

## Chat Transcript for America ReFramed: Broken Heart Land

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 *Broken Heart Land* - 99min 23sec

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7:51:34 PM

*Welcome!*

♥ 1

- Sharon Wong

7:52:10 PM

*Thank you. Looking forward*

- Ron

7:52:37 PM

*Told all my friends to watch*

- Lori

7:52:42 PM

*got it*

- Anonymous GDMZ

7:52:55 PM

*We will be starting the event in just about 8 minutes.*

♥ 2

- Sharon Wong

7:53:06 PM

*thank you!*

- cb812

7:53:13 PM

*Looking forward to sharing our film!*

♥ 2

- jeremy stulberg

7:53:24 PM

*Thanks!*

- Anonymous 1HBF

7:54:19 PM

*Hello Jeremy, Eric, Athena, Nancy, Anthony, and Kay!*

♥ 1

- Sharon Wong

7:54:51 PM

*I didn't mean to enter anonymously. This is Brook Meiller. So excited to see this, Nancy. I know how hard you have worked for it.*

♥ 3

- Anonymous CP43

7:55:38 PM

*Anonymous CP43: You can log in via your facebook or create an account if you don't want to be anonymous.*

- Sharon Wong

7:56:03 PM

*Good Evening!*

- Anonymous 8RJ3

7:56:06 PM

*hi*

- Annette

7:56:13 PM

*hi guys*

- EricE

7:56:23 PM

*Hi everyone. It's so great to be here with you all!*

♥ 2

- Nikki

7:56:25 PM

*I'm here! Hello, everyone.*

- Janet

7:56:42 PM

*Is it possible to use a Roku to watch?*

- Annette

7:57:37 PM

*Hi everyone!*

♥ 1

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

7:58:07 PM

*Annette: Yes, it is!*

- Sharon Wong

7:58:09 PM

*We are PFLAG Manistee ( Michigan) watching together as supporters of our LGBT children and friends*

♥ 5

- Linda

7:58:19 PM

*Jey here from South Korea.... it's officially global. Love to the Harrington family!*

♥ 4

- Anonymous GC1H

7:58:24 PM

*Hello; it's so courageous of the parents to share their lives and to educate others!*

♥ 3

- Can

7:58:30 PM

*Hi*

- annette

7:58:30 PM

*I'm with Indianapolis PFLAG*

♥ 3

- Annette

7:58:31 PM

*Is it on PBS also?*

- Anonymous 8RJ3

7:58:42 PM

*Welcome PFLAG Manistee!*

- Sharon Wong

7:59:13 PM

*Hi Annette of PFLAG Indianapolis*

- Sharon Wong

7:59:16 PM

*Hey Nikki, Harrington family & everyone! So excited!*

♥ 2

- Kevin Stauffer

7:59:29 PM

*How do I use the Roku - which channel?*

- Annette

7:59:36 PM

*Karla here from Arizona! I belong to Phoenix Native American PFLAG*

♥ 2

- Anonymous 8RJ3

7:59:43 PM

*The stream of Broken Heart Land will be available through worldchannel.org*

- Sharon Wong

8:00:10 PM

*Welcome PFLAG Phoenix Native American*

- Sharon Wong

8:00:24 PM

*Thank you*

- Ellen

8:00:45 PM

*hi So excited!*

♥ 1

- Randycurls

8:01:00 PM

*I heard this was wonderful - can't wait to see it!*

- Annette

8:01:02 PM

*Annette: It will stream online through our Website*

- Sharon Wong

8:01:27 PM

*So I can't watch through my TV?*

- Annette

8:01:32 PM

*So glad we can be here from all over the world to watch together!*

♥ 5

- Eric Juhola

8:01:47 PM

*Welcome to WORLD Channel's WatchTogether, Chat Together of Broken Heart Land, the Season 2 Finale from our docu-series, America ReFramed.*

♥ 2

- Sharon Wong

8:02:00 PM

*Joining us tonight for the screening and chat are Broken Heart Land filmmakers Randy and Jeremy Stulberg, and producer Eric Juhola; Nancy and Nikki Harrington, Zack Harrington's mother and sister; Athena Brewer of The Trevor Project; Kay Holladay of PFLAG National and PFLAG Norman; LGBT youth advocate Jordan Scruggs; and Anthony R. D'Augelli, Professor of Human Development and a community-clinical psychologist.*

♥ 2

- Sharon Wong

8:02:11 PM

*PFLAG Los Angeles here!*

♥ 6

- Anonymous QKNO

8:02:24 PM

♥ 3

*Tonight screening and chat is co-presented with PFLAG (<http://community.pflag.org/Page.aspx?pid=194&srcid=-2>) and The Trevor Project (<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>).*

- Sharon Wong

8:02:35 PM

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*Let swelcome them!*

- Sharon Wong

8:02:36 PM

♥ 5

*Lori Anne and John logging in from Nashville, TN. Thank you, Nancy, Nikki, and Van for your bravery and willingness to make this film!*

- Lori Anne

8:02:44 PM

♥ 3

*PFLAG Columbia-Howard Co. is here.*

- Anonymous XDGN

8:02:44 PM

♥ 1

*Hello from Arizona*

- Anonymous 8RJ3

8:03:03 PM

♥ 2

*OVEE (Online Video Engagement Experience) is a public environment to ask engaging questions, post positive comments, and share personal experiences.*

- Sharon Wong

8:03:12 PM

♥ 5

*Hi! This is Randy Stulberg. Thanks for watching.*

- Randycurls

8:03:24 PM

♥ 4

*Hello from Norman OK*

- Lori

8:03:24 PM

♥ 3

*PFLAG West,omster Maryland is here*

- Anonymous XDGN

8:03:31 PM

♥ 4

*Due to the sensitive nature of this film, we will be moderating all posts. If you are thinking about suicide or need someone to talk to, help is available by calling the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255). You lbe connected to a skilled and trained counselor at a crisis center in your area.*

- Sharon Wong

8:03:42 PM

*Hello, Nancy!!*

- Lori Anne

8:04:04 PM

*Let's start Broken Heart Land now...*

♥ 2

- Sharon Wong

8:04:06 PM

*Hello from PFLAG Ann Arbor (Michigan)*

♥ 3

- Anonymous GDMZ

8:04:29 PM

*Mazel tov.*

- Rochelle

8:04:36 PM

*Monika Navarro here from America ReFramed!*

♥ 3

- Monika

8:04:49 PM

*Welcome to all of the PFLAG chapters throughout the country!*

♥ 3

- Sharon Wong

8:05:19 PM

*Thank you everyone from joining, it's amazing to see the turnout and all the PFLAG love!*

♥ 3

- Monika

8:05:38 PM

*PFLAG from Alabama here!*

♥ 3

- Anonymous N7BQ

8:05:45 PM

*Hello everyone. Thank you for watching!*

♥ 7

- Nancy

8:06:43 PM

*Hello from York & Stuart from PFLAG Los Angeles*

♥ 3

- Anonymous QKNO

8:07:09 PM

*If anyone from PFLAG Norman is watching all of you do excellent work! I was the adolescent group facilitator until I moved a few months ago. Thank you for all of the great work you do PFLAG!*

♥ 4

- William

8:07:33 PM

*Thank you William!*

- Kay

8:08:41 PM

*Hi Randy, from James & Brian :)*

- James

8:08:45 PM

*Dave Parker, PFLAG Greensboro, NC*

♥ 1

- Anonymous Y4W9

8:08:56 PM

*Thank you Nancy for sharing. You are a brave woman.*

♥ 2

- Agi

8:09:02 PM

*Omg! thanks for signing on*

- Randycurls

8:09:16 PM

*Thank you James and Brian*

- Randycurls

8:09:49 PM

*If anyone needs a list of resources for LGBTQ Youth, please visit our website  
[www.brokenheartland.com/resources](http://www.brokenheartland.com/resources)*

♥ 8

- jeremy stulberg

8:10:35 PM

*Nancy & Nikki: When you talk of the day of Zack's death, it was so fresh. Now that you have a bit of distance from that day, how do you feel when you look back at this?*

- Sharon Wong

8:11:28 PM

*"The prize egg at the Easter Egg Hunt" - love Van and Nancy's story of falling in love*

♥ 2

- Monika

8:12:09 PM

*What a beautiful family!*

♥ 2

- Brook

8:12:19 PM

♥ 8

*It's definitely emotionally raw with each screening. But to be surrounded by such love and support!... I can finally smile when I see Zack's Face.*

- Nikki

8:12:50 PM

♥ 3

*I'm so glad he is able to speak for himself in this film with his writings.*

- Nikki

8:12:53 PM

♥ 6

*It still hurts but the pain is different. For me, it used to be finger tip to finger tip, from the top of my head to my toes. Pain all over. Now, I can look at his pictures and smile. I talk to Zack alot.*

- Nancy

8:12:59 PM

♥ 4

*Nikki and Nancy - thank you for sharing your story.*

- Annette

8:13:40 PM

*I can't imagine the pain of losing a son, I have prayed for your family since I first learned of his death.*

- Lori

8:14:17 PM

*The webcast is buffering horribly. Is that on yuor end or mine?*

- Ron

8:15:14 PM

*Ron: Please try refreshing the page.*

- Sharon Wong

8:15:59 PM

♥ 3

*The ignorance of some people is just heart breaking.*

- Lori

8:16:13 PM

♥ 1

*My webcast is working fine in Massachusetts; streaming working okay and also on PBS.*

- Can

8:16:23 PM

*^preach*

- Anonymous HBHB



8:16:38 PM

*How difficult was it to listen to fellow members of the community speak such hate especially when you never thought they never expressed it before in public?*

- Sharon Wong

8:16:49 PM

*Kay Holladay's son talking about being diverse.*

♥ 6

- Nancy

8:17:03 PM

*Professor D'Augelli can you speak to the effect these public comments would have on a young person who is LGBTQ?*

♥ 1

- Monika

8:17:16 PM

*Norman is a town, like many across our country, is really grappling with LGBTQ issues. They had this painful public meeting that was difficult for both sides.*

♥ 2

- jeremy stulberg

8:17:26 PM

*this sort of messages is really hard on young people who are GLBT; internalized stigma and discrimination causes all sort of mental health challenges...*

♥ 2

- Can

8:17:37 PM

*The Norman community was in shock when the city council meeting was shown on Youtube.....we kept saying, "the is not the Norman I know!"*

♥ 3

- Kay

8:17:47 PM

*These kind of views are unfortunately very prevalent, certainly in rural areas, but even in rural progressive towns like Norman. We hear this from young people who reach out to Trevor all the time.*

♥ 2

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

8:17:59 PM

*I live in Norman, I raise my family here, its a good town but sadly there are some very intolerant and ignorant people here. Thankfully we are not all that way.*

♥ 4

- Lori

8:18:16 PM

*Thank you to the mayor and city council (except Quinn) for standing up to such bigotry.*

♥ 3

- Nancy

8:18:28 PM

♥ 3

*Norman is not a rural community (just for clarification)*

- Kay

8:18:37 PM

*So true, Nancy. They tried.*

- Brook

8:18:42 PM

♥ 2

*I grew up with these messages in Ohio in 1980s and 1990s by churches etc. ; shame robs people of living a full life.*

- Can

8:19:27 PM

*Randy, Jeremy & Eric: How were you able to connect the dots between Zack story, and his family and friends?*

- Sharon Wong

8:19:36 PM

♥ 2

*this is so cool that we get to watch online and type comments!*

- Can

8:19:55 PM

♥ 2

*This winter we heard similar talk from Indiana state legislators during the hearings for HJR-3 (state same-sex marriage ban). I saw the looks on the faces of LGBT people - the pain and the hurt. It broke my heart.*

- Annette

8:20:08 PM

♥ 1

*Powerful scene for its silence*

- Monika

8:21:14 PM

♥ 4

*I think that once we gained the trust of the Harrington family, the story became richer. They made a decision as a family to allow us to dig deeper. They could have not given us the diary (stay tuned) or home video footage. They opened up, and the story unfolded.*

- jeremy stulberg

8:21:15 PM

♥ 3

*People have no idea how much their words hurt.*

- Annette

8:21:57 PM

♥ 2

*Can: OVEE has been such a wonderful platform for screenings such as these. Allowing people to connect nationally online with filmmakers, etc.*

- Sharon Wong

8:22:10 PM

*Thank you!*

- Annette

8:22:55 PM

*Jeremy or Randy - how did you first learn of Zack's story?*

- Monika

8:23:28 PM

*Just joining--any point of watchng now that I've missed this much?*

- Anonymous VDIX

8:23:33 PM

*Eric too!*

- Monika

8:23:36 PM

♥ 2

*We regrateful that this film emphasizes that there are many factors that enter into a person's decision to take their life, and that bullying is one factor in a more complex picture.*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

8:23:37 PM

♥ 2

*Randy was in Oklahoma at the time when this tragedy happened. We met the Harringtons at a candlelight vigil seven days after Zack died. The Harringtons opened up to us and allowed us to tell their story.*

- jeremy stulberg

8:24:01 PM

*Can: I'll connect with you outside of the event. Send a message via our facebook at WORLD Channel.*

- Sharon Wong

8:24:12 PM

♥ 6

*Here you can see the power of support from friends during the coming out process*

- Anthony D'Augelli

8:24:23 PM

♥ 6

*This is a powerful documentary that will create conversations and dialogue among church members and how words against GLBT communities hurt and causes all sort of mental health challenges and millions of dollars in therapies and hospitalizations etc. God/Jesus is about unconditional love.*

- Can

8:25:13 PM

*Anonymous VDJX: Please stay and watch...this is an event that allows you to connect with the participating panelists. You'll also be able to stream the film post-event.*

- Sharon Wong

8:26:12 PM

*Nancy: Did you think there was a lack of openness/communication between you, Van and Zack?*

- Sharon Wong

8:27:18 PM

*I wonder if Zack was very scared to share that information.*

- Annette

8:27:26 PM

♥ 3

*For young people coming out, there's now a guide to help answer questions and explore safe ways to come out, talk to family and friends, and even work. [www.thetrevorproject.org/YOU](http://www.thetrevorproject.org/YOU)*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

8:27:31 PM

♥ 4

*HIV is very treatable and many people under new medication has zero virus load, that mean no virus is detectable in the blood; there is federal help to pay for the medication and also support.*

- Can

8:27:40 PM

*I didn't really think so. When Zack drew back, I just thought it was him seeking more independence from us. Looking back, I know we should have talked so much more. That's addressed further in the movie.*

- Nancy

8:27:47 PM

♥ 1

*One of the major reasons youth don't tell parents is their worrying about not disappointing them....*

- Anthony D'Augelli

8:28:30 PM

♥ 1

*If you or a family member have HIV and you need support, there are some great resources here : <http://www.thebody.com/index/hotlines/state.html>*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

8:28:41 PM

*Zack started telling friends after a year and a half so it was something he was afraid to speak of.*

- Nancy

8:28:57 PM

♥ 3

*...and HIV is a totally preventable disease. In Oklahoma, there is very little HIV prevention education. There is no (None) federal or state funding focused on primary prevention.*

- Kay

8:29:00 PM

♥ 2

*He didn't write about it, but you will see later that he wrote about coming out.*

- Nancy

8:29:09 PM

*And that was hard for him.*

- Nancy

8:29:14 PM

♥ 1

*It is the shame and discrimination that causes depression and high suicide risk and that is why people need counseling after being diagnosed; my friend works as counselor back then when AIDS happen and people die from suicide; now, HIV is very treatable but still stigma and fear.*

- Can

8:30:45 PM

♥ 4

*I think we need to focus on eliminating the stigma from HIV. It should not be something that people should keep from their families. We spoke to a young man at an AIDS Walk in Oklahoma who said that a counselor at a clinic told him NOT to tell his family for fear that they would reject him. That needs to change.*

- jeremy stulberg

8:31:04 PM

♥ 3

*have so much difficulty understanding that. They don't say that when someone is diagnosed with other serious illnesses.*

- Nancy

8:31:05 PM

*Kay: Do you know what sex education covers in Oklahoma schools?*

- Sharon Wong

8:31:05 PM

♥ 4

*Isn't it something, that a community that vociferously tried to put GLBTFs in the closet has spurred a horrible event that has now led to such an open and forthright discussion of such an isolating disease. It's wonderful that Mothers Of Many came together with the Harringtons and other members of the community to make this poignant film.*

- Anonymous UPB2

8:31:36 PM

♥ 1

*It makes me ill to think to think Zack was ill and someone might have told him not to tell us.*

- Nancy

8:32:07 PM

♥ 1

*Not much -- no comprehensive health education. Oklahoma was one of the first states to mandate HIV education, but the law was amended that homosexuality could not be discussed.*

- Kay

8:32:48 PM

*Science and education study behavior!*

- Anonymous UPB2

8:32:48 PM

*Eric Eisenbrey's voice sounds so much like Zack's voice to me.*

♥ 6

- Nancy

8:32:58 PM

*I know that I did not learn about HIV in my Oklahoma classroom until I was 15 or 16*

- William

8:33:02 PM

*He had HIV?*

- Todd

8:33:12 PM

*Eric Eisenbrey is the incredibly talented actor who voiced Zack's voice.*

♥ 2

- jeremy stulberg

8:33:14 PM

*With modern treatment, HIV is treatable and easier treatment than diabetes if medication is taken daily. But fear, stigma, and discrimination causes parents to worry and think that their kid will have poor quality of life. Now with treatment, newly diagnosed can live a full life and be viral free in the blood and can't transmit it by blood. At the same time, we need prevention and stopping new infection and stopping the spread of the virus.*

♥ 2

- Can

8:33:19 PM

*Did others know--was the stigma part of the problem?*

- Todd

8:33:21 PM

*Zack's words are beautiful.*

♥ 2

- Brook

8:33:22 PM

*Todd: Zack was HIV+*

- Sharon Wong

8:33:32 PM

*Yes. We found out about 2 weeks after he died.*

♥ 1

- Nancy

8:33:43 PM

♥ 2

*He did a beautiful job reading Zack's journals and writings.*

- Monika

8:33:49 PM

*Sorry--I've had problems connecting.*

- Todd

8:33:51 PM

♥ 2

*And family rejection - or fear of rejection - can really influence a person's feeling of safety, security, and their belief that a future exists for them.*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

8:34:11 PM

*He started telling people within a few days of his death.*

- Nancy

8:34:13 PM

*Todd: Try refreshing...it may help.*

- Sharon Wong

8:34:15 PM

♥ 5

*Ugh! I hope Dave Spaulding finds humility in his last few seconds!*

- Anonymous UPB2

8:34:26 PM

♥ 4

*This documentary is so well done; I hope more church groups will show it and have a mature conversation about GLBT and HIV; let's do prevention for HIV and pregnancy in young people without message of shame. Scaring people and using shame only causes more emotional distress and mental health problem.*

- Can

8:34:57 PM

*Randy, Jeremy & Eric: How did you convince someone like Dave to speak on camera?*

- Sharon Wong

8:34:57 PM

♥ 1

*Being Judgmental does not help us in working through our gender identity.*

- Anonymous 8RJ3

8:35:11 PM

*thanks*

- Todd

8:35:13 PM

*I wish more Oklahomans were knowledgeable about scripture and the context of the term abomination.*

- William

8:35:18 PM

*There can never be an absence of that which created us...whoever or whatever that may be. This man has no idea the impact his mentality has on those who are "different".*

♥ 1  
- Anonymous IV0Q

8:35:40 PM

*Dave's comments make me so angry. I have no doubt Zack is in Heaven. And Dave has no place speaking of it.*

♥ 5  
- Nancy

8:35:51 PM

*The Harrington's are very obviously loving, accepting people. Even when a young person comes from a loving family, fears around rejection can be very real. It's one of those things that shows how complicated suicide is. It's never just one thing.*

♥ 4  
- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

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*Their message about sins and shame hurts young and old people in the community who are GLBT; it's not a lifestyle; until a person has a family member who is GLBT then it's hard to understand and that is why we need supporters to speak up.*

♥ 1  
- Can

8:36:08 PM

*Dave is mad if we stand up, and he's mad if we sit down.*

♥ 1  
- Anonymous UPB2

8:36:21 PM

*I now understand why so many do end their lives.*

- Anonymous 8RJ3

8:36:43 PM

*I feel we can prevent this in the future. His words hurt me deeply. Dave was the most hateful of anyone at the council meeting I feel.*

♥ 1  
- William

8:36:50 PM

*I am not totally open yet.*

♥ 2  
- Anonymous 8RJ3



8:36:51 PM

*Can: Exactly*

♥ 1

- Nancy

8:36:52 PM

*We often see coming out as an individual event, but it really is a family event, and it all happens in communities*

♥ 7

- Anthony D'Augelli

8:37:03 PM

*Its hard a parent we do our best to teach our kids we love them for who they are, and will always support them, but sometimes things just seem so "big" they think we might not understand.*

- Lori

8:37:07 PM

*How sad to know that others believe your life is an abomination.*

♥ 1

- Anonymous THLA

8:37:29 PM

*Nancy, as a mom myself, my hearts breaks for you. As a straight ally, I can't understand those hateful words. As a Christian, I don't understand his understanding of God.*

♥ 5

- Anonymous N7BQ

8:38:05 PM

*Absolute lie*

- Todd

8:38:07 PM

*Being apart of PFLAG and an online FB group is helping to come out more and more.'*

♥ 5

- Anonymous 8RJ3

8:38:14 PM

*These statistics are inaccurate*

♥ 3

- Anthony D'Augelli

8:38:16 PM

*Being gay is NOT a lifestyle.*

♥ 3

- Annette

8:38:26 PM

*There was nothing loving about Chad's demeanor or content. He used a wave of hate to carry him into office. And now that he is there, he doesn't seem to mind much how he got there....*

- Anonymous UPB2

8:38:28 PM

♥ 2

*My parents were very conservative, and I have an idea what Zack must of felt like being gay in Oklahoma. I learned more about the mentality of some there when I became involved with PFLAG Norman.*

- William

8:38:40 PM

♥ 3

*PFLAG chapters are always here to help anyone who wants to come out.*

- Annette

8:38:44 PM

*Chad found some data on the CDC website and totally misinterpreted it!*

- Kay

8:38:48 PM

♥ 4

*Being gay is being myself. ~ Shaun B.*

- Anonymous IV0Q

8:38:52 PM

♥ 4

*Anonymous 8RJ3 - Take your time. It's about YOU. Your safety, and your comfort. Coming out is a process, and it can happen over any amount of time.*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

8:38:54 PM

♥ 1

*My friend was in psychiatric hospital for depression and suicidal thoughts; he was in intense therapy and talk something about whether that he was gay; anyway, he got more stressed out and got depression with psychotic feature; when he was out with me, he ran away from the hospital and got ran over by a truck in front of me. It is the message of churches and other about that it's wrong being gay that cause people to have fear and mental health challenges in their consciousness; we need to educate and change those messages. Those messages really hurt and causes more death...*

- Can

8:39:05 PM

♥ 2

*The bible teaches us not to judge and to love one another. The ONLY abomination is not believing in God, no one has a right to judge you and your life. We are all sinners and are all equal in God's eyes.*

- Lori

8:39:16 PM

♥ 2

*Dave and Chad's views represent those of so many Americans. Hopefully a film like this will help turn on their empathy switch and see beyond their own life experiences.*

- Eric Juhola

8:39:44 PM

♥ 6

*You choose your religion; you don't choose to be gay.*

- Nancy

8:39:52 PM

♥ 1

*Faith. Hope. Love. and Hateful Campaign Mailers!*

- Anonymous UPB2

8:39:56 PM

*Exactly Nancy!*

- Annette

8:40:04 PM

♥ 3

*It would appear that this man assumes that no one in his family might be LGBT....*

- Anthony D'Augelli

8:40:06 PM

♥ 2

*Equality is more than just race and religion.*

- Sharon Wong

8:40:11 PM

♥ 2

*God has an expansive view of equality, larger than a man of god's.*

- Anonymous NO7K

8:40:19 PM

♥ 2

*There are ministers and church elders who are gay and are afraid to come out or to get divorce because society cause them to get married when the where young and can't be themselves, can't be gay. Now, it's 2014, let's educate each other and have compassion and respect for human rights.*

- Can

8:41:05 PM

♥ 4

*I hope the Harringtons seriously consider publishing Zack's diary.*

- Anonymous THLA

8:41:10 PM

♥ 4

*Go MOM!*

- Anonymous UPB2

8:41:16 PM

♥ 7

*Yay M.O.M.!*

- Eric Juhola

8:41:22 PM

♥ 7

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mothers-of-Many/318223991568056>

- Nancy

8:41:51 PM

♥ 4

*Whether or not you believe in God, you still deserve respect and dignity. We live in a very diverse world.*

- Annette

8:42:09 PM

♥ 6

PFLAG NationalWebsite - <http://community.pflag.org/Page.aspx?pid=194&srcid=-2Support> - <http://community.pflag.org/getsupport>

- Sharon Wong

8:42:11 PM

*This is amazing -- what is World Channel?*

- Anonymous E2QY

8:42:12 PM

♥ 3

*Where can we get M.O.M. scarves Nancy?*

- Monika

8:42:17 PM

♥ 1

*So many moms that I love!*

- Brook

8:42:43 PM

E2QY: <http://worldchannel.org/>

- Sharon Wong

8:43:02 PM

♥ 2

*The MOMs gave me mine. Kay, do you know where people can get them?*

- Nancy

8:43:03 PM

♥ 3

*Monika: google "rainbow peace sign scarves"....*

- Kay

8:43:33 PM

*I love this scene. It's heartbreaking.*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

8:43:46 PM

♥ 2

*The Damien Center in Indianapolis helps people with HIV/AIDS. You can go to <http://www.damien.org/> for information.*

- Annette

8:43:48 PM

♥ 1

*Find a PFLAG chapter in your area....such a great place to get support for family, friends, LGBTQ!*

- Kay

8:44:08 PM

♥ 2

Scarves:

<https://www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=rainbow%20pe>

- Sharon Wong

8:44:16 PM

♥ 3

*I think many families of HIV+ people also struggle with "coming out." Families need support too.*

- jeremy stulberg

8:44:18 PM

♥ 3

*Mark Campbell here, "Broken Heart Land" is now officially released and you can write a user review, after registering at [IMDB.com](http://IMDB.com)*

- Anonymous UPB2

8:44:24 PM

♥ 1

[http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3219442/?ref\\_=fn\\_al\\_tt\\_1](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3219442/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1)

- Anonymous UPB2

8:44:37 PM

♥ 3

*People need to realize HIV is NOT a gay disease.*

- Lori

8:44:45 PM

♥ 3

*The Trevor Project Website - <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/Support> - <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/pages/get-help-now>*

- Sharon Wong

8:44:52 PM

♥ 1

*Exactly Lori!*

- Annette

8:45:01 PM

♥ 2

*There is still a lot of stigma and discrimination in Asian American community despite having gay marriage and equality movement. Many people are hiding in the closet. I am bisexual and my parents know but we don't talk about it or my relatives don't know since we don't want shame in the family but it's okay that my family knows about my mental illness, bipolar diagnosis: [www.amongourkin.org](http://www.amongourkin.org)*

- Can

8:45:25 PM

*Thanks for sharing Sharon!*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

8:45:46 PM

♥ 5

*Zack was incredibly insightful. This was not a young man who had not searched his soul.*

- Anonymous UPB2

8:45:51 PM

♥ 4

*HIV is not a gay disease, but we also need to recognize that MSM (men who have sex with men) are at higher risk for contracting HIV, and we need to educate our young LGBTQ people about how to protect themselves.*

- jeremy stulberg

8:45:51 PM

♥ 5

*Jordan Scruggs has finally arrived!*

- Jordan Scruggs

8:45:56 PM

♥ 4

*Is there a way we can show this at a PFLAG meeting?*

- Annette

8:46:37 PM

♥ 3

*The Trevor Lifeline is 1-866-488-7386, it's free, and it's confidential. If you're LGBTQ and you're thinking about suicide, it's a great way to get support.*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

8:46:39 PM

*Yay Jordan! Do we have other Trevor Project Youth Advisory Council members or alumni in the house?*

- Monika

8:46:52 PM

♥ 2

*I never told my parents. My mom went through my trashcan and found incriminating notes. Snooping is okay as long as evidence LIKE THIS isn't used against the child. Acceptance would have changed my life. I didn't get that. ~ Shaun B.*

- Anonymous IV0Q

8:47:18 PM

♥ 1

*Annette: The filmmakers are on but you can connect with them at <http://brokenheartland.com/contact>.*

- Sharon Wong

8:47:54 PM

*when I came out to my parents, I tried to "take care of them" and their needs, I don't know how I could have taken care of them dealing with HIV*

- Anonymous UPB2

8:48:02 PM

*Thanks Sharon. There is so much to discuss and share.*

- Annette

8:48:04 PM

♥ 1

*I am sorry to hear this Shaun. I hope you were able to find support from friends.*

- Nancy

8:48:12 PM

♥ 3

Annette - you can go to [www.brokenheartland.com](http://www.brokenheartland.com) and click on the "screenings" tab, to request a screening in your area

- Eric Juhola

8:48:36 PM

Thanks Eric!

- Annette

8:48:51 PM

♥ 5

This documentary is so well done and amazing. I hope church members will show this and have a mature conversation or else there will be more victims to suicide or at least more mental illness and sufferings.

- Can

8:48:57 PM

♥ 2

There are eight U.S. states in the heartland have "Don't Say Gay" laws banning the promotion of homosexuality in schools.

<http://mic.com/articles/81437/8-u-s-states-have-anti-gay-laws-strikingly-similar-to-those-in-russia>

- jeremy stulberg

8:49:14 PM

♥ 5

I love seeing Nancy and these moms talk about what's at the root of the issue!

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

8:49:41 PM

♥ 2

This is part of the what the Oklahoma law says. [http://www.oklegislature.gov/tsrs\\_os\\_oc.aspx](http://www.oklegislature.gov/tsrs_os_oc.aspx)D. AIDS prevention education shall specifically teach students that:1. engaging in homosexual activity, promiscuous sexual activity, intravenous drug use or contact with contaminated blood products is now known to be primarily responsible for contact with the AIDS virus;

- Nancy

8:49:42 PM

hmm, one can go to prison as a minor, or to juvenile detention, and be exposed to homosexual behavior, (as part of the state) but they CAN'T be educated about normal sexual experimentation, behavior, and personal choice

- Anonymous UPB2

8:50:07 PM

Which just spreads more ignorance

- Todd

8:50:16 PM

Jordan: Talk about your work as a youth advocate.

- Sharon Wong

8:50:16 PM

♥ 1

*Churches can't afford to ignore this issue; some one in the church will know someone who is GLBT; many of my boss at various jobs are GLBT; they are every where and can't be ignored. It's not a lifestyle.*

- Can

8:50:32 PM

♥ 3

*Nancy: I read the Oklahoma law too. They don't even mention HIV. They only discuss AIDS, which seems so outdated.*

- jeremy stulberg

8:50:34 PM

♥ 6

*We do see at The Trevor Project that LGBTQ youth who are suicidal are also talking about experiences of discrimination, prejudice, and hate in their community. Sometimes the larger issues in the community aren't highlighted, but in this film, the connection is made, and it's so powerful.*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

8:50:41 PM

♥ 11

*Being gay does NOT cause HIV/AIDS. Unprotected sex does. The law is a disservice to ALL youth.*

- Nancy

8:51:08 PM

♥ 6

*I'm 44, gay, and have never even had mono!*

- Anonymous UPB2

8:51:15 PM

♥ 3

*I grew up with a gay brother(left home at age 14) and a bi-brother who did not come out til he was divorced and tried to commit suicide. I knew I was different but got married 2 times and now I am coming out as Two-Spirit(native American bi-sexual) woman.*

- Anonymous 8RJ3

8:51:27 PM

♥ 2

*Jeremy: outdated law, indeed...*

- Kay

8:51:29 PM

*Same here UPB2!*

- Todd

8:51:33 PM

*and I'm 49*

- Todd



8:52:14 PM

♥ 1

*Can: You may be interested in Love Free or Die from Independent Lens.  
<http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/love-free-or-die/>*

- Sharon Wong

8:52:19 PM

♥ 3

*This film is a representative microcosm of so many close-knit, yet in areas, repressed communities*

- Anonymous UPB2

8:52:37 PM

♥ 2

*Put two!*

- Monika

8:53:17 PM

♥ 5

*So many good resources being shared in this chat--this airing of the film is already doing a lot of good!*

- Todd

8:53:37 PM

*Frightening that this is considered progressive. How is that possible?*

- Sharon Wong

8:53:44 PM

♥ 8

*As a Trevor YAC and even before that I saw a need for bridge to be built between LGBTQ people and the religious community. I'm from TN and what I decided to do was to tell my story on college campuses. Write politicians to overturn anti-gay legislation. But what's near and dear to me is the directory for LGBTQ inclusive churches I've build in my state!*

- Jordan Scruggs

8:53:58 PM

♥ 1

*Dave is mad when we stand up (we want to be on a podium) or when we keep our private lives private*

- Anonymous UPB2

8:54:08 PM

*I know quite a few men in their 50's and 60's who got married (to women) because they felt it was the right thing to do. They had families and then later in their lives, they felt they had to live authentically. When they were younger it just wasn't easy to come out. As difficult as things are now, it was worse back then.*

- Annette

8:54:27 PM

♥ 1

*Anonymous 8RJ3 - Thank you for sharing about your coming out experience, and about the experiences of your family.*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

8:54:37 PM

♥ 8

*Giving teens/kids medically-accurate, scientific based sexuality facts will enable them to make better decisions. It's not the total answer; however, we aren't even giving them the basics.*

- Kay

8:54:52 PM

♥ 3

*Our host Natasha del Toro interviews Jordan and Professor D'Augelli after the film*

- Monika

8:55:17 PM

♥ 5

*Also, suicide is not a gay issue; churches also need to talk about suicide prevention. It's just that hatred toward GLBT community will cause more potential suicide.*

- Can

8:55:21 PM

♥ 5

*I know Jackie and Susan and they are two of the nicest people you'll meet. Sorry they had to go through such a hateful campaign.*

- Anonymous THLA

8:55:39 PM

♥ 4

*I wanted a directory of places that LGBTQ people could worship, pray and love themselves and also not just be turned away but to be welcomed happily into the congregation!*

- Jordan Scruggs

8:56:06 PM

♥ 1

*Indiana has an organization called ICON - Interfaith Coalition on Non-Discrimination which encompasses different faith communities and faith leaders who support equality. <http://www.iconin.org/>*

- Annette

8:56:17 PM

♥ 3

*In Norman, come to St. Stephen's United Methodist Church!*

- Anonymous THLA

8:56:22 PM

♥ 4

*We are inspired by you, Nancy!*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

8:56:33 PM

♥ 1

*The United Methodist Church also has a list of Reconciling Congregations who welcome LGBT.*

- Anonymous N7BQ

8:56:35 PM

♥ 2

*My friend Ben who belongs to a big church die from suicide; he had bipolar diagnosis; stigma whether from mental illness or being gay is not helpful to a depressed person.*

- Can

8:56:36 PM

♥ 6

*Can anyone in the US say that they don't know at least 1 out LGBT person in their family or communities anymore?*

- Eric Juhola

8:56:49 PM

*You are welcome, Althena!*

- Anonymous 8RJ3

8:56:51 PM

♥ 1

*Also in Norman is the United Church of Norman-UCC -- an open and affirming church.*

- Kay

8:57:01 PM

♥ 1

*I also attended the League of Women Voters, and asked of Ward 8 candidates "would you be able to represent everyone in your ward equally", speaking to diversity, it also was not asked! I'm the big red t-shirt doing the slow-clap right in the middle of the screen, after the forum is over!*

- Anonymous UPB2

8:57:08 PM

*Athena: Please talk about the work of The Trevor Project.*

- Sharon Wong

8:57:24 PM

♥ 6

*We are finding more young people self-identifying as LGB in middle school; we need to keep in mind that these are young developing people faced with a complicated issue....*

- Anthony D'Augelli

8:57:47 PM

*Same with Kay: Please talk about PFLAG.*

- Sharon Wong

8:57:51 PM

♥ 2

*Yes, there still is a lot of stigma around mental illness and getting help. Young people especially feel this stigma very keenly.*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

8:57:53 PM

♥ 1

*I feel like what we are giving them via the school system is just fear of HIV/aids that is furthering the stigma.*

- Christy

8:57:59 PM

♥ 1

*There is also St. Stephen's United Methodist church in Norman. It is open and affirming as well.*

- William

8:58:16 PM

*I just turned 57 last month. Not in a relationship til I am completely sure.*

- Anonymous 8RJ3

8:58:18 PM

*As far as HIV and young people, even people in the gay community are stigmatizing young HIV adults and discrimination since they think it's preventable. We need to have compassion and not judge people; we need to support people to move on with life and let go of shame and regrets.*

♥ 2

- Can

8:58:22 PM

*Reform Judaism is open and accepting - <http://urj.org/life/family/glbtc/>*

♥ 1

- Annette

8:58:54 PM

*PFLAG has chapters in every state ([www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org) to find a chapter in your area) -- and offer support group, education, and advocacy to help all families and LGBTQ people.*

♥ 7

- Kay

8:59:25 PM

*The national PFLAG website has a trove of great information.*

♥ 3

- Kay

8:59:26 PM

*The Trevor Project provides support to LGBTQ youth, ages 13-24, through our 24-hour Trevor Lifeline, at 1-866-488-7386. We also provide crisis chat at [www.trevorchat.com](http://www.trevorchat.com), from 12noon to 6pm Pacific/3pm to 9pm Eastern.*

♥ 5

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

8:59:36 PM

*Also, there is an organization out of Boston called Keshet - which supports LGBT Jews and their families. <http://www.keshetonline.org/>*

♥ 1

- Annette

8:59:38 PM

*by not answering diversity questions, it further stigmatizes and shames our community. Adults should be able to address ANY topic*

♥ 4

- Anonymous UPB2

8:59:51 PM

*yay Cindy Cason! going to the source for the answers*

♥ 4

- Anonymous HBHB

9:00:13 PM

♥ 4

*Chad's getting called out by M.O.M.!*

- Monika

9:00:21 PM

*Crisis chat is a place where LGBTQ youth can get support if they are feeling suicidal, from a trained volunteer, over instant message.*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

9:00:21 PM

*<3 Athena - this is Greg Johnson*

- Anonymous 11CS

9:00:53 PM

♥ 2

*Putting the pressure on him.....good for them!*

- Todd

9:00:59 PM

*CopOUT*

- Anonymous 8RJ3

9:00:59 PM

*Hi there Greg!*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

9:01:16 PM

♥ 11

*For the real statistics, go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/>*

- jeremy stulberg

9:01:17 PM

♥ 2

*He is sweating!!!!*

- Annette

9:01:46 PM

♥ 1

*!*

- Anonymous UPB2

9:01:52 PM

♥ 4

*never seen someone afraid to take a flower*

- Derek\_treaster

9:02:00 PM

♥ 5

*And it really doesn't take a rocket scientist to read the CDC statistics!*

- Kay

9:02:11 PM

*LOL! He really needs education*

♥ 1

- Anonymous 8RJ3

9:02:14 PM

*He claimed he got his statistics from the CDC, which was such an obvious lie*

- Anonymous 11CS

9:02:16 PM

*a GAY flower!*

♥ 4

- Anonymous UPB2

9:02:26 PM

*Wow! He didn't even appreciate the flower. How can he appreciate people??? ~ Shaun B.*

- Anonymous IV0Q

9:02:39 PM

*This documentary will plant a seed of change in the consciousness of conservative Christians; they might not change their mind today but hopefully, later on, then people might change their minds...*

♥ 3

- Can

9:02:43 PM

*There is more to this story and why I call Chad evil. Van and I went to a car dealership to sell a car (not Zack) a couple weeks after Zack died. Chad worked there. He told us he was at the meeting. He told us he saw Zack there. He told us he was going to ask his church to help us (which they didn't thank goodness). But he never told us he spoke at the meeting. Now why would that be if he is so proud of his statements of love ?*

♥ 8

- Nancy

9:02:50 PM

*He only loves people as long as they agree with him.*

♥ 2

- Annette

9:03:07 PM

*Exactly*

- Todd

9:03:25 PM

*What happened to the separation of church and state?*

♥ 5

- Sharon Wong

9:03:32 PM

*SAD, People do not read the Scriptures!*

- Anonymous 8RJ3

9:04:10 PM

♥ 2

*there isn't a separation here in the bible belt*

- Derek\_treaster

9:04:21 PM

♥ 2

*I really love what you say in this scene Nancy!*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

9:04:25 PM

♥ 1

*This is why I had to get out of Oklahoma a few months ago as much as I loved Norman and my friends and family there. I really hope this documentary opens some minds. It saddens me how some in Oklahoma are so two faced and not genuine at all.*

- William

9:04:31 PM

♥ 2

*I STILL feel this level of anger and frustration with my local leaders as they continue to update and try to repass the "Don't Say Gay" legislation.*

- Jordan Scruggs

9:04:42 PM

♥ 3

*God is about love. Period.*

- William

9:05:01 PM

♥ 5

*Read Nancy ~~H~~uffington Post blog at*

*<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/nancy-harrington/how-losing-our-gay-hiv-positive-son-to-suicide-turned-o>*

- Sharon Wong

9:05:28 PM

♥ 1

*Conservatives have to understand that gay happens and they can't prevent it; they are hurting their community; not just suicide but millions of dollars spend on therapy and hospitalization and drug abuse.*

- Can

9:05:42 PM

♥ 3

*I have read it. An excellent article! You inspire me Nancy!*

- William

9:05:44 PM

*Thanks Sharon for the link.*

- Anonymous 8RJ3

9:05:49 PM

♥ 4

*Nancy and Nikki are so brave and vulnerable in this scene.*

- jeremy stulberg

9:05:53 PM

♥ 4

*That is the thing I'd never think about leaving Norman its a great place to raise a family, its home. A few people here are ignorant, but we are not all like that. I do believe things here can change, they will, we just have to keep trying to be the change we want to see.*

- Lori

9:05:56 PM

♥ 2

*So much of the bias is based on Christianity--but there are some books out there that see Scripture as not anti-gay. Torn, by Justin Lee and God and the Gay Christian by Matthew Vines are excellent resources for parents and children struggling through these issues.*

- Todd

9:06:32 PM

♥ 9

*It was easy to feel comfortable with Jeremy and Randy. We tended to forget they were in the room.*

- Nancy

9:06:57 PM

♥ 3

*Hearing stories like your family's and the shocking numbers are a big motivator for my volunteering with The Trevor Project*

- Anonymous 11CS

9:07:11 PM

♥ 1

*Its not enough to say we want things to change, we have to take action, we have to be heard, we have to talk to our lawmakers, we have to vote!*

- Lori

9:07:42 PM

♥ 6

*By the way, Dave Spaulding was not re-elected for a second term!*

- Kay

9:07:55 PM

♥ 2

*Nancy, you are amazing!*

- Kevin Stauffer

9:08:09 PM

♥ 2

*I do believe people can change. I hope this video spurs that change. I know many in Norman are loving and inspiring people. But, I also have a better life here in Denver so I can't complain even though I love of Oklahoma and Norman in many ways.*

- William

9:08:09 PM

♥ 2

*Great letter, Nancy!*

- Anonymous N7BQ



9:08:17 PM

*Nancy, I am just in awe of you.*

♥ 2

- Brook

9:08:25 PM

*Several MOMs helped relieve Dave of his seat.*

♥ 6

- Christy

9:08:27 PM

*Exactly Lori. Write letters, speak to people, share your stories.*

♥ 1

- Annette

9:08:28 PM

*If you would like to volunteer for The Trevor Project, please go here:*

<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/pages/volunteer>

♥ 5

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

9:08:42 PM

*Truly a beautifully made film Jeremy, Randy and Eric - as complex and nuanced as Zack's life was.*

♥ 3

- Monika

9:08:46 PM

*Support for those who have been diagnosed as HIV+ - <http://www.aidshealth.org/recently-diagnosed>*

♥ 7

- Sharon Wong

9:09:11 PM

*It was a shame that the Norman Transcript did not publish Nancy's letter. However, the Norman Transcript did cover the community screenings we had last week!*

<http://www.normantranscript.com/headlines/x1927805582/Packed-audience-comes-out-to-view-social-issu>

♥ 8

- jeremy stulberg

9:09:28 PM

*People who are gay have a heart and are often working in human services and nursing; it is gay people who are taking care of the sick and the needy; they run nonprofits and human services; you can't avoid GLBT people. In conservative states, they are hiding in the closet. It is gay and lesbian nurses and nurse aide who are taking care of people in nursing home and hospitals etc. Wake up, GLBT people are every where but they are not out in your community because of fear.*

♥ 1

- Can

9:09:41 PM

*He's making me cry!!!!*

♥ 3

- Anonymous IV0Q

9:09:47 PM

♥ 2

*Lookout when anyone starts quoting the bible. If we follow the life of Jesus, he embraced all those whom society shunned. It is just wrong for a "man of God" to do otherwise: how can he choose to love and support those who are easy to love and support. Jesus embraced all except hypocrites.*

- Anonymous E2QY

9:10:32 PM

♥ 7

*National HIV Testing Day on June 27th, 2014 -  
<http://aids.gov/news-and-events/awareness-days/hiv-testing-day/>*

- Sharon Wong

9:10:50 PM

♥ 5

*"Know Your Status!"*

- Kay

9:10:56 PM

♥ 4

*this story is so touching, a dad giving his children the world!*

- Anonymous UPB2

9:11:05 PM

♥ 7

*The stories the Transcript published before and after the screening in Norman were written by a summer intern. She is excellent.*

- Nancy

9:11:31 PM

♥ 12

*Austin's tattoo is a copy of a drawing Zack did.*

- Nancy

9:11:57 PM

♥ 5

*This is why I'm so passionate about this story. I'm a gay social worker and we shouldn't stand for discrimination against anyone.*

- William

9:12:31 PM

♥ 3

*Families like y'all are why I couldn't NOT help start our PFLAG chapter.*

- Anonymous N7BQ

9:13:01 PM

♥ 5

*Chad and his wife viewed the film last week with a packed audience in Norman, Oklahoma. So glad we were able to have a meaningful discussion afterwards - have to believe it made a difference.*

- Eric Juhola

9:13:15 PM

♥ 2

*We are need to help educate others about the language that is used (e.g., Chad's use of "sexual preference.").....*

- Kay

9:13:22 PM

*Eric - what were their reactions to the film?*

- Annette

9:13:28 PM

♥ 2

*People don't want to get HIV; it happens so we need to have compassion and support people to heal and move on with life. HIV is a virus; it affects women, men, hemophiliacs, etc. People shouldn't have fear living with HIV; we are fighting against the virus not people. HIV stigma hurts people. People have bacteria and virus infections; that's life; it's not a sin thing.*

- Can

9:13:41 PM

♥ 3

*People no mater if they are black, white, gay, straight, disabled, physically able, no matter what makes them unique we should ALL have the same basic rights, we should ALL have the same freedoms, we should ALL be treated equally.*

- Lori

9:14:19 PM

♥ 2

*Jackie ran her campaign as if it were not a game*

- Anonymous UPB2

9:15:09 PM

♥ 3

*I was at the Indiana Democratic Convention last month. A candidate speaking to the Stonewall Democrats used the expression "sexual preference." I spoke to him afterwards and explained why that term is not used.*

- Annette

9:16:02 PM

*Doesn't the stigma partly come the idea that some people believe that God sent AIDS to punish gays?*

- Anonymous THLA

9:16:04 PM

*Since when has diversity meant being kooky? Sad comment.*

- Todd

9:16:28 PM

♥ 2

*Annette - Chad told me he thought the film was balanced and that his views were portrayed accurately, but he wished he hadn't been associated so much with Dave.*

- Eric Juhola

9:16:29 PM

*He missed the meaning of PRIDE!*

- Anonymous NO7K

9:16:52 PM

*Can you tell Susan was a math teacher?*

♥ 3

- Anonymous THLA

9:16:52 PM

*HIV affects everyone and not just gays; it's not a sin thing. It is a virus, a biological thing just as other viral infection that gets people sick.*

♥ 2

- Can

9:16:53 PM

*If they had a gay parade there, it would be all sorts of NORMAL looking people :P*

- Anonymous 11CS

9:16:54 PM

*Thanks Eric.*

- Annette

9:17:16 PM

*I smell a recount....*

♥ 1

- Todd

9:17:16 PM

*City Councilmembers across America don't mind spending gay tax money, why are they afraid of representing them? Chad was my council member for a year, I attended numerous meetings and he has never addressed me or commented on any of my concerns.*

♥ 4

- Anonymous UPB2

9:18:03 PM

*Was that a dig!*

- Anonymous 8RJ3

9:18:50 PM

*The bible also says "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." - 1 Peter 4:8.*

♥ 2

- Jordan Scruggs

9:19:12 PM

*It's a shame that LGBTQ candidates in the heartland and bible belt have to face such difficult circumstances in order to voice their opinions.*

♥ 7

- jeremy stulberg

9:19:33 PM

♥ 2

*Gay people are everywhere especially in human services. In high school, I didn't know anyone who is gay in 1990s because of conservative messages and people are in the closet. My grandmother's nurse aid in the nursing home is gay; he took good care of my grandmother. Some of those conservative Christians and republicans will have gay nurse aides and nurses taking care of them when they are sick or in nursing homes.*

- Can

9:19:36 PM

♥ 2

*Sadly, there are people who are afraid of anyone who isn't like them. They believe the lies that other people tell them so their fear and hatred deepens. Even with the Internet and more communication, it's still a problem.*

- Annette

9:20:04 PM

♥ 1

*AS I said, People(Chad) needs to read the Scriptures for what they really say! Judge not, lest ye be judged.*

- Anonymous 8RJ3

9:20:27 PM

♥ 2

*The world needs as many Jackies and pride parades as it can get. All live is beautiful love.*

- Lori Anne

9:20:40 PM

♥ 4

*Jeremy, we are watching primary election results now with an open transgender candidate doing well here.*

- Christy

9:20:49 PM

♥ 2

*All religion has the same message; GOD is LOVE; but people use culture to judge and create discrimination and hate.*

- Can

9:20:59 PM

♥ 1

*"I used to pretend to be a homophobe" -- this is something we hear sometimes, that LGBTQ youth feel pressured into this stance in order to protect themselves.*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

9:21:17 PM

♥ 2

*....and an openly gay man running for a city council seat!*

- Kay

9:21:25 PM

♥ 2

*I have to say I'm really moved by Zack's words.*

- Todd

9:21:31 PM

*Nancy & Nikki: How has this changed your relationship?*

- Sharon Wong

9:21:33 PM

♥ 10

*Zack's diary was a gift to the film. We went through his entire diary and picked out the relevant moments. It's heartbreaking to read that material. But we wanted Zack's story to intersect with Nancy's own coming out to the MOMs. We wanted there to be some synergy between Nancy's journey and her son's. I hope we achieved that.*

- jeremy stulberg

9:21:52 PM

♥ 2

*Athena - so right. In fact, the unfortunate fact is that the worst anti-gay politicians often turn out to be deeply closeted.*

- Anonymous 11CS

9:21:59 PM

♥ 1

*The Indianapolis City Council has a councilor who is the first out gay politician in the state!*

- Annette

9:22:05 PM

♥ 1

*This is Scott Martin who WOULD not accept a Koran as a gift!*

- Anonymous UPB2

9:22:49 PM

*Yet, he is open for discussion and is not anti-gay*

- Kay

9:22:52 PM

*In Indiana, the elections committee chairman voted for an amendment to our state constitution (which ultimately failed) to ban same sex marriage. The chairman's SON is gay and watched the vote.*

- Todd

9:22:57 PM

♥ 11

*I am proud of mine and Nikki's ability to work together on this. I'm proud of the voice she has found. I think we have a better understanding of each other and our need for each other.*

- Nancy

9:23:02 PM

*And we have another gay candidate running in my district for State Senate against an incumbent who, even though he has a gay brother, supports the marriage ban.*

- Annette

9:23:09 PM

*Politics before family, for some, I guess.*

- Todd

9:23:25 PM

[https://www.facebook.com/ZacksBench?ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/ZacksBench?ref=br_tf)

♥ 2

- Nancy

9:23:44 PM

*That's right Todd. It was shameful.*

- Annette

9:23:48 PM

*That is beautiful, Nancy*

♥ 3

- Anonymous 11CS

9:24:00 PM

*I grew up in that neighborhood, my son's first birthday was at that park. Nice to see the bench there.*

♥ 6

- Lori

9:24:43 PM

*Nancy, you're amazing and going to plant lots of seed for changing of consciousness of Conservative Christians and Republicans; then hopefully later on, the seeds will germinate and blossom and America will be a better place and also Internationally since this DVD can be shown in other countries. Korea have a big Christian community.*

♥ 5

- Can

9:24:48 PM

*One of the best things someone said to me after the San Francisco screening last Saturday was "God made us in his image, and we don't know what that image is"... I thought exactly that. Maybe as we add letters to this LGBTQA ... way of labeling in itself, we may find a rainbow of wonderful individuals.*

♥ 9

- Nikki

9:25:26 PM

*Bravo!*

♥ 3

- Anonymous UPB2

9:25:36 PM

*At this point it everything hit so close to home for me. I had realized that he was close to my age. But seeing that plaque made me realize that I was born one year before Zack.*

♥ 1

- Jordan Scruggs

9:25:40 PM

*Wonderful!*

♥ 4

- Brook

9:25:46 PM

♥ 5

*Life changing.*

- Kevin Stauffer

9:25:51 PM

♥ 1

*very welldone*

- annette

9:25:52 PM

♥ 2

*Don't go anywhere! Up next is our post-Broken Heart Land conversation with Professor D Augellund Jordan with Natasha Del Toro, host of America ReFramed.*

- Sharon Wong

9:25:57 PM

♥ 1

*We can't stop spread of HIV if we don't deal with HIV prevention.*

- Can

9:26:04 PM

*Thank you so much!*

- Anonymous 8RJ3

9:26:13 PM

♥ 6

*I want to say Austin fully supported the film but the last 3 1/2 years have been particularly hard for him. He has began participating more recently. There were only 23 months between Austin and Zack.*

- Nancy

9:26:18 PM

♥ 3

*Thank you so much for this film!*

- Annette

9:26:25 PM

♥ 9

*Thank you Jeremy, Eric, and Randy for this important film.*

- Margaux

9:26:30 PM

♥ 4

*This is going to be an incredible dialogue!*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

9:26:35 PM

♥ 5

*Nancy, you really have my admiration that you were able to not just go on living, but to try to change hearts and minds. Thank you!*

- Todd



9:26:36 PM

♥ 6

*You're amazing Nancy; thank you for sharing your life with America and the world!*

- Can

9:26:46 PM

♥ 5

*Thanks, Nancy!!!! Sending love your way always!!! <3 <3 <3*

- Anonymous IV0Q

9:27:10 PM

♥ 2

*A lot of GLBT youth who do not get access and encouragement to access good services become bitter!  
Don't let your kids turn bitter like me!*

- Anonymous UPB2

9:27:13 PM

♥ 4

*Nancy, you're so inspirational. Thank you so much for sharing the story of your family.*

- Anonymous N7BQ

9:27:39 PM

♥ 2

*Thanks Nancy!*

- William

9:27:53 PM

♥ 2

*Beauty rising from tragedy. Thanks for sharing your story.*

- Anonymous H4XG

9:28:03 PM

♥ 7

*Thank you for an incredible film. Thank you to Randy and Jeremy! Thank you to Nancy, and Nikki!*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

9:28:18 PM

♥ 15

*Thanks to everyone for their support and encouragement. Thanks to Jeremy and Randy for letting us share Zack's story and our journey. The voices of hate and condemnation can be so loud. Our voices of true love and acceptance need to overwhelm the negative.*

- Nancy

9:28:22 PM

♥ 5

*Randy, Jeremy and Eric, you three have ROCKED the house, again! This film is amazing and I feel it will begin the conversation, around our Nation. My love to all of you!*

- Agi

9:28:52 PM

♥ 6

*Let your legislators know how you feel and keep telling them.*

- Nancy

9:29:18 PM

*Go Jeremy! Blossom where you are planted!*

- Anonymous NO7K

9:29:37 PM

*Thank you, Nancy.*

♥ 2

- Anonymous 11CS

9:29:51 PM

*Thanks Sharon. Many thanks to WORLD Channel...*

♥ 1

- Anonymous H4XG

9:29:57 PM

*Thank you, Nancy.*

♥ 3

- Anonymous 2GHH

9:30:07 PM

*such a great film*

♥ 3

- Derek\_treaster

9:30:12 PM

*And tell your school board members and administration know what you think of HIV prevention education (and comprehensive health ed)...or lack of.*

♥ 4

- Kay

9:30:15 PM

*I was recently asked about if I considered myself an activist filmmaker. I don't think that Randy and I are activist filmmakers. But I don't think you can witness this story as it unfolds and not be moved by it. This film happens to lend itself to the political. There are aspects that resonate politically and it serves as a call to action.*

♥ 8

- jeremy stulberg

9:31:24 PM

*Coming out is a process that is more than the individual, it's about the community of family, friends...*

♥ 3

- Sharon Wong

9:31:28 PM

*Thank you Jeremy for making this film!*

♥ 4

- Todd

9:31:33 PM

*Here in Alabama, things are probably tougher even than Oklahoma. I'm in a medical family, and I approach HIV/AIDs like any other health issue.*

♥ 2

- Anonymous N7BQ

9:31:40 PM

♥ 3

*People need to know that with current medications, people with HIV can have zero viral load so can't transmit the virus by blood if there is a cut so people can still play basketball etc. Also, Hepatitis and other blood related infection exist so we need to practice universal precaution and not discriminate against people with HIV.*

- Can

9:32:17 PM

♥ 1

*Jordan: WORD!*

- Anonymous 1L8E

9:32:23 PM

*I didn't lose many friends over coming out, but there was at least one.*

- Anonymous 11CS

9:32:34 PM

♥ 4

*"I'm pretty tight with Jesus."*

- Monika

9:32:56 PM

*A sizable section of Norman's religious community couldn't even allow themselves to accept that there is even a PLACE for LGBT in our community. That is what shocked me, at the time, and even moreso as time goes by.....*

- Anonymous UPB2

9:32:57 PM

♥ 2

*Coming Out Help for Families, Friends & Allies via PFLAG:*  
<http://community.pflag.org/page.aspx?pid=539>

- Sharon Wong

9:33:13 PM

♥ 2

*This film will also inspire those of us who do suicide prevention, to keep working hard! There is a huge demand from LGBTQ youth to get support around suicidal feelings. Thank you for helping inspire our volunteers and staff!*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

9:33:19 PM

*Will there be another showing? Or a way to let others know how they can watch this powerful, great film?*

- Anonymous HBUB

9:33:39 PM

♥ 3

*Jordan, so brave, so insightful....*

- Anonymous H4XG

9:33:53 PM

♥ 2

*I agree Jeremy*

- Randycurls

9:34:19 PM

♥ 4

*My 14 yr old (straight) son has been bullied for defending the LGBT community. He's brave and keep telling him to lead with kindness and be an example to one heart at a time.*

- Anonymous N7BQ

9:34:54 PM

*Once again, gay people are everywhere; because of fear, people are in the closet. This film will also help people who are in the closet and that there are people who care for human rights.*

- Can

9:34:55 PM

♥ 2

*I wouldn't limit these feelings to rural communities.*

- Eric Juhola

9:35:00 PM

♥ 1

*Anonymour HBUB: To learn more about screenings, go to: <http://brokenheartland.com/screenings>. The film is also streaming on WORLD's site at: <http://worldchannel.org/programs/episode/broken-heart-land/>*

- Sharon Wong

9:35:20 PM

♥ 3

*Eric: agree.....and Norman is not considered a "rural community."*

- Kay

9:35:26 PM

♥ 1

*The population of Norman, an affluent university town, is 115,562 according to the US Census Bureau. This is not an issue of our town being too rural to know better. It's an issue of hatred.*

- cb812

9:35:51 PM

♥ 2

*I had to take abstinence only classes three times in school. Was only ever shown slide show pics of skin patches that were infected with STDS. We were taught that the only way to not get infected....was to wait until you were married and to only have sex for reproduction.*

- Jordan Scruggs

9:35:57 PM

♥ 4

*I looked at the World channel schedule -- it is being repeated a couple of times.*

- Anonymous H4XG

9:36:53 PM

♥ 8

*UPDATE: I just met Robin Roberts last week and it was everything I imagined and more.*

- Jordan Scruggs

9:37:07 PM

♥ 1

*Yay, Jordan!*

- Anonymous UPB2

9:37:13 PM

♥ 3

*[applause] for Jrodan!*

- Todd

9:37:22 PM

♥ 2

*If you want to screen the film in your community, please go to [www.brokenheartland.com/screenings](http://www.brokenheartland.com/screenings) and click "Demand a Screening"*

- jeremy stulberg

9:37:27 PM

♥ 7

*You are so well spoken, Jordan! What a wonderful role model you are!*

- Nancy

9:37:32 PM

♥ 4

*Abstinence education doesn't work according to research; more pregnancies and STD from ignorance by young people and trusting others when people lie about STD or that they don't know that they have it; I don't have it and you don't have it and then STD and HIV spreads....*

- Can

9:37:44 PM

♥ 3

*Professor D'Augelli brings a wealth of knowledge to this conversation and Jordan's experience is invaluable*

- Sharon Wong

9:37:47 PM

♥ 3

*Go Jordan!*

- Anonymous H4XG

9:37:56 PM

♥ 3

*Jordan, you truly are an inspiration! Rock on!*

- Anonymous 1L8E

9:38:44 PM

*Can - you're exactly right. I don't know what my local schools are teaching, but MY kids know ALL the facts.*

- Anonymous N7BQ

9:39:12 PM

*Tom Kovach, Norman City Councilmember, suggested that we not discuss "controversial topics" at City Hall! whatever,*

- Anonymous UPB2

9:39:19 PM

♥ 2

*And the reverse of vicarious victimization--showing true stories of healthy, successful, happy LGBT people with their own families--is incredibly empowering!*

- Todd

9:39:22 PM

♥ 2

*Seeing your bravery Nancy with showing your story and your son's story makes me work even harder. Definitely inspiring.*

- Jordan Scruggs

9:39:46 PM

♥ 6

*Both Norman high schools have GSAs*

- Kay

9:39:47 PM

*My friend who is straight got a girl pregnant growing up with abstinence education; so it's not just STD but also pregnancy.*

- Can

9:39:59 PM

♥ 4

*Another way that LGBTQ youth can get support is by joining TrevorSpace, a social networking site for LGBTQ youth ages 13-24. [www.TrevorSpace.com](http://www.TrevorSpace.com)*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

9:40:03 PM

♥ 2

*Tandem of Prf. D'Augelli and Jordan S offers great framework for discussion of these impt issues*

- Anonymous 1L8E

9:40:23 PM

♥ 4

*Youth on TrevorSpace often share strategies for starting Gay-Straight Alliances at their schools.*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

9:40:43 PM

♥ 5

*When I grew up, we had a "diversity club", and couldn't call it a GSA. Now there's a GSA.*

- Eric Juhola

9:40:47 PM

♥ 2

*We're in the middle of Gay Pride Month, can you feel it! I can!*

- Anonymous UPB2

9:40:47 PM

♥ 3

*The ACLU is another great resource for starting a GSA. The law is often on your side.*

- Todd

9:40:49 PM

*Jordan, you're great!*

♥ 1

- Can

9:41:11 PM

<https://www.aclu.org/lgbt-rights/lgbt-youth-schools/tips-starting-gsa>

♥ 2

- Todd

9:41:18 PM

*Jordan, can I be president of your fan club? LOL ;-)*

♥ 1

- Anonymous N7BQ

9:41:25 PM

*Thank you Can!*

- Jordan Scruggs

9:41:34 PM

*PFLAG chapters can also coach youth about how to start a GSA in their school.*

♥ 1

- Kay

9:41:40 PM

*Thanks for sharing your story. People care. Your back-door- neighbors.*

- Jean

9:41:40 PM

*BTW--this ovee interface is really quite excellent!*

♥ 2

- Todd

9:41:41 PM

*LGBTQ and HIV Resources via Broken Heart Land: <http://brokenheartland.com/resources>*

♥ 1

- Sharon Wong

9:41:45 PM

*Such a great point, that safety is critical.*

♥ 1

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

9:42:03 PM

*Great point! It's more than marriage.*

♥ 1

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

9:42:09 PM

*We did have GLBT History Month displays at Norman Public Library for a couple of years, all without incident... We belong!*

♥ 2

- Anonymous UPB2

9:42:24 PM

♥ 1

*Safe Spaces Resources:Advocates for Youth -*

*<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/publications-a-z/608-creating-safe-space-for-glbtc-youth-a>  
GLSEN - <http://safespace.glsen.org/Safe Spaces Project> - <http://www.safespacesproject.org/>*

- Sharon Wong

9:42:44 PM

♥ 5

*LGBTQ youth also need to learn how to protect themselves through comprehensive sex education.  
Currently, they are being discriminated against by many state governments.*

- jeremy stulberg

9:42:59 PM

♥ 1

*WE need to support people with HIV and give them support and not discrimination or hate; GOD is about love so we should love people unconditionally.*

- Can

9:43:03 PM

*Also: <http://www.safehouseforall.org/>*

- Todd

9:43:14 PM

*Thanks, Todd!*

- Sharon Wong

9:43:17 PM

♥ 5

*We need to Re-Frame America, thanks for doing your part!*

- Anonymous UPB2

9:43:21 PM

*The latter by jason & DeMarco*

- Todd

9:43:27 PM

♥ 1

*Great presentation!*

- Agi

9:43:30 PM

♥ 2

*America reframed/WORLD channel... if all your episode are like this?... MORE POWER!!*

- Anonymous 1L8E

9:43:34 PM

♥ 2

*Outstanding -- thanks to the Eric, Jeremy, Randy, all the folks who wrangled this together!*

- Kay



9:43:38 PM

*Ovee is great! ...wow*

♥ 2

- Can

9:43:38 PM

*On behalf of my gay teenage daughter, THANK YOU!*

♥ 5

- Janet

9:43:40 PM

*Wonderful - thank you!*

♥ 1

- Annette

9:43:45 PM

*Thanks everyone! <3*

♥ 1

- Anonymous NO7K

9:43:50 PM

*The teams at WORLD Channel and America ReFramed want to thank our panelists as well as participants for this screening & chat of Broken Heart Land. To learn more about America ReFramed, go to <http://worldchannel.org/programs/america-reframed/>. The film is also available for streaming at <http://bit.ly/BHLdoc>. And to keep posted on everything Broken Heart Land, go to <http://brokenheartland.com/>. Thank you again and be sure to join us for our next OVEE!*

♥ 2

- Sharon Wong

9:43:57 PM

*Thans to everyone for participating*

♥ 3

- jeremy stulberg

9:44:00 PM

*great job educating people*

- Anonymous Q0SQ

9:44:01 PM

*Thanks Sharon--and everyone! You're amazing and I know you've already made a positive difference tonight, maybe even saved a life or two!*

♥ 3

- Todd

9:44:11 PM

*I hope this gets/got a wide viewing audience*

- Anonymous 11CS

9:44:14 PM

*Thanks for this program!*

- Anonymous Y4W9

9:44:36 PM

♥ 1

*WORLD RULES!*

- Anonymous E2QY

9:44:55 PM

♥ 3

*Yes, please tell your friends, families, and co-workers to watch this film - streaming for free til July 23 at [bit.ly/BHLdoc](http://bit.ly/BHLdoc).*

- Monika

9:44:59 PM

♥ 5

*Thank you to everyone that's watching!!! I never would've imagined I'd be doing something like this when I was in high school and struggling.*

- Jordan Scruggs

9:45:51 PM

♥ 1

*Thanks to all! It's been an amazing season of America ReFramed. Glad to have capped it off with such a strong film and event.*

- Sharon Wong

9:45:53 PM

♥ 1

*That's a wrap for Season Two of America ReFramed, but we will be showing encores of all our amazing films Tuesday nights at 8/7c on World Channel*

- Monika

9:45:58 PM

♥ 1

*Jordan --you have helped us all by your example....*

- Anonymous E2QY

9:46:33 PM

♥ 1

*I wanted to share The Trevor Lifeline again: 866-488-7386. It's an excellent resource if you're a LGBTQ youth and struggling with suicidal feelings, or you know someone who is an LGBTQ young person who is struggling with suicidal feelings. Thanks for a wonderful viewing of such an important film.*

- Athena Brewer, The Trevor Project

9:46:42 PM

*Many thanks, World channel....*

- Anonymous E2QY

9:47:08 PM

*Thank you to Randy, Jeremy and Eric, Nancy and Nikki, Athena and Jordan, Tony, Kay and all the amazing PFLAG folks who came out!*

- Monika

9:47:34 PM

*Does Nancy has email that we can communicate with her?*

- Can

9:48:10 PM

*Mine is canconsulting@gmail.com; I hope Nancy can do a tour later on when she has time; she is so inspirational.*

- Can

9:48:54 PM

*If you would like to hear more of our thoughts, here's our interview with KOSU: (Jeremy, Nancy, Van, & my self)> <http://kosu.org/post/norman-based-documentary-seeks-shatter-stigma-around-hivaid>*

♥ 2

- Nikki

9:49:43 PM

*Many thanks to all -- inspiring!*

♥ 1

- Anonymous H4XG

9:50:07 PM

*Keep the conversation going @worldchannelPTV, @americareframed & @BrokenHeartLand*

♥ 1

- Sharon Wong

9:50:46 PM

*Thanks again!*

- Sharon Wong