

THERE ARE NO QUEER TEEN SUICIDES, ONLY QUEER TEEN MURDERS.

Anyone who espouses anti-gay rhetoric, anyone who says its unnatural to love someone of the same sex, anyone who calls someone a faggot or a dyke maliciously, anyone who does not challenge heterosexuality as a cultural norm, is implicated in the deaths of queer teenagers who take their own lives. Those deaths are not suicides, they're murders. The young people are just doing to their bodies what others have already done to their souls. They don't kill themselves, Christians kill them, television writers kill them, Big Red gum commercials kill them, their parents kill them, their schools kill them. I kill them and so do you. We need to move beyond confronting homophobia to challenging heterosexism. When we don't challenge exclusionary sex education lessons, when we don't cross dress, when we don't act on our sexual desires and curiosities, when we are ignorant about intersexuality and transgenderism, we are braiding the nooses upon which queer teens hang.

