



*(You forgot his penchant for dressing up.)*

## Name calling

Is name-calling of social conservatives “LGBTQ-phobes” appropriate? Many Albertans see this stereotyping as bullying to silence, intimidate, and avoid merits of a dispute; manipulative tactics of identity politics. The application of “homophobia” has expanded to: “A disparaging or hostile attitude or a negative bias, which may be overt or unspoken and which may exist at an individual and/or a systemic level, towards people who are LGBTQ” [Ontario Curriculum]. Alberta Education defines what bullying is not: “Bullying behaviour is sometimes confused with conflict. Conflict is disagreement about different beliefs, ideas, feelings or actions. It is a normal part of healthy relationships.” Social conservatives are not the bullies here.

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*(Not all conservatives are homophobes and not all homophobes are conservatives. However, conservatives playing the victim card in LGBTQ issues is ridiculous.)*

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