

homophobia

homo-pho-bia *BrE* [ˌhɒmə'fəʊbiə] ^m *BrE* [ˌhəʊm'fəʊbiə] ^m *NAmE*

[ˌhəʊmə'fəʊbiə] ^m **noun uncountable**

a strong dislike and fear of ↑**homosexual** people

Derived Word ↑**homophobic**

Word Origin:

[**homophobia** **homophobic**] 1960s: from ↑**homosexual** + -phobia (see ↑**phobia**).

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[**Date:** 1900-2000; **Origin:** homosexual + -phobia]

hatred and fear of ↑**homosexuals**

—**homophobic** *adjective*

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- **prejudice** an unreasonable dislike and distrust of people who are different from you in some way, especially because of their race, sex, religion etc: racial prejudice | prejudice against women
- **discrimination** the practice of treating one group of people differently from another in an unfair way: There is widespread discrimination against older people. | the laws on sex discrimination
- **intolerance** an unreasonable refusal to accept beliefs, customs, and ways of thinking that are different from your own: religious intolerance | There is an atmosphere of intolerance in the media.
- **bigotry** a completely unreasonable hatred for people of a different race, religion etc, based on strong and fixed opinions: religious bigotry | the bigotry directed at Jews and other ethnic groups
- **racism/racial prejudice** unfair treatment of people because they belong to a different race: Many black people have been the victims of racism in Britain. | Some immigrant groups faced racism, for example Jews and Italians, while others, such as Scandinavians, did not.
- **sexism** the belief that one sex, especially women, is weaker, less intelligent etc than the other, especially when this results in someone being treated unfairly: sexism in language | She accused him of sexism.
- **ageism** (*also* **agism** *American English*) unfair treatment of people because they are old: The new law aims to stop ageism in the workplace.
- **homophobia** prejudice towards or hatred of gay people: homophobia in the armed forces
- **xenophobia** /ˌzɛnə'fəʊbiə \$ -'fəʊ-/ hatred and fear of foreigners: the xenophobia of the right-wing press
- **anti-Semitism** a strong feeling of hatred toward Jewish people: Is anti-Semitism on the increase?
- **Islamophobia** hatred and fear of Muslims: the rise of Islamophobia and right-wing extremism in Europe
- **gay/union/America etc bashing** unfair public criticism of gay people, union members, the American government etc: The minister was accused of union bashing. | There's so much America-bashing in the liberal press.

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