

THE DISHONORABLE DEEDS OF HARVEY MILK

1. A sexual predator

At age 33, Harvey Milk had an ongoing homosexual relationship with a 16-year-old named Jack McKinley: "...sixteen-year-old old McKinley was looking for some kind of father figure...within a few weeks, McKinley moved into Harvey Milk's Upper West Side apartment...and settled into a middle-class domestic marriage. At thirty-three, Milk was launching a new life, though he could hardly have imagined the unlikely direction toward with his new lover would pull him." (Source: Randy Shilts, *The Mayor of Castro Street*, pp. 30-31)

2. Advocated having several uncommitted sexual relationships at the same time

Milk said, "As homosexuals, we can't depend on the heterosexual model... We should be developing our own life-style. There's no reason why you can't love more than one person at a time." (Source: Randy Shilts, *The Mayor of Castro Street*)

3. Said cult leader Jim Jones was "a man of the highest character"

(Source: Harvey Milk letter to President Jimmy Carter, Feb. 19, 1978)

4. Lobbied Jimmy Carter to let Jim Jones have custody of a six-year-old boy, who Jones later poisoned

Milk wrote, "Not only is the life of a child at stake, who presently have loving protective parents in Rev. and Mrs. Jones...." (Source: Harvey Milk letter to President Jimmy Carter, Feb. 19, 1978)

5. Coldly agreed with a former lover's suicide threat

"...the phone rang. As soon as Harvey heard the voice, he rolled his eyes impatiently at Jim. 'It's Jack McKinley,' he said. He paused and listened further. 'He says he's going to kill himself.' ... 'Tell him not to make a mess,' Harvey deadpanned. Jack hung up." (Source: Randy Shilts, *The Mayor of Castro Street*, p. 126)