

The Right to Privacy POSITION STATEMENT

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This statement was proposed by the Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues¹ of the Council on National Affairs..

The American Psychiatric Association supports the right to privacy in matters such as birth control, reproductive choice, and adult consensual sexual relations conducted in private, and it supports legislative, judicial, and regulatory efforts to protect and guarantee this right.

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