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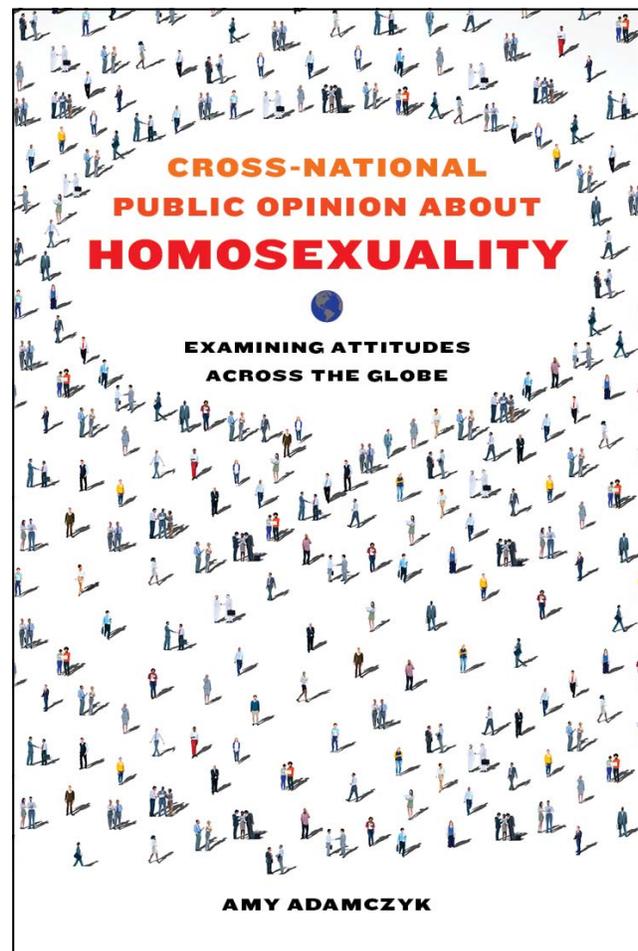
Summary:

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Book endorsements:

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"Adamczyk has written the most comprehensive contemporary study on disapproval of homosexuality. She takes into account multidisciplinary theoretical insights on individual as well as contextual determinants to provide a worldwide readership with enlightening overviews on controversial issues."

—Peer Scheepers, Radboud University

"Drawing from a wealth of quantitative and qualitative cross-national data, Adamczyk provides an illuminating analysis of cross-national patterns in attitudes toward homosexuality. This highly informative book is essential reading for anyone seeking to understand the societal roots of sexual prejudice and tolerance in the 21st century. I strongly recommend it."

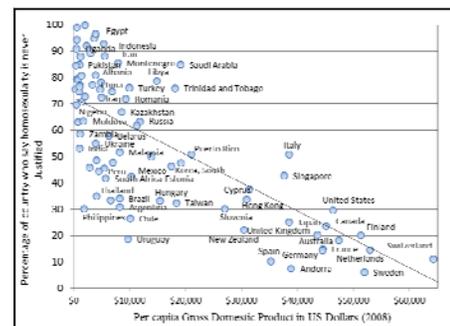
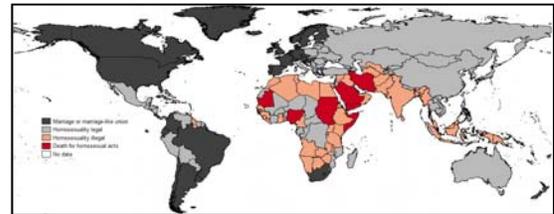
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"Conversation around the topic of diversity has never been more timely on college campuses, and Professor Adamczyk takes up the important subject of sexual diversity, offering a wide-ranging portrait of attitudes about same-sex relationships on a global scale. For graduate and undergraduate students interested in gay rights and sexual identity, Adamczyk's new book offers an essential window into how religion, politics, and economic development affect public opinion on these topics, and will surely spark passionate campus conversation about her findings."

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—Clyde Wilcox, Georgetown University



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Her research focuses on how different contexts (e.g. nations, counties, friendship groups), and personal religious beliefs shape people's deviant, criminal, and health-related attitudes and behaviors. Her research has been published widely, including in the *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *Justice Quarterly*, the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Science Research*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociology of Religion*, and the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

With her colleagues she received the 2008 Donald MacNamara Award for outstanding article of the year. In 2009 John Jay College awarded her the Donald MacNamara Award for Junior Faculty, in 2008, 2009, 2012, and 2016 she was the recipient of John Jay College's Research Excellence Award, and in 2011 she received the John Jay College's Midcareer Award. Her research has been supported with grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, and the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation. She is also a board member for the LGBT Social Science & Public Policy Center at Hunter College, CUNY.

Sample Interview: Office for the Advancement of Research, John Jay College

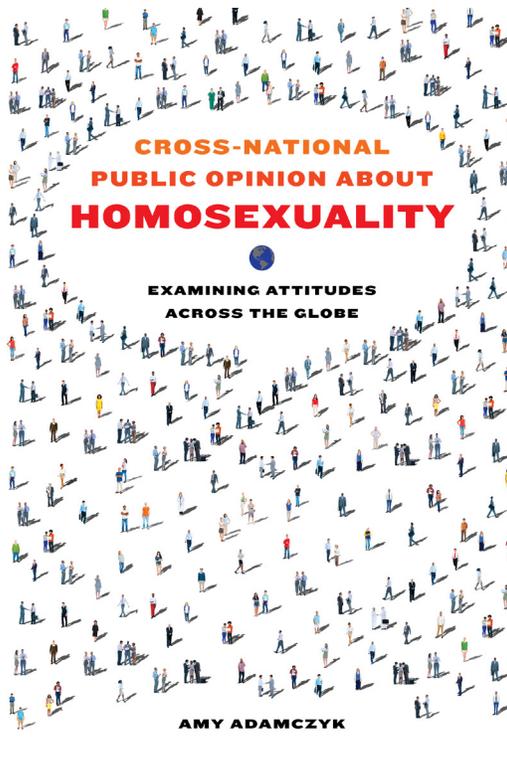
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