

HOMOSEXUALS

ARE

DIFFERENT...

but...

we believe they have the right to be. We believe that the civil rights and human dignity of homosexuals are as precious as those of any other citizen... we believe that the homosexual has the right to live, work and participate in a free society.

Mattachine defends the rights of homosexuals and tries to create a climate of understanding and acceptance.

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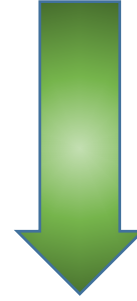
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Etymology

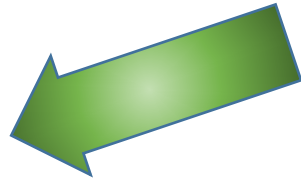
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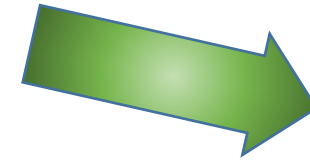
Greek and Latin hybrid



ὁμός - homos, "same"



Term first used 1886
by the Austrian-born
Novelist
Karl-Maria Kertbeny



Sexus





sodomite



The Love that dare not speak its name

similisexual

same-sex desire

criminal against nature

hermaphrodite

the sin not to be mentioned by Christians

degenerate

Other names towards the end of the 19th century

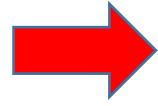




Victimisation processes



Men at the centre



established sodomy as a crime against nature.



condemnation of anal sex between males

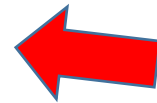


Prohibited act of anal intercourse

social repression



state persecution
homophobien Law



the majority of Christian or other religion based history have considered homosexual behavior as immoral or sinful





History



Until about 1200

High middle Age

18. and 19. Century

Nazi Regime

1945-1994

today

the Christian world - anal intercourse is a sin - but not yet a crime

prosecution, including public burning for sodomy

reduced penalties and even their abolition
1871: German Criminal Code § 175

tightening of section 175
state reprisals

decriminalisation in several steps





German Pinal Code 1871

"**Unnatural** fornication committed **between persons of the male sex** or between humans and animals shall be punished by imprisonment; the loss of civil rights of honour may also be imposed."



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9.384
17 Years





What does the German Supreme Court means with unnatural fornication



The **sexual instinct** implanted in man
by **nature** finds its natural satisfaction
in the **union of the two sexes** by
means of the sexual organs, which
corresponds to the physical
constitution.



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Weimar Republic

1918 - 1933

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Homosexuality was discussed more openly in society.

Prosecution tightened

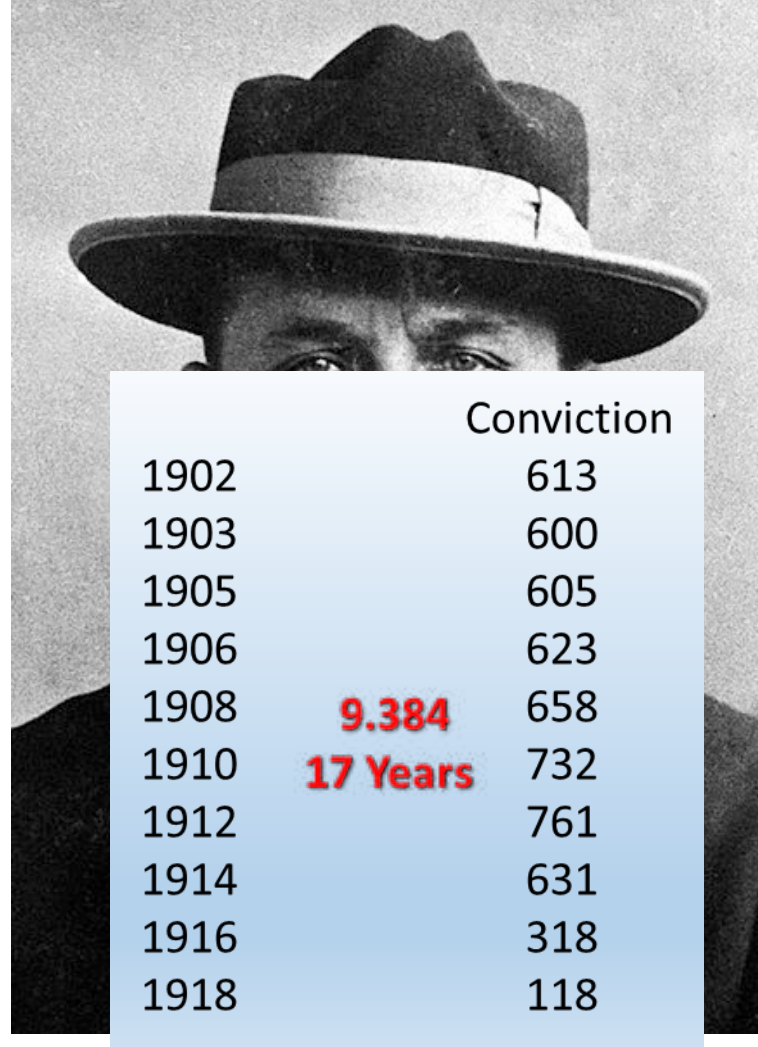


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A black and white portrait of Fritz Haarmann, a man wearing a dark fedora hat with a light-colored band. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression.

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* The trial of the serial killer Fritz Haarmann in 1924 led to a sharp rise in the number of cases and convictions.



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DIE FREUNDIN (The Girlfriend: The Ideal Friendship Journal) was a popular Weimar-era German lesbian magazine

Aus dem Inhalt:

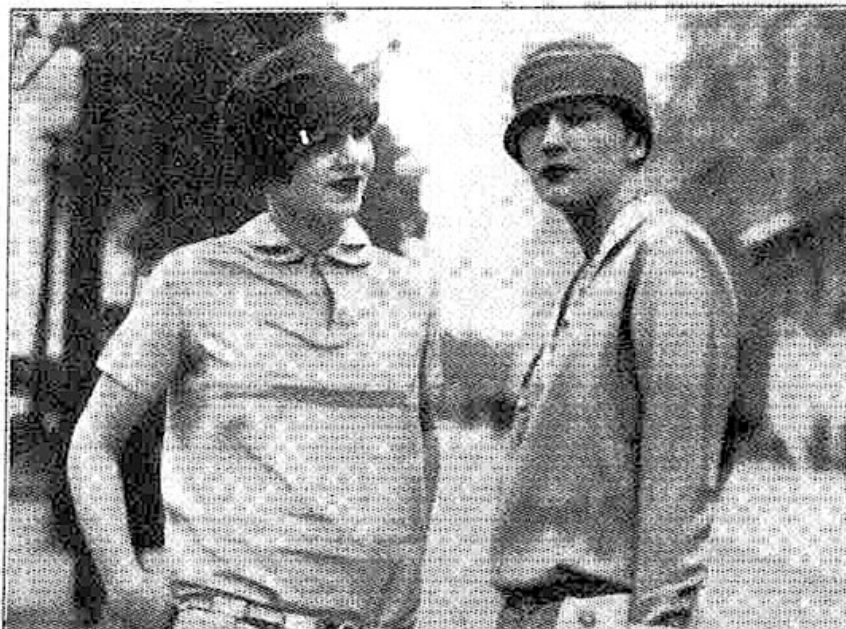
Die homosexuelle
Frau und die
Reichstagswahl



Was ist
Schund und Schmutz?



Rauchende Frauen



published from 1924 to 1933 in Berlin

The magazine also published advertisements of lesbian nightspots, and women could place their personal advertisements for meeting other lesbians