Recent reports of gay teen suicides have shocked the general public and raised questions about the priorities of current LGBT political organizing. With fights for the legalization of gay marriage having taken the foreground in the last decade, many theorists and activists have attempted to account for how earlier focuses on sexual liberation and freedom have morphed into an assimilationist plea for “rights” conferred by the state. Indeed, even in the face of an unorganizable demographic of queer children, a number of liberal organizations and politicians have called for the criminalization of bullying.

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