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## **China campuses are tolerant of homosexuals**

A survey shows that universities in China are becoming more liberal about homosexuals, official news agency Xinhua reported Wednesday.

The survey was done by Jiang Qiuyu and five of her classmates from Beijing's China University of Nationalities. They had posted information on homosexual Web sites, held face-to-face interviews and distributed questionnaires around 10 universities in Beijing, including prestigious Qinghua University and Beijing University. The results, published in local newspaper China Youth Daily, showed that among the 582 online respondents who were gay, nearly 74 percent were men. Jiang said, "We found that university is the place many gay men first identify their sexual orientation." She added, "People with homosexual tendencies believe campus life is more relaxed than the rest of society," Xinhua reported. Sun Zhongxin, an associate professor of sociology at Fudan University in Shanghai, emphasized that the number of homosexuals on campus is not growing and the campuses are not breeding grounds for homosexuality.