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The following are quotations from a variety of “leftist” politicians and organizations:

On Pre-Marital Sex and Marriage

“Any romantic attachment that goes beyond the distance, outside the marriage bed, is actually a statutory offense, worth six months in jail for the over eager young man...”

– from *Women in China* by Helen Snow

“The heart of the question that the comrades are asking is this: Is it anti-communist to have sexual relations with other than husband or wife; is it anticommunist to have sexual relations before marriage?”

– *Proletariat*, organ of the Communist Labor Party

Homosexuality

“We would never come to believe that a homosexual could embody the conditions and requirements of conduct that would enable us to consider him a true Revolutionary, a true Communist militant.”

– Fidel Castro quoted in *Castro's Cuba; Cuba's Castro* by Lee Lockwood, 1969

“While gay people can be anti-imperialists, we feel that they cannot be Communists.”...(H)omosexuality is an ideology of the petty bourgeoisie, and must be clearly distinguished from proletarian ideology.”

– Revolutionary Union: Position Paper on Homosexuality

Masturbation

“If a person did that (masturbates) it would be against the Revolution and he couldn't be a Revolutionary.”

– Paula Diaz, Cuban Centennial Youth Column leader

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