in heterosexual relationships often take for granted. Image the trauma endured by lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals who are not allowed the same rights.

- The right to kiss or show affection in public
- The right to talk about your relationship
- The right not to question your normalcy
- The right to show pity when your relationship ends
- The right to live comfortably in a residence hall without enduring the fear of rejection from floor or roommates
- The right to be open about apartment hunting with your significant other
- The right to marry
- The right to dress without worrying about what it represents
- The right to not have to hide friends and same-sex activities
- The right to heterosexual reference base by faculty, staff and friends, so you never have to feel excluded
- The right to open support from family and friends
- The right to share holidays with family and partners
- The right to have your partner appear in family photographs
- The right to have friends not avoid being seen with you for fear of being labeled by others