Intro Example – The Stonewall Rights impact on American culture

For decades, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community, also more

commonly referred to as the “LGBT community”, was impelled to live a life of oppression that

was conceived by the homophobia in the American society. From the common citizens to the law

enforcement and the political leaders of the country, people viewed homosexuality as unnatural,

sinful, and felonious and did everything in their power to ridicule and eliminate the community

of its entirety. Despite the discriminative backlash, the gays fought back to finally bring equality

and justice to their name. By the early 20th century, the gay community began to form

movements, protests, and organizations to fight for their rights; however, it was not until the

Stonewall Riots of June 1969 did the gay community finally generate the spark to create an

effective and revolutionary gay liberation movement. The riots at the Stonewall Inn became a

symbol of gay reformation as they brought significant change to how homosexuality was

perceived and redefined into society. Additionally, they also became the waking call to a few of

the most influential movements in LGBT history as well as the platform that politicians used to

create laws that pushed the country into the direction for homosexual equality. Ultimately, the

Stonewall Riots affected the society and politics of American history as it was the symbolic

movement that strengthened gay empowerment and kickstarted the fight for LGBT rights in the

United States.