This presentation will summarize demographic characteristics of LGBT families in the US and show how empirical evidence often contradicts popular perceptions about this population. The presentation will also consider some of the challenges associated with conducting social science research designed to inform public policy debates and discourse involving LGBT-related marriage and family policies.

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Reception following talk