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**INQUIRY INTO GAY AND TRANSGENDER HATE CRIMES
BETWEEN 1970 AND 2010**

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In the 80's and 90's i was going to a lot of gay clubs and making friends with a lot of gay men. I would also go to Mardi Gras. On more than one of those nights i was walking home feeling really good that i supported them as a cis person myself then i was confronted with 2 x cis men beating up a gay man across the street. It was a busy road and i heard them saying things to make it clear that it was a gay hate crime. I yelled from across the road for them to stop. I tried to get across the road but the traffic was very heavy. I tried to even endanger my life. I think i got about half way across and the attackers ran. The gay man also ran . This shook me as i didnt understand til then how bad it is for them. I didnt grow up knowing anyone from the lgbt community. Since then i have seen many instances of the same thing and have many queer friends. I have also had friends that went thru the process of conversion therapy and they are not very well mentally now