

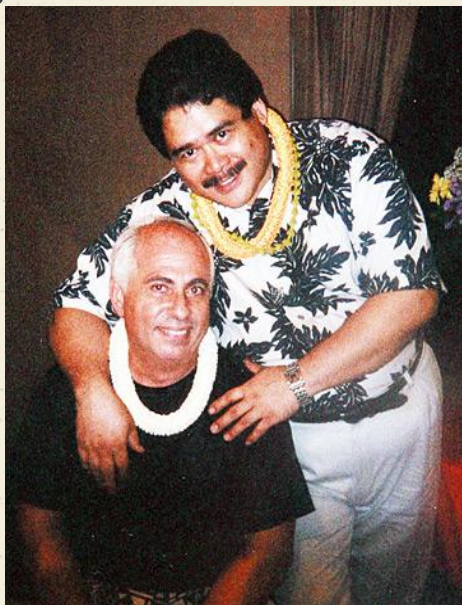
Gender & Sex in Ancient Greece



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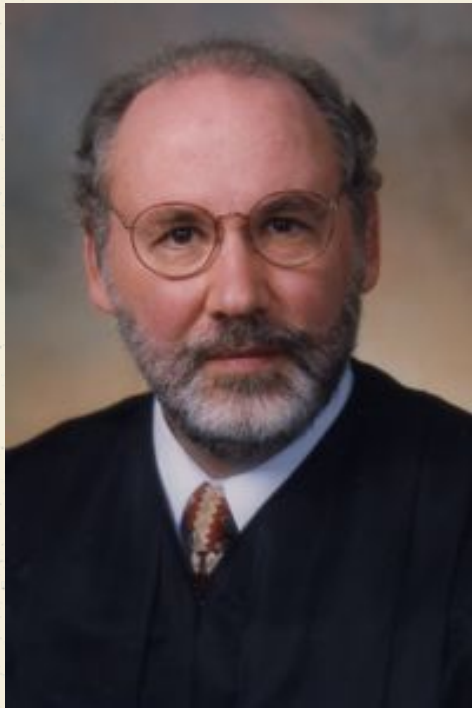


Tammy Rodrigues &
Antoinette Pregil
Baehr vs. Lewin
1991, Hawaii
(Miike)



Ninia Baehr & Genora
Dancel

Three couples sued the state of Hawaii In 1991 for civil rights violations. LAMBDA refused to represent them. Since then there has been a radical transformation in Gay rights.



Daniel Foley
Former ACLU
Director, Hawaii

While working as a civil rights attorney, Daniel Foley represented three same-sex couples who sued the state of Hawaii because the Hawaii Health Department refused to give them a license to marry. The landmark case, which came to be known as *Baehr v. Miike*, was filed in 1990 and was the first of its kind.

It stated that the couples met all requirements for marriage in the state of Hawaii except they were of the same sex. No law in the state at that time said that marriage must be between a man and a woman. The trial court, however, dismissed the case in 1991.

The Hawaii Supreme Court ruled that the case had merit and that preventing same-sex marriage was discrimination. The case was sent back to a lower court for trial in 1993. The court noted that the state must show a compelling interest in prohibiting same-sex marriage.



DIFFERENT FAMILIES. SAME LOVE.

I SUPPORT LGBT-INCLUSIVE
EDUCATION.



#HopeForLGBTequality

'We have not given a position of gay
marriage and we wont now'
- Stonewall 2010

They ended up changing their tune because
of the amount of angry responses to that
statement





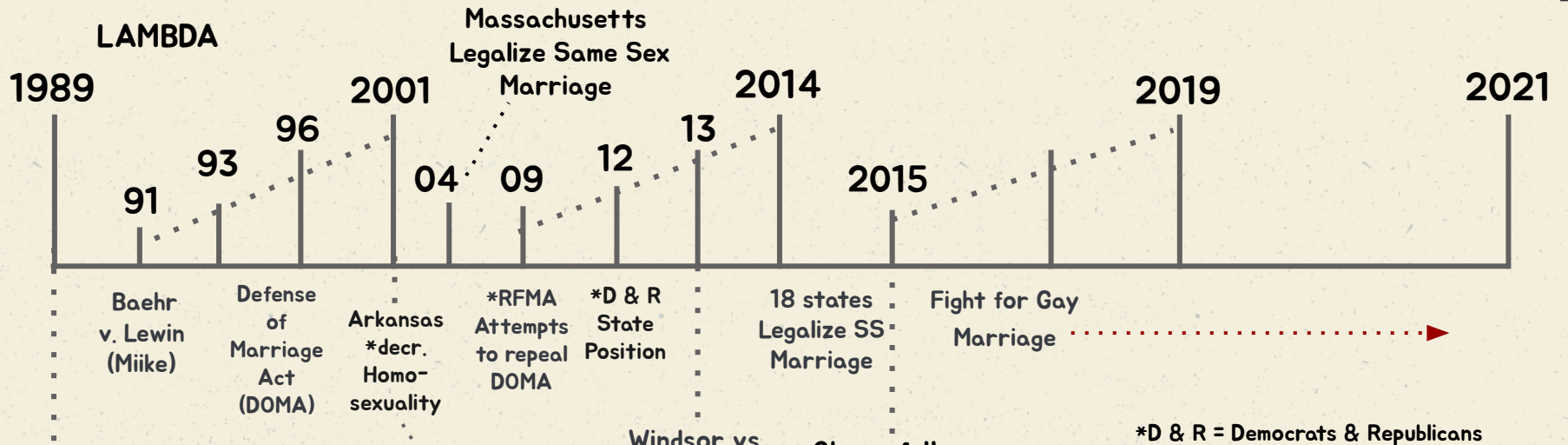
Ben Summerskill
Stonewall Chief Executive
2003-2014

Stonewall under the leadership of Ben Summerskill came under criticism in September 2010, after he made comments at a Liberal Democrat party conference event that Stonewall "expressed and expresses no view" on same-sex marriage and that the equal marriage policy proposed by gay Liberal Democrat Stephen Williams could potentially cost £5 billion.

Summerskill's comments were criticised by two of Stonewall's co-founders: Michael Cashman who wrote an op-ed entitled "What part of 'equality' can't Stonewall understand?"; and Sir Ian McKellen stated that Stonewall should put marriage equality on their agenda.

Summerskill defended his comments at the Labour Party conference a week later after LGBT Labour activists criticised Stonewall's lack of transparency and democracy, and failure to lobby for marriage.

He stated that "Stonewall has never pretended to be a democratic member organisation. We have never said we speak for all lesbian, gay and bisexual people." However, in the face of pressure from the LGBT community, Stonewall announced in October 2010 their support for same-sex marriage.



- *Denmark 1st Reg. Partnership
- *NYC, recognize gay couples 'Family'
- *Andrew Sullivan, TNR
- *Argument for Gay Marriage
- *CA state Bar Association
- *Matthias Freihof, film 'Coming Out'

DOMA

1. Name
2. No State recognizes SS Marriage from other states
3. Federal Gov. does not rec. Gay Marriage


*D & R = Democrats & Republicans
 *RFMA= Respect for Marriage Act
 *Decr.= Decriminalize



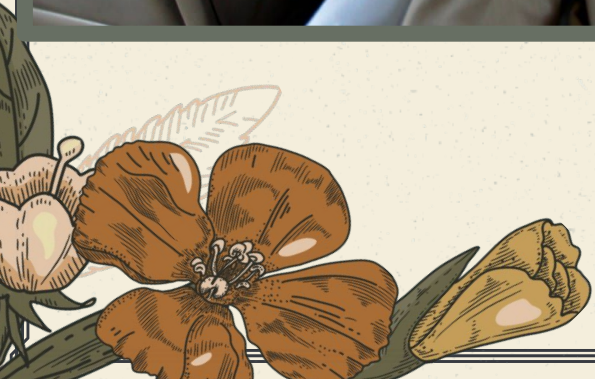
Edith Windsor & Thea Spyer



Jim Obergefell & John Arthur



“THE PERSON
I LOVE WAS
PHYSICALLY FALLING
APART, AND I WAS
HAPPY AND PRIVILEGED
TO BE ABLE TO BE THERE TO
HELP HIM . . . WHAT
ELSE WOULD I DO?
- JIM OBERGEFELL



**Their state's failure to recognize their marriage was a
catalyst in his involvement in the 2015 Supreme Court
decision**

If we wanted to understand
Adventism, where do we look?

To Protestantism

● ASSYRIA

● EGYPT

● BABYLON

● GREECE

● ROME





EGYPT



GREECE



ROME



“Greece is known for
same sex
relationships”

When we look at
history we need to
find the best sources
of information, and
not just what suits us



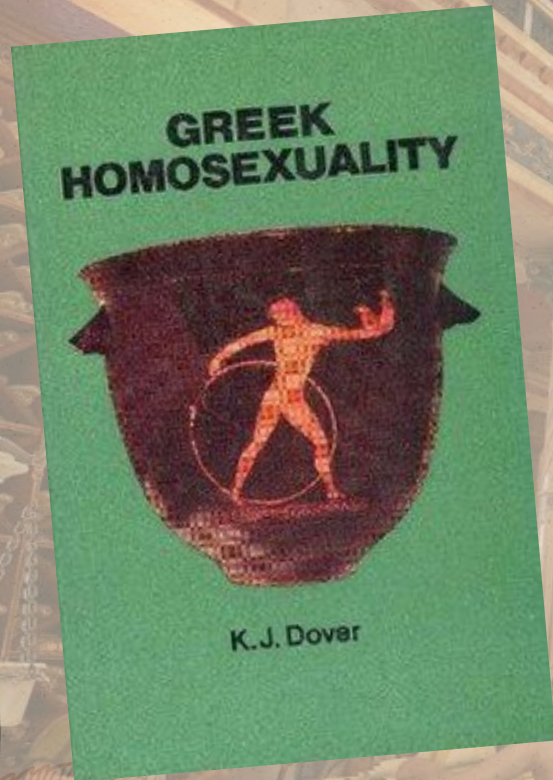
OBSTRUCTIONS:

1. New Subject;
externally

Disclaimer:

The subject of
the day will be
about Sex

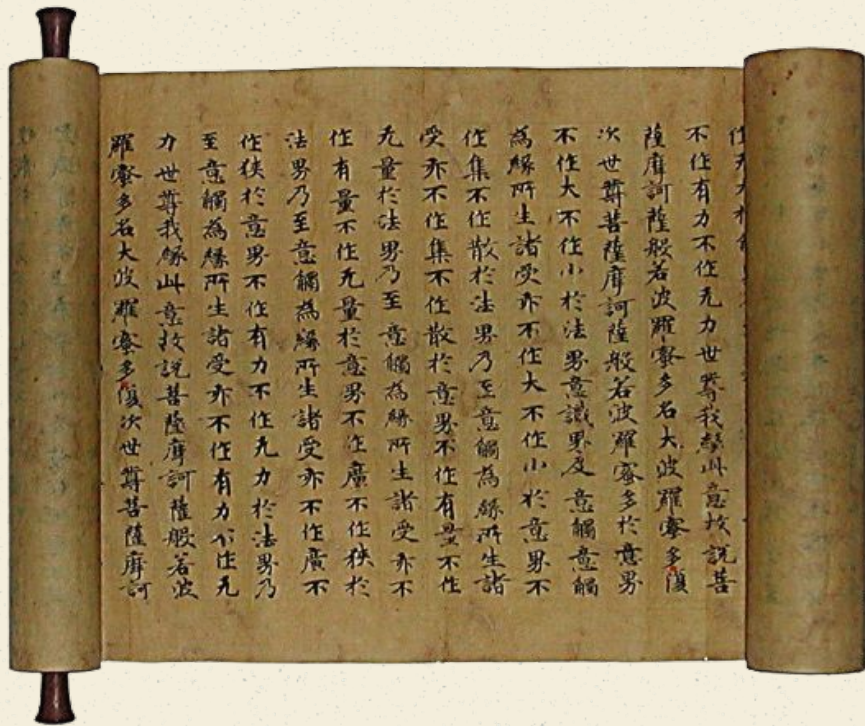




Historical Societies would meet and talk about Ancient Greece but they would just pretend that sex was not part of it

In 1978 a book was published that was called 'Greek Homosexuality' and it opened up discussion in mainstream societies

It is almost entirely impossible to find a source that isn't influenced with bias

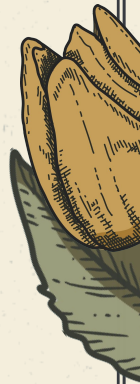


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The issue is Foreign Language

They had no equivalent for the word "Homosexuality"

There's an issue with the translation

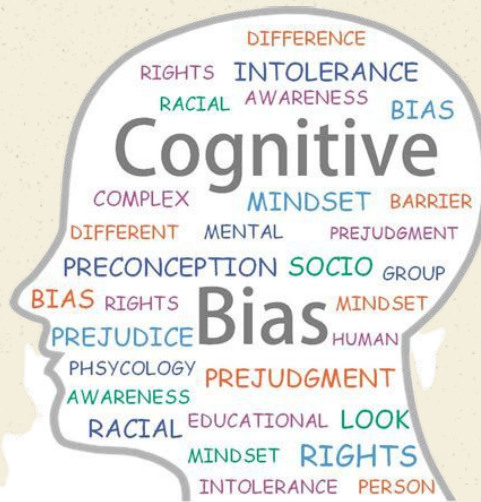


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That's just wrong!



Most liberal sources will take their bias to Greek history as well as conservative ones

MALE PERSPECTIVE

It's all written from a male
perspective



They don't end up
illustrating a true
female sexual
experience



CONTRADICTIONS

If you look at society today
some of the people who are
the most famous do not
represent the lives of normal
people





Marcela Gracia Ibeas & Elisa
Sánchez Loriga

There was something unusual about the fresh-faced groom that day

The priest at the San Jorge church in A Coruña, north-western Spain, didn't see anything special, and the smattering of relatives in attendance weren't saying anything. But both 'Mario' and his bride, Marcela, were women.

It was 1901, and the union between Elisa and Marcela remains the only known same-sex marriage in the history of the Spanish Catholic Church.

But the couple's sweet victory over the conservative culture of early 20th Century Spain would be short-lived. They were to spend the rest of their lives on the run from persecution across two continents.

In 1905 Spain, the conservative
faction of the Catholic Church,
reveres two women, Lucia and Mary

Does the conservatives
who worship a female
Goddesses and
Prophetesses make
them view ordinary
women any better?

No, it doesn't matter



Limitations of Presenting

It's a difficult format, similar to
teaching parts of
Protestantism

I'll do my best

I ended up just stating things as fact,
because these perspectives had either been
obtained from many different sources or
from the audio of a thirty hour book



ANCIENT GREECE

Male

Female

Formed

Deformed

Superior

Inferior

Ruler

Ruled

Leader

Led

Elder

Young

Complete

Incomplete

"The female is as it were a deformed male."

"The relation of male to female is by nature a relation of superior to inferior."

"The male unless constituted in some respect contrary to nature is by nature more expert at leading than the female."

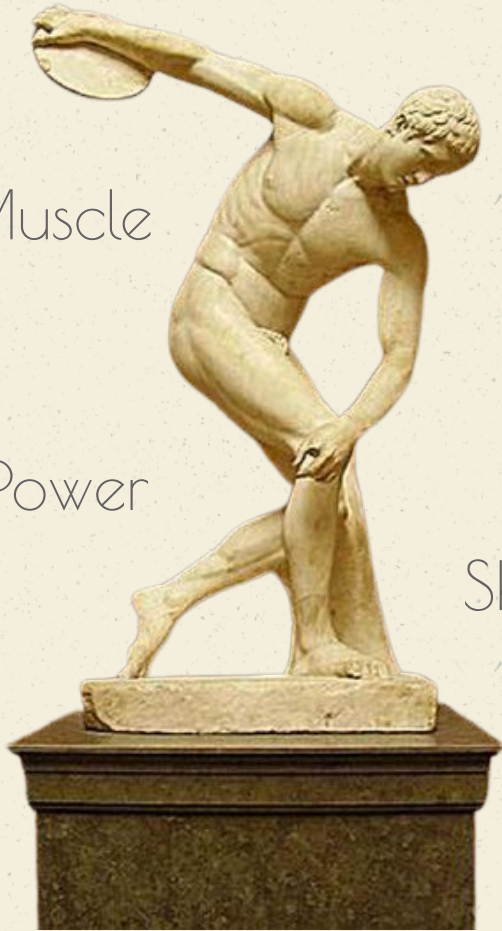
"And the elder and complete then the younger and incomplete."



Muscle

Power

Skill



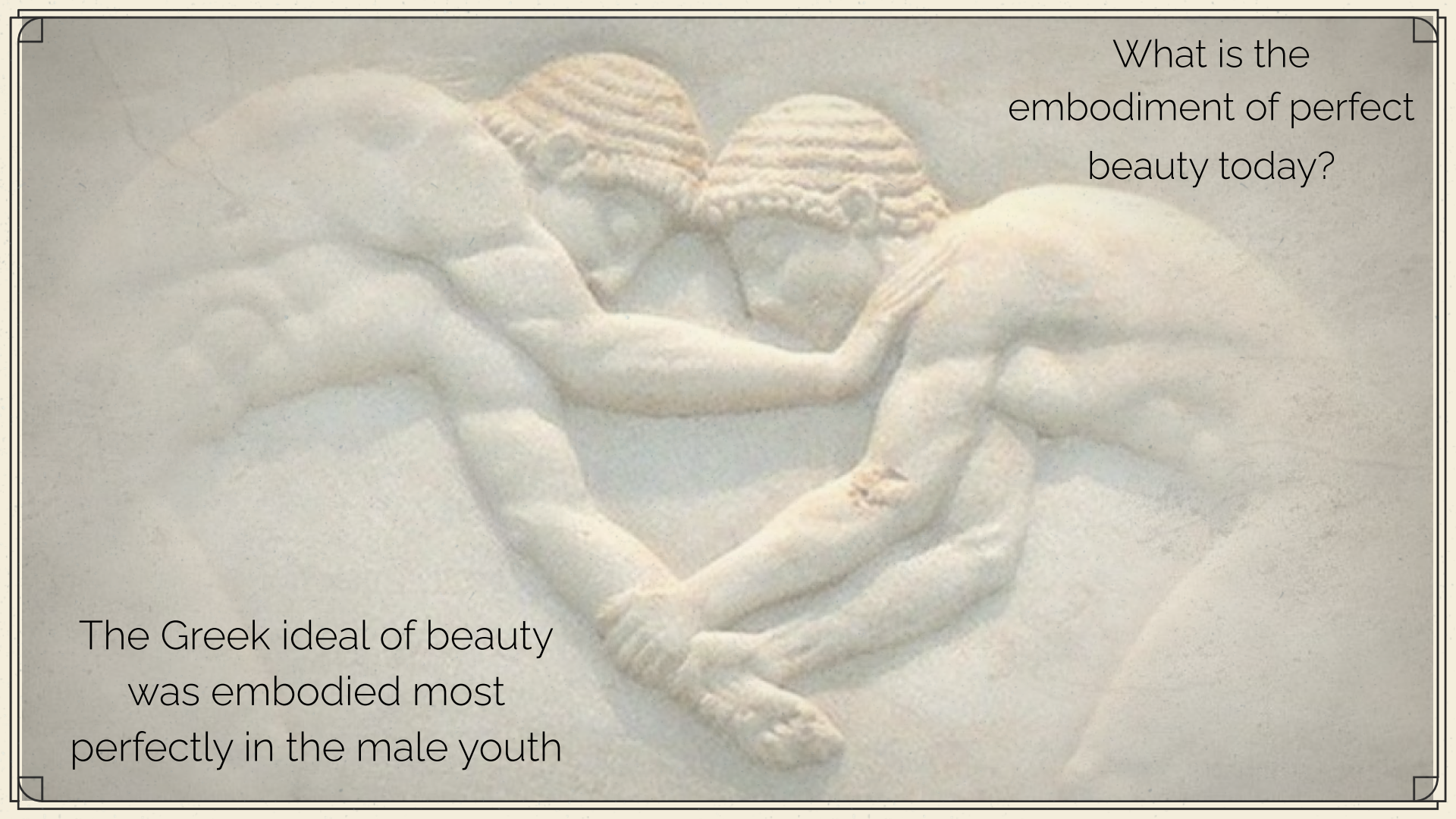
For many of them they did not think that a woman contributed anything to the offspring.

This is where the idea of a seed comes from. You plant your seed and everything is in that seed to become an oak and they see sperm as the seed.



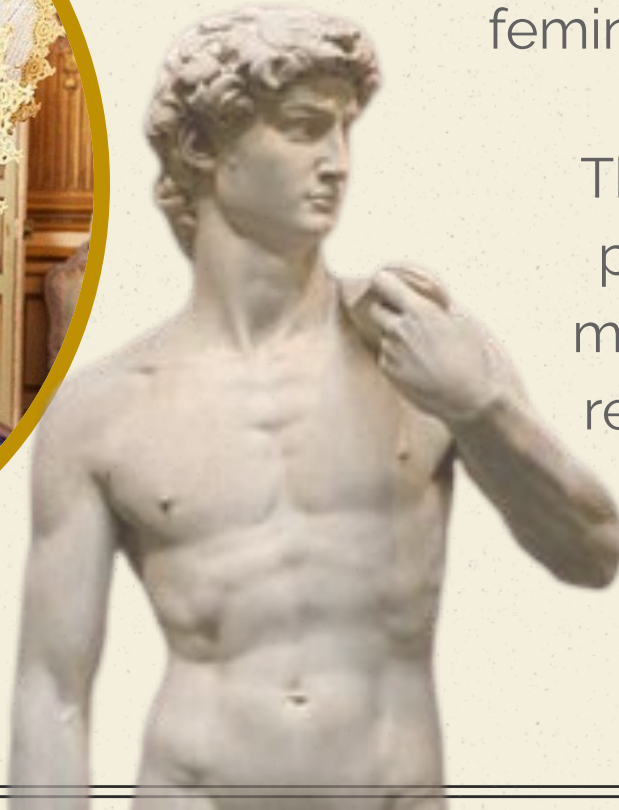
What is the
embodiment of perfect
beauty today?

The Greek ideal of beauty
was embodied most
perfectly in the male youth





Back then, true perfect
beauty was masculine not
feminine



The embodiment of
perfection was the
male youth and they
revered that beauty

Youth was
between 13 to
late 20's



PEDERASTY

ERASTES

EROMENOS

“The ideal Pederastic relationship in Ancient Greece involved an Erastes, an older male usually in his mid to late 20’s and an Eromenos a younger male who was past puberty usually no older than 18.”



PEDERASTY

ERASTES

Teacher

Mid-late 20's

EROMENOS

Student

13-18 or 21



They also have a common practice of having male conferences where they meet and discuss issues of the day.

In other words, it's the prevalence of the social exclusion of women.



The Erastes teacher would see a young boy that he liked and he would start to pursue this young man by offering him gifts and praise.

It was meant to be a mentorship program but there was also a sexual component to it and a relationship or friendship that could last for the rest of their lives.



Eromenos

Erastes

“The age range when boys entered into such relationships was equal without Greek girls given in marriage, often do adult husbands many years there senior. Boys however, usually had to be courted and were free to choose their mate while marriages for girls were arranged for economic and political advantage at the discretion of father and suiter.” -

Inquiriesjournal.com



Eromenos

Erastes

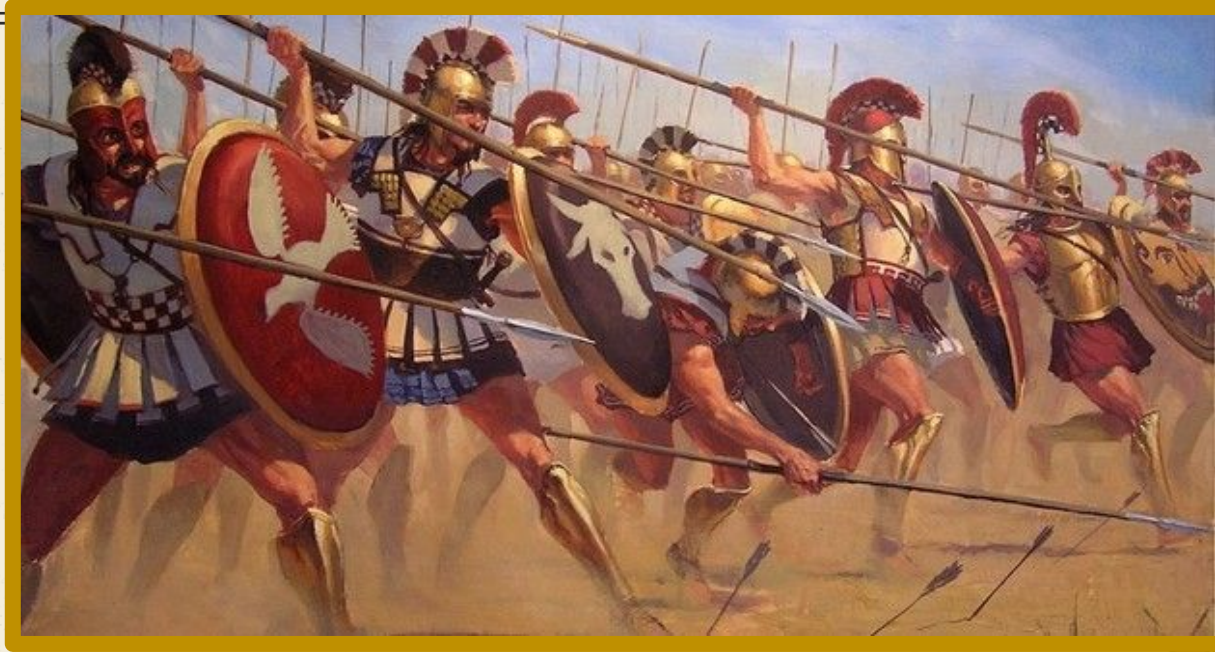
“The power dynamics involved in such a relationship with the Erastes always in control ensured that the Erastes kept his dignity as a fully functioning member of Greek society while the Eromenos grew up under the tutelage of such a man and as such could become a great citizen when he reached adulthood.

Ideal pederastic couples were once who's relationship directly benefited their Greek society.”

Inquiriesjournal.com-Examining Greek Pederastic Relationships



“The evidence for the ideal pederastic relationship being the most common in Greece is overwhelming.”
-inquiriesjournal.com



The **Sacred Band of Thebes**, was a troop of select soldiers, consisting of 150 pairs of male lovers which formed the elite force of the Theban army in the 4th century BC, ending Spartan domination. Its predominance began with its crucial role in the Battle of Leuctra in 371 BC. It was annihilated by Philip II of Macedon in the Battle of Chaeronea in 338 BC.

“The Ancient Greeks did not conceive of sexual orientation as a social identifier as modern western societies have done. Greek society did not distinguish sexual desire or behavior by the gender of the participants but rather by the role that each participant played in a sex act. That of an active penetrator or passive penetrated. This active passive polarization corresponded with dominant and submissive social roles. The active penetrative role was associated with masculinity, higher social status and adulthood. While the passive role was associated with femininity, lower social status and youth. Given the importance of Greek society in cultivating the masculinity of the adult male and the perceived feminizing effect of being the passive partner, relations between adult men of comparable social status were considered highly problematic and usually associated with social stigma.”



They would not tolerate a John Arthur and a Jim Obergefell because remember they worshipped masculinity.





If you had two equal males and they had sex both of them do not receive the stigma of society. The person who was the dominant party or the penetrator still retained all of his masculinity and society does not condemn him.

"According to contemporary opinion, Greek males who engaged in passive anal sex after reaching the age of manhood at which point their expected to take the reverse role in Pederastic relationships and become the active and dominant member there by were feminized or made a woman of themselves. There is ample evidence in the theatre of Aristophanes that derides these passive men and gives a glimpse of the type of biting, social opprobrium and shame heaped upon them by these societies."




Greek society did not tolerate same sex relationships among equals




Pre-puberty	13 and forward	18-21	21-30	30
Life of a Child	Courted - Eromenos	End of relationship	Becomes Erastes	Marry a girl of 13-16

You cannot stay in a physical relationship with your teacher

If you want to see the significance of what society began to accept in 1989, it's not like society finally looked back at that good Greek civilization and learned something.



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If John Arthur met Jim Obergefell in a bar, that relationship would have been no more tolerated in Greece than that of conservative American society today because this is not a homosexual or gay relationship.



Dear Lord, we know how complicated history can become but as we look back at the context, we look back and see what you have observed and what existed around Ancient Israel, and we pray that we will have a true perspective. That you might guide us into unity in this movement. We pray this in Jesus name, Amen.