Delve Deeper into "Family Fundamentals"
A film by Arthur Dong

This multi-media resource list, compiled by Carolyn Marvin of the William Fogg Public Library in partnership with the American Library Association, provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by the upcoming P.O.V. documentary "Family Fundamentals" that premiers on August 26th at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings)

"Family Fundamentals" is the filmmaker's personal attempt to answer an explosive question: "What happens when conservative Christian families have children who are homosexual?" Armed with a digital camera, Dong takes viewers into the private and public lives of three families where parents actively campaign against gay civil rights, despite having gay offspring themselves. A search for common ground between seemingly diametrically opposed camps, "Family Fundamentals" is also a battlefield report from America's profound and disquieting culture war over homosexuality.

The following multi-media resources address the issues of conflict between conservative Christian parents and their homosexual children as well as the conflict within the Christian churches over the acceptance/inclusion of gay or lesbian parishioners and clergy. For more specific questions, concerns, or information, please access some of the websites mentioned, as they can connect you to even more extensive resources.

ADULT BOOKS


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DOCUENTARIES/VIDEOS

"All God's Children." Women Vision. 1996. (26 min)


"The Brandon Teena Story." Produced by Susan Muska and Greta Olafsdottir. 1998. (90 min.)

"Faith and Politics: the Christian Right." 1995. (47 min.)

"Family Values." Produced by Pam Walton. 1980. (56 mins.)

"Gay Rights, Special Rights: Inside the Homosexual Agenda" Jeremiah Films. 1993. (35 min.)


"One Nation Under God" by Teodoro Maniaci. First Run Features. 1993. (35 min.)

"The Rhetoric of Intolerance: An Open Letter to Pat Robertson from Rev. Mel White." Produced by Mel White. 1996. (30 min.)


FEATURE FILMS


"The Bird Cage." Directed by Mike Nichols. 1996.


WEBSITES

http://www.agayopinion.com
Support group for parents of homosexual children.

http://www.angelfire.com/
An on-line journal writing site. The topic for March, 2001 explores the relationship between parents and their gay children.

http://www.dignityusa.org
A pastoral message to parents of homosexual children.

http://hirr.hartsem.edu
Site of the Hartford Institute for Religious Research. Excellent articles on the subject of religion and homosexuality.

http://www.ngltf.org/issues
Site of the National Council of Churches. A good site for searching for information and the latest news about the stand various churches take on the subject of homosexuality.

http://www.ngltf.org/issues
Site of the National Coalition for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Youth.

www.ourtruecolors.org/
A great site offering support as well as many educational links.

http://www.pflag.org
The site of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. (P-Flag) P-Flag's pages offer much support and many links.

BOOKS FOR YOUNGER READERS

Because this subject affects all members of a family, it is appropriate to include some books which might be helpful to other members of the family and their friends. These books have won awards of excellence for contemporary books dealing with these themes and are appropriate for ages 14 and up.


Heron, Ann. Two Teenagers in Twenty: Writings by Gay and