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Dear Ms. Winkler:

My father, now dead, was Editor manager of one of the largest Newspapers in this country for 30 years, and all I can say is that I thought editors were supposed to be knowledgeable on all sides of the subjects and able to discuss both sides intelligently without bias.

Either your standards have lowered more than I believed or Scripps Howard was desperate to have to choose you. Your prejudices were so flagrant that I soon put you on the mute button. I never knew so prejudiced and biased a person in a position such as yours.

As for the Gay question, I was a trained counselor on CONTACT-Teliministries, an international suicide prevention service financed by the churches--probably still is, but I have gotten too old to participate. and there is no chapter here. Some <sup>gays</sup> were in families of my friends.

The place to find the most gay men according to hundreds of wives that I talked to is at Boy Scout Camps and Jamborees. Their husbands did not necessarily harm any of the boys, those were not the complaints. It was that they married the women for the convenience. Many years ago, a man could not get a job if he were not married for he was suspected then to be a homosexual. Many of the wives were completely ignored and so were not aware of what caused their husbands to pay them little or no attention.

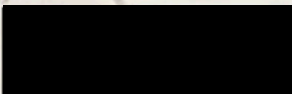
The men gravitated to places where they were more comfortable. The same has been in the Girl Scouts, and other gatherings of young boys and girls. Youth leaders in churches for instance. Little league baseball.

I found it interesting and sought out some gay men. Most are delightful, talented, honorable and natural with an occasional bad apple in the barrel like in any situation. I learned much when they found that I accepted them and had no prejudice. I found them (not known, of course,) at large church organs and many other places in the churches. I have also looked up all of the passages in a number of different translations of the Bible and found many surprises that many preachers choose to misinterpret.

I am not myself gay. I am a widow; have three grown children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sincerely,

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