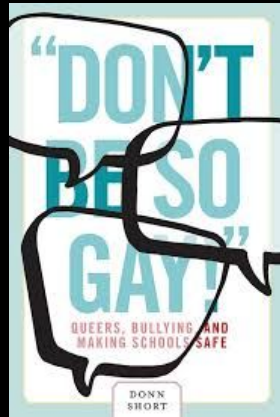# Homophobia In Schools

My topic is about homophobia in schools and why it's hurtful. I've never been to a school where teachers taught their students about this. I'm here to tell you why schools should.

This story is important because this bullying, it's taking lives. Nearly a third of the LGBTQ+ community have attempted suicide. A fifth have succeeded. If teachers don't address this situation, then more kids will keep dying, because they think no one is on their side. But if teachers address this, it will give these kids hope. Hope that they need.

"DON'T BE SO GAY!"

QUEERS, BULLYING AND MAKING SCHOOLS SAFE

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What is an underreported story?

An underreported story is an important story that is not commonly shared.

One example of a underreported story is the story of a trans girl, Mazy. Mazy got bullied and taunted at school just for being who she wanted to be.

This is an underreported story because not many people know about this girl. They don't pay attention to her, because she is trans. You may have noticed, but black people, women, and LGBTQ+ individuals are not commonly talked out on the news. Instead, they are discriminated because of who they are.

What is an underreported story we need to study?

An underreported story schools *need* to study is homophobia in schools.

As seen in slide 1, nearly a third of young LGBTQ+ individuals have attempted suicide. A fifth have succeeded.

That's a lot of people that have died. If teachers don't address this, this will keep happening, because it seems like no one is on the LGBTQ+ individuals side.

99% of LGBTQ+ people face homophobia in schools. That's almost everyone. This is serious.

Kids will keep doing this if teachers don't address it, because they won't know what they're really doing, and how this could affect kids in the long run.

What is the best method for sharing this story?

The best method of sharing this story, it to publish it into the public. We can do this setting up a website, or getting this in a column in the newspaper.

I've found that many things are spread online. In fact, we wouldn't even know about the war between Ukraine and Russia, if it wasn't for social media, The New York Times, and even TikTok.

This shows that the most important things happening in the world are spread online. Computers, phones, and tablets are the things people are using most nowadays. If I can somehow spread this story online, people will hear about it and act upon it.