

PROBLEMAS METODOLÓGICOS DE LA BASE DE DATOS DE LA ASOCIACIÓN AMERICANA DE PSICOLOGÍA (APA)

La base de datos está en el libro de 1995 de Charlotte J. Patterson: *Lesbian & gay parenting* (Washington, DC: American Psychological Association), y puede considerarse un documento oficial de la American Psychological Association (APA). Incluye el registro de 59 libros y artículos publicados en revistas académicas, basados en encuestas directas, por lo cual no son meta-análisis. Además, contiene ocho tesis de doctorado que, como no están publicadas, no las tomaremos en cuenta; sin embargo, es importante mencionar que tienen los mismos problemas metodológicos analizados a continuación.

El más importante de tales problemas, es el carácter sesgado y no representativo de las 59 publicaciones referidas, pues pudimos confirmar que los trabajos estaban basados en muestras muy pequeñas (por ejemplo, 30, 50 o 100 casos), obtenidas por métodos no aleatorios (muestras a conveniencia, entrevistas a participantes de los círculos del movimiento gay, “*snowball*”, y otros). No hay un solo trabajo que esté basado en muestras representativas de la población, ni siquiera a nivel local. Debido a tales problemas, nos resulta evidente que la publicación de la American Psychological Association es de índole *fundamentalmente ideológica, y que no tiene validez científica ni representatividad alguna para conocer lo que sucede en la población general*.

En la tabla siguiente se presentan los códigos de clasificación que estamos usando para evaluar este tipo de base de datos. Por ejemplo, el código “1-A-Aa-Ab”, significa que la publicación se refiere a una sola investigación, es de índole científica, es representativa de la población, pero presenta una interpretación sesgada de los datos. Otro ejemplo: una publicación con el código “1-B-Bb” significa que se refiere a una sola investigación, pero tiene problemas metodológicos graves derivados de una muestra muy pequeña de datos.

Relación de códigos

Clasificación	Código
I. Cobertura de la investigación	
Investigación individual	1
Meta-análisis	2
II. Calidad de la publicación	
Publicación científica	A
Publicación con problemas metodológicos graves	B
Publicación narrativa sin análisis estadístico	C
III. Descripción de las publicaciones científicas	
Muestra representativa de la población (probabilística y de tamaño suficiente)	Aa
Publicación con interpretación sesgada	Ab
IV. Descripción de las publicaciones con problemas metodológicos graves	
Muestra no probabilística (muestras sesgadas o de conveniencia)	Ba
Muestra muy pequeña (no es representativa de la población)	Bb
Muestra sin control metodológico de su representatividad poblacional	Bc

PUBLICACIONES DE LA BASE DE DATOS BASADAS EN INVESTIGACIÓN EMPÍRICA	Código Gral.	Código Espec.	¿Sirve?
Bailey, J. Michael, David Bobrow, Marilyn Wolfe, and Sarah Mikach (1995). "Sexual orientation of adult sons of gay fathers". <i>Developmental Psychology</i> , 31(1), 124-129.	1-B	Ba-Bb-Bc	No
Barrett, Helen, and Fiona Tasker (2001). "Growing up with a gay parent: Views of 101 gay fathers on their sons' and daughters' experiences". <i>Educational and Child Psychology</i> , 18(1), 62-77. (Hay publicación en libro).	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Bigner, Jerry J., and R. Brooke Jacobsen (1989). "The value of children to gay and heterosexual fathers". <i>Journal of Homosexuality</i> , 18(1-2), 163-172. (Hay publicación en libro).	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Bigner, Jerry J., and R. Brooke Jacobsen (1989). "Parenting behaviors of homosexual and heterosexual fathers". <i>Journal of Homosexuality</i> , 18(1-2), 173-186. (Hay publicación en libro).	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Bos, Henny M.W., Frank van Balen, and Dymphna C. van den Boom (2003). "Planned lesbian families: Their desire and motivation to have children". <i>Human Reproduction</i> , 18(10), 2216-2224.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Bos, Henny M.W., Frank van Balen, and Dymphna C. van den Boom (2004). "Experience of parenthood, couple relationship, social support, and child-rearing goals in planned lesbian mother families". <i>Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry</i> , 45(4), 755-764.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Bozett, Frederick W. (1980). "Gay fathers: How and why they disclose their homosexuality to their children". <i>Family Relations</i> , 29(2), 173-179.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Brewaeys, A., I. Ponjaert, E.V. van Hall, and S. Golombok (1997). "Donor insemination: Child development and family functioning in lesbian mother families". <i>Human Reproduction</i> , 12(6), 1349-1359.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Chan, Raymond W., Risa C. Brooks, Barbara Raboy, B., and Charlotte J. Patterson (1998). "Division of labor among lesbian and heterosexual parents: Associations with children's adjustment". <i>Journal of Family Psychology</i> , 12(3), 402-419.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Chan, Raymond W., Barbara Raboy, and Charlotte J. Patterson (1998). "Psychosocial adjustment among children conceived via donor insemination by lesbian and heterosexual mothers". <i>Child Development</i> , 69(2), 443-457.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Ciano-Boyce, Claudia, and Lynn Shelley-Sireci (2002). "Who is mommy tonight? Lesbian parenting issues". <i>Journal of Homosexuality</i> , 43(2), 1-13.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Crawford, Isaiah, Andrew McLeod, Brian D. Zamboni, and Michael Jordan (1999). "Psychologists' attitudes toward gay and lesbian parenting". <i>Professional Psychology: Research and Practice</i> , 30(4), 394-401.	1-B	Ba-Bb-Bc	No
Flaks, David K., Ilda Ficher, Frank Masterpasqua, and Gregory Joseph (1995). "Lesbians choosing motherhood: A comparative study of lesbian and heterosexual parents and their children". <i>Developmental Psychology</i> , 31(1), 105-114.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Fulcher, Megan, Raymond W. Chan, Barbara Raboy, and Charlotte J. Patterson (2002). "Contact with grandparents among children conceived via donor insemination by lesbian and heterosexual mothers". <i>Parenting Science and Practice</i> , 2(1), 61-76.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Gartrell, Nanette, Amy Banks, Nancy Reed, Jean,Hamilton, Carla Rodas, and Amalia Deck (2000). "The National Lesbian Family Study: 3. Interviews with mothers of five-year-olds". <i>American Journal of Orthopsychiatry</i> , 70(4), 542-548.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Gartrell, Nanette, Amy Banks, Jean Hamilton, Nancy Reed, Holly Bishop, and Carla Rodas (1999). "The National Lesbian Family Study: 2. Interviews with mothers of toddlers". <i>American Journal of Orthopsychiatry</i> , 69(3), 362-369.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Gartrell, Nanette, Amalia Deck, Carla Rodas, Heidi Peyser, and Amy Banks (2005). "The National Lesbian Family Study: Interviews with the 10-year-old children". <i>American Journal of Orthopsychiatry</i> , 75(4), 518-524.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Gartrell, Nanette, Jean,Hamilton, Amy Banks, Dee,Mosbacher, Nancy Reed, Caroline H. Sparks, and Holly Bishop (1996). "The National Lesbian Family Study: 1. Interviews with prospective mothers". <i>American Journal of Orthopsychiatry</i> , 66(2), 272-281.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Gershon, Tamar D., Jeanne M. Tschann, and John M. Jemerin (1999). "Stigmatization, self-esteem, and coping among the adolescent children of lesbian mothers". <i>Journal of Adolescent Health</i> , 24(6), 437-445.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Golombok, Susan, and Fiona Tasker (1996). "Do parents influence the sexual orientation of their children? Findings from a longitudinal study of lesbian families" (1996). <i>Developmental Psychology</i> , 32(1), 3-11.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Golombok, Susan, Beth Perry, Amanda Burston, Clare Murray, Julie Mooney-Somers, Madeleine Stevens, and Jean Golding (2003). "Children with lesbian parents: A community study". <i>Developmental Psychology</i> , 39(1), 20-33.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No

Golombok, Susan, and John Rust (1993). "The pre-school activities inventory: A standardized assessment of gender role in children". <i>Psychological Assessment</i> , 5(2), 131-136.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Golombok, Susan, Ann Spencer, and Michael Rutter (1983). "Children in lesbian and single-parent households: Psychosexual and psychiatric appraisal". <i>Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry</i> , 24(4), 551-572.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Golombok, Susan, Fiona Tasker, and Clare Murray (1997). "Children raised in fatherless families from infancy: Family relationships and the socioemotional development of children of lesbian and single heterosexual mothers". <i>Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry</i> , 38(7), 783-791.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Green, Richard (1978). "Sexual identity of 37 children raised by homosexual or transsexual parents". <i>American Journal of Psychiatry</i> , 135(6), 692-697.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Green, Richard, Jane Barclay Mandel, Mary E. Hotvedt, James Gray, and Lauren Smith (1986). "Lesbian mothers and their children: A comparison with solo parent heterosexual mothers and their children". <i>Archives of Sexual Behavior</i> , 15(2), 167-184.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Harris, Mary, and Pauline Turner (1986). "Gay and lesbian parents". <i>Journal of Homosexuality</i> , 12(2), 101-113.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Hoffer, Beverly (1981). "Children's acquisition of sex-role behavior in lesbian-mother families". <i>American Journal of Orthopsychiatry</i> , 51(3), 536-544.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Huggins, Sharon L. (1989). "A comparative study of self-esteem of adolescent children of divorced lesbian mothers and divorced heterosexual mothers". <i>Journal of Homosexuality</i> , 18(1-2), 123-135.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Johnson, Suzanne M., and Elizabeth O'Connor (2002). <i>The gay baby boom: The psychology of gay parenthood</i> . New York: New York University Press.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
King, B.R., and Black, K.N. (1999). "College students' perceptual stigmatization of the children of lesbian mothers". <i>American Journal of Orthopsychiatry</i> , 69(2), 220-227.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Kirkpatrick, Martha, Catherine Smith, and Ron Roy (1981). "Lesbian mothers and their children: A comparative survey". <i>American Journal of Orthopsychiatry</i> , 51(3), 545-551.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Koepke, Leslie, Jan Hare, and Patricia B. Moran (1992). "Relationship quality in a sample of lesbian couples with children and child-free lesbian couples". <i>Family Relations</i> , 41(2), 224-229.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Kweskin, Sally L., and Alicia S. Cook (1982). "Heterosexual and homosexual mothers' self-described sex-role behavior and ideal sex-role behavior in children". <i>Sex Roles</i> , 8(9), 967-975.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Lewis, Karen Gail (1980). "Children of lesbians: Their point of view". <i>Social Work</i> , 25(3), 198-203.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Lott-Whitehead, Laura, and Carol T. Tully (1993). "The family lives of lesbian mothers". <i>Smith College Studies in Social Work</i> , 63(3), 265-280.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Lyons, Terrie A. (1983). "Lesbian mothers' custody fears". <i>Women and Therapy</i> , 2(2-3), 231-240.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
McLeod, Andrew C., Isiah Crawford, and Jeanne Zechmeister (1999). "Heterosexual undergraduates' attitudes toward gay fathers and their children". <i>Journal of Psychology and Human Sexuality</i> , 11(1), 43-62.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Miller, Brian (1979). "Gay fathers and their children". <i>The Family Coordinator</i> , 28(4), 544-552.	1-B	Ba-Bb-Bc	No
Miller, Judith Ann, R. Brooke Jacobsen, and Jerry J. Bigner (1981). "The child's home environment for lesbian versus heterosexual mothers: A neglected area of research". <i>Journal of Homosexuality</i> , 7(1), 49-56.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Morris, Jessica F., Kimberly F. Balsam, and Esther D. Rothblum (2002). "Lesbian and bisexual mothers and nonmothers: Demographics and the coming-out process". <i>Journal of Family Psychology</i> , 16(2), 144-156.	1-B	Ba-Bb-Bc	No
Mucklow, Bonnie M., and Gladys K. Phelan (1979). "Lesbian and traditional mothers' responses to adult responses to child behavior and self concept". <i>Psychological Reports</i> , 44(3), 880-882.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
O'Connell, Ann (1993). "Voices from the heart: The developmental impact of a mother's lesbianism on her adolescent children". <i>Smith College Studies in Social Work</i> , 63(3), 281-299.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Pagelow, Mildred D. (1980). "Heterosexual and lesbian single mothers: A comparison of problems, coping and solutions". <i>Journal of Homosexuality</i> , 5(3), 198-204.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Patterson, Charlotte J. (1994). "Children of the lesbian baby boom: Behavioral adjustment, self-concepts, and sex role identity". In Beverly Greene and Gregory M. Herek (Eds.), <i>Lesbian and gay psychology: Theory, research and clinical application</i> . Beverly Hills, CA: Sage.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Patterson, Charlotte J. (1995). "Families of the lesbian baby boom: Parents' division of labor and children's adjustment". <i>Developmental Psychology</i> , 31(1), 115-123.	1-B	Ba-Bb-Bc	No
Patterson, Charlotte J. (2001). "Families of the lesbian baby boom: Maternal mental health and child adjustment". <i>Journal of Gay & Lesbian Mental Health</i> , 4(3), 91-107.	1-B	Ba-Bb-Bc	No
Patterson, Charlotte J., Susan Hurt, and Chandra D. Mason (1998). "Families of the lesbian baby boom: Children's contact with grandparents and other adults". <i>American Journal of Orthopsychiatry</i> , 68(3), 390-399.	1-B	Ba-Bb-Bc	No

Rand, Catherine, Dee L.R. Graham, and Edna I. Rawlings (1982). "Psychological health and factors the court seeks to control in lesbian mother custody trials". <i>Journal of Homosexuality</i> , 8(1), 27-39.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Sarantakos, Sotirios (1996). "Children in three contexts: Family, education and social development". <i>Children Australia</i> , 21(3), 23-31.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Siegenthaler, Armanda L., and Jerry J. Bigner (2000). "The value of children to lesbian and non-lesbian mothers". <i>Journal of Homosexuality</i> , 39(2), 73-91.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Steckel, Alisa (1987). "Psychosocial development of children of lesbian mothers". In F.W. Bozett, (Ed.), <i>Gay and lesbian parents</i> . New York: Praeger.	C	---	No
Sullivan, Maureen (1996). "Rozzie and Harriet? Gender and family patterns of lesbian coparents". <i>Gender and Society</i> , 10(6), 747-767.	1-B	Ba-Bb-Bc	No
Tasker, Fiona, and Susan Golombok (1995). "Adults raised as children in lesbian families". <i>American Journal of Orthopsychiatry</i> , 65(2), 203-215.	1-B	Ba-Bb-Bc	No
Tasker, Fiona, and Susan Golombok (1997). <i>Growing up in a lesbian family</i> . New York: Guilford Press.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Tasker, Fiona, and Susan Golombok (1998). "The role of comothers in planned lesbian-led families". <i>Journal of Lesbian Studies</i> , 2(4), 49-68.	1-B	Ba-Bb-Bc	No
Vanfraussen, Katrien, Ingrid Ponjaert-Kristoffersen, and Anne Brewaeys (2003). "Family functioning in lesbian families created by donor insemination". <i>American Journal of Orthopsychiatry</i> , 73(1), 78-90.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Wainright, Jennifer L., Stephen T. Russell, and Charlotte J. Patterson (2004). "Psychosocial adjustment, school outcomes, and romantic relationships of adolescents with same-sex parents". <i>Child Development</i> , 75(6), 1886-1898.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No
Wright, Janet M. (1998). <i>Lesbian stepfamilies: An ethnography of love</i> . New York: Harrington Park Press.	1-B	Bb-Bc	No