

Increased mortality among LGBTQ identified individuals

Mark Regnerus of the University of Texas has published a [paper](#) in the peer-reviewed journal *Social Science & Medicine*, examining a widely-publicized 2014 study by Mark Hatzenbuehler of Columbia University. Hatzenbuehler found that living in an “anti-gay” community reduces the life expectancy of sexual minorities by 12 years—more than a pack-a-day smoker’s habit reduces his lifespan. After ten attempts using the same data, Regnerus was unable to replicate Hatzenbuehler’s results. Despite ample opportunity to respond, Hatzenbuehler has not yet done so. *Social Science & Medicine*, of which Hatzenbuehler is an editor, should be commended for its faithfulness to high standards of scientific inquiry. Regnerus’ paper has been covered in the [New York Post](#) and [National Review](#).