

Harvey Milk

Directions: Read the following quotation from a 1978 Harvey Milk speech. In the space below, respond to this quotation. What is Harvey Milk suggesting in this statement? Do you agree with him? Why or why not?

"So let's look at 1977In 1977, gay people had their rights taken away from them in Miami. But you must remember, that in the week before Miami and the week after that, the word "homosexual" or "gay" appeared in every single newspaper in this nation in articles both pro and con. And every radio station and every TV station and every household, for the first time in the history of the world, everybody was talking about it, good or bad. Unless you have dialogue, unless you open the walls of dialogue, you can never reach to
change people's opinion. In those two weeks, more good and bad, but more about the word homosexual and gay was written than probably in the history of mankind. Once you have dialogue starting, you know you can break down prejudice."

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