

Missing Voices:

A study of religious voices in Mainstream Media reports about LGBT equality

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Executive Summary

A three-year sample of news reports about key political issues within the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transexual (LGBT) community showed that media outlets consistently quoted or interviewed sources from Evangelical organizations to speak about LGBT issues, and the messages from those sources were significantly more negative than positive. Other takeaways from the study include:

- The mainstream media used far fewer religious sources from Mainline Protestant, Catholic or Jewish sources, but those messages were predominantly positive
- The vast majority of positive messages in stories about LGBT issues were from sources with no religious affiliation identified.
- The analysis of 318 news stories found support of the gays vs. religion framing of LGBT issues
- Media outlets consistently quoted sources from Evangelical organizations to speak about LGBT issues, and the messages those sources conveyed were significantly more negative than positive
- Based on sourcing used, the media clearly framed stories as gay v. religion.

Introduction

News media coverage of issues important to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities has increased in scope and positivity over the decades.

Contemporary news programs depict openly gay legislators, elderly gay couples campaigning for marriage, lesbians raising their children, and celebrities coming out on television and in real life.

Yet, because much of this coverage is framed in terms of conflict, it can continue to perpetuate certain negative stereotypes: of LGBT people themselves, and of people who are consistently portrayed as lining up on one side or the other of the argument.

Perhaps nowhere is this perpetuation of stereotypes more entrenched than in the depiction of religious voices in media coverage of LGBT issues. In the GLAAD Media Reference Guide (2010), the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation notes that “a common myth about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) equality is that it is universally opposed by people of faith,” and that, frequently, “media coverage...falsely positions LGBT equality and inclusion as a matter of ‘gays vs. religion’” (p. 30). Such framing of religious voices has the potential to distort perceptions of religion, of LGBT people, and of the “morality” of pro and anti-gay viewpoints.

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Media portrayals, such as a “gays versus religion” frame, can reinforce cultural biases, as the media reflect and perpetuate dominant cultural assumptions. Given the significant effects that such frames can have on public opinion, it is important to examine carefully the means by which cultural assumptions are reinforced, and the extent to which the dominant frames are present in the media.

The present content analysis study assesses the use of the “gays vs. religion” frame in news media coverage of LGBT stories from Aug. 1, 2008 through July 30, 2011, by examining the use of sources, particularly religious sources, to speak for or against LGBT issues.

Previous research and theoretical basis

Framing

The way that issues are framed in the media can significantly influence how audiences interpret those issues (Brewer, 2002; Entman, 2007; Kenix; 2008; McCombs, 2005;

McLeod, Kosicki, & McLeod, 2009; Tewksbury & Scheufele, 2009; Van Gorp, 2007). Framing refers to the journalistic choices that serve to define or contextualize news content (Kenix, 2008), as well as to the processes by which audiences internalize those frames. Specifically, framing theory suggests that “framing effects involve an interaction between message patterns and audience schema that guide the understanding of new information” (McLeod, Kosicki, & McLeod, 2009, p. 230).

That is, once a media frame serves to shape a story or an issue, it is not only seen as applicable to that particular story, but also to future stories of the same kind (the “applicability effect”). When frames are repeated as part of an ongoing pattern, those frames come more easily to mind (the “accessibility effect”), and thus are more readily applied to future encounters with the issue being framed. Since people tend to take cognitive shortcuts in their understanding of issues covered in the news (McLeod, Kosicki, & McLeod, 2009), news frames can be particularly influential in the way they interact with human cognitive processes.

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Frames do not come into existence in a vacuum. Cultural and sociological forces shape journalists, producers, and consumers of media alike. Without some sense of shared experience, frames would not resonate (Kenix, 2008, Van Gorp, 2007). When it comes to political issues, framing involves a complex negotiation between journalistic norms, cultural expectations, political power, and market forces. Perhaps more so than in other areas, though, the framing of issues at the intersection of

religion and sexuality also taps into the assumptions and values of those who shape the news. Although there may be a more conscious effort currently to overcome the heteronormativity that has historically shaped most cultural and media discussions of sexuality (c.f. Laurence, 2008), a comparable effort to overcome the religious assumptions that mark the newsroom is not as visible.

Framing of religious voices

The framing of religious voices in the media begins with the predominance of conservative evangelical religious spokespeople, whose skillful and intentional use of the media (Hoover, 1998) has gone hand in glove with their rise to political power over the last thirty years in the United States (Lindsay, 2007). Through the use of their own media outlets, but perhaps even more so through the assertive presentation of their viewpoints in the mainstream media, conservative evangelical spokespeople have positioned themselves as the voice of Christianity—if not religion as a whole—in the public square, particularly on issues that involve moral or theological judgment, such as abortion or gay rights.

Mainstream media framing of conservative evangelical voices has not necessarily invoked positive acceptance. Two recent studies of the presence of evangelicals in the news indicate a tendency to frame their voices as intolerant. Haskell (2007a) finds an overall balanced portrayal of evangelicals on Canadian national news, but with an emphasis on certain negative frames (particularly intolerance) that elevated the salience of those frames.¹ Kerr (2003) notes that news stories featuring “fundamentalists” are usually politically focused, as well as portraying religious fundamentalists as intolerant and prone to impose their views on others. Given the media emphasis on conflict frames, these intolerant religious voices provide a convenient foil to more liberal, usually secular voices coming from an opposing position in what is usually presented as a two-sided conflict on hot-button social issues.

Religion in the public square

The fact that LGBT issues are so fiercely debated is an indicator not only of their cultural resonance, but of the influence of theological or moral thinking in public life. That is, the debate over increasing gay equality, particularly the right to marriage, means that “a largely theological question has entered into public life, its potential answers as much political and cultural as religious, and the media play a critical role” (Earnest, 2002, p. 199). Kenix (2008) notes that the media often try to personalize LGBT issues through the use of a morality frame, citing sources that speak from a religious point of view. A recent study of a conflict in Utah regarding the showing of Brokeback Mountain (Cooper & Pease, 2009) examines this use of morality framing, and the religious influence of the Mormon Church on LGBT equality.

Although the mix of theological questions, political ramifications, and media framing may feel particularly potent in the context of LGBT issues, it is by no means the first time that religious values have had a place in public discourse, nor in the media. From the founding of the United States, questions of the place of religious convictions in the public square have been debated (Clanton, 2008). Recent decades have seen an intensifying of the conversation due to many factors, including a perception by some that religion currently has an inappropriately visible role in the American political process (Gushee, 2008). An excellent examination of the central question of the place of religion in politics is found in the Point/Counterpoint volume *Religion in the Public Square: The Place of Religious Convictions in the Political Debate* (Audi & Wolterstorff, 1997), where the authors present thorough arguments for each side. Robert Audi takes what they call the “liberal” position, arguing that government should be neutral, and that religion and politics should be separate all the way down to the level of individual political engagement. Nicholas Wolterstorff, on

¹ Interestingly, even some of the coders involved with the 2007 research noted an increase in their own negative perception of evangelicals after doing the coding (Haskell, 2007b).

the other hand, takes the “theologically oriented” position, arguing that government should be impartial towards plurality of religions, but that religion can and should be involved in politics at every level.

Among those who argue the inseparability of religion and politics is Thomas Lessl, who, in an article in *The Journal of Communication and Religion (JCR)*, argues that “civic rhetoric is by its very nature religious” (Lessl, 2009). Lessl’s argument is a complex articulation of the fragile nature of our civic contract and the need for symbolic linkages that are provided by religion. The question for the present study is what happens when the way those linkages are presented in the media serves to frame religious opinion in a one-sided way. If the news media consistently boil down the complex interplay of religious voices, rhetorical claims, and public policy debate on LGBT issues to a “religion versus gays” frame, this would ignore the presence of pro-gay religious voices, and completely dismiss those who identify as both LGBT and religious, particularly those who identify as Christian (Earnest, 2002).

Religious literacy and reporting on religion

Why would the symbolic linkages emphasized by the media potentially be so one-sided? Scholars of media and religion have argued the presence of a perceived gap between the purposes of the news media and religion (Dart, 2000). Diane Winston of the Annenberg School for Communication at USC notes that the tension between media and religion is inherent, because both are “institutions that want to define the world for other people” (Beckerman, 2004). Current definitions of newsworthiness can serve, however unwittingly, to define religion by how it is portrayed by the media. If a story must be timely, connected to a current and interesting event, the longer-term, daily life perspective on religious faith that many adherents experience will likely not be depicted (Beckerman, 2004). As noted, to get an interesting story, journalists have tended to focus on internal and external conflict stories, or have taken a political angle on religious news, emphasizing, for example, whether a religious group is for or against a topic such as gay equality, and not discussing why the religious group might take that position (Beckerman, 2004). In other words, the deeper reflection, history and theology of religion does not “play” in the fast-paced world of the news media, particularly television news with its need for the sound bite. Journalists are not unaware of the problem (Cirillo, 2003/2004, Beckerman, 2004), but guidebooks on how to cover religion (Buddenbaum, 1998; Connolly, 2007; Dart, 1998; Hubbard, 1990), however thorough, may not get at the deeper issue of conflicting views of newsworthiness and value.

One might question whether the media, as a relatively recent institution, really has significant definitional power over religious faiths that have been around for centuries or even millennia, but the reality is that modern Americans are not well informed about religion,

even the religions that they profess. Stephen Prothero (2007b), chair of the religion department at Boston University, terms this lack of knowledge “religious illiteracy,” arguing convincingly that our democracy would be well served by citizens who can better interpret the use of religion in the public square, particularly since the invocation of religion still carries power, even if the details of that religion are not retained. When Prothero’s book was released in 2007, it received a flurry of attention in the popular, religious and academic press (Krattenmaker, 2007; Miller, 2007; Prothero, 2007b; Renick, 2007; Welsh, 2007), as the issue of religious literacy struck a chord across the country. Journalists, as a part of this shared American culture, are not immune from the effects of religious illiteracy, at times falling back on religious assumptions, personal upbringing, or readily available sources in the covering of religion.² Such patterns can contribute to a “gays versus religion” frame in the coverage of LGBT issues.

Potential effects of the framing of religious voices

Religion shapes how people view the world. Religious representatives such as clergy are seen as influential and authoritative voices (Brown & Smidt, 2003; Crawford & Olson, 2001; Smidt, 2003), and religious organizations regularly speak for the faithful in the public square (Djupe & Gilbert, 2009). Thus, if religious voices appear in news media, it is likely that their presence will draw the attention of religiously-oriented media consumers, and possibly be seen as influential or authoritative even by those who are not themselves religious. Hollander (2006) notes that previous studies have shown that religion is “one of a number of chronically accessible constructs, created through use and reuse, which can color how people view, remember, and recall the political world” (p. 241). Albertson (2010), finds that religious appeals in politics in fact tap into implicit (that is, subconscious) constructs which form for most people in their earliest childhood experience of religion.

If religious voices are framed in particular ways by the media (Stout & Buddenbaum, 2003), the potential arises for those frames to integrate themselves into people’s cognitive schemas regarding religious values and viewpoints. If a prevalent frame is one of “gays versus religion” – that is, if the predominant (or only) religious voices that are cited by news stories are speaking against LGBT people or equality – then, especially given the problem of religious illiteracy, it is quite possible that media consumers will come to have similarly distorted views of the relationship between LGBT people and people of faith.

² Working vigorously to counter these tendencies is the non-profit organization Religion Newswriters, whose mission is “to promote excellence in media coverage and in public discourse about religion. RNA envisions religion reporting and commentary informed by civility, accuracy, fairness and insight” (RNA, 2011, *Mission and Vision*).

Such one-sided framing, if it is taking place, ignores the increasing religious pluralism in America (Eck, 2001), and, as noted above, ignores the presence of pro-gay religious voices, and completely dismisses those who identify as both LGBT and religious, particularly those who identify as Christian (Earnest, 2002). The potential exists for misunderstanding of LGBT people, of what it means to be religious or moral, and of what the best civic response might be to LGBT issues that require political action. The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life (2009) has noted how contentious the debate has been over gay marriage has been. Framing that distorts religious voices in this debate would likely contribute more to the contentious atmosphere than to any advances in understanding of the issue.

The first step in dealing with framing is to examine whether it is taking place. Thus, in order to investigate the presence of the “gays versus religion” frame in news stories about LGBT issues in the United States, this paper proposes a content analysis study of news stories from 2005 until the present day. Content analysis has proven to be a useful method for the study of gender-related issues (Neuendorf, 2011), and a helpful way of examining media bias (Adkins & Wasburn, 2007).

Methodology and findings

A detailed description of the methods researchers used in the study can be found in the Appendix A methodology section that follows this report. A sample of 15 mainstream news outlets or broadcast programs³ was pulled from Factiva online news database. A purposive sample was collected by searching for the following terms: DOMA, Don't Ask Don't Tell, human rights, homosexual, gay, gay Christian, gay marriage, gay and religion, lesbian, marriage rights, and Proposition 8. The sample was drawn from the 18-month time period Jan. 1, 2009 through July 30, 2011. Every article found during the searches were documented and pulled for review, for a total of 3,006 articles. After the initial sample of 3,006 articles was pulled, all duplicate articles were removed. Duplicates included wire service stories (such as Associated Press), which ran in more than one media source surveyed.⁴ The sample was further narrowed to include only stories in which religion would be expected to be raised. For example, stories of a new art gallery opening or a feature on a gay businessman that was not political or religious in nature, was excluded from

³ Newspapers and broadcast program used for this study were: The New York Times, Chicago Tribune, The San Francisco Chronicle, The Washington Post, USA Today, CNN: Anderson Cooper 360°, CNN: Wolf Blitzer Reports, MSNBC: The Rachel Maddow Show, Fox News: Special Report with Brett Baier, Fox News: O'Reilly Factor, CBS News: Evening News. NBC News: Nightly News, ABC News: World News Now, Houston Chronicle and Huffington Post. However, it was discovered that electronic databases only began archiving Huffington Post content in 2011, making its use for the entire sample impossible.

⁴ On the issues analyzed, the vast majority of stories in regional media were from wire services, greatly reducing the number of articles available for analysis in this study.

this sample. Also omitted from the sample were all news briefs that did not include any direct “messages” such as a quote or broadcaster’s introduction. These briefs generally appeared to be rewritten, abbreviated versions of wire service copy. This culling of duplicates and articles with no religion source or content narrowed the sample to 2,xxx messages coded from 316 articles, using 1,387 different sources. Each direct quote or paraphrased quote, broadcaster introduction or writer’s opinion was coded in each story, up to a maximum of 10 messages. Strictly factual statements, such as “The proposition is on the ballot in November,” or “Rep. Frank introduced the measure,” or “President Obama is expected to repeal Don’t Ask Don’t Tell in his first term” were not coded for this study.

Total number of messages

The following table shows the distribution of individual messages across the media outlets from which the news stories were drawn. Sources were defined as individuals who were quoted within the stories, commentators and broadcasters who were framing questions.

Organizational affiliation of Source Messages

Individual sources were usually presented in the news stories in a way that defined their role for the news consumer, for example, as a governmental spokesperson, and activist, a religious leader, or as a community member. This study looked at sources to determine if a certain type, particularly religious ones, were used more often than other sources. Sources defined as a politician or government official were consulted the most often, at just more than 28% of the sample (this likely reflects the legal or political nature of the topics pulled for review). Community members comprised nearly one-fourth of the sources, and activists/advocates made up one out of five source messages. The following table contains the frequency with which individual source types were present in the sample. As noted in the table, religious spokespeople – that is, sources whose primary role is religious such as clergy or denominational leaders – were consulted less often (9% of the sample) than activists, community members or politicians.

The sample was collected by searching for the following terms: DOMA, Don’t Ask Don’t Tell, human rights, homosexual, gay, gay and Christian, gay marriage, gay and religion, lesbian, marriage rights, and Proposition 8.

Faith of Sources

However, even if an individual's organizational affiliation was coded in a different category, they could still be defined as having a religious affiliation as an individual, and so that was measured separately. For example, Texas Gov. Rick Perry was coded as a Politician / Government Official, but he also was categorized as a religiously affiliated

TOTAL SOURCES PER MEDIA COMPANY		
Media Company	Source	%
New York Times*	622	45
Washington Post*	289	21
San Francisco Chronicle	154	11
CNN	106	8
USAToday	88	6
Houston Chronicle	49	4
Fox	37	3
MSNBC	21	1
NBC	18	1
Chicago Tribune	3	<1
ABC***	0	0
CBS***	0	0
TOTAL	1,387	100**

* The relatively higher number of sources for both the New York Times and the Washington Post reflect the lengthier articles these media ran on topics pertinent to this sample.

**Actually exceeds 100 percent because of rounding.

*** ABC and CBS had no content that included any mention of a religion angle or religion source in the sample pulled. As a result, they are excluded from additional statistical analysis.

Evangelical. Of all 1,387 individuals cited in the news stories, 73% were not presented as religiously affiliated. Of the remaining 375 sources, almost 34% were Evangelical Christian, almost 29% were Roman Catholic, just under 17% were Mainline Protestant, and almost 11% were from the historic Black Church traditions. Overall, the breakdown of religious affiliation included in the following table differs significantly from the distribution of religious affiliation in the United States, where Evangelicals comprise 26%, Roman Catholics 24%, Mainline Protestants 18%, and those identified with the Black Churches comprise nearly 7% of the population.⁵ Basically, Evangelicals are consulted at a higher rate than their presence in the population would warrant.

In addition, the overwhelming majority of sources with some religious identification were communicated by people affiliated with faith groups that

have formal church policy, religious decrees or traditions opposing the rights of LGBT people. That's true for most Evangelicals, such as Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics. It's also true of Orthodox Christians, many historically Black denominations, and Muslims. Although exceptions can be found in these faith traditions and in fact pro-LGBT religious ministries exist within, for example, the Roman Catholic Church, the preponderance of sources affiliated with religious groups that oppose LGBT equality total three-quarters of all religious-affiliated messages.

The predominance of Evangelicals among religiously affiliated sources in news stories becomes even more pronounced when organizational affiliation is taken into account.

⁵ Statistics from the Pew Center on Religion & Public Life 2010 Religious Landscape Survey.

TOTAL SOURCE TYPE		
Source Affiliation	No. of Sources	%
Academic	92	7%
Activist /Advocate	293	21%
Business Rep	56	4%
Community Member	310	22%
Journalist	103	7%
Medical/Psych	10	<1%
Politician or Government Official	393	28%
Religious Spokesperson	120	9%
Witness/bystander	10	<1%
Total	1387	100% *

* Percentages add up to more than 100 because of rounding.

The researchers coded each source for organizational affiliation, and then coded those organizations for religious affiliation, once again providing for the possibility that an organization (like an individual) could be defined as having a primary role that was not religious (such as a political advocacy organization), but with a clear religious affiliation or motivation.

For example, the Family Research Council was coded as a Political Advocacy type organization, with an Evangelical Christian affiliation.

What became clear in analyzing the numbers was that Evangelical organizations comprised an even

larger percentage of the religiously affiliated organizational sources than even the individual source numbers would indicate. Of all of the organizations that could be coded for religious affiliation (224), Evangelical organizations made up over 50%.

Turning now to the messages conveyed by the individual sources cited in the news stories, we find some good news: less than 20% of the messages were negative. Of the 2010 messages coded, 999 (50%) were positive, 635 (almost 32%) were neutral, and only 376 (almost 19%) were negative. Up to 8 messages per source were coded by the researchers, with more robust numbers for the first one or two messages from each source – that is, after about three messages per source, the number of messages starts to drop off in the overall sample. A look at some comparisons between different types and religious affiliations of sources with message valence (whether the message was positive, neutral, or negative) is instructive.

The first finding is that religious spokespeople are the only category of sources who voiced more negative messages than positive. Of the 174 messages quoted

Three out of four of the messages with some religious identification were communicated by people affiliated with faith groups that have formal church policy, religious decrees or traditions opposing the rights of LGBT people.

from sources categorized as religious spokespeople, 80 of the messages were negative, 62 positive, and 32 neutral. This statistic is amplified and nuanced when we examine the wider group of sources that were coded as religiously affiliated (which, as noted above, was not dependent on what role the source played in the news story).

Looking solely at the first message presented by each source in the story (see table below), we find that Evangelical Protestants and Roman Catholics voiced more negative messages than positive and neutral messages combined, but that Mainline and Black Church Protestants leaned in the other direction, with the majority of their messages positive (similar findings, but with lessened numbers, hold for

Evangelicals, Mainline Protestants, and Roman Catholics throughout the other messages coded, although not for Black Church representatives). What is also clear is that the vast majority of positive messages in the first message sample came from sources who were not identified as religiously affiliated. This does not mean necessarily that the source was not religious, but rather that such affiliation was not mentioned in the news story. Such a dichotomy between those whom some might define as quintessentially religious Christians (Evangelical and Roman Catholic) voicing negative messages and non-religiously identified sources voicing positive messages feeds precisely into the “gays versus religion” frame that this study sought to investigate. What is less clear, although worthy of further investigation and discussion, is the impact that positive messages from the smaller group of Mainline and Black Church sources might have.

Religious Affiliation of Source		
Religious Affiliation	No. of Msgs	%
Evangelical Christian	126	34%
Mainline Protestant	63	17%
Roman Catholic	108	29%
Historical Black Church	41	11%
Orthodox Christian	3	<1%
Atheist/Agnostic/ Humanist	1	<1%
Jewish	20	5%
Muslim	4	1%
Other	9	2%
Total Religious ID	375	100%
Religious Affiliation vs. Non Religious		
Religion known	375	27%
Religion unknown	1012	73%
Total Sources	1,387	100%

Religious Affiliation of Source based on message positive/negative

The correlation with religious affiliation is even clearer when we examine the interaction of organizational religious affiliation and message valence. For the first message coded, messages by Evangelical organizations are overwhelmingly negative (89 negative, versus 18 neutral and 7 positive), and Roman Catholic organizations also are associated with predominantly negative messages (28 negative, 12 neutral, and 6 positive). Once again, Mainline affiliation leans in the other direction: of the 36 messages attributable to sources associated with Mainline Protestant-affiliated organizations, 27 are positive. A table

showing the interaction of message valence for the first message coded and organizational religious affiliation appears below. Similar findings for Evangelical, Mainline, and Roman Catholic organizations, although with increasingly smaller numbers, hold for subsequent messages.

Religious Affiliation of Organization by message positive or negative

It is not enough to study religious affiliation, whether of the individual sources or of the organizations they represent, in isolation from the other factors that impact credibility with news consumers. Examining the interaction of religious affiliation and source type or organization type reveals some interesting patterns that tell us much about the choices that journalists make, and the people and organizations who most readily come to their attention in our present culture. For example, if we look at the interaction between religious affiliation and individual source type, we find that, of the religiously affiliated Activists/Advocates, the vast majority were Evangelical (33) or Roman Catholics (23), and not Mainline Protestant (5). An even stronger pattern holds for religiously affiliated Politicians/Government Officials consulted in stories about LGBT issues - 31 were Evangelical, 46 were Roman Catholic, and only 5 were Mainline Protestant. For both Activists/Advocates (228) and Politicians/Government Officials (269), the greatest number consulted overall were not religiously affiliated. Remembering that it was Evangelical and Roman Catholic sources who gave the highest number of negative comments, and those not identified as religiously-affiliated who have the highest number of positive comments, we can see the connection between activism on the culturally-defined two "sides" of LGBT issues, although one has to question the influence of that activism on the service of public figures. In our polarized political climate, even with official separation of church and state, we find political leaders lining up on either side of the cultural divide.

Giving a closer look at the interaction of politics and religious affiliation, we do see that, of the sources coded as Politicians/Government Officials, 27 were affiliated with the Black Church. This statistic is almost entirely due to the presence of President Barack Obama in multiple news stories coded for the study. The only other category of individual sources significantly affiliated with the Black Church traditions were those coded as Religious Spokespeople. In fact, the category of Religious Spokesperson was the only category with something like even distribution across Evangelical, Mainline Protestant, and Roman Catholic religious affiliations. Mainline Protestants, whether clergy people or other religious spokespeople, or laypeople coded as "Community Members" in the sample, seem to be consulted more clearly in their religious capacity than as activists or politicians. This may reflect the lesser tendency of the Mainline Churches to use the media for political activism. Or it may reflect a tendency of the media to go with a frame that they know, and not to recognize the positive work that more liberal Christian denominations are doing to move LGBT issues forward.

Source by Religious Affiliation

Examining the interaction of organization type and religious affiliation reveals an even clearer dichotomy in the presence of Evangelicals and the absence of Mainline Protestants as activists in news stories about LGBT issues. Of the 81 citations of religiously-affiliated organizations in the sample, 66 were Evangelical, and only 2 were Mainline Protestant. However, a different pattern is found for those organizations specifically identified as Religious, where of the 112 coded, 31 were Evangelical, 32 were Mainline Protestant, and 30 were Roman Catholic. Other studies have shown that more progressive religious advocates tend to work behind the scenes, rather than through publicly identifiable organizations or media use. The present study may reflect that reality, but we do have to ask to what extent the media framing contributes to a perception that progressive religious people are not organizationally active in LGBT issues, where journalist choices do not reflect the more positive reality that exists.

Religious Affiliation of Source	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Total
Evangelical Christian	8	22	95	125
Mainline Protestant	42	16	5	63
Roman Catholic	31	21	56	108
Black Church	23	7	11	41
Orthodox Christian	1	1	1	3
Atheist/Humanist	1	0	0	1
Jewish	12	7	1	20
Muslim	2	0	2	4
Other	6	3	0	9
Not identified	576	335	97	1008
Total	702	412	268	1382

Throughout the coding process, the researchers on this project also made note of the sexual identification of the sources consulted, categorizing the individuals according to the way they were identified in the news stories. The coders were careful not to assume that a person was straight if they were not explicitly identified as such. In the end, 826 (60%) of the 1,387 sources were not identified sexually. Just over 17% were identified as gay, 6.5% as lesbian, less than 1% as bisexual, almost 1% as transgender, 15.5% as straight, and one source identified as "pansexual." When the sources' sexual identification was cross-tabulated with their religious affiliation, we find that the majority of those not identified sexually were also not identified religiously (655 people). Of those who were identified as gay, 210 of the 238 were not identified in the news stories as religiously affiliated, nor were 80 of the 90 lesbians, 4 of the 5 bisexuals, or any of the transgender people. However, 165 of the 215 straight people were identified as religiously affiliated - once again, the majority of them as Evangelical (63) or Roman Catholic (55). In addition, of those not identified sexually, 56 identified as Evangelical, 46 as Roman Catholic, and 39 as Mainline Protestant. All in all, the presentation of sources in the news stories maintained a separation between those who would identify as conservatively Christian and those who would identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender.

Organization	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Total Organizations
Evangelical Christian	7	18	89	114
Mainline Protestant	27	6	3	36
Roman Catholic	6	12	28	46
Black Church	2	2	4	8
Orthodox Christian	0	0	1	1
Muslim	0	0	1	1
Other	3	4	3	10
Not identified	3	2	3	8
TOTAL	48	44	132	224

It is perhaps not surprising to find that, when sexual identification is taken into account, message valence leans significantly positive for those identified as gay or lesbian. Those sources identified as straight, however, have significantly more neutral or negative

messages than positive. A cumulative table of message valence for the first 3 messages coded from each source, cross-tabulated with sexual identity, is found below.

Sexual identification by message positive or negative

Sexual Identification in article*	Positive Message	Neutral Message	Negative Message
Gay	261	63	4
Lesbian	98	30	3
Heterosexual	91	134	147
Unidentified			
Total based on Message viewpoint	450	227	154

* Based on first three messages in a news item.

Before moving on to discuss the project's findings, one last cross-tabulation is worthy of note. Given everything that we have seen thus far regarding the interaction of religious affiliation and message valence, as well as the significant difference between the religious distribution of news sources (especially the organizations they represent) and the religious affiliation of the United States as a whole, the researchers decided to see how the various media outlets did on utilizing sources from a variety of religiously-affiliated organizations. What stands out with clarity is that, of all the media outlets, the New York Times is the only one to have anything approaching a distribution of religious affiliation among its sources that mirrors that of the United States, and even they draw from a much higher percentage of Evangelical source organizations than from other affiliations. The table cross-tabulating media outlets and organizational religious affiliation is found below.

Etiam sit amet est	Evan-gelical Christian	Main-line Protestant	Roman Catholic	Black Church	Orthodox Christian	Atheist/Agnostic/Humanist	Jewish	Muslim	Other	Not identified	Total
Academic	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	88	
Activist/ Advocate	33	5	23	0	2	0	1	0	1	228	
Business Rep	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	
Community member	15	19	6	2	0	0	1	1	1	265	
Journalist	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	96	
Medical/ Psych Expert	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	10
Politician/ Gov't Official	31	5	46	27	0	0	15	0	0	269	393
Religious Spokesperson	35	32	29	12	0	0	0	1	7	4	120
Witness/ bystander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	10
Total		126	63	108	41	3	1	20	4	9	1012

News organization source compared to religious affiliation of sources

Media Outlet*	Religious Affiliation							Not identified or unknown	Total
	Evangelical Christian	Mainline Protestants	Roman Catholic	Black Church	Orthodox Christian	Muslim	Other		
New York Times	51	23	24	3	1	1	4	1	108
Washington Post	28	3	16	5	0	0	3	3	58
USA Today	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
San Francisco Chronicle	8	6	1	0	0	0	0	4	19
Houston Chronicle	8	4	3	0	0	0	3	0	18
NBC	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
CNN	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
MSNBC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ABC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CBS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	114	36	46	8	1	1	10	8	224

* Based on first three messages in a news item.

Conclusions and Discussion

A quantitative content analysis project such as the present study can provide a snapshot of a complex, dynamic media world, allowing certain conclusions to be drawn, and suggesting paths for further study and action. In the case of media coverage of LGBT issues from mid-2008 to mid-2011, and the framing of religious voices in these stories, the data in this study suggest that the “gays versus religion” frame is present in the news. More specifically, when the media analyzed in this study use religious sources in news stories on LGBT issues, they tend to choose sources from more conservative Christian backgrounds – sources who voice negative messages about LGBT people and their rights. Conversely, pro-gay sources, or openly LGBT people quoted in the news stories examined in this study, are predominantly presented without any religious affiliation noted in the story.

Media frames have the potential to affect consumers, as those frames reflect, perpetuate, and reinforce existing cultural biases. The kind of imbalance noted in this study—the use of a “gays versus religion” frame—does not do justice to the increasing religious pluralism in America, minimizes the presence of pro-gay religious voices, and ignores those who identify as both LGBT and religious, particularly those who identify as Christian. Such framing potentially contributes to misunderstanding of LGBT people, of what it means to be religious or moral, and of what the best civic response might be to LGBT issues that require political action.

The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life in several studies has noted how contentious the debate over gay marriage has been. Framing that misrepresents the diversity of religious voices in this debate (and many of the news stories analyzed here were focused on the issue of gay marriage) would likely contribute more to the contentious atmosphere than to any advances in understanding of the issue.

Such framing also has the potential to contribute to ongoing cultural assumptions about religion, particularly about Christianity. Many Christians are progressive, and many support LGBT people and their rights. Many Christians identify as LGBT. It is heartening to see that some of these more progressive religious voices are present in the sample analyzed in this study. And it should be mentioned that the small number of Jewish sources coded here also predominantly voiced positive support for LGBT people and their rights.

However, the news stories analyzed in this project did not make consistent use of progressive religious sources, instead turning to more negative or intolerant religious voices. Such journalistic choices can contribute to—and even perpetuate—the idea that those who are religious are, by definition, conservative on social issues, based on a narrow underlying notion of what constitutes religious belief. In a country of decreasing religious knowledge (what Boston University scholar of religion Stephen Prothero has called “religious illiteracy”), media framing of religion can serve to define the religious landscape for many people. A “gays versus religion” frame provides an unfortunately distorted definition.

Such a distorted frame can also influence the political debate. One striking feature of the data analyzed here was the confluence of activism, politics, and conservative religiosity in the sources cited, and particularly in the organizations they represented. Researching many of these sources, we find a set of organizations with a common profile: culturally conservative entities seeking to influence the political debate (particularly on gay marriage), with overt reference to “Christian” or “biblical” values, and often with the explicit endorsement of currently serving political figures. Pulling apart the multiple assumptions about values, religiosity, sexuality, and the intersection of church and state underlying these organizations and their influential presence in the news (if not in the culture) is worth additional, careful research.

In the midst of all of these concerns, it is certainly worth noting that there were some positives in the data. First, as noted earlier, the messages were predominantly positive or neutral. Many stories did reflect support for LGBT people and their rights, and the presence of positive, LGBT people and messages provided visibility, humanizing the issues. Secondly, however comparatively small the numbers, there were progressive religious sources cited, and some of the religious sources themselves identified as gay or lesbian. A positive religious message in support of LGBT people and their rights was present in some of the news stories. Lastly, to the extent that The New York Times still functions as the gatekeeper and journalistic leader that it has traditionally been, one can only hope that their model of religiously diverse sources will be emulated by other media outlets.

The researchers would like to note certain limitations on the present study, and suggest possibilities for future research and action. First, the decision to code messages rather than tone meant that sometimes the coding did not fully reflect what might have been conveyed by the news story, particularly in the television segments. For example, Bill O'Reilly often maintains a sarcastic tone that conveys negativity, while the actual wording of his statements is more neutral. In another example, Rachel Maddow's very presence conveys positivity, visibility, and acceptance of LGBT people, but her coverage is often factual in message content, which would render the messages "neutral" in objective coding. The researchers suggest that future research in this area find a way to code for tone, or for overall impression, rather than coding individual messages alone.

It also is clear that some of the news sources and their comments are worthy of a deeper qualitative analysis, analyzing more than just the numbers, but looking at the overall patterns of their presence in the news, the way they are utilized, how they are presented, and how they manage to show up time and again as sources. The primary coder for this project noted that "the same cast of characters" – the National Organization for Marriage, the Family Research Council, Focus on the Family – kept showing up across media outlets, amplifying their voice. Of particular note was the use of Marcus Bachmann, husband of then-presidential candidate Michelle Bachmann, who delivered deeply troubling messages, attributing them directly to his conception of religion.

A deep analysis of the use of the "cast of characters" across news outlets could contribute to a wider cultural conversation, particularly within that part of the LGBT community that identifies as religious, as to how to portray a more progressive religious message. Voices from the Metropolitan Community Church were present in some of the news stories, but perhaps more can be done to get progressive, LGBT-friendly voices into the regular rotation of news sources cited by major media outlets. The researchers hope that the present study can serve as helpful information as GLAAD moves forward with dispelling the "gays versus religion" frame in our media landscape.

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Appendix A: Detailed Methodology

This study was conducted by researchers at the University of Missouri – Columbia, under the direction of Dr. Debra Mason, Director of the Center for Religion and the Professions at the School of Journalism. The study proposal was prepared by the Rev. Cathy Rosenholtz, doctoral student in the Department of Communication, and ordained ELCA minister. The coding was completed by Caitlin Giddings [GRADUATE STUDENT??], and codes were initially entered into computerized format by the Center for Advanced Social Research at the Missouri School of Journalism. Subsequent revisions of the data and final write-up of the study report were a team effort of Debra Mason and Cathy Rosenholtz.

This study sampled news stories on LGBT issues from 12 different media outlets (including newspapers, broadcast, and cable television), dated from January 2009 to July 2011. Stories were coded for topic, and individual sources cited in the stories were coded across several categories, including type of source, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, and whether the source was associated with a specific organization. Organizations cited were subsequently coded according to type, and religious affiliation as relevant. Up to 8 messages per individual news source were coded for each story, briefly describing the message and indicating whether the message was positive, neutral, or negative towards LGBT people and their rights. Specific names for all individual sources and organizations were recorded.

After coding, the data was entered into statistical software format through a careful examination and editing process. Subsequently, statistical analysis was performed using the software in order to provide descriptive statistics for the sources, organizations, and messages coded, as well as to compare categories of news sources with their messages on LGBT issues. The central focus for this analysis was whether religious sources (or particular sub-categories of religious affiliation) were associated with negative or positive messages. More broadly, the analysis made note of any statistically significant relationship between categories of data. In addition, sources and organizations coded most frequently were noted. For a more detailed description of the methodology used for this study, see the section immediately following.

Sampling

The sampling unit for this study was a news story (citing at least one source) focused on LGBT issues, either a television news segment, or a newspaper article. A segment is typically a story, interview or thematic feature contained within a longer newscast, although in some instances, it could constitute the whole of a broadcast. News segments are clearly defined by typical features such as an introduction to the topic and a “sign off” at the end.

The population of interest for this content analysis included all news stories from January 2009 to July 2011 focused on LGBT issues. Twelve specific media outlets were sampled as representative: newspapers: The New York Times, The Washington Post, USA Today, The San Francisco Chronicle, the Houston Chronicle, The Chicago Tribune; television news: ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, CNN, MSNBC.

In order to locate news stories from this population, the researchers used purposive sampling. This sampling method involves a brief cursory examination of the overall population of texts in order to select those that will be most likely to contain coding units that are actually relevant to the research questions. Specifically, an extensive keyword search was conducted of the Factiva database in order to locate news stories focused on LGBT issues from the listed media outlets. Subsequently, every story was initially selected for potential coding.

Search Criteria

Terms:

1. Lesbian
2. Gay
3. Homosexual*
4. LGBT
5. Marriage Rights
6. Defense of Marriage Act
7. Prop 8
8. Don't Ask Don't Tell
9. Civil Union

Individual reports produced for each term from the following list of 15 sources (the study originally intended to search for Huffington Post but FACTIVA did not including Huffington Post in its database until mid-2011, making it impossible to include the Huffington Post in this sample):

Source

Sources were as follows:

Publication: The New York Times

Publication: Los Angeles Times

Publication: Chicago Tribune

Publication: The San Francisco Chronicle

Publication: The Washington Post

Publication: USA Today

Publication: CNN: Anderson Cooper 360°

Publication: CNN: Wolf Blitzer Reports

Publication: MSNBC: The Rachel Maddow Show

Publication: Fox News: Special Report with Brett Baier

Publication: Fox News: O'Reilly Factor

Publication: CBS News: Evening News

Publication: NBC News: Nightly News

Publication: ABC News: World News Now

Publication: Houston Chronicle

Current List of Topics Based on an Initial Search of LGBT Stories from 2008-2011

Gay marriage (local, statewide, national)

Constitutional amendment banning gay marriage

DOMA

Prop 8 in California

Gays in the Military / Don't Ask, Don't Tell

Hate crimes legislation

Religious groups (churches, denominations) and LGBT issues (ordination, same-sex unions)

Units of Analysis and Operational Definition of Variables

Variables were coded at four levels, or units of analysis. The first was the level of the news segment or article as a whole, which was coded for contextual elements, as well as the central topic or issue. Contextual elements included the type of media (television or print), name of the media outlet, particular television program (if applicable), date of the article or news segment, and total word count of the story. Lastly, the headline or central LGBT topic was coded for each news story.

The second level or unit of analysis was that of the individual source, which was coded for several variables. Variables included: type of source (defined as academic, activist/advocate, business representative, community member, journalist, medical/psychological expert, politician/government official, religious spokesperson, or witness/bystander), sexual orientation (defined as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, straight, other, or not identified), and religious affiliation (defined as Evangelical Christian, Mainline Protestant, Roman Catholic, Black Church, Orthodox Christian, Atheist/Agnostic/Humanist, Jewish, Muslim, other, or not identified). Religious affiliation was coded for all sources for which it was indicated, whether or not they were coded into the type category of religious spokesperson.

The third unit of analysis was the organization, if any, associated with each individual source. Organizations were coded across several variables: type (defined as advocacy/political, business, educational institution, governmental, media organization, recreational, religious, research center/think tank, or social service organization), religious identification (if yes, then the organization was coded for religious affiliation, following

the same coding scheme as for the individual sources). Again, the organization did not need to be coded as “religious” under the type variable in order to be coded as religiously affiliated.

The last unit of analysis was the level of the messages contained within the news story, which were defined as statements (ranging from a phrase to a set of sentences) delivered by a single source, focused on one clear topic. Messages were coded for valence regarding the topic (that is, whether each message was positive towards the LGBT topic, negative, or neutral), and a brief description of the message was noted by the coder.

Coding and Reliability

ADD RELIABILITY An initial codebook was piloted by the primary investigators and then revised for use with a reliability sample. Establishing intercoder reliability is essential to ensuring consistent results that can be used in future research (Lombard, Snyder-duch & Bracken, 2002; Potter & Levine-Donnerstein, 1999). A reliability sample of 20 news stories on LGBT topics was drawn from [YEAR?], and coded two of the researchers. A reliability sample size of 20 units was chosen in order to yield at least 40 coding units (assuming approximately two coding units per sampling unit), which would be 50% of the sample size (N = 80) that the primary investigators calculate would be necessary for appropriate power for this project. Reliability was assessed [USING ???]. After necessary final revisions were made to the codebook and reliability was established, a coder from the University of Missouri School of Journalism was trained and carried out the coding on the full sample.

Statistical Analysis

When coding was completed by hand, codes were entered first into Microsoft Excel format, and then reformatted into SPSS statistical management format. Data was repeatedly assessed for clarity and accuracy, until researchers were satisfied that the SPSS data was a truthful representation of the coding of the news stories, individual sources, organizations, and messages. Next, descriptive statistics and cross-tabulation comparisons were run using the statistical software, in order to provide a thorough content analysis of the material coded. In order to assess significance when analyzing categorical data, non-parametric tests are necessary (Glass & Hopkins, 1996). Thus, chi-square analysis was utilized to examine relationships between the data, as well as to compare the distribution of religious sources with the current religious affiliation distribution of the United States (Pew Forum, 2010). Of particular interest in the cross-tabulations were comparisons of categories of sources with valence on the issues – specifically, were religious sources (or particular sub-groups of religiously affiliated sources) associated with negative or positive valence on LGBT issues? Significant relationships that emerged in the chi-square analysis were noted.

Depending on the length of the list of individual sources and organizations represented, it is possible that a cross-tabulation analysis will be done for each person and organization on the list similar to the chi square analysis of the statistical categories. It could be very instructive to find out whether particular organizations or individuals are consulted at a much higher rate than others on certain topics, or if those organizations or individuals consistently display a negative or positive valence towards LGBT issues.

Appendix B Complete Descriptive Statistics

Type of Media

	Frequency	Percent
T.V.	183	13.2
Print	1204	86.8
Total	1387	100.0

Media

	Frequency	Percent
NYT	622	44.8
WashPost	289	20.8
USA Today	88	6.3
SanFran Chronicle	154	11.1
Houston Chronicle	49	3.5
NBC	18	1.3
FOX	37	2.7
CNN	106	7.6
MSNBC	21	1.5
Chicago Tribune	3	.2
Total	1387	100.0

Name of TV Program

	Frequency	Percent
.....	9	4.9
AC 360	62	33.9
Fox News: Special Report	6	3.3
NBC Nightly News	18	9.8
Special Report with Brett Baier	16	8.7
The O'Reilly Factor	14	7.7
The Rachel Maddow Show	21	11.5
The Situation Room	37	20.2
Total	183	100.0

Type of source

	Frequency	Percent
Academic	92	6.6
Activist/Advocate	293	21.1
Business Rep	56	4.0
Community member	310	22.4
Journalist	103	7.4
Medical/Psych Expert	10	.7
Politician/Gov't Official	393	28.3
Religious Spokesperson	120	8.7
Witness/bystander	10	.7
Total	1387	100.0

Religious affiliation

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Evangelical Christian	126	9.1	9.1	9.1
Mainline Protestant	63	4.5	4.5	13.6
Roman Catholic	108	7.8	7.8	21.4
Black Church	41	3.0	3.0	24.4
Orthodox Christian	3	.2	.2	24.6
Atheist/Agnostic/Humanist	1	.1	.1	24.7
Jewish	20	1.4	1.4	26.1
Muslim	4	.3	.3	26.4
Other	9	.6	.6	27.0
Not identified	1012	73.0	73.0	100.0
Total	1387	100.0	100.0	

**Religious affiliation of sources identified as
having a religious preference**

	Frequency	Percent
Evangelical Christian	126	33.6
Mainline Protestant	63	16.8
Roman Catholic	108	28.8
Black Church	41	10.9
Orthodox Christian	3	.8
Atheist/Agnostic/Humanist	1	.3
Jewish	20	5.3
Muslim	4	1.1
Other	9	2.4
Total	375	100.0

Organization type

	Frequency	Percent
Advocacy/Political	275	19.8
Business	37	2.7
Educational	99	7.1
Governmental	390	28.1
Media Org	98	7.1
Recreational	6	.4
Religious	116	8.4
Research Center/Think Tank	9	.6
Social Service Org	7	.5
Total	1037	74.8
Missing System	350	25.2
Total	1387	100.0

Is this organization religiously identified

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	224	16.1
No	813	58.6
Total	1037	74.8
Missing System	350	25.2
Total	1387	100.0

Religious affiliation of organization

	Frequency	Percent
Evangelical Christian	114	8.2
Mainline Protestant	36	2.6
Roman Catholic	46	3.3
Black Church	8	.6
Orthodox Christian	1	.1
Muslim	1	.1
Other	10	.7
Not identified	8	.6
Total	224	16.1
Missing System	1163	83.9
Total	1387	100.0

Message 1 Valence

	Frequency	Percent
Positive	702	50.8
Neutral	412	29.8
Negative	268	19.4
Total	1382	100.0

Type of source * Message 1 Valence Crosstabulation

		Message 1 Valence			Total
		Positive	Neutral	Negative	
Type of source	Academic	41	45	4	90
	Activist/Advocate	169	56	68	293
	Business Rep	32	15	9	56
	Community member	204	67	39	310
	Journalist	23	74	6	103
	Medical/Psych Expert	4	3	3	10
	Politician/Gov't Official	184	124	82	390
	Religious Spokesperson	42	24	54	120
	Witness/bystander	3	4	3	10
Total		702	412	268	1382
χ ² significance:					
d(f):					
p < .05					

Sexual Identification * Message 1 Valence Crosstabulation

		Message 1 Valence			Total
		Positive	Neutral	Negative	
Sexual Identification	Gay	187	49	2	238
	Lesbian	71	18	1	90
	Bisexual	2	2	1	5
	Transgender	8	4	0	12
	Straight	59	51	104	214
	Other	1	0	0	1
	Not identified	374	288	160	822
Total		702	412	268	1382
χ^2 significance: d(f): p < .05					

Religious affiliation * Message 1 Valence Crosstabulation

		Message 1 Valence			Total
		Positive	Neutral	Negative	
Religious affiliation	Evangelical Christian	8	22	95	125
	Mainline Protestant	42	16	5	63
	Roman Catholic	31	21	56	108
	Black Church	23	7	11	41
	Orthodox Christian	1	1	1	3
	Atheist/Agnostic/Humanist	1	0	0	1
	Jewish	12	7	1	20
	Muslim	2	0	2	4
	Other	6	3	0	9
	Not identified	576	335	97	1008
Total		702	412	268	1382
χ^2 significance: d(f): p < .05					

Organization type * Message 1 Valence Crosstabulation

		Message 1 Valence			Total
		Positive	Neutral	Negative	
Organization type	Advocacy/Political	148	51	76	275
	Business	17	14	6	37
	Educational	42	46	9	97
	Governmental	196	116	75	387
	Media Org	24	70	4	98
	Recreational	4	2	0	6
	Religious	42	23	51	116
	Research Center/Think Tank	6	2	1	9
	Social Service Org	4	2	1	7
Total	483	326	223	1032	
χ ² significance:					
d(f):					
p < .05					

Religious affiliation of organization * Message 1 Valence Crosstabulation

		Message 1 Valence			Total
		Positive	Neutral	Negative	
Religious affiliation of organization	Evangelical Christian	7	18	89	114
	Mainline Protestant	27	6	3	36
	Roman Catholic	6	12	28	46
	Black Church	2	2	4	8
	Orthodox Christian	0	0	1	1
	Muslim	0	0	1	1
	Other	3	4	3	10
	Not identified	3	2	3	8
Total	48	44	132	224	
χ ² significance:					
d(f):					
p < .05					

Media * Message 1 Valence Crosstabulation**Count**

		Message 1 Valence			Total
		Positive	Neutral	Negative	
Media	NYT	333	173	115	621
	WashPost	157	64	67	288
	USA Today	44	19	24	87
	SanFran Chronicle	85	43	24	152
	Houston Chronicle	24	15	10	49
	NBC	7	10	1	18
	FOX	9	22	6	37
	CNN	33	58	15	106
	MSNBC	10	6	5	21
	Chicago Tribune	0	2	1	3
Total		702	412	268	1382
χ^2 significance: d(f): p < .05					

Message 2 Valence

	Frequency	Percent
Positive	177	52.2
Neutral	106	31.3
Negative	56	16.5
Total	339	100.0

Type of source * Message 2 Valence Crosstabulation

		Message 2 Valence			Total
		Positive	Neutral	Negative	
Type of source	Academic	9	4	0	13
	Activist/Advocate	41	7	9	57
	Business Rep	8	1	0	9
	Community member	44	11	10	65
	Journalist	16	50	4	70
	Medical/Psych Expert	3	0	1	4
	Politician/Gov't Official	42	26	17	85
	Religious Spokesperson	14	5	15	34
	Witness/bystander	0	2	0	2
Total		177	106	56	339
χ^2 significance: d(f): p < .05					

Religious affiliation * Message 2 Valence Crosstabulation

		Message 2 Valence			Total
		Positive	Neutral	Negative	
Religious affiliation	Evangelical Christian	3	3	24	30
	Mainline Protestant	11	3	2	16
	Roman Catholic	13	2	10	25
	Black Church	5	4	4	13
	Atheist/Agnostic/Humanist	1	0	0	1
	Jewish	4	2	0	6
	Muslim	0	1	0	1
	Other	2	1	0	3
	Not identified	138	90	16	244
Total		177	106	56	339
χ^2 significance: d(f): p < .05					

Organization type * Message 2 Valence Crosstabulation

		Message 2 Valence			Total
		Positive	Neutral	Negative	
Organization type	Advocacy/Political	37	7	11	55
	Business	5	0	1	6
	Educational	11	5	3	19
	Governmental	44	26	16	86
	Media Org	18	48	4	70
	Recreational	0	2	0	2
	Religious	13	3	12	28
	Research Center/Think Tank	2	1	0	3
	Social Service Org	0	1	0	1
Total		130	93	47	270
χ ² significance:					
d(f):					
p < .05					

Religious affiliation of organization * Message 2 Valence Crosstabulation

		Message 2 Valence			Total
		Positive	Neutral	Negative	
Religious affiliation of organization	Evangelical Christian	4	0	14	18
	Mainline Protestant	7	2	1	10
	Roman Catholic	2	2	7	11
	Black Church	1	0	2	3
	Muslim	0	1	0	1
	Other	2	2	1	5
Total		16	7	25	48
χ ² significance:					
d(f):					
p < .05					

Type of source * Religious affiliation Cross-tabulation

Count

		Religious affiliation											Total
		Evangelical Christian	Mainline Protestant	Roman Catholic	Black Church	Orthodox Christian	Atheist/ Agnostic/ Humanist	Jewish	Muslim	Other	Not identified		
Type of source	Academic	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	88	92	
	Activist/Advocate	33	5	23	0	2	0	1	0	1	228	293	
	Business Rep	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	56	
	Community member	15	19	6	2	0	0	1	1	1	265	310	
	Journalist	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	96	103	
	Medical/Psych Expert	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	10	
	Politician/Gov't Official	31	5	46	27	0	0	15	0	0	269	393	
	Religious Spokesperson	35	32	29	12	0	0	0	1	7	4	120	
	Witness/bystander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	10	
Total	126	63	108	41	3	1	20	4	9	1012	1387		
χ ² significance:													
d(f):													
p < .05													

Sexual Identification * Religious affiliation Cross-tabulation

Count

		Religious affiliation											Total
		Evangelical Christian	Mainline Protestant	Roman Catholic	Black Church	Orthodox Christian	Atheist/ Agnostic/ Humanist	Jewish	Muslim	Other	Not identified		
Sexual Identification	Gay	4	9	5	0	0	1	8	0	1	210	238	
	Lesbian	3	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	90	
	Bisexual	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	
	Transgender	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	
	Straight	63	11	55	31	0	0	4	1	0	50	215	
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
	Not Identified	56	39	46	9	3	0	7	3	8	655	826	
Total		126	63	108	41	3	1	20	4	9	1012	1387	
χ ² significance:													
d(f):													
p < .05													

Organization type * Religious affiliation of organization Crosstabulation

		Religious affiliation of organization										Total
		Evangelical Christian	Mainline Protestant	Roman Catholic	Black Church	Orthodox Christian	Muslim	Other	Not identified			
Organization type	Advocacy/Political	66	2	7	0	0	0	2	4	81		
	Business	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6		
	Educational	8	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	16		
	Governmental	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2		
	Media Org	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2		
	Religious	31	32	30	8	1	1	6	3	112		
	Research Center/ Think Tank	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2		
	Social Service Org	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3		
Total		114	36	46	8	1	1	10	8	224		
χ^2 significance: d(f): p < .05												

Media * Religious affiliation of organization Crosstabulation

		Religious affiliation of organization								Total
		Evangelical Christian	Mainline Protestant	Roman Catholic	Black Church	Orthodox Christian	Muslim	Other	Not identified	
Media	NYT	51	23	24	3	1	1	4	1	108
	WashPost	28	3	16	5	0	0	3	3	58
	USA Today	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
	SanFran	8	6	1	0	0	0	0	4	19
	Chronicle Houston	8	4	3	0	0	0	3	0	18
	Chronicle NBC	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	CNN	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	MSNBC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total		114	36	46	8	1	1	10	8	224
χ^2 significance: d(f): p < .05										

Appendix C Codebook and variable descriptions

Codebook

The purpose of this content analysis is to examine the use of sources in news stories about LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) issues. Sources are those people cited in the news segment or article, whether as a participant, first-hand witness, or commentator. Of particular interest to this project is the use of religious spokespeople as sources. There are four levels on which you will be coding variables. The first is the level of the news segment or article as a whole (also known as the context level), which you will code for contextual elements, as well as for the central topic or issue. Second is the level of the sources cited, which you will code individually across several variables. Third, you will code at the level of the organizations (if any) represented by the sources cited in the news story. Last is the level of the messages contained within the news story, which you will code for valence regarding the main topic (that is, is each message positive towards the LGBT topic, negative, or neutral).

Please note that at any point in which you choose the “other” category while coding, you are asked to note, in writing, specifics regarding what was not able to be coded.

VARIABLES

Context level:

Media: television (broadcast, cable) (T-1), newspaper (N-2), online (O-3)

Name of media outlet: you will select from a list of the media outlets sampled. (circle code)

- (1) New York Times (NYT)
- (2) Washington Post (WP)
- (3) USA Today (USA)
- (4) San Francisco Chronicle (SFC)
- (5) Houston Chronicle (HC)
- (6) ABC
- (7) NBC
- (8) CBS
- (9) FOX
- (10) CNN
- (11) MSNBC

Date: enter the date of the segment/article as MM/DD/YYYY

Show: if it is a television news segment, indicate the show from which it came (e.g. World News Tonight, Anderson Cooper 360, etc.)

Length: in words for entire article or transcript

Headline or topic: what is the central LGBT issue or topic discussed?

Source level:

Please code the following variables for each individual source:

Full name and title: please write the full name and title as it is presented in the news story (e.g. Pastor Rick Warren, Pope Benedict XVI, Senator Joe Liebermann, Senior Researcher John Green, Professor of [field of study] [name], etc.)

Type: defined as the primary affiliation of the source, as portrayed in the news story. If two primary identifications are given (gay activist, political leader), code the most recent affiliation.

Please code each source into one of the following categories, as described below:

1 academic: a professor or other academic researcher (includes experts from research centers such as the Pew Forum), or other academic representative (such as a college administrator)

2 activist/advocate: representatives of organizations or causes taking a specific stand on an issue or set of issues, usually working for implementation of their viewpoint

3 business representative: any source who is primarily identified by economic/business interests (from local to corporate)

4 community member: people in the news story who primarily represent a “lay” (everyday, ordinary, non-specialized) perspective on the topic, or are direct participants in the news event, or will be affected by the outcome of the story (e.g. a gay person who is waiting for legal marriage)

5 journalist: sources from within news organizations, including reporters, anchors, moderators, and commentators employed by the organization

6 medical/psychological expert: a source cited for their medical/psychological expertise, and identified as having the appropriate credentials

7 politician/government official: an officeholder, politician running for office, or government worker speaking in his/her official capacity

8 religious spokesperson: a person with a specific religious role such as a priest, pastor, rabbi, imam, nun, monk, deacon, etc. (or who formerly held such a role), and/or a person speaking for a religious organization (e.g. the head of the Catholic League), or a lay adherent specifically consulted for their religious views

9 witness/bystander: cited for their eyewitness account of the news event

Sexual identification: please code all sources into one of the following

Gay (G-1), lesbian (L-2), bisexual (B-3), transgender (T-4), straight S-5), other (O-6), not identified (N-7)

Religious affiliation : please code all individual sources into one of the following

1 Evangelical Christian, 2 Mainline Protestant, 3 Roman Catholic, 4 Black Church, 5 Orthodox Christian, 6 Atheist/Agnostic/Humanist, 7 Jewish, 8 Muslim, 9 Other, 10 Not Identified

Exact name of religious affiliation

If the source is religiously identified, please write the specific name of the religion with which the expert is affiliated, exactly as this is included in the news story. Please pay attention to detail here - that is, please write "Southern Baptist," not just "Baptist," or "Roman Catholic," not just "Catholic." Look carefully at the transcript or news article for detailed information.

Occasionally, you will be able to discern the religious subdivision from other things that are said in the segment or written in the article (e.g. if the expert is called "Father" and is the author of a book on Jesuits, you could assume he is Roman Catholic). You may also search the expert on the internet for further information. If there is no discernable religious subdivision, please write "not stated."

Organization level

The next unit of analysis is any organization (if any) affiliated with or represented by the individual sources coded. This level will be coded separately for each source coded as an individual on the previous level of analysis (e.g., every time someone from the Family Research Council is cited as a source, you will code for that organization on the codesheet).

First, please note:

Is the source affiliated with an organization? Whether or not this is mentioned in the news story, does this individual source affiliate with a particular organization? (1- yes/ 2- no)

Next, please note:

Organization identified in news story? is the organizational affiliation of the source made manifest in the news segment or article? (1 yes/ 2 no) Please note that in order to answer yes, this must be clear in the news story – that is, if the source is known to be associated with an organization, but that is not stated (or clearly implicated) in the news segment or article, you will answer no.

You will then code each organization as follows:

Full name of the organization: please write the actual name of the organization, even if it is shortened or incorrectly stated in the news story (e.g. if the story has "Lutheran," you need to indicate whether it is the ELCA or the LCMS)

Organization type:

Note that you may need to research the organization on the internet to code accurately. Please code each organization into one of the following categories, as described below:

- 1 Advocacy/Political: organizations taking a specific stand on an issue or set of issues, usually working for implementation of their viewpoint. Also, organizations affiliated with a particular political party, ballot issue, or candidate.
- 2 Business: any organization that is primarily identified by economic/business interests (from local to corporate)
- 3 Educational Institution: all academic institutions, including those affiliated with religion (i.e. seminaries).
- 4 Governmental: any branch or subcategory of government
- 5 Media organization: any form of media, from newspapers to new media
- 6 Recreational: any organization whose primary purpose is to facilitate recreational pursuits, including dating and community social events.
- 7 Religious: any organization whose primary mission is the propagation of religion (i.e. denominations, congregations, administrative bodies of denominations (synods, diocese), etc.). This category does not include social service agencies, academic institutions, or political/advocacy organizations, even if they identify as religious.
- 8 Research Center/Think Tank: this would include such entities as the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, the Public Religion Research Institute, etc., as well as think tanks such as RAND, the Heritage Foundation, etc.
- 9 Social Service Organization: any organization whose primary purpose is to help serve the social needs of the community. This includes everything from shelters to AIDS organizations to hospitals.

Religiously Identified? For each organization, note whether it is religiously identified [yes/no]

Note that an organization does not need to be categorized as “religious” above to be religiously identified (e.g. a seminary would be categorized as an “educational institution,” but would be “yes” for religious identification).

If yes, please code as follows:

1 Evangelical Christian, 2 Mainline Protestant, 3 Roman Catholic, 4 Black Church, 5 Orthodox Christian, 6 Atheist/Agnostic/Humanist, 7 Jewish, 8 Muslim, 9 Other, 10 Not Identified

Exact name of religious affiliation

Please write the specific religion/denomination with which the organization is affiliated.

Again, you may need to research this on the internet.

Ideological stance? For each organization, note whether it espouses an identifiable ideological position [1 yes/ 2 no]. An organization does not need to be an explicitly political/advocacy org in order to be ideological (e.g. the Heritage Foundation is a think tank that has a clear conservative ideology).

If the organization is coded yes, please code its ideology into the following categories:

4 Libertarian, 3 Conservative, 2 Neutral, 1 Liberal

Again, you may need to go to the website for the organization to make this determination

Message level:

A news story includes a set of messages: some are direct statements from sources, and some are indirect impressions conveyed by the tone of the story. For the purposes of this content analysis, you will be coding only direct statements as messages. That means direct quotes or paraphrased comments.

Look for the word “said” “says” “noted” “according to” or similar words.

A statement can range from a phrase to a set of several sentences, but must have one central focus to be considered a single message. Please briefly describe the content of the statement next to each numbered message on the codesheet.

Then, please code each message for:

valence (positive, neutral, or negative) towards LGBT people and/or their rights

1 positive valence means that the message supports LGBT people and/or their rights – expressing support for a gay couple, for example, or explaining the positive effects of pro-gay legislation

3 negative valence means that the message is not supportive of LGBT people and/or their rights – examples would include harmful stereotypes, opposition to gay rights legislation, or disparaging comments about LGBT people

2 neutral valence means that the message is not clearly positive or negative, or it is an ambivalent mixture of both positive and negative

GLAAD CONTENT ANALYSIS PROJECT: Please fill out a separate code sheet for each INDIVIDUAL SOURCE coded

CONTEXT VARIABLES

RECORD NUMBER: _____ Type of Media (circle one):
1 TV 2- Print 3- Online only

Media (1) NYT 2 WP 3 USAT 4 SFC 5 HC 6 ABC 7 NBC 8 CBS 9 FOX 10
CNN 11 MSNBC 12 13 14

Name of Program (eg Anderson Cooper 360, World News
Tonight): _____

Date: ____ -- ____ -- ____ Total Word Count: _____ S (1) M
(2) L (3)

Headline/Topic: _____ #
unique sources this record: _____

SOURCE VARIABLES

Full name & title of individual source:

Type of source (circle one): 1 Academic 2 Activist/Advocate 3 Business repre-
sentative 4 Community Member

5 Journalist 6 Medical/Psych Expert 7 Politician/Gov't official 8 Relig-
ious Spokesperson 9 Witness/bystander

Sexual identification (circle one): 1- Gay 2- Lesbian 3- Bisexual 4-Transgender 5-
Straight 6- Other 7- Not identified

Religious affiliation (circle one):

1 Evangelical Christian 2 Mainline Protestant 3 Roman Catholic 4 Black Church
5 Orthodox Christian

6 Atheist/Agnostic/Humanist 7 Jewish 8 Muslim 9 Other 10
Not identified

EXACT NAME OF religious affiliation:

ORGANIZATION VARIABLES

Is the source affiliated with an organization? 1- YES 2-NO Was that organization identified in the news story? 1- YES 2-NO

Full name of organization:

Organization type (circle one): 1- Advocacy/Political 2- Business 3- Educational Institution 4- Governmental

5- Media Org 6- Recreational 7- Religious 8- Research Center/Think Tank
9- Social Service Org

Is the organization religiously identified? ? 1- YES 2-NO
If yes, code for religious affiliation (circle one):

1 Evangelical Christian 2 Mainline Protestant 3 Roman Catholic 4 Black Church
5 Orthodox Christian

6 Atheist/Agnostic/Humanist 7 Jewish 8 Muslim 9 Other 10
Not identified

EXACT NAME OF religious affiliation:

PLEASE CODE ALL MESSAGES DELIVERED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL SOURCE

Message 1 Valence on LGBT equality (circle one): 1 Positive 2 Neutral 3 Negative

Message 2 Valence on LGBT equality (circle one): 1 Positive 2 Neutral 3 Negative

Message 3 Valence on LGBT equality (circle one): 1 Positive 2 Neutral 3 Negative

Message 4 Valence on LGBT equality (circle one): 1 Positive 2 Neutral 3 Negative

Message 5 Valence on LGBT equality (circle one): 1 Positive 2 Neutral 3 Negative

Message 6 Valence on LGBT equality (circle one): 1 Positive 2 Neutral 3 Negative

Message 7 Valence on LGBT equality (circle one): 1 Positive 2 Neutral 3 Negative

Message 8 Valence on LGBT equality (circle one): 1 Positive 2 Neutral 3 Negative

Other questions or issues?

Coder initials _____ Today's date _____

Appendix D Positive and negative messages

Name	Positive	Negative	Quote
Donna Brazile	x		Martin Luther King once said that the arc of the universe is long, but it bends towards justice and equality.
Donna Brazile	x		But it is also a matter of equal justice under the law.
Donna Brazile	x		I'm sure the target for organizers next year is to really galvanize the African American community; this is an issue of civil rights and equality and if it's put to them in that way, there will be tremendous support for gay marriage.
Ed Rollins		x	Many in the religious right feel this way, and you'll find strong opposition on both sides.
Ed Rollins	x		I think this battle will go on until it's successful. You are going to have people married in other states who will need rights when they move around.
Ed Rollins		x	Many people in the African American community who turned out to support Obama who are good churchgoing people were probably the margin of defeat.
Arnold Schwarzenegger	x		While I believe that one day either the people or courts will recognize gay marriage, I will uphold the decision of the California Supreme Court.
Anonymous Male	x		It is absolutely outrageous that, in the US, this day and age, that the Constitution is able to deny the rights of Americans.
Wolf Blitzer	x		Is Schwarzenegger right when he says that, one day, either the people or courts will recognize gay marriage?
John Lynch		x	Mr. Lynch previously said that marriage should be between a man and a woman only.
John Lynch	x		Governor Lynch said that he would sign the state's same sex marriage bill if it was amended to further shield opponents from having to take part in ceremonies celebrating such unions.
Opponents of same sex marriage		x	Opponents of same sex marriage have focused on what they call its threats to religious liberty.
Kevin Smith		x	This amendment does nothing to protect the religious liberties of independent business owners, such as photographers and caterers, who in good conscience cannot perform their services for same sex marriage ceremonies.
Archdiocese of Washington		x	Issued a statement urging "elected officials to respect the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman."
Eleanor Holmes Norton	x		Said she does not see the measure passed Tuesday being derailed in a Democratic controlled Congress.
Tom Davis		x	Said the district's efforts to get voting rights in Congress, which he supports, could be hurt by the push for gay marriage.
Tom Davis		x	Urged then-mayor Anthony Williams and Catania to hold off on a gay marriage debate to avoid battling Congress.
David Catania	x		Frankly, the barrier in the past was a Republican controlled Congress and White House.
David Catania	x		It was a way to set the stage for the full right to marriage legislation, and to test the waters in Congress.
David Catania	x		Spoke to council chairman Vincent Gray about the "married" language.

David Catania	x		To have that energy behind the impending vote was invigorating.
Peter Shumlin	x		I made a political decision, not moral decision to push for civil unions in Vermont in 2000.
Yvette Alexander	x		I can't argue with the push for equality and justice.
Joyce Kennard	x		And what I'm picking up from the oral argument in this case is this court should willy-nilly disregard the will of the people.
Ron George	x		George had written that calling same sex marriages something other than marriage constituted "significantly unequal treatment."
Ron George	X		Minter focused on the nomenclature instead of the courts recognition of very important rights for gays.
Dennis Herrera		x	Proposition 8 is invalid because after the 2008 George decision, it represented a revision of the state constitution.
Chris Krueger	x		Same sex marriage is an inalienable right that should not be subject to majority vote.
Michael Moroko	x		If gays do not have the right to marry, then straight couples shouldn't either.
Shannon Minter	x		Proposition 8 puts gay couples in a second class status.
Mike Huckabee		x	Obama's unwillingness to defend the DOMA law is having rippling effect in those communities.
Mike Huckabee		x	Same sex marriage is opposed by almost 75% in the African American community and 65% in the Hispanic community.
Mike Huckabee		x	There are 18 million evangelical Hispanics and about 17 million African Americans who attend evangelical churches, this is a huge issue.
Mike Huckabee		x	The voters still consistently affirm traditional marriage.
Mike Huckabee		x	It's a matter of whether or not we want to protect the integrity of what marriage means.
Mike Huckabee		x	I still believe that traditional family is the most basic form of government we have and there is only one definition of marriage.
Bill O'Reilly		x	But when you get into that issue, you, particularly, then they are going to come in and say, "you're a holy roller." Your religious beliefs bleed over into public policy.
Bill O'Reilly		x	The polls show that most Americans want to keep marriage between a man and a woman.
Bill O'Reilly		x	The traditional family?
Bill O'Reilly		x	So you see it as a slippery slope that we are not going to be the traditional country that we once were.
Anderson Cooper	x		Do you really think that for an assistant attorney general targeting some college student because he is gay is appropriate?
Anderson Cooper	x		Labeling the student Satan's representative makes it seem like you hate the guy just because he is gay.
Anderson Cooper	x		Would a gay person feel comfortable being defended by you?
Andrew Shirvell		x	Armstrong is a privileged pervert who engages in sexual escapades at churches and children's playgrounds.
Andrew Shirvell		x	That is exactly what most affluent white homosexual males like him are racist and elitists to the core.

Andrew Shirvell		x	Armstrong is a radical homosexual activist who got elected partly funded by the gay and lesbian victory fund to promote his agenda.
Andrew Shirvell		x	What we are talking about is anybody, any man or woman wanting to choose to live together. That is a radical definition of gender norms.
Andrew Shirvell		x	I have a problem with the fact that he is advancing a very radical agenda.
Andrew Shirvell		x	Just because he is a homosexual does not mean he gets a free pass and that we cannot criticize him.
Andrew Shirvell		x	I have a right, as an alum, and as a private citizen to criticize him in my after hours work.
Anonymous former lesbian		x	Now I m a Baptist Christian and I do not believe in homosexuality.
Megyn Kelly		x	The biological mother moved to Virginia and renounced her lesbian lifestyle.
Bill O'Reilly		x	Vermont is a secular progressive paradise and there were two lesbians who got married I guess.
Tom Greene	x		Marching for gay rights, I would see these people who are targeting me and my story was kind of similar to some of your stories.
Tom Greene	x		It was a little bit of a surprise at first but overall it's been very positive.
Tom Greene	x		To talk about my partner it is not that I am talking about my sexuality, I am talking about my family and my life.
Tom Greene	x		It is important to send a message to my students that being honest is important.
Steve Perry	x		Tom Greene refuses to hide who he is.
Steve Perry	x		The high school history teacher believes in making connections with his students is the key to his success in the classroom, which is why he is open about being gay.
Steve Perry	x		In N. Carolina, like many other states, there are no laws to explicitly protect gay educators.
Steve Perry	x		Students only care that the teacher cares about them, not the teacher's sexual orientation.
Cleve Jones	x		I think it is clearly a political calculation, he is behind the curve.
Cleve Jones	x		He seems to be evolving backwards.
Cleve Jones	x		He already stated that DOMA is unconstitutional.
Cleve Jones	x		It will look a lot worse when he goes to ask these people for money, and has to explain to them that in hos view they still don't deserve equal protection under the law.
Paula Begala	x		We have a narrow majority of Americans who now support full equality in marriage for all Americans and the president is a little late to the party.
Paula Begala	x		We have had an eight-point erosion in our performance among gays
Paula Begala	x		we need to do something for gays
Barack Obama		x	I believe that marriage is the union between a man and a woman.
Barack Obama	x		I would not support an amendment with that definition.

Barack Obama		x	I am not someone who promotes same sex marriage, but I do believe in civil unions.
Barack Obama	x		DOMA ought to be repealed.
Evan Wolfson	x		When gays are able to share in the freedom to marry because they are in love, that doesn't change marriage.
Evan Wolfson	x		Some states have tried to come up with parallel, other mechanisms, civil partnership.....it does not fully protect family.
Ric Swezey	x		I think it will just be sort of nice to finally say that I am married.
Nick Scandalios	x		Ours is a different family, but it should have the same rights as any other family.
Tim Dolan		x	Said he was "deeply disappointed and troubled" by a measure that will "alter radically and forever humanity's historic understanding of marriage."
Andrew Cuomo	x		We reached a new level of social justice this evening, marriage equality.
Mark Gricanti	x		Who am I to say that someone does not have the same rights that I have with my wife, who I love, or to have the 1300-plus rights that I share with her?
Anonymous woman	x		Tonight is our night to say hey, we can do whatever we want. You know, we can get married or not get married, and it is not up to you anymore.
Alex Mooney		x	"Elections have consequences."
Alan Kittleman	x		I was raised that civil rights are important and human rights are important.
Morgan Sheets	x		We really feel like 2011 is the year.
Morgan Sheets	x		Let's have that discussion. (referring to gay rights and civil unions)
Ron Wallen	x		Says that law is hurting him. He married his partner, Tom Carollo, but now that Tom has died, Ron is not eligible for Social Security survivor benefits and he is forced to sell their home.
Ron Wallen	x		We should most assuredly be allowed to have every single right that our fellow Americans have.
Unidentified man	x		We are here to be married because we are not allowed to be married in our own home state.
Todd Akin		x	He has written to the secretary of the Navy asking for this policy to block this change, this potential change in the policy, saying that it would violate the federal DOMA.
Anonymous sergeant tolerant	x		Sergeant N.T., do you know how ignorant you sound?
Anonymous sergeant tolerant	x		I am onboard with this policy. I knew a guy that was discharged for being gay. He was a good soldier.
Anonymous sergeant non-tolerant		x	Great idea. Let's waste more time discussing this subject that I have no interest in.
Rachel Maddow	x		Sergeant Non-Tolerant, why can't you be more like Sergeant Tolerant?

John Ensign		x	For those who say that the Constitution is so sacred that we cannot or should not adopt the Federal marriage Amendment banning marriage rights for gay people, I would simply point out that marriage and the sanctity of that institution, predates the American Constitution and the founding of our nation.
Amy Truong	x		He didn't have the decency to use the names of the kids he was talking about. He just called them fags and queers on his post.
Amy Truong	x		He dehumanized our children and made it a point of disparaging them in death in the same way that they were hurt in life. This is one of the most horrible things anyone could possibly imagine, losing a child to this bullying and in this manner-taking their own life.
Amy Truong	x		We brought these children into this world, and we loved them the second they were here. Most parents do, and that love should always remain unconditional.
David Truong	x		God offers something unconditionally to everyone, believers and nonbelievers, which is love.
David Truong	x		We accepted him for being gay.
Ellen De- generes	x		As a gay person, I would like to personally ask every heterosexual person out there that is appalled by this. We need your help. This is absurd.
Ellen De- generes	x		What kind of message does this send to a kid?
Ellen De- generes	x		When the civil rights movement occurred, not only did blacks make a change, but whites had to step in say this is unacceptable.
Clint McCane		x	I would disown my kids if they were gay.
Clint McCane		x	We are honoring that fact that they sinned and killed themselves because of their sin? I like that fags can't procreate and I also enjoy that they often give each other AIDS and die.
Clint McCane		x	The only way I am wearing this stupid shirt is if they all commit suicide.
Anderson Co- oper	x		Do you understand that words can hurt, a gay kid in your school district or a kid who is not gay, but is being called those words?
Anderson Co- oper	x		Gays have the right to live without being attacked or being called fags.
Anderson Co- oper	x		You wrote terrible things about gay kids.
Megyn Kelly	x		DOMA hurts gays because it defines marriage as between a man and a woman, at least at the federal level.
Bill O'Reilly	x		But I don't think a lot of people understand the DOMA does hurt homosexuals in some areas, correct?
Bill O'Reilly	x		But DOMA means that it is harder financially for homosexuals to get benefits, like Social Security.
Margaret Hoo- ver	x		I am not sure if I would go as far as saying disrespectful to the rule of law, because I actually agree that DOMA is unconstitutional.
Rosalind Wiseman	x		And if we make it so generalized and just talk about that kids should be nice to each other, our children are not only going to laugh at us, they will also think that we are incompetent and that is not acceptable when they are so desperate for our help.
Rosalind Wiseman	x		You cannot address bullying without addressing homophobia because so many children are proving that they have to belong, that they are not gay.

Rosalind Wiseman	x		All children, regardless of their sexual orientation, must be treated with dignity.
Tom Prichard		x	I don't think that parents want their kids indoctrinated in homosexuality.
Tom Prichard		x	Is it the loving thing to encourage and promote unhealthy and harmful behaviors and practices?
Tom Prichard		x	Youth who embrace homosexuality are at greater risk because they have embraced an unhealthy sexual identity and lifestyle.
Tom Prichard		x	I think it is clear that homosexual activists are trying to push gay agenda into schools.
Tom Prichard		x	Our concern is there's a policy dealing with curriculum alone. It does not deal with issues of bullying or inappropriate behavior in the schools.
Tom Prichard		x	And when you begin promoting and encouraging and endorsing it, you are going to—more kids are going to say hey, I am gay and lesbian, and there are all sorts of health problems.
Tammy Aaberg	x		They do not have gay, lesbian or gender identity language in their harassment policy. And the one they have now is a neutrality policy. So teachers don't even know to intervene in a lot of issues when kids are bullied or called names.
Ellen DeGeneres	x		If we could change the inflection of "that's so gay" we could turn the whole thing around.
Ellen DeGeneres	x		When I came out, I was definitely the target of lots of koes and it hurt.
Ellen DeGeneres	x		When these things happen, it feels like a direct assault on me, because I am that person that they are bullying. I am that person that feels like committing suicide. They are talking about me.
Ellen DeGeneres	x		And I want to say to those kids out there, I have been through it, I came out and I am successful and I am happy. You do not have to give up just because there is a short period in your life where it feels like there is no hope, there is always hope.
Ellen DeGeneres	x		I think it is the parents' responsibility to talk to their kids and say, you know, you have to respect other kids for being different.
Ellen DeGeneres	x		It is society saying that you cannot be openly gay and be in the military. You can't marry the person you love because you re not equal to others.
Anderson Cooper	x		Isn't it important to create safe space for them, a place where they feel comfortable about themselves and not bad about themselves?
Jon Corzine	x		It is clear that this issue of civil rights must be addressed sooner rather than later.
Steve Goldstein	x		Say his organization is lobbying for this and we are very, very close.
Len Deo		x	Said that his organization believed that some New Jerseyans may support same-sex marriage but that a majority do not want to see marriage redefined in the process.
Gene Robinson	x		Said that he believed that his inclusion in inaugural events had been under consideration before the controversy erupted over Mr. Warren but that Obama and his team were seeking to heal the pain that Mr. Warren's selection had caused among LGBT advocates.
Gene Robinson	x		It just proves that Obama is exactly who he says he was and would be as president, which is someone who is casting a wide net that will include all Americans.

Evan Wolfson	x		Said that the choice of the bishop to deliver the invocation at an inaugural event was a very powerful statement but at the end of the day, policy is more important than who stands at the inauguration.
Anonymous Employee	x		They are making it about balancing the books, when there are real consequences for the human beings who depend on the paychecks they earn.
Anonymous Spokeswoman	x		The university regrets the error and looks forward to a time when there is a federal recognition of same-sex marriage and civil union rights with respect to tax withholding rules.
Barack Obama	x		Like a lot of people, I am wrestling with this. My attitudes are evolving on this.
Barack Obama	x		Called himself a fierce advocate of equality for gay and lesbian Americans.
Peter Berkery	x		If the couple has time to save and can afford it, my own preference is to manage the lifetime mortality risk through cheap term and beef up the savings.
Robyn Ochs	x		Perhaps you could write about the potentially devastating economic effect that lack of federal recognition can have on same sex couples?
Samuel Rodriguez		x	Blacks and Latinos may end up as the proverbial firewall preventing the advancement of the gay agenda.
Samuel Rodriguez		x	Ethnic minorities, who in essence make up the base of the Democratic party, a party committed to same sex marriage, overwhelmingly oppose the idea according to Pew and other research.
Aseem Shankla	x		Who really does have the right to define what is a marriage or a civil union?
Welton Gaddy	x		Civil marriage must be judged under our constitutional standards of equal protection and not under religious doctrines or the religious views of individuals.
Meg Whitman		x	I am pro-civil union, but against gay marriage, so I supported Proposition 8.
Jonathan Nelson	x		The bottom line is, just as in the '50s, when the Supreme Court had to guts to say no more segregation, this present Supreme Court ought to do the same thing on this issue.
Rick Perry		x	Ruling by Judge Callahan is flawed and should be appealed. Traditional marriage will be upheld in our state.
Greg Abbott		x	Vowed that he would defend the traditional definition of marriage that was approved by the Texas voters.
Peter Schulte	x		It is not fair to make them uproot their lives, move back to another state, wait a year and then file for divorce.
Austin (middle school student)	x		Went to his first gay dance in the spring.
Austin (middle school student)	x		I definitely lost some friends but no one really made fun of me, probably because I was one of the most popular kids when I came out. I don't think I would have come out if I wasn't popular.
Austin (middle school student)	x		When I first realized I was gay, I just assumed I would hide it and be miserable for the rest of my life. But then I said, ok wait, I do not want to hide this and be miserable my whole life.
Nick (middle school student)	x		I don't have to have sex with a girl to know I am not interested.

Anonymous middle school counselor	x		We always knew middle school was a time when kids struggle with their identity, but it was easy to let anti gay language slide because it is so embedded in middle school culture and because we didn't have students who were out to us or their classmates. Now we do, so we play catch up to try and keep them safe.
Eileen Ross	x		We deny them their feelings and truth in a way we would never do with a heterosexual young person.
Eileen Ross	x		Though the commercials (featuring Hilary Duff and Wanda Sykes) are aimed at teenagers, many of those who work with gay youth say that teachers also need to get the message.
Ritch Williams	x		This is the first generation of gay kids who have the great joy of being able to argue with their parents about dating, just like their straight peers do.
Caitlin Ryan	x		Found that teenagers in rejecting families were significantly more likely to have attempted suicide, used drugs, and engaged in unprotected sex than those raised in accepting families.
Anonymous principal		x	Argued that GSA was not age appropriate and that she would worry about having to deal with negative editorials in the local paper.
Kendra Wallace	x		Bullying of all kinds is way down. The GSA created this pervasive anti-bullying culture on campus that affects everyone.
Richard Mandl	x		It wasn't until a few years ago when the faculty sort of came together and said: you know what, we need to stop this.
Richard Mandl	x		It became cooler at Daniel Webster to be open-minded and cool.
Dan Woog	x		Many parents just don't assume anymore that their kids will have a sad, difficult life just because they're gay.
Eliza Byard	x		Glsen and the Ad council embarked on a media campaign to combat "that's so gay" phrase.
Jennifer Blessington	x		"We don't use the word "gay" in a negative way in this classroom. Gays are human beings, and that is the way we talk about them in here. Is that understood?"
Kera (middle school student)	x		We didn't think we had anything to be ashamed of, so we didn't want to go around hiding.
Mo'Nique (actress)	x		For you bisexuals, enjoy the best of both worlds. Get it, get it, and get some more.
Ricky Martin	x		It took me a while but I am here tonight, and I want to add my voice to yours.
Christine Quinn	x		What Mr. Paladino did yesterday was make outrageous, demeaning, hateful and dangerous comments.
Christine Quinn	x		A good first step for Paladino would be an out and out apology.
Edward Cox	x		Insofar as Paladino's statements can be constructed as homophobic, those statements are inappropriate and we condemn them.
Rudolph Guliani	x		He should recognize his remarks were highly offensive and he should apologize for them.
Archbishop Dolan	x		Hopes that anybody who would address this topic would remember that the church's teachings that all human beings are to be treated with respect.
Carl Paladino		x	Is that normal? Would you do it? Would you take your children to a gay pride parade?
Carl Paladino		x	Children should not be brainwashed into thinking that homosexuality is an equally valid and successful option—it isn't.

Dan Woods	x		We have patriotic members of our armed forces who happen to be homosexuals who are fighting and dying for our constitutional rights, while the government is depriving them of theirs.
Barack Obama	x		Called DADT discriminatory, but has an obligation to defend it in court. 1993 law weakens our national security by preventing patriotic Americans from serving as an admission that the law has no legal justification.
Virginia Phillips	x		Among the 13,000 service members discharged under DADT have been many with critically needed skills.
Virginia Phillips	x		Discharges contributed to troop shortages that have led the Pentagon to lower its standards and accept recruits with criminal convictions.
Robin McGehee	x		Such an action from the government would be yet another shocking lack of leadership from the White House on issues of equality.
Robert Gibbs	x		The president strongly believes that this policy is unjust, that is detrimental to our national security, and that it discriminates against those who are willing to die for this country.
Robert Gates	x		Changing the policy would have enormous consequences. I feel very strongly that this is an action that needs to be taken by the Congress, and that it is an action that requires a lot of training.
Christian Berle	x		Log Cabin Republicans prefer whatever solution will end this policy the quickest.
Charles Cooper		x	Brown's statement can only be understood as conceding that we have standing to appeal. Now we can focus on the real issue about the right of the voters to pass Prop. 8.
Vaughn Walker	x		Prop. 8 discriminated on the basis of gender and sexual orientation and violates gays' right to choose a spouse.
Carl Paladino		x	Gay pride parades are disgusting.
Anonymous bystander		x	Horrified by violence, gay people make her uncomfortable.
Charles Gonzalez	x		There is a constant threat of violence that we live with. I was horrified, disgusted and angered by the attacks but not surprised.
Charles Gonzalez	x		I feel assaulted every weekend because of the hate speech from sidewalk preachers. They said gay people need to repent, or they are going to hell.
Tony Perkins		x	It is unfair to blame society for the actions of a misguided bully, or a single troubled teen driven by unknown forces to take his or her own life.
Ethan Geto	x		Incidents of violence, while disturbing, should not obscure advances.
Eliza Byard	x		Our gains are generally so hard won, and take place in the context of fairly vitriolic debate, so the message that goes out is not just what the victory is but also the horrendous debate that surrounds it.
Kevin Cathcart	x		It's a very odd moment because there is all of these horrific things happening, and they are happening at a moment when we are making faster progress than, I think, ever before.
Carolyn Laub	x		There is no doubt that young people are coming out at younger ages.
Carolyn Laub	x		The fact that so many teens think their only option is to take their own lives is a painful reminder that we still have a long way to go.

Terry (Savage's partner)	x		Things got better the day I left high school.
Patty Krisher	x		What we are doing is trying to change subtle things kids say like, that's so gay.
Josh Frieder	x		The challenge for the LGBT community is that we are coming out earlier, and that it brings with it a host of challenges.
Josh Frieder	x		These kids are coming to accept themselves at the same time they are maturing sexually.
Josh Frieder	x		You may go to a house of worship where you heard the minister urging congregants to vote against domestic partnership law or gone to a church synagogue where he urged support.
Buck Angel	x		I made it, and you can make it too.
Matt Baume	x		He found three words that really effectively articulate what is to have made it through a very difficult time. That's what I think makes it so string and why it resonates with people.
Dan Savage	x		Dan Savage and his partner shot the first "It Gets Better" project video in their Seattle home.
Dan Savage	x		Project idea occurred to him much earlier, after hearing about some less widely reported suicides.
Dan Savage	x		Every time I heard about a gay teenager dying, I thought, I wish I could have talked to that kid for five minutes, to tell him it gets better.
Dan Savage	x		I have gotten some criticisms that these videos don't solve the problems for a bullied gay kid.
Pat Bumgardner	x		Clergy may have a key role. We have a chance to public opinion, people's willingness to wrestle with the diversity of God's creation.
Cody Sanders	x		No institutions have done more to create and perpetuate the public disapproval of gay people than churches.
Jack McKinney	x		The first thing that went through my mind was oh no, not again.
Jack McKinney	x		I am convinced that the root of a lot of this is religion based discrimination and defamation.
Audrey Connor	x		Tyler Clementi is someone who died in a battle that many clergy and religious people are fighting. For inclusion, for our understanding of what God wants the world to be.
Harold Mayberry	x		I was looking for candidate number 1 who can mobilize people, who has not necessarily been in the system for a long time.
Ray Williams	x		You have got a Jewish lesbian white woman who comes to black churches and sings with the choir and quotes scriptures better than the members—I just love her.
Rebecca Kaplan	x		Oakland is the city in California with the highest per capita of churches and the highest per capita of lesbians.
Bob Plaats		x	My biggest fear is not about injecting politics into judicial retention elections. The bigger fear is that we don't hold them in check.
Brian Brown		x	It sends a powerful message that if justices go outside the bounds of their oaths, if they go outside the bounds of the US and state constitutions they are going to be held accountable.
Tony Perkins		x	While anti gay rights could have played a bigger role, the Republicans commitment to life, traditional marriage and religious liberty is a major step in the right direction.
R. Cooper	x		Pledge was a win because it did not highlight measure against gay rights.

R. Cooper	x		Urged them to avoid heated rhetoric. We take the attitude of you don't have anything good to say, don't say anything at all.
Shannon Minter	x		He was fearless. That is exactly what you want in a judge.
Vaughn Walker	x		Prop. 8 discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation and gender and violated rights of gays to choose their marital partners.
Richard Swanson	x		His staff conducts quarterly assemblies on behavior, taught tolerance in the classroom and had definite discipline procedures that respond to bullying.
Glennnda Testone	x		If they are feeling isolated and like they can't ell those people, it's going to be a very rough ride.
Cyrus, anonymous gay man	x		The main thing I wanted to come across from this video is how different my life is, how great my life is, and how happy I am in general.
Dan Savage	x		Blames negligent teachers and school administrators, bullying classmates and hate groups that warp some young minds and torment others.
Dan Savage	x		The problem is that kids are being exposed to this rhetoric, and then they go to school and there is this gay kid, and how are they going to treat this gay kid who they have been told is trying to destroy their family? They are going to abuse him.
Eliza Byard	x		If you live in a small community, the pressure is hard enough.
Arne Duncan	x		This is a moment where every one of us---parents, teachers, students, elected officials, and all people of conscience needs to stand up and speak out against all intolerance.
Wendy Walsh	x		She told her son that she loves him no matter what.
Wendy Walsh	x		Hopes her son's death would teach people not to discriminate, not be prejudiced.
Gavin Newsom	x		This door is wide open and it is going to happen, whether you like it or not.
Shannon Minter	x		But our path ahead is clear now. We will go back to the ballot box and we will win.
Arnold Schwarzenegger		x	I believe marriage is between a man and a woman, but I believe very strongly that I should not enforce my opinion on other people.
Yomi (anonymous)	x		What will it take? When your son or daughter says, I am gay.
Sharon (anonymous)		x	I strongly believe that marriage is between a man and a woman.
Bill (anonymous)		x	You stop murdering innocent babies, and maybe I will compromise on gay marriage. Until then, I protect the morality that upholds our nation to a higher level.
Joy (anonymous)	x		I don't care if the rest of America embraces same sex marriage, it's the right thing to do.
Allen (anonymous)	x		It'll take another generation. Members of religious right today will not embrace tolerance or equality for gays, but their children will.
Tamara Holder	x		You can't discriminate.
Tamara Holder	x		Just because he is gay doesn't mean he needs to recuse himself.
Tamara Holder	x		Our Constitution needs to be protected.....We're talking about equal rights for everyone.

Jennifer Smetters		x	Is this political activism from the bench?
Jennifer Smetters		x	There are 28 states out there that have defined marriage.
Bill O'Reilly		x	Constitution does not address marriage. It's a state issue.
Bill O'Reilly	x		It goes to the Supreme Court. It will be a state right versus human rights issue.
Bill O'Reilly		x	Who is Judge Walker? An openly gay man appointed by President Bush, the elder.
Bill O'Reilly	x		If the federal government did not impose civil rights on the country back in 1964, it would not have happened.
Kate Kendell	x		This legal victory profoundly changes the conversation by involving folks in the legal world and the policy world who were previously unmoved by this struggle.
Kristin Perry	x		The decision says that we are Americans and we deserve to be treated equally, too.
Arnold Schwarzenegger	x		This affirms the full legal protections for thousands of gay Californians.
Andrew Pugno		x	Prop 8. Had nothing to do with discrimination, but rather with the will of California voters who simply wished to preserve the historic definition of marriage.
Jennifer Pizer	x		Being gay is about forming an adult family relationship with a person of the same sex.
Theodore Olsen	x		This is a victory for the American people, and anyone who had been denied rights because they were unpopular, a minority, and because they were viewed differently.
Ron Cook	x		If the court had come back and upheld it, I would have moved out of the state.
Jim Garlow		x	It is going to rally people that may have been silent.
Vaughn Walker	x		Prop. 8 cannot withstand any level of scrutiny under the Equal Protection Clause.
Vaughn Walker	x		Tradition alone, however, cannot form the rational basis for a law.
John Chase	x		As a gay devout Christian, I say get religion out of the marriage business, it is mucking up our constitutional rights.
William Moore		x	The purpose of Prop 8. For many of us was to uphold the long-standing tradition that marriage is a heterosexual word. Pick your own word.
Louis Bryan	x		As a gay San Franciscan, I was disappointed when I read your article that Prop. 8 supporters were planning to appeal Judge Vaughn Walker's decision, but nowhere in the article did you mention who my unrelenting enemies were, other than that they were a conservative religious coalition.
Vaughn Walker	x		Prop. 8 fails to advance any rational basis in singling out gay men and lesbians for denial of a marriage license.
Dick Meyer		x	If gay marriage is allowed, then marriage as we know it will be gone.
David Terhune	x		The sensible mind of one can still prevail over irrational actions of many.
Donald White		x	Marriage is defined as a union between one man and one woman. A union of any other two persons is defined as civil union.

Stephanie Coontz	x		Hollywood never had the courage or strength or ability to get positive portrayals of gays until things began to change in the culture at large.
Candis Cayne	x		I really do think every year it gets a little better.
Candis Cayne	x		Hopes to be cast in dramatic roles playing straight women. "There will come a day that will happen, I know it."
Lisa Cholodeuko	x		We wanted to make a film about a family and a marriage in midlife, at a low point, the things you don't get to see in most movies about what families look like behind closed doors.
Dustin Black	x		It shows how regular our families are: it goes a long way toward gay families introducing ourselves to straight families as not that much different.
Dustin Black	x		Unlike in the film Milk and so many past gay movies, the lead characters do not die.
Glen Stanton		x	Hollywood is succeeding, but they are doing so by not representing reality.
Brian Fischer		x	Hollywood is conveying deceptive message about that behavior and doing a disservice to viewers who are coming to conclusions based on what they see on the silver screen.
Howard Bragman	x		Gays are just part of the landscape, which is where we want to be.
Jarret Barrios	x		These stories are interesting, they are edgy, and they make for good entertainment....we are Americans as anyone else.
David Hauslaib	x		The general trajectory has them transitioning from minstrel acts and punch lines to relatable everyday characters.
Samuel Rodriguez		x	Including such a measure would prove to be the death knell for comprehensive change.
Samuel Rodriguez		x	Rodriquez rejected the argument that opposing gay marriage provisions in an immigration overhaul constituted homophobia.
Samuel Rodriguez		x	It is not a matter of being anti-anything, but being pro immigration reform. It is not fair to morph the immigration agenda with the same sex agenda.
Erwin de Leon	x		I grew up looking at this country for its ideals and really believe strongly that it's about equality, freedom, and opportunity. It is too bad that gays are still treated like second class citizens.
Kevin Appleby		x	Immigration is hard enough without adding same sex marriage to the mix.
Kevin Appleby		x	It introduces a new controversial element to the issue which will divide the faith community and further jeopardize chances for a fair and bipartisan compromise.
Anonymous Latino man	x		Falling in love with a foreigner feels the same as falling in love as straights and other gays ways of falling in love.
Anonymous Latino man	x		I am insecure because I am worried. If I have trouble with the police, they will send me back to my country. I have a partner and all my life is here.
Steve Ralls	x		Confident that equal rights would be part of any overhaul.
Richard Socarides	x		The state by state strategy that looked clever a few years ago has run its course.
Evan Wolfson	x		The fact that we need to continue those conversations and make ourselves as visible as families in communities.

Maggie Gal- lagher		x	If they can't win in Maine, it really does tell you the majority of Americans are not on board with this gay marriage thing.
Jennifer Pizer	x		Our founders did not intend to allow the majority to take basic rights from a minority.
Ruben Diaz Sr.		x	I love them, but I don't believe in what they are doing.
Ruben Diaz Sr.		x	The people of the nation don't want gay marriage.
Ruben Diaz Sr.		x	My religion is against gay marriage.
Jenny Tyree		x	The insurance problem should be fixed rather than mess with marriage.
Rea Carey	x		The AMA is making it clear that these discriminatory policies pose significant, real life threats to the health and well being of thousands of people across the country.
Russell Kridel	x		Do we really want to cause disparities to those populations?
Harry Jackson		x	We believe the board has a wrong interpretation of the Human Rights Act.
Harry Jackson		x	It is evident that the strategy of the radical gay movement is to work the courts and legislatures.
Harry Jackson		x	I call it stopping the erosion of the black family.
Harry Jackson		x	Gay marriage is wrong.
Harry Jackson		x	I believe that the bible teaches that same sex marriage is an oxymoron.
Harry Jackson		x	The reason the gay marriage issue is polarized is that, from a theological construct, it is clear that gay marriage shouldn't be the order of the day.
Harry Jackson		x	But you overlap homosexuality and gay marriage with broken families, and we don't know how to put it back together.
Alysoun McLaughlin	x		The board cannot accept an initiative that authorizes discrimination prohibited under the D.C. Human Rights Act.
Phil Mendelson	x		One can't preach discrimination without inciting homophobia.
Phil Munsey		x	He is fighting for political ideas in the religious arena.
Harry Jackson	x		Some of the smartest people I knew in college were gay.
Dave Wilson		x	Homosexual behavior is an affront to the family values of one man, one woman, and homosexual behavior to any society that has embraced it has led to the extinction of that society.
Reed Gusciora	x		I still hold out hope that lawmakers would view it as a matter of civil rights and approve it.
Steve Goldstein	x		If Democrats don't enact marriage equally now, after years of telling us to wait, it will cause a huge schism between the state Democratic Party and not just the gay community, but the entire progressive base.
Moshe Bressler		x	This would weaken marriage for everyone.
Loretta Wein- berg	x		It is a matter of civil rights.
Nilufer Narli	x		Because of globalization, people are more accepting now of different values than they have ever been.

Kemal		x	I would disown my son if he were gay. I would kick him out of the house and he would no longer be my son.
Ummuhan Darama	x		Ahmet was a nice and gentle boy. He did not deserve to die. Islam killing is an even bigger sin than homosexuality.
Ahmet Kaya	x		Ahmet loved his family more than anything else and he was tortured about disappointing them. But in the end, he decided to be who he was.
Cortez Riley	x		I met one kid who was carrying a hammer in his backpack to school everyday so he could defend himself.
Andrew Barnett	x		There is this feeling in the older LGBT community that coming out is easier for youth now than it was for them.
Joe Sudbay	x		I think we are dividing the agenda.
Christopher Christie		x	Said he would vote any legalization bill, making it passage in the current lame-duck session an urgent matter.
Lauren Crook	x		It is not those pockets that CUAllies is trying to reach and educate. It is the rest of the university, the other 3,000 people on campus. That is our goal.
Kevin O'Brien	x		If gay students are not supported by their professors, residence hall advisers, mentors, coaches and others, there is a risk they will engage in risky behaviors, commit suicide, drop out of school or leave the church.
Kevin O'Brien	x		The point is that we are trying to care for our students: mind, body, and spirit.
David Freerksen	x		Everything that we are doing, it is Catholic, it is what the church is all about.
Robby Diesu	x		We might no be an official group, but we are winning. We have our own community, and it is empowering.
Victor Nakas		x	The group advocates positions that are contrary to church teachings.
Victor Nakas		x	The group was forced to dissolve several years ago because it became an advocacy group, and the university does not want to go down that path again.
Anonymous Sudent	x		I felt like I had nowhere to turn after hearing students talk derogatively about me and wrote an anti-gay slur on my dorm door.
Anonymous Student	x		All homosexuals have a right to be welcomed into the community.
Robert Shipman	x		The diversity in this room, it is not just gay people, but gay, straight, black, white, Jew, Christian, Muslim, every kind of person.
Lindsey Dionne	x		It is a huge step forward for Houston. It shows hate will not prevail in this city.
Annise Parker	x		Tonight the voters of Houston have opened the door to history.
Chuck Wolfe	x		Parker's victory was a watershed moment that sends a clear signal that gays are an integral part of American civic life, that are willing to lead, and that voters will respond to candidates who are open and honest about their lives.
Annise Parker	x		This election has changed the world for the LGBT community, just as it is about transforming the lives of all Houstonians for the better.
Anonymous reporter	x		Milestone victory for the LGBT community around the country.
Anonymous		x	How could we desecrate the sanctuary with such an ungodly act?
Dennis Wiley	x		Let it be known that you are joined together not only by your love for each other, and by our collective love for each of you, but by the love of God.
Victor Romo	x		For centuries, unjust laws banned marriage between blacks and whites or Indians and Europeans. Today all barriers have disappeared.
William Donahue		x	The church does not have a pedophilia crisis but a homosexual crisis.
Martin Sullivan	x		The decision was not caving in. The video by Wojnarowic generated a strong response from the public.
Maggie Gallagher		x	Said she had renewed hope for constitutional amendments defining marriage as between a man and a woman in places like Minnesota, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.
Rick Garcia	x		Sober, clear-minded, cautious Midwesterners are taking this action.

Ron Stevens		x	Civil union legislation will be the entry to a slippery slope. The next thing we'll see is consideration of gay marriage.
Vaughn Walker	x		Prop. 8 discriminated on the basis of sexual orientation and gender, and did not benefit marriage as an institution and was motivated by moral disapproval of gays.
Barack Obama		x	Marriage between a man and a woman is a sacred union.
Barack Obama		x	Unwilling to sign onto same-sex marriage primarily because of my understandings of the traditional definitions of marriage.
Richard Socarides	x		Obama's position is only going to evolve one way, and that is toward greater equality.
Richard Socarides	x		To win support from the gay rights community in the 2012 election, Obama will have to have become, by then, a supporter of full marriage rights.
Anonymous		x	Legalization of same-sex marriage will negatively affect all of society.
Jordan Lorence		x	I hope it will not be the one-sided presentation of the facts the district court had in its opinion.
Vaughn Walker	x		Prop. 8 is unconstitutional and in violation of the principles of due process and equal protection.
David Boies	x		Proponents would need to prove that their lives were being directly and substantially harmed by Judge Walker's decision in order to prove their standing.
Charles Cooper		x	Society has no particular interest in a platonic relationship between a man and a woman. Marriage also combats societal problems like children being born to single parents.
Michael Hawkins	x		Could the people of California reinstitute school segregation by a public vote?
Theodore Olsen	x		It is not a societal right, but a fundamental individual right.
David Bahati		x	God's law is always clear that the wages of sin is death.
David Bahati		x	Their denial for me to enter the conference was extremely unfortunate, but, it does not deter me from pursuing the cause that I think is important, a cause to defend the children of our country, and the cause to defend the family of Uganda.
David Bahati		x	The problem of people who are coming from abroad investing money to recruit children into behavior that we believe that is a learned behavior and can be unlearned.
David Bahati		x	We believe that our children should not be recruited into something that they don't believe in. I must protect our children who are being recruited into this practice.
David Bahati		x	It is a fact that recruitment is taking place in Uganda, especially in secular schools, and it is very disturbing.
David Bahati		x	There are videos telling them that a man sleeping with a man is ok.
David Bahati		x	The focus of this bill is to protect our children and the traditional family.
David Bahati		x	I want to make sure this law is consistent with God's law.
Rachel Maddow	x		This is one of the foundational myths of anti-gay activism, that gays are out to get kids and that gay people get this way because the recruit kids to be gay.
Rachel Maddow	x		You make this argument that you opposed gay peoples' civil rights because gay people are out to get kids. You like making the case. We are out to save the children from the homosexuals who prey on them.
Rachel Maddow	x		It is not a logical fallacy, the slippery slope, if it really happens. If the arguments made by anti-gay activists ultimately go down to serious legal proposals to kill people for being gay.
Rachel Maddow	x		How is establishing a bill that enforces imprisonment or execution for homosexual acts defending the children and families of Uganda?
Rachel Maddow	x		I heard that a lot of people asked you for evidence on the recruitment of children. I heard you assert that it is a fact. But I have never seen any evidence that is fact.
Rachel Maddow	x		Sir, what you are describing is one of the foundational myths of how gay people have been slandered and attacked in almost every country in which these laws or laws like the one that you are proposing has been debated.

Rachel Maddow	x		If you make homosexuality punishable by life in prison or in some cases by execution, what do you think will happen to gay people in Uganda? Will they flee the country? Become straight? What do you expect they will do? What will happen to them?
Anita Bryant		x	The war goes on to save our children because the seed of sexual sickness that germinated in Dade County has already been transplanted by misguided liberals in the US Congress.
Monica Mbaru	x		It has never been harder for gays on the continent. Homophobia is on the rise.
Nsaba Butoro		x	In Uganda, we look at homosexuality as an abomination. It is not normal.
Raila Odinga		x	Declared that gay people having sex should be arrested.
Moses Solomom Male		x	Homosexuality is not inborn, so it is not inherent as a right.
Sheila Mugish	x		If the bill becomes a law, I have to find a way to leave Uganda.
Giles Muhame		x	Most Ugandans are totally against homosexuality.
Giles Muhame		x	The Bible condemns homosexuality. You know what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah? It is like murder and terrorism.
Giles Muhame		x	The world is under siege by homosexuals. They want to control the world, and they are starting with Africa.
Geoff Kors	x		People are justifiably frustrated and angry about the lack of progress on key equality issues in the past two years in Washington.
Larry Pegram		x	Social issue do not play a role in decisions made in City Hall.
Wiggys Sivertsen	x		Fearred that electing Pegram would signal that issues of civil rights for everyone are not important, that all you need to do is vote your pocketbook.
Rick DeMato		x	We do not want the minds of our children to be polluted with the things of a carnal minded-society.
Rick DeMato		x	Of course we are all against bullying, but the Bible says very clearly that homosexuality is wrong, and Christians do not want the schools to teach subjects that are repulsive to their values.
Anonymous Mother		x	Anyone who reads this document can see that it promotes acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle.
Harlan Reidmohr	x		Sexual orientation was never once discussed in the classroom, and I believe this led to a lot of the homosexual harassment I faced.
Ellen Kahn	x		When you talk about two moms or two dads, the idea is to validate the families, not to push a debate about marriage.
Candi Cushman		x	Advocacy groups are promoting homosexual lessons in the name of anti-bullying.
Kirsten Vital	x		Everyone in our community needs to feel safe and visible and included.
Michael Gengler	x		You learn from an early age that it's not acceptable to be gay.
Tess Dufrechou	x		By the time kids get to high school, it's too late.
Tammi Shulz		x	I just don't think it's great to talk about homosexuality with 5 year olds.
Bruce Messinger	x		Said he still hoped to achieve the original goals without using the explicit language that offended many parents.
Gene Robinson	x		Death threats, and the now worldwide controversy surrounding your election of me as bishop, have been a constant strain, not just on me, but on my beloved husband, Mark, and on Episcopalians in the state.
Anonymous Anglicans	x		The covenant seeks to narrow the range of acceptable belief within Anglicanism.
Margaret Porter	x		The people who were skeptics do not last.
Rick Warren		x	They can't accuse me of homophobia, I just don't believe in gay marriage. This is like pedophilia and incest.
Kevin Rahe		x	The expectation is that married couples will bear enough children to sustain our population and contribute to sustaining our society. It is difficult to imagine same-sex couples making a comparable and proportional contribution to society.

Tom Hackelman	x		Much like the past, American Christian leadership continues to dwell in a sanctimonious, self-righteous and hypocritical world that is neither godly nor Christ-like.
Michael Ors		x	God's rules supercede human sensitivities.
Theodore Boutrous	x		We are pleased that the public will hear and see firsthand the arguments on these exceedingly important issues.
Chad Griffin	x		For too long, the truth about marriage equality has been obscured by misleading political rhetoric.
James Conway		x	We recruit a certain type of young American, a pretty macho guy or gal.
Robert Gates	x		Said repeal would not be the wrenching, traumatic change that many have feared and predicted.
Robert Gates	x		Concerns about the higher levels of discomfort about repealing the law were not insurmountable as long as any repeal was carried out carefully and with what he said was sufficient time and preparation to get the job done right.
Barack Obama	x		More than 2/3 of our military men and women and their families are prepared to serve alongside Americans who are openly gay.
Geoff Kors	x		Harris has long championed full equality for LGBT Californians, and we are extremely fortunate to have a true friend in the attorney general's office working to make California a state where everyone is treated equally under the law.
John Gundlach	x		US Military is not a religious institution, but a civilian government organization. If they can't handle this change, then they are in the wrong ministry setting.
Douglas Lee		x	Chaplains generally point out their views on homosexuality before counseling a service member on that issue.
Douglas Lee		x	There is a strong possibility that a chaplain wouldn't be allowed to proclaim what their own faith believes and not give people the information they need to be a good Christian or Muslim or what have you.
Timothy Broglio		x	Like homosexuality, there is rarely a cure. There is a control through a process, which is guarded by absolute secrecy.
Dennis Camp	x		They were forced by the institution, the system, to be dishonest, and that took its toll on them, and me.
Theodore Olsen	x		Prop.8 sponsors do not contend that they would personally suffer an injury if gays were permitted to marry.
Eve Tushnet		x	Does not see herself as disordered and she does not struggle to be straight, but she insists that her religion forbids her a sex life.
Eve Tushnet		x	While gay sex should not be criminalized, gays should abstain.
Eve Tushnet		x	Same-sex marriage can bring outcomes such as two tiered marriages.
Eve Tushnet		x	She was drawn to the Catholics among them, who corrected her misimpression that the existence of sin means you are bad. It means exactly the opposite. They taught her that it means you have chance to come back and repent and to be saved.
Chris Williamson	x		Coulter makes me laugh, but people outside NY and LA will take this as truth, and it is dangerous.
Ann Coulter		x	We ought to be doing everything for a man and a woman who pledge to live their lives together and raise children.
Ann Coulter		x	Marriage is not a civil right.
Marcelo Marquez	x		For me it was incredible.
Marcelo Marquez	x		We now have legal recognition, given by the state.
Marcela Sanchez	x		We are now seeing a forward movement in a number of places.
Cristina de Kirchner	x		We can think this has been a positive step in dancing defending minority rights.
Gerardo Morales	x		The bill would remedy a situation of injustice and discrimination toward sectors of the Argentine society who really do not have the guarantee of equal rights as our constitution establishes.
Jorge Bergoglio		x	Approving the bill would be an intention to destroy God's plan.

Dan Hawes	x		Vote in Argentina also gives momentum to gay rights advocates in the US.
Cristina de Kirchner	x		It would be a terrible distortion of democracy to deny gay couples the right to wed and that it was time for religious leaders to recognize how much more liberal and less discriminatory the nation's social mores had become.
Jorge Bergoglio		x	The bill is a destructive attack on God's plan.
Alvaro Colom		x	God said Adam and Eva, not Adam and Esteban.
Oscar Amador	x		This inspires us to fight even more. Maybe one day, we'll have the same.
Eduardo Bieule		x	The government committed treason against public opinion by not holding a plebiscite on the issue.
Michael Shifter	x		This reflects the socially liberal culture in Argentina today.
Jeff Johnson	x		Today the church is speaking with a clear voice that all people are welcome here, all people are invited to help lead this church, and all people are loved unconditionally by God.
Mark Holmerud	x		The effect of them being brought onto our roster is they will now be part of our national database of pastors who are available for service in any of our 10,500 churches.
Amalia Vagts	x		It has been a long and hard journey for a lot of people, and it feels like this is a new beginning in the history of the ELCA.
Mark Chavez		x	It is just another step by the ECLA to move the denomination further and further away from most Lutheran churches around the world and from the whole Christian church, unfortunately.
Megan Rohrer	x		It has been a long journey from her home in South Dakota-where fellow Lutherans regarded her sexuality as a demon to be exorcised to being finally welcomed as a minister in the Lutheran church.
Geoff Kors	x		I think he came to see what kind of impact this would have not only in making civil rights history, but the impact this would have on LGBT youths who live in regions far from San Francisco.
Geoff Kors	x		It would be a great legacy to Harvey's life to help these candidates win.
Stuart Milk	x		I think the proudest moment of Harvey Milk Day is that you have people who have continued on with the work for equal rights, and that was Harvey's dream.
Stuart Milk	x		It gives people the opportunity to connect dots and see that all the excuses for discriminating against a group, no matter who the group is, are always the same.
Ken Metler		x	Harvey Milk did not have the same accomplishments that rose to the level of a special day of recognition.
Gentle Blythe	x		We'd support any of our teachers who do decide to use this day as a teaching opportunity.
Julianne Sohn	x		DADT is like a snapshot of institutional prejudice.
Andrea Laffert		x	We should focus on more important issues, such as the economy and the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.
Roy Ashburn	x		DADT is clearly out of date and discriminatory.
Roy Ashburn		x	Gay marriage is a very complicated issue.
Roy Ashburn	x		Passing the bill would create a confusing, untenable situation, but with great difficulty, he urged the Senate to reject the bill.
Charles Moran	x		Here is somebody who is open and out of the closet and has truly changed their policy position. I still think they may have a long way to go and that is what was demonstrated in his marriage vote.
Christine Kehoe	x		Ashburn's openness will spur change in the Republican caucus.
Mark Leno	x		I hope Ashburn's outness will be an opportunity for his leadership not only in his district but also in his caucus to bring some rational thinking and light to the subject of LGBT civil rights.
Leland Yee	x		I think whenever you're truthful with yourself, that's a good thing.

Leland Yee	x		The coming out process is an enlightening process, so I think he is coming to terms with his sexual orientation and that is what you are seeing now.
Ted Haggard	x		Announced that he was starting a new all inclusive church open to gay, straight, bi, tall, short," but no gay marriages. It is not God's ideal, sorry.
Michael Kimmel	x		Men have gotten increasingly comfortable with the presence of, and the relative equality of "the other" and we are becoming more accustomed to it.
Gene Robinson	x		Just because you didn't intend to burn down trees and homes does not mean that you are not responsible for it happening.
Scott Lively		x	Claims homosexuality is evil and undermines family and marriage.
Yoneri Museveni		x	Asked the clergy and African leaders to guard against Western culture, warning that the continent will end up eaten y homosexuality if they relax.
Yoneri Museveni		x	The African church is the only one standing against homosexuality.
Yoneri Museveni		x	I hear there was homosexuality in Mwanga's palace. This was not part of our culture.
Christopher Senyonjo	x		Often these visitors do ore harm than good.
Osby Davis		x	Gays are committing sin and that sin will keep them out of heaven.
Osby Davis		x	This is the same for someone who is a drug addict or a child molester or murderer.
Osby Davis		x	I wasn't able to stay to see the movie "Milk" because I had another commitment.
P. Daniels Jefferson		x	Homosexuality is controversial. It is troubling that so many now want the government to take sides in this issue by endorsing a Gay Pride Month.
Lou Bordisso	x		We very much appreciate the solidarity. I think tonight helps to demonstrate that we can heal the wounds and divisions that we have in Vallejo.
Lou Bordisso	x		Mr. Jefferson rained on our parade.
Lou Bordisso	x		We want to move forward.
Susan Sommer	x		In many ways this is a real breakthrough in New York.
James Clyburn	x		I feel just as strongly about the ENDA bill as I felt back in the '60's about civil rights legislation.
John Campbell		x	If transgender language is included, that is just too far.
Barney Frank	x		Two addressed concerns: workplace bathroom use and the appearance of transgendered employees.
Heath Shuler		x	Asking moderates to vote on a transgendered bill in this year's political climate would be a mistake.
Richard Rosendall	x		When the time was right, moving from domestic partnerships to marriage would not be a big leap, just the next logical step.
Peter Rosenstein	x		The vote was never in doubt.
Robert Raben	x		Outlook on the Hill for proponents is better than it has been in the past decade and that advocates are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to fend off attacks on the District's decision.
David Catania	x		It was time to get out of our comfort zone and take a risk. This could have turned out differently.
Bob Sumersgill	x		The status and the word matter as much as all the legal rights and responsibilities. We all understand marriage.
Jonathan Mervis	x		We are in the business of love. This is just an extension of what we've always been about.
Barack Obama	x		Gay or straight who want nothing more than to defend this country in uniform, your country needs and wants you, and we will be honored to welcome you into the ranks of the finest military the world has ever known.
Jake Tapper	x		Is it intellectually consistent to say that gays can fight and die for this country but should not be able to marry the ones they love?
Andrea Lafferty		x	Obama's views are not evolving. He was always for gay marriage but he knows the majority of Americans disapprove of it.
Peter Rosenstein	x		I appreciate what Obama said. But it would be nice, rather than waiting for the public to evolve, if he were to lead the country to accept marriage equality.

Phyllis Schlafly		x	I think same-sex marriage would be a terrible mistake. I don't think there are any good arguments for it.
Olivia Monesano	x		I am voting for Newsom. He has been for gay rights from the beginning and he is a gay icon.
Maggie Gallagher		x	We are also looking for opportunities to demonstrate that pro-gay marriage Republicans lose, and to lay the groundwork for a federal marriage amendment, if the Supreme Court refuses to respect people's right to vote for marriage.
Brian Brown		x	The decision is the beginning of a major national culture war.
Brian Brown		x	Judge Walker made clear that the threat is not only coming, it is immediate.
David Axelrod	x		Obama supports equality for gay couples, and benefits and other issues, and that has been effectuated in federal agencies under his control.
Enoe Uranga	x		It is not finished as long as they don't declare that gay couples have all the rights of anyone else.
Armando Martinez		x	Preventing gay adoptions was the most important issue.
Charles Cooper		x	Said he would immediately try to get the US Court of Appeals for the 9 th Circuit to block Walker's new order.
Arnold Schwarzenegger	x		California has a long history of treating all people and their relationships with equal dignity and respect.
Vaughn Walker	x		Prop.8 inflicts harm upon gays in California. Any delay in the Aug. 14 th ruling taking effect would serve only to delay same-sex couples access to the remedy to which they have shown they are entitled.
Gene Chandler		x	When it comes to something like civil unions, people are willing to turn the other shoulder, but the bill is a step further than what the majority of people in the state of New Hampshire want to see happen.
Edward Butler	x		Separate but equal is not equal. We need and want full equality, and we will have it.
Jim Demint		x	All Americans should be treated equally, but that does not mean that you change the institution of marriage.
Fred Sainz	x		There is no doubt that all LGBT people wish that he stood for marriage with us, especially today.
Fred Sainz	x		We want the same legal protections that any other American family enjoys.
Barack Obama	x		We may disagree about gay marriage, but my belief is that a basic principle in our constitution is that if you are obeying the law, that you should be treated the same regardless of who you are.
John Stemberger		x	I support the bill that says traditional marriage is between a man and a woman.
Brian Winfield	x		It is not just gay people who would be left out. There are millions of families led by single parents, and there are millions of families led by gay couples, or aunts, grandparents, and uncles raising children.
Roy Ashburn		x	Marriage between one man and one woman is fundamental to civilization.
Chad Vegas		x	Sees Ashburn as being in an identity crisis, and in deep trouble spiritually. Homosexuality is a corruption on sexual desire.
Whitney Weddell	x		Someone has to stand here.
Vince Edwards		x	Has no problem with what gays do behind closed doors, but he is prejudiced against them. I am just not comfortable with them.
Mel Lawrence		x	I just do not believe in same-sex marriage.
Cindy McGregor		x	Unless you went into office to push gay rights.
Kelly Thompson	x		Trusted that the wedding would be beautiful, not tacky.
Kelly Thompson	x		It would have been a good event either way.
Aisha Mills	x		Weddings are sacred gatherings. It is the joining of two soul mates.
Mike Crawford	x		We have been waiting a long time for gay couples to be able to marry, so people are focused on creating events that are going to be so special.

Alex Khalaf	x		I just think the energy in the room will probably be great, for all of us.
Amy Solcal	x		That is kind of a cool idea. (in reference to the mass ceremony)
Mike Wilkinson	x		We have marched together and have advocated for this so long together.
Dan Gainor		x	It is news, but the coverage was excessive and one-sided.
Dan Gainor		x	Laws change, but just because the battle is over does not mean it has ended, and id does not mean that the other side is happy about it.
Doug Schrader		x	The Post's unabashed bias in favor of gay marriage in its reporting is blatant, and I believe all intentional.
Shin Inouye	x		The memorandum is to help ensure that patients will be able to face difficult times in hospitals with compassion, dignity and respect. This way we can protect gays, widows, widowers with no children, religious order members. Or others for whom their loved ones are not always immediate relatives.
Janice Langbehn	x		I was so humbled that he would know Lisa's name and know our story. He apologized for how we were treated.
David Smith	x		It is a huge deal. Nearly every hospital in the country will now be required to provide hospital visitation for LGBT families.
Richard Socarides	x		While the memorandum on its own did not grant any new rights, it did draw attention to the very real and tragic situations many gays and lesbians face when a partner is hospitalized.
Richard Socarides	x		It is the kind of thing the gay community was hoping Obama would do after he was inaugurated.
Barack Obama	x		Gays are uniquely affected because they are often barred from visiting partners with whom they have spent decades.
Barack Obama	x		In the State of the Union address, he said that he intended to move to overturn the policy, and his administration has been taking steps to do so.
Evan Wolfson	x		It is not just about hospital visitation but the full measure of protections that families seek and want, and the real answer here is to end the exclusion on marriage.
Ralph Reed		x	Primary objection was not to medical rights for same-sex couples, but to Obama's imposition of them from the White House.
Ralph Reed		x	It is just one more indication of an administration that is catering to liberal special interests.
Whit Ayres	x		I think it will be relatively non-controversial. This allows him to give something to his base w/o worrying too much about backlash on the other side.
David Smith	x		There are some in our community that are frustrated with the pace of progress, but you cannot deny that progress is being made.
Amy Andrews	x		When the tickets didn't sell at first, I worried that no one would show up, and then tickets just took off.
Kathleen McGuire	x		Who is afraid of a choir?
Mariana Perez Ocana	x		Fears that conservative provincial leaders will chip away at same-sex marriage.
Mariana Perez Ocana	x		Still marriage is a significant milestone. This law is s very important issue.
Anonymous editor		x	Just because something has become common, should it be legally recognized?
Carlos Monsivais	x		I don't understand why a president would invent a constitution that concerns itself with weddings.
Felipe Calderon		x	The constitution of the republic speaks explicitly of marriage between a man and a woman.
Norberto Rivera		x	The family is under attack. The perverse measure would inflict psychological damage on innocent children.
Reyna Burrera	x		She is protected this way. She will get my pension, our house, and everything from the life we built together.
Jesusa Rodriguez	x		The important thing is that this law grants equality.
Reed Gusciora	x		I am still hopeful that people will see that this is a civil rights issue and vote their consciences.
Joseph Harmon	x		It is not about religion. People won't want to do it for religious reasons don't have to.

Steven Goldstein	x		Either we will be able to march up the aisle and have marriage equality, or we will march across the aisle and have political independence.
Raymond Lesniak	x		I believe there is realistic chance we can get it posted and passed.
Gina Pastino	x		People do not understand civil unions, but they understand marriage.
Peter Sprigg		x	There is still a strong sentiment in the public to define marriage between a man and a woman.
Evan Wolfson	x		Advocates will try again this year to pass the bill.
Evan Wolfson	x		Advocates of gay marriage will spend time this year building community-level support rather than pushing legislation.
Steven Goldstein	x		Even our opponents in the Legislature acknowledge that the civil-union law has not provided equal protection.
Len Deo		x	We applaud senators for upholding a time-tested institution: marriage.
Leslie Brett	x		We are upset and disappointed but not done fighting.
Richard Codey	x		One day people will look back and say, "What were they thinking?" What were they so afraid of?
Gerald Cardinale		x	There are many who believe this will change our entire culture.
Christi Sturmont	x		We are holding out hope that we'd be able to get married and have full citizenship, but now we have to settle for second class. For now, we are not done fighting.
Norberto Rivera		x	This is a bad and perverse law.
Cardinal Lozano		x	Gay people cannot enter heaven because anything that goes against nature and dignity of the body offends God.
Harold Ford	x		I am for gay marriage, or same-sex marriage.
Harold Ford	x		I do not believe that the difference between civil unions and marriage is great. I understand in certain communities it is not viewed on equal footing.
Hilal	x		You call white guys who go for Arabs hummus queens.
Hilal	x		There is a lot of post 9/11 baggage that people want to deal with, but the only option they have is to go out to a club and dance?
Mohammad Shamsi Ali		x	Homosexuality is grouped with adultery, fornication, all of them are very severe sins, but you don't need to talk about it. It is between you and the creator.
Abraham	x		I thought what was natural was to do something fun, have people dance.
Amir	x		Habibi is a welcoming community.
Gary Gates	x		We don't know a lot about this group. Their story has not been told.
Darlene Maffett	x		All of a sudden you started seeing all of these women coming out. All of them had children.
Bob Witeck	x		We are starting to see that the gay community is very diverse. We are not all rich white guys.
Veronica Selver	x		The movie was part of our process of coming out.
Veronica Selver	x		None of us knew the extent to which the film was becoming, as we were making it, a first significant representation of gay lives on film.
Ira Sachs	x		Said he found himself thinking back to the early 90's heyday of the new queer cinema, and to the taste for polemical art, forged in the fire of AIDS activism, that made it possible.
Ira Sachs	x		Said the work in the series has reopened his eyes to how broad filmmaking, and especially queer imagery, can be and has been.
Brian Brown		x	Said he and fellow activists will look at what the best route is to have Congress intervene to try to force a referendum.
David Catania	x		This represents the end of the judicial road for opponents.

David Catania	x		Said he is skeptical that opponents of the law can be successful in the current Congress, which features a Democratic Senate, but said that the city's leaders should begin contacting GOP leaders with oversight over the District to make it known what the city's point of view is towards these local issues.
Jay Bakker			Marginalized people are the best at showing love and grace because they have been shown it the least.
Jay Bakker			I remember one of my best friends in high school came out to me and that I was in total shock.
Jay Bakker			People get mean and they toss their morals out the window. They are not acting lovely and they confuse this righteous anger and judgmentalism with love.
Mary Cady	x		Our court has many times in the past, decided that some cases involving civil rights that were quite controversial at the time.
Matthew D. Staver		x	Letting gays attend the conference is one thing, but they shouldn't be allowed to be co-sponsors.
Tony Perkins		x	Described GOProud as trying to force public affirmation of homosexual conduct.
Christopher Barron	x		I think 10 years from now, people will forget there was ever a discussion over whether a truly conservative gay group should participate.
David Kato	x		Said that he wanted to be a good human rights defender, not a dead one but alive.
Judith Nabakooba		x	Kato's death did not appear to be a hate crime. It looks like theft, some things were stolen.
Giles Muhame		x	We should not overblow the death of one.
James Buturo		x	Homosexuals can forget about human rights.
Don Schmeirer		x	Naturally, I don't want anyone to be killed, but I feel like I had nothing to do with Kato's death.
Val Kalende	x		David's death is a result of hatred planted in Uganda by US evangelicals in 2009.
Michael Geer		x	I like to support businesses that stand up for the good in society, and I love their food, so it is a win-win.
Rhonda Cline		x	I applaud a company that in this climate today will step out on a limb the way the constitution allows them to.
Fred Sainz	x		It is heartening that in our democracy, military leaders may disagree but they do not hesitate to implement the laws passed by our elected leaders.
Carlton Kent	x		The Marine Corps is a diverse force, and all have earned the privilege to wear the Eagle, globe, and anchor.
James Amos		x	Said that allowing gays to serve openly in the military could result in more casualties because openly gay troops on the battlefield could pose a distraction.
Michael Bloomberg	x		Freedom is NY's competitive advantage and its brand, and he has become committed to defending it.
Steven Cohen	x		We believe in social justice for all Americans.
Daniel Loeb	x		Hopes to make it clear to Republicans that same-sex marriage had a broad coalition of support.
Clifford Asness	x		This is an issue of basic freedom.
John Feinblatt	x		If you want your beliefs to count and your voice to count, this is the time.
Ruben Diaz		x	He spoke of loving the sinner but hating the sin; of a Bible that warned against homosexuality.
Erica Diaz	x		It is in my blood to stand up for what I believe in, regardless of whom I stand against.
Erica Diaz	x		I told my captain to either accept me or I don't want to be part of this military. I got the boot 30 days later.
Erica Diaz	x		I wanted him to know that I am here and that as long as I am alive, I am going to stand up for what is right.
Erica Diaz	x		Spoke of the hurt that came with watching him fight against what mattered most to her, her right to marry whom she pleased.
Kailey Cox	x		I want people to see me as, "Wow, she loves God."

Monroe Freedman	x		Any heterosexual has a problem (judging the case) because his or her marriage or future marriage is threatened, because the children are threatened.
Theodore Boutros	x		It's a stunning admission that all the arguments they were making before are completely baseless.
Charles Cooper		x	Our argument is that the adoption of same sex-marriage will likely harm the institution of marriage over time, not that any individual's existing marriage will be affected.
Charles Cooper		x	No judge may hear his own case.
Charles Cooper		x	California people supported Prop.8 because they thought it would strengthen the institution of marriage and because it would benefit children.
Aubrey Sarvis	x		Chaplains and service members are secure and protected.
Austin Nimocks		x	If the Senate does not follow the House and protect chaplains and service members, we have no doubt that legal action will be required.
Eileen Lainez	x		In today's military, people of different moral and religious values work, live and fight together. This is possible because they treat each other with dignity and respect.
John Neal		x	I think what you are going to find is a lot of senior officers, senior commissioned officers, that would have stayed longer will get out.
Vladislav Kuroptev		x	This is a protest against perverts. It is a violation of our moral values.
Dean Snyder	x		This is very exciting, very moving.
An Birkel			We believe that more and more Christians are examining the issue and realizing that it is truly a civil rights issue and that members of our denomination are just deserving of support of their church communities and their commitments to each other.
Rick Perry		x	I have made it clear that I believe marriage should be between one man and one woman.
Human Rights Campaign	x		Accused Perry of aligning with groups that seek to demonize gays.
Catherine Frazier		x	The AFA is an organization devoted to faith and strong families.
Mark Potok	x		AFA has repeatedly defamed gay men with the falsehood claiming that gay men molest children at rates far higher than heterosexuals.
Mark Potok	x		AFA director claims that gays are responsible for the Holocaust, which is utterly false.
Tim Wildmon		x	Representative of a lot of people who have traditional values.
Noel Freeman	x		What we take exception to is that his primary partner in this is anti-gay hate group.
Joe Solmonese	x		Perry's decision to work with such blatantly snit-LGBT groups on an event billed as a day of prayer is disturbing.
Josh Verde	x		I am in a relationship.
Joe Fuld	x		Said his clients often described running for office as coming out all over again.
Joe Fuld	x		You can put LGBT out there in some way, but it does not have to be the 'Joe the Gay Candidate.'
Chuck Wolfe	x		The idea is to build a back bench of politicians who can win at the local level and work their way up.
Seth Kaufer	x		I think being a gay Republican is an asset. I like to break stereotypes.
Bruce Kraus			Anti-gay sentiment has gotten a lot better, and the proof in the pudding is I am in public office.
Adam Ebbin	x		Things got better for LGBT Virginians.
Bob Marshall		x	Gay behavior undermines the American economy, shortens lives, adds significantly to illness, increases health costs, promotes venereal diseases, among other things.
Victoria Cobb		x	We hope there would be an even hand played when a Christian requests the Christian flag in September during Christian Heritage month.
James Parrish	x		The flag is important in Virginia.

Jim Strader	x		Flag shows values of being open and inclusive.
Michael Yamashita	x		The paper is reaching out to predominately gay business owners want to reach customers who prefer gay doctors, therapists and bookstores.
Michael Yamashita	x		You had all these professionals, drag queens, and leather people with no common voice, so Bob thought the community needed a paper.
Michael Yamashita	x		Milk helped us realize we should take more seriously the opportunity to address issues in the city that were in crisis.
Mark Leno	x		The BAR was a portal to my new home and my community
Tom Horn	x		5 of the 10 gayest zip codes are in San Francisco. All trends in the gay community emanate from here.
Serafine Simien	x		Honestly, I am tired of begging to have someone accept me.
Andrea Shorter	x		Certainly the success of the federal case has given the movement optimism, but I think folks are still reeling and hurt by what happened in 2008.
Andrea Shorter	x		California may or may not be a priority nationally in 2012.
Evan Wolfson	x		The federal case has been a tremendous boost to public understanding of how the denial of marriage really harms families.
Kate Kendall	x		An electoral loss could create a very toxic environment for same-sex marriage and send a message that might chill an otherwise more compassionate court.
Andrew Lanza	x		My faith is an important part of my life and always has been.
Andrew Lanza	x		Did not think it was a disease to be gay.
John Sampson	x		We're at the door of marriage equality.
Carl Kruger	x		What we are about to do is redefine what the American family is.
James Alesi	x		Equality is the basic right of living in America.
Brian Brown		x	What the governor is attempting to do is create a myth of inevitability.
Andrew Cuomo	x		I believe that votes will be there for marriage equality if the vote happens.
Andrew Cuomo	x		Vote you conscience, not your fears.
Moira Weir	x		The reality is we need foster and adoptive parents, and it does not matter what the relationship is.
Ellen Kahn	x		It's two steps forward and one step back.
Ellen Kahn	x		Number of agencies I work with has more than doubled over the past five years to about 50.
Adam Pertman	x		The trend line is absolutely straight up.
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Peter Sprigg		x	The goal of advocates of adoption by same-sex couples was to silence people like me.
Theodore Boutrous	x		They are challenging Judge Walker because he is gay.
Charles Cooper		x	Walker's 10 year relationship was a fact critically relevant to his interest in the case.
Charles Cooper		x	Said Walker's silence deprived Prop.8 advocates of info. They could have used to ask him to step down from the case. That should invalidate all his subsequent decisions in a lawsuit challenging Prop.8.
Charles Cooper		x	Insisted that Walker had a duty to disclose his intentions.

Paul Clement		x	The law was justified by tradition and biological differences between same-sex and opposite ex couples.
Anonymous	x		This case is about equality, regardless of gender or sexual orientation, for two people who filed for protection from creditors.
James Ware	x		A gay judge is entitled to rule in a gay rights case, even if his decision could provide him some speculative future benefit.
James Ware	x		We all have an equal stake in a case that challenges the constitutionality of a restriction on a fundamental right.
Charles Cooper		x	Our legal team will appeal the decision and continue our tireless efforts to defend the will of the people of California to preserve marriage as the union of a man and a woman.
Theodore Boutsous	x		Ware's ruling makes it clear that gay judges are entitled to the same presumption of fairness and impartiality as all other federal judges.
James Ware	x		Walker did not have to divulge whether he wanted to marry his gay partner before he declared last year that voter approved Prop.8 was unconstitutional.
Albert Mohler		x	Homosexuality is a sin that is dictated by the Bible.
Timothy Dolan		x	Marriage between a man and a woman is hard-wired by God and nature.
Timothy Dolan		x	Denounces the perilous presumption of the state in reinventing the definition of marriage.
Timothy Dolan		x	Dismissed the notion that gay marriage is a civil right.
Jimmy Creech	x		We talked about this as an expression of bigotry, using religion to justify discrimination.
Barack Obama	x		I favor legalizing same-sex marriage.
Barack Obama	x		My views on gay marriage are evolving in part because I have close friends who married gay couples.
Kevin Thompson	x		I don't think Obama has any issue with two people of the same gender getting married.
Barney Frank	x		If you live in a democratic society, it is a mix of what you think the voters want and what you think is doable.
Jackie Kaplan	x		Let's talk about how we can build more equality.
Tracy Baim	x		Obama's objections were based on what he saw were realistic considerations.
Benoit Lewis	x		I was skeptical of Michael's claim of heterosexuality, and I rejected his argument that homosexuality prevents us from finding our true self within.
Benoit Lewis	x		I don't know for sure what you are, I just wish you wouldn't write such inaccurate things about gay people.
Michael Glatze		x	Homosexuality, delivered to young minds, is by its very nature pornographic.
Michael Glatze		x	God loves you more than any dude will ever love you.
Michael Glatze		x	Homosexuality is a cage in which you are trapped in an endless cycle of constantly wanting more-sexually-that you can never actually receive.
Michael Glatze		x	I don't think the gay movement understands the extent to which the next generation just wants to be normal kids. The people who are getting that are the Christian right.
Michael Glatze		x	God creates us heterosexual.
Michael Glatze		x	It doesn't get better if you're gay.
Ben	x		Michael is a victim of this insane society we live in, where we grow up with all these conflicting messages and pressures around sexuality and religion.
Jason Lucht	x		Students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln participated for the second year in a row, writing messages outside of the student union.
Whitney Lee	x		Students chalked in the evening after a moment of silence.
Jen Dugan	x		These tragedies are a wake-up call to society.
Lonell Kane	x		Chalk project was combined with the NOH8 silent photo protest against California's Prop.8

Mary Russell		x	Erasing the uniqueness of the relationship between men and women and the distinction of that relationship from the law would deny to future generations a recognition of our natural origin that lies at the very core of who we are as human beings.
Chrysovalantis Kefalas	x		Under present law, I am considered less of a citizen than many of you.
Derek McCoy		x	Your concern should not be pandering to the political move of the day but truthfully working to foster conditions, which have been proven to be the best environment for children and families.
Richard Madaleno	x		Called it a badge of dishonor to have to introduce people to his "partner."
Richard Madaleno	x		We had a church wedding ten years ago this year and in the eyes of our religion, our families, friends, and in my heart, he is my spouse.
Robert Garagiola	x		That is a very happy family.
Austin Nimocks		x	Government should keep marriage between a man and a woman as an incentive to foster responsible procreation.
Mark Holmerud	x		There's been an acknowledgement that these two congregations were forward-thinking and committed to their ministry.
Robert Goldstein	x		Once the reason for not being there was gone, we realized we could have a much better influence on change from within.
Fred Sainz	x		This is going to be a continual process over years of kind of changing the mentality.
Marquell Smith	x		There was a little bit of reluctance by employers to hire me. You miss out on opportunities.
Shin Inouye	x		DADT will be fully repealed this year.
Richard Socarides	x		If you work at the Agriculture Dept. as a clerk, you have better protections than somebody in the military.
Richard Socarides	x		It is crucial that gay military personnel have legally enforceable protections, which are lasting over time.
Aubrey Sarvis	x		I think some at the Pentagon are going to be very uncomfortable when they have to face the realities of pay and benefits, due to different treatments because of sexual orientation.
Aubrey Sarvis	x		Many will want to see those homosexual records removed.
Chuck Colson		x	Same sex marriage is the greatest threat to religious freedom in America.
Jennifer Knust	x		It is highly misleading for marriage traditionalists to portray their stance as the biblical stance.
Gabe Lyons	x		Young Christians increasingly have family members who are gay, have people in their lives who really matter to them who are gay, and that changes how they approach these issues.
Chuck Colson		x	To believe in and defend the institution of marriage is not gay bashing.
Richard McEhen		x	Gay activity is an offense against God.
John Indo	x		It is time that all people of faith assume some Christ-like humility and admit that they have been wrong in their traditional understanding of human sexuality.
Ebie Hussey	x		Mainstream and fundamental Christianity teach that homosexuality is a sin, and he has caught on to that.
Ebie Hussey	x		It was a huge blessing to find Plymouth United Church of Christ to be a gay friendly church.
Ebie Hussey	x		When a child tells you that he is gay, you don't ant to change your plan for him.
Adam Robinson	x		LGBT folks are welcome everyday.
Adam Robinson	x		Proclaiming a special day is mainly a way to spread the word.
Jaxn Hussey	x		I really want gay teens like myself to have a place where they feel truly accepted, and that place is Plymouth.
Robert Jones	x		Younger people are more supportive of same-sex rights than the older generation.
Joel Osteen		x	Homosexuality is a sin.

Joanna Crawford	x		Idea came up after the suicide of Asher Brown.
Joanna Crawford	x		We felt it we could get families into our churches, where they have support, something good could come from that.
Jim Bankston	x		We think it's important for families to know there's a safe place to go to worship.
Edith Windsor	x		Statement is mind-blowing for gays or for anyone who is related to a gay person. It removes a great deal of stigma.
Tobias Wolff	x		He said that he has been struggling with the issue, and I think he has earned a certain benefit of the doubt.
Lamar Smith		x	This is a real politicization of the Justice Dept. when the president's personal views override the government's duty to defend the law of the land.
Anthony Ronero	x		This is a great step by the Obama administration and a tipping point for the gay rights movement, that will have rippling effects in contexts beyond the DOMA.
Eric Holder	x		DOMA is unconstitutional.
Scott Brown		x	We cannot have presidents deciding what is constitutional or not. That is the job of the judicial branch, not the executive branch.
Chris Morehouse	x		The day is coming when all marriages will be on an equal footing in the eyes of the law.
Tony Perkins		x	Currently, only five states allow gay marriage.
Grant Youngblood	x		Civil marriage is a human right and a legal relationship not specifically defined by her particular religious sect.
Dennis Vest		x	This is nothing but blatant pandering to a segment of his base, just as he prepares for his re-election bid.
Joseph Lovery	x		The president will not be hurt by this one issue.
Patrick Egan	x		My instinct is that a public change of heart on his part to support gay marriage could have a substantial impact on black voters.
Cornell Belcher	x		I think he is showing leadership here, and the leadership will certainly be shown in the black community.
Cheryl Sanders		x	I personally do not recall a whole groundswell of support from African-Americans for the DOMA. That is a white evangelical issue.
Anthony Evans		x	Obama has openly offended the black church and he did not need to do it.
Al Sharpton	x		When I said that I am for gay marriage, I got a lot of outrage from my fellow ministers.
Jenn Bowman	x		Right here in the classroom is where it needs to start.
P. Daniels Jefferson		x	When you call us haters or bigots or unintelligent because we believe in God's word, that is hate and bigotry.
P. Daniels Jefferson		x	Mr. Leno's bill was another step in what he labeled a long-running gay political agenda to queer the schools.
Karen England		x	The homosexual activists have been pushing for more and more in sexual curriculum when our kids cannot read or write.
Mark Leno	x		When students understand the arc of LGBT movement over 40 years, that otherness begins to dissipate.
Cookie Gordou		x	No one should take my right to tell me what can be shown to my child.
Anonymous 1		x	It is just not right.
Anonymous 2	x		Who am I to judge?
Tiffany Alston	x		I do believe it's a human right, a constitutional issue.
Anonymous 3	x		Why should I care if two men get married? So do it.
Aubrey Sarvis	x		This announcement should be incentive for the Pentagon that repeal should be in place before kids return to Harvard and other campuses this fall.
David Gushee	x		Clearly attitudes are changing.
David Gushee	x		We cannot have the name of Jesus certainly associated with hatred or contempt for homosexuals.

Thomas Burns	x		Change of mind reflected an ongoing campus dialogue about Christian faith and sexuality.
Joe Solmonese	x		House Republicans have now shown they are more interested in coring cheap political points on the backs of same-sex couples than tackling real problems.
Brian Brown		x	With the House intervening, we can finally get lawyers in that courtroom who are trying to win this issue.
Nancy Pelosi	x		Lauded Obama's decision to stop defending it as a victory for civil rights, fairness and equality.
John Boehner		x	He is convening the panel for the purpose of initiating action by the House to defend this law.
John Boehner		x	Launching a legal defense by the House of federal law against gay marriage.
Alexander Nicholson	x		It has been the case for years that commanders had at their disposal the means to chapter someone out of the military for something other than homosexual conduct.
Gary Myers	x		This is not a crime.
Stephen Jones	x		I have always been one to stand up for what I think is right.
Anthony Evans		x	Obama openly offended black church.
Aubrey Sarvis	x		I think the Navy's on the right track here.
Aubrey Sarvis	x		I think the entire military could have certification and full repeal by June 30.
Joseph Brian		x	I stand with the Bible, and that it says that God made marriage between a man and a woman.
Bob Wingfield		x	Warned his members to resist the perverse and corrupt culture.
Paul Wells		x	The Bible says homosexuality is an abomination before God.
Jonathan Weaver		x	There was not one in the room that stood for the bill.
Jonathan Weaver		x	I have spoken about it any number of times because I stand firm on the word of God.
Melony Griffith		x	I have always opposed the bill.
Edward Filardi		x	They are confusing important distinction that defines marriage.
Joel Peebles		x	We came for the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman.
Joel Peebles		x	We believe that this is beneficial to children.
Nathaniel Thomas		x	When you use the word marriage, it goes directly to what the church believes in, and that is a male-female relationship.
Anne Kaiser	x		When I told my mom I was gay, she cried, then told me she loves me.
Luke Clippinger	x		I am here today to claim to this house that I am not less than natural.
Emmett Burns		x	Same sex marriage violates natural law.
Michael Busch	x		We'll come back next year and take a strong look at it.
Sally Wall	x		We had a wonderful experience.
Patricia Montley	x		If we go to a Catholic hospital, are they going to recognize our marriage just because the attorney general says they should?
David Robinson	x		Same-sex marriage will eventually come.
Jennifer Monti	x		We'll be back again next year.
Ken Goodman	x		How much longer are we supposed to wait for our civil rights.
Brian Brown		x	The people in this country have not changed their views about marriage.
Evan Wolfson			This is very consistent with a lot of other polling data we've seen and the general momentum we've seen over the past year and a half.

Barney Frank	x		The fact that we've now evolved to the point where the Republicans are complaining about us introducing this bill because it causes them political problems is a great sign of progress.
Brian Brown		x	At last we have a legal eagle on this case who actually wants to win in court.
Andrew Brown		x	Its broad language would place an undue and unconstitutional burden on private faith based child placing agencies by forcing us to compromise our religious beliefs so we can maintain our license to operate.
Lawrence Webb	x		Starting a family would take precedent.
Clifton Taylor	x		It should be all about a child-I don't believe someone should tell me that I can't.
Joe Solmonese	x		Today, the State Board of Social Services told the 1,300 children already waiting for a loving, forever home that they'll have to wait longer.
Francis DeBernardo	x		Said he had seen Catholics open up in recent years. Their Catholicism motivated them.
Gilbert Martinez	x		Once you say that God is a human person-I mean we are just so varied and diverse that way.
Mark Lugo	x		Majority of the feedback we got were 'good for you' and 'we need more of that'.
Dan Choi	x		I want to give a voice to these people.
Scott Woledge	x		We are here to reach out to people to make them understand that homophobia kills.
Michael Busch	x		The direction of the debate seems clear enough.
Nancy Gill	x		It didn't even dawn on me that when I went to add Marcelle that my marriage wasn't valid in the eyes of the government.
Nancy Gill	x		I have never been treated unfairly at work, except for the DOMA issue.
Nancy Gill	x		I have been paying into my pension for years. Marcelle would not get that.
Noah Hornik	x		Between everything I was seeing, I realized we needed to take this further.
Noah Hornik	x		We can use the internet to push back against homophobia.
Noah Hornik	x		Creating safe spaces to talk about homosexuality in middle school is vital even if we seem young.
Rachel Tiven	x		First domino to fall for gay Americans with foreign spouses.
Richard Socarides	x		If you are gay, you get deported.
Josh Vandiver	x		The prospect of Henry's deportation is extremely frightening.
Steve Ralls	x		The reality is that because of immigration officials announcement today, there are going to be families torn apart.
Loretta Sanchez	x		Said she did not believe the military was so fragile that it could not deal with the new policy.
Adam Smith	x		Driving thousands of qualified people out of our armed forces under DADT undermines our military's effectiveness.
Howard McKeon		x	The one outcome that must be avoided is any course of action that would put the combat readiness of our military forces at risk.
Peter Chiarelli			Said he met with the commanders last Friday and they indicated no issues so far.
Gary Roughead	x		Training was going well and the type of questions reflect the professionalism and the maturity and the decency of our people.
James Amos	x		There has not been the recalcitrant push-back, not been anxiety of the forces in the field.
Robert Gates	x		You're supposed to go on treating everybody like you're supposed to be treating everybody now, with dignity, respect, and discipline.
Gary Fanger		x	When you start at the age of 5 or 6 teaching these children about gender preferences, you confuse them.
Ron Prentice		x	The measure forces the inclusion of LGBT persons into social science curriculum based on their sexual orientation alone.

Irene Carroll	x		I would feel that then I was included in the history of America that I wasn't left out on purpose.
Mark Leno	x		An agenda that promotes loving thy neighbor as thyself. That is what this agenda is about.
Mark Leno	x		By ignoring the accomplishments and role of gays, disabled people and others throughout time, we are currently censoring history.
David Burks		x	It was important for the website to be blocked because of what it said about Harding.
Jean Thompson		x	We are not going to embrace any advocacy for gay identity.
Saralyn Salisbury	x		The student body large is ready for this.
Samantha Jones	x		More than 50 students continue to hold weekly gatherings of their Sexual Identity Forum, and will keep seeking the moral validation that would come with formal status.
Lori Fogleman		x	Baylor expects students not to participating in advocacy groups promoting an understanding of sexuality that is contrary to biblical teaching.
Denis Flanagan	x		Has frequently been asked to speak on gay experience and mental health.
Denis Flanagan	x		I am strong believer in people's rights.
Denis Flanagan	x		The idea that I am helping a client stay in the closet is bizarre to me.
Denis Flanagan	x		There is still discrimination, still bullying of gay kids. In many states you can still be fired for being gay.
Lee Beckstead	x		The science says that being gay is not an illness.
Warren Morton		x	This sounds like something that feels really out of control to you, something you haven't been able to manage.
Rob		x	My faith was very important to me.
Alan Frank	x		There is hardly a gay man of my age who didn't go through some form of aversion therapy. This was an awful thing he did.
Eve Sedgwick	x		Called its hidden world the defining structure for gay oppression in this century.
Jim Swilley		x	There are two things in my life that I didn't ask for, one is the call of God, and the other is my orientation. I don't these two things could ever be compatible.
Jim Swilley	x		Any therapy that does not involve coming out is pointless.
John Roane	x		When you decide to become a parent, you must make sure that you're ready to be fully out as a gay person.
Alvin Williams	x		We have always taught our children that families come in many different forms.
Alvin Williams	x		Father's Day for me has become a day of reflection.
Ellery Payton	x		I am sure there were gay dads who had already adopted before we started our group.
Nigel Simon	x		If the forms in school read mother and father, we scratched that out to read father and father.
Jay Blotcher	x		I have been working on marriage equality issues since 1999, long before it was a political issue.
Jay Blotcher	x		The world has shifted in support of everything I have been doing all these years.
Neil Giuliano	x		I worked hard to make our organization the anti-defamation league for gay people.
Neil Giuliano	x		I didn't set out to become an advocate, but I didn't have a choice.
Neil Giuliano	x		I had been enjoying the comfort of the closet while others suffered for me.
Neil Giuliano	x		I didn't want to spend the rest of my life in a party where more than half the room wishes I weren't there.
Judy Appel	x		Sexual orientation is just one part of our identity.
Judy Appel	x		Found that families in the Bay Area encounter some challenges that families raised in more accepting areas don't face.

Robin Martorano	x		Said her kids have grown stringer. They don't judge people anymore.
Jacob Martorano	x		When she came out, I thought, "it is about time."
Kristen Beasley	x		Neither of us regretted having children the way we did.
Kristen Beasley	x		Central Valley is not a safe place to come out and be open.
Kristen Beasley	x		The kids who are growing up here will never put up with the discrimination that goes on here today.
Martin Golden		x	Some people don't think we should even touch the sore point.
Hugh Farley		x	I hope the bill fails but I don't know what will happen.
Gregory Ball		x	Yet the bill obviously seems to lack many of the basic religious protections I thought vital, and for this reason, and as I did in the Assembly. I will probably vote no.
Dean Skelos		x	We are not going to work under time constraints.
John Flanagan		x	My position hasn't changed.
James Alesi	x		I respect the collective will of my conference, but I believe on an issue as an important as to this to the Republican Party as well as to the LGBT community.
Ross Levi	x		This is an important and historic progress.
Andrew Lanza		x	Calling a union between a man and a woman marriage, and one between two men a civil union, does not invalidate one or the other.
Stephen Saland	x		I know my vote is a vote of conscience.
Dave Latina	x		The project opened in 2008 and four residents moved in when the Lehman Bros. crash happened in September.
Dave Latina	x		As the economy starts to stabilize, I hope that will translate to more options for housing at all financial levels for LGBT seniors.
Seth Kilbourn	x		The LGBT senior population faces unique challenges.
Seth Kilbourn	x		Today's LGBT senior is the same person who was carted away in a paddy wagon at the beginning of the Milk movement. Now we want to make sure that we are taking care of the older folks.
Taura Anderson	x		Now being able to live in a community where the majority of the people are similar to me would be special.
Windflower Townley	x		I can't imagine many of us being able to afford it, so I am disappointed.
Cindy Gallaher	x		Sonoma County is so LGBT friendly that when this property became available about six years ago we felt that it would be a good fit.
Lorraine Lombardo	x		I like the idea of aging in place in style and having a nice time along the way.
Michael Adams	x		Housing is a huge issue for older members of the LGBT community.
Matthew Coles	x		The best way to win marriage for same-sex couples is to win in as many states as we can before we head to the Supreme Court.
Brian Raum		x	The opposition has created an illusion of momentum but not a real base of support or track record of victory in the courts.
Brian Brown		x	We won every free, fair vote of the people.
Evan Wolfson	x	x	Now that we have made it here, we'll make it everywhere.
Evan Wolfson	x	x	The goal is attainable by 2020, if we do the work and keep making the case.
Evan Wolfson	x	x	By winning NY we add tremendous energy to the national conversation that grows the majority.
Richard Socarides	x	x	This will be a big boost to our efforts nationally.
Fred Sainz	x		New York sends the message that marriage equality across the country is a question of when, not if.
Oscar Raymundo	x		I am for equality, not injustice.

Oscar Raymundo	x		In this day and age, gay is what you make it.
Matt Bush	x		I am inspired by gay couples who want to wed.
Alix Shedd	x		A word is a box-that is the problem.
Rebecca Rolfe	x		We have a lot of folks that don't identify as male or female.
Jessica Fields	x		Said many young people were finding traditional labels of sexual orientation too restrictive.
Fred Sainz	x		We are at a tipping point as far as America's embrace of LGBT issues.
Aaron Belkin	x		When you gain your rights, you move on.
Fred Sainz	x		The outcome in NY will be tremendously impactful in shaping the rest of the debate.
Evan Wolfson	x		Today we celebrate, tomorrow we go back to work.
Brian Brown		x	It is a sad day for NY and for Republicans.
Kelly Lockwood	x		It is great timing.
Dennis Carignan	x		The irony is that we moved out away from New England to come to liberal California. Now New England is leading the way.
Debbie Strom	x		We are able to be called human beings with all the rights of everyone else.
Pati Scott	x		I predict a presidential run for Cuomo in 2016.
Chris Christie		x	I believe marriage should be between a man and a woman.
Andrew Cuomo	x		I been to the parade many times, and it is always full of energy, but this is special.
Andrew Cuomo	x		NY is the progressive capital of the nation.
Chuck Sawyer	x		Finally we got someone who does what he believes in.
Maggie Gallagher		x	Our number 1 job is to persuade the Republicans that voting for gay marriage is a very bad idea.
Jodie Bechard	x		Many people in NY are happy today.
Pauline Park	x		Same-sex couples cannot get citizenship the same way that opposite sex couples can.
Richard Dennis	x		It is not a pop the Champagne moment.
Ruben Diaz		x	Hispanic community does not want gay marriage.
Ana Archila	x		Each of these movements is able to understand oppression in ways that other groups may not.
Ana Archila	x		He pretends to speak for all of us Latinos, but I don't think he does.
Ana Archila	x		The vote is a step forward in the recognition of people's humanity.
Gamaliel Lopez	x		We are a step closer to finding dignity for immigrants as well.
Daniel Dromm	x		Immigrants' rights and gay rights are integrally related.
Dennis Poust		x	We were outgunned. That is a lot to overcome.
Bill Smith	x		How many rabbits are you going to pull out the hat?
John Sampson	x		When everything else is gone, all you have left is family.
Carl Kruger	x		It has gotten personal now.
Steve Cohen			This might actually happen.
Andrew Cuomo, Jr.	x		Passing same-sex marriages is at the heart of leadership and progressive government.

Andrew Cuomo, Jr.	x		Said he would show real courage to the gay community.
Andrew Cuomo, Jr.	x		I want to introduce the first Republican to support marriage equality.
Ross Levi	x		It's going to be the biggest street party ever.
Britton Hogge	x		It is going to be one big celebration, a catharsis, if you will.
Andrew Cuomo	x		Declared that NY had resumed its role as a beacon for social justice.
James Koury	x		I think we are probably going to have people coming that day, and I am looking forward to it.
Michael McSweeney	x		We are going to be part of history.
Tony Perkins		x	If DOMA is not there, the courts will begin the process of redefining marriage in the states that have already stood against it.
Kelly Shackelford		x	The NY law was a reconfirmation of the very reason DOMA was passed.
Andrew Koppelman	x		It should be safe to travel without having to carry a power of attorney with you wherever you go.
Heather Mizeur	x		We all recognize that we cannot run another closeted campaign for marriage equality in the next session if we want to win.
Raquel Guillory	x		Pledged that O'Malley would continue to work with gay rights advocates to make sure that equal rights under the law are protected, enforced, and expanded, including signing a same-sex marriage bill when it passes.
Jamie Raskin	x		The key differences were probably the infusion of a lot of money and the determination of a governor to use every political tool at his disposal.
Martin O'Malley	x		I'd be willing to sign any law that reaches me as long as protects rights equally.
Dan Pfeiffer	x		The president has long opposed divisive and discriminatory efforts to deny right and benefits to same-sex couples and believes strongly in stopping efforts designed to take rights away.
Chad Griffin	x		Called Obama's comments a step backwards.
Paul Yandura	x		People know a fierce advocate when they see one.
Barack Obama		x	Traditional marriage has been decided by the states.
Hilary Rosen	x		I think they are trying to share joy, which is genuine on their part, without changing his position.
Steve Elmendorf	x		Predicts that support for same-sex marriage will soon be a litmus test for Democratic candidates.
Hillary Clinton	x		The gathering of her gay foreign service workers gives such visibility and credibility to everything that so many of you have done over so many years.
Hillary Clinton	x		I've always believed that we would make progress because we were on the right side of equality and justice.
Hillary Clinton	x		Gay rights are human rights, and human rights are gay rights.
Dan Pfeiffer		x	The president has never favored same-sex marriage. He is against it.
Rahm Emanuel	x		Illinois passed a civil union. I oversaw the first kind of official thing, one of the first official things of my job within 30 days, a union between my adviser and his partner.
Rahm Emanuel	x		I would hope the state would move in that direction.
Barack Obama	x		What I have seen happen over the last several years, and what I have seen in NY last week was a good thing.
Wolf Blitzer	x		Why won't the president go that extra step and simply say that he supports gay marriage?
Scout	x		We are invisible until they add us to these surveys.
Ilan Meyer	x		I think this is an incredibly important decision. We have been waiting for many years.
Kathleen Sebelius	x		We are taking critical steps toward ensuring the collection of useful national data on minority groups, including LGBT populations.

Michele Bachmann		x	Mr. President, you are not the Supreme Court. You don't get to decide if a law is unconstitutional or not.
Barack Obama	x		DOMA is unconstitutional.
Tom Torlakson	x		Our history is more complete when we recognize the contributions of people from all backgrounds and walks of life.
Carolyn Laub	x		We'll certainly be letting all of our constituents know about this bill, and when it goes into effect I can assure you that thousand of students will be watching to see how it is implemented.
Mark Leno	x		What the bill calls for is contributions of LGBT people to be included.
Sharon Runner		x	If children in other countries are learning about math and science, and American kids are learning about the private lives of historical figures, how will our students compete for jobs in the global economy?
Jerry Brown	x		History should be honest.
Paulo Sibaja		x	The bill does nothing to reduce bullying, improve the poor state of our education system, ensure students graduate or prepare them for global competitiveness, but it diverts precious classroom time away from necessary skills and focuses on the agenda of a small group of people.
Paulo Sibaja		x	Said he acted on behalf of Capitol Resource Institute, which had officially opposed the bill throughout the legislative process before Gov. Jerry Brown signed it Thursday.
Eliot Glazer	x		As soon as the NY marriage bill passed, my loving and overprotective mother called and asked me am I thinking about this?
Gretchen Hamm	x		I became a virtual mom to some couples whose own parents wouldn't accept them.
Vicki Robinson	x		I am a Bible thumping Lutheran who just got my church to put rainbow stickers on their door.
Vicki Robinson	x		Nothing has been set, but it did not stop Robinson from planning the big day in her head.
Naomi Bennstein	x		You're gay, fine. But now get someone who will take care of you.
Naomi Bennstein	x		I want to feel that you are going to be taken care of.
Carley Roney	x		Now that more states are legalizing gay marriage, daughters are starting to feel the same heat from parents, as do their straight siblings.
Lorraine Gray	x		My gay kids are more fun than my straight kids.
Aaron Breslow	x		I don't understand the concept of legalized monogamy and normalcy.
Aaron Breslow	x		I want my wedding to be outrageous, queer and angry, with a punk-rock drag queen playing hardcore music and people being naked.
Edouard Fontenot	x		Same-sex couples have an opportunity to construct their marriages self-consciously in a way straight people have been denied.
Evan Wolson	x		It gives us tremendous momentum for continuing the journey the country has been to the Stonewall uprising in NYC in 1969.
Larry Kramer	x		These marriages, in whichever state, are what I call feel-good marriages.
George Chauncey	x		I suspect that many people will take this as one more sign of what happens in the Northeast, and in NY in particular, that they don't want to have happen in their own communities.
Brian Banks	x		As the hours ticked by, we are getting more and more excited.
Matthew Ryan	x		It is really a great day for all of us who believe in inclusiveness and equal rights for everybody.
Martin O'Malley	x		I have always believed in the dignity of every individual.
Martin O'Malley	x		We still have a lot of work to do.
Martin O'Malley	x		I think all of us need to look at this issue from the eyes of children of gays, and ask ourselves how one family could be protected less in the eyes of the law than another family.
Justin Ross	x		When you are one or two votes short, clearly a push from a very popular governor can do nothing but help.

Christopher Plante		x	The bill opened the door for the courts of Rhode Island to redefine marriage without the vote of the people.
Ray Sullivan	x		We believe civil unions establish a second-class citizenry.
Ray Sullivan	x		No government should ever grant a religion or an organization the autonomous authority to operate outside the boundaries of the law.
Lincoln Chafee	x		We want to get on the path of full equality and this is a step on the path.
Paiva Weed	x		We have moved one step in the right direction toward ensuring that people receive equal rights and protections under the law.
Karen Loewy	x		It is a permission slip to ignore legal obligations.
Mark Kalinowski	x		Shame on him for his loudmouth attempt to force folks who don't follow his religion to practice part of it.
Steven Clayton	x		This is a great day for NY and its people.
George Weir		x	The things we know to be true are slowly being eroded, and if this trend continues, America will cease to be America, at least as we know it.
Paul Kokoski		x	Same-sex marriage is an oxymoron.....marriage exists solely between a man and a woman who, through their personal gift of self to each other, perfect one another.
Henry Velandia	x		The fight is not over.
Henry Velandia	x		I was holding my breath for fear of any moment of being sent away.
Lavi Soloway	x		This actions shows that the government has not only the power but the inclination to do the right thing when it comes to protecting certain vulnerable populations from deportation.
Sean Avery	x		Brain made me fell comfortable and totally relaxed.
James Alesi	x		He was smart enough to know I would come to the decision on my own.
Brian Ellner	x		I would like to marry someday.
Julianne Moore	x		I would have done it anyway.
Mary Kay Henry	x		Things that seem impossible can be possible with a lot of people standing up.
Fred Sainz	x		Our movement is unique because we are trying to give people more equality and access.
Fred Sainz	x		It was less the money than the signal it sent that same-sex marriage has growing bipartisan support.
Dennis Poust		x	The gay marriage cause has been helped by very wealthy people who brought in lots of money behind the campaign.
Ken Mehlman	x		This is an issue where there are important conservative arguments for people being treated equally under the law.
Barney Frank	x		The number of us who are honest about who we are has reached a critical mass and beaten the prejudice.
James Alesi	x		Remember, who we are-we are the party of Lincoln, we call ourselves the big tent, and I ma here to help you pitch the tent.
Ron Baity		x	There is a great resolve in our state to stand up and get a marriage amendment into our state constitution.
Brian Brown		x	If gay marriage supporters think that NY is an indication of a national trend, they are mistaken.
NOM spokesperson		x	NOM pledged to spend \$2 million in 2012 to defeat NY's four turncoat senators who betrayed marriage.
Michele Bachman		x	I support a constitutional amendment on marriage between man and woman, but I would not be going into the states to overturn their state law.
Drew Hammill	x		She had been instrumental in passing a hate-crimes law and was committed to pushing forward with an employment nondiscrimination bill.
John Dennis	x		I don't see her moving one thing, moving one millimeter on that.
Barack Obama	x		That is why I have long believed that the so-called DOMA ought to be repealed. It is unfair.

Barack Obama	x		I believe that discrimination because of someone's sexual orientation or gender identity ran counter to who we are as people, and it's a violation of the basic tenets on which this nation was founded.
Jeffrey Toobin	x		Is there one person in the world who think he is really opposed to same-sex marriage?
Andrew Lanza	x		I think, at the end of the day, it's about treating each other how we want to be treated.
Evan Wolfson	x		The first thing I would say I that marriage is not defined by who is denied it.
Evan Wolfson	x		Certainly, New Yorkers are clamoring for a vote.
Evan Wolfson	x		The real gap there is, everything the president says and does points the direction where the majority of Americans have already gone, in support of the freedom to marry.
Charles Cooper		x	Cited society's interest in procreative relationships with children's welfare.
Joseph Tauro	x		To divide a class of married people into those with spouses of the same sex and those with spouses of the opposite sex is to create a distinction without meaning.
Joseph Tauro	x		Said he could see no way that denying benefits to same sex spouses might encourage homosexual people to marry members of the opposite sex.
Theodore Olson	x		When a state denies marriage to gay couples, it impinges on fundamental liberties.
Maggie Gallagher		x	I am still optimistic about the Supreme Court.
Camilla Taylor	x		A sign of Kennedy's recognition that gay people are people who deserve respect.
Camilla Taylor	x		Resolution of cases now in lower US Courts and any Supreme Court determination on same sex marriage is far from predictable.
Julianne Moore	x		We all deserve the right to marry the person we love.
Julianne Moore	x		I think we will look back someday and say, I can't believe we were so blind to this issue.
Brian Ellner	x		Said the polls show there is broad-based support for marriage equality in this state, and this campaign is the first in a series of efforts that will put faces to that support.
Leland Upson	x		If the revolution we're in means anything, it means we have the right to be ourselves, without shame or fear.
Bryan English	x	x	The Iowa Family Policy Center intends to focus on legislative races and a constitutional amendment to define marriage as the union of man and woman.
Kenneth Sherrill	x		His message was, "Why the hell are you bothering me with this?" it was dismissive.
Virginia Apuzzo	x		Andrew has grown over the years to see the validity of our struggle and is prepared to be a strong ally.
Virginia Apuzzo	x		To be honest, I never felt that he was the best advocate on the issue at the time.
Libby Post	x		I don't think his heart is really there. He does not have a record you can look to.
Allen Roskoff	x		We anticipate he will follow through with his promises.
Luis Juez	x		Kirchner is doing this to build power and generate a fissure in society to gain votes.
Jose Bello	x		Civil union does not respect equality.
Jorge Bergoglio		x	Declared it a destructive attack on God's plan.
Cristina Kirchner	x		It would be a terrible distortion of democracy if they denied minorities their rights.
Eric Schneider	x		This is very clear and about equal justice under law for all Americans and all New Yorkers.
Eric Schneider	x		This is the fastest way to get action to protect New York's marriage equality statute.
Eric Schneider	x		New York's statutory commitment to marriage equality for all married couples will be substantially unrealized.

Eric Schneider	x		I am confident that our defense of that statute will be successful.
Andy Kahan	x		Said he and Rodriguez are planning to give state officials new info in the next month that they can hope will block Buice's parole.
Noel Freeman	x		Said the group voted several months ago to oppose Buice's release and has encouraged its 800 members and 5,100 email recipients to write to the parole board.
John Whitmire	x		It's amazing to me the number of nonviolent, young offenders they routinely deny parole, and then you see a murderer serving less than half his sentence get paroled.
T.J. Kelly	x		My life is A-list, honey.
Steven Weinstock	x		I think it is more about aspiration.
Daniel Chenier	x		It does make you feel like you could be on tv.
Rob Anderson	x		You can see yourself in the show.
Bryan Safi	x		Oh it's such a terrible show.
Harmony Santana	x		You also see transgendered people as victims getting beat up and murdered.
Laverne Cox	x		Who I am as a woman is not a joke, this is my life.
Laverne Cox	x		Said that many casting directors don't know what they want when a script calls for a transgendered character and think she looks too feminine to convincingly play someone who was born male.
Richard Socarides	x		The only principle he wishes to defend is discrimination and second-class citizenship for gay Americans.
Robert Hayes	x		Said the firm will no longer defend the law.
Steve Adams	x		We have people who come from all over the world, and we want the flag flying at full staff.
Steve Adams	x		They don't want to dilute the symbolic power of the flag by having it at half-staff.
Steve Adams	x		As someone who is out and has gone through a lot of bullshit in my life, it means a lot to me.
Andrea Aiello	x		The flag has become this international symbol, and because of that maybe there's more responsibility for a community process to control the flag.
Aubrey Sarvis	x		Discharged veterans are ready to serve their country again.
Richard Manning	x		I think there will be a flood of people coming to upgrade their discharge, including myself.
Richard Manning	x		Upgrading my discharge is a matter of personal integrity.
Anthony Loverde	x		They want to treat us as if we willingly left on our own, but they fired us.
Anthony Loverde	x		The policy needs to reflect how our lives were impacted.
Jason Knight	x		Give us credit for the time that we've been out as out as our time and rank.
Maggie Gallagher		x	There is a big gap between elites and everyone else.
Evan Wolfson	x		Said he welcomed conversation, but the arguments against same-sex marriage were so empty that they were not worthy of respect.
Denny Chin	x		In the case of gay rights, those turning points still have a ways to go.
Antonin Scalia		x	The law professional culture has largely signed on to the so-called homosexual agenda, by which I mean the agenda promoted by some homosexual activists directed at eliminating the moral opprobrium that has traditionally attached to homosexual conduct.
William Eskridge	x		In race, the marriage issue was the very last form of discrimination struck down.
Theodore Olson	x		Judges should not have to reveal such personal relationships or situations.
Richard Painter	x		Said a judge need not step down because he belongs to a class of people affected by a case.

Richard Painter	x		If Judge Walker had applied for a marriage license in California, there may be a credible motion to vacate the decision striking down Prop. 8...it is cut-dry and no recusal.
Steven Lubet	x		Legal ethics professors say that the action against Walker is unlikely to succeed because opponents are focused on a personal characteristic.
Charles Cooper		x	It is clear that his impartiality might reasonably have been questioned from the outset.
Tom Chiola	x		Where does this line of argument end?
Larnzell Martin	x		We are allowed to have our leanings, but we also bring to the bench a common training in the law.
Arthur Hellman	x		He himself said how beneficial marriage is, and having said all that, wouldn't a reasonable person think that he would want to?
Timothy Dolan		x	I love my mom, but I don't have the right to marry her.
Jason McGuire		x	Our pastors are fired up by the governor's assault on marriage.
Liz Krueger	x		Civil liability for violating discrimination laws was already a fact of life.
Brian Brown		x	Calls urged voters to tell lawmakers they opposed same-sex marriage.
Brian Brown		x	We spent over half a million dollars in NY in 2009, and we are ready to spend that and more this time.
Joseph Addabbo		x	He kept count because he planned to cast a vote on the bill that reflects the will of his constituents.
Jason McGuire		x	Constitutional liberties were violated.
Gary Gates	x		There is absolutely a surge, but I think the evidence suggests that a lot of these couples take this very seriously.
Connie Howes	x		Everyone seemed to be in a celebratory mood.
Howard Racsid	x		Gays should be able to legally marry and adopt.
Claire Gastanaga	x		We knew the public opinion was evolving.
Paul Detterman		x	Group not planning to separate from the denomination, but pushing to create an entity within the Presbyterian Church for conservatives.
Heidi Vardeman	x		Finally, the denomination has seen the error of its ways and it will repent.
Heidi Vardeman	x		We are free now.
Cynthia Bolbach	x		It was just a reflective of the fact that we are moving forward one other step.
Paul Detterman		x	We see this as a bit of a crisis of conscience for us.
Elaine Donnelly		x	(Regarding ending DADT) They don't have a clue about what they are doing.
Anonymous at Family Research Council		x	Permitting same-sex marriages at military chapels would make it even more uncomfortable for men and women of faith to perform their duties as military chaplains.
Aubrey Sarvis	x		Tidd's original guidance was prudent and correct.
Mark Tidd	x		Gay marriages could occur on base because Navy lawyers had concluded that generally speaking, base facility use is sexual orientation-neutral.
Mark Tidd	x		Said the guidance was prompted by questions raised by chaplains during mandatory training sessions on the end of DADT.
Steve Friedman	x		I think the use of social media and a strong governor really helped a lot of the advocates.
Carl Kruger	x		Tonight, in the shadow of darkness, a bright light shines once this chamber.
Charles Lavire	x		Not only does the public want this, but the public has moved past this. To young people, it is a matter of amazement this is an issue at all.
Katy Tur	x		They also had two Republican senators who decide to vote.
Katy Tur	x		Public sentiment for one has grown stronger in support of gay marriage.

Rachel Maddow	x		There are even more gay people on NY tonight than usual. It is a beautiful night.
Dominic Pisciotta	x		The men had not planned on marrying on day 1, but their young children had been insistent.
Joseph Orozo	x		This is the legal affirmation of what we vowed 31 years ago.
Kitty Lambert	x		The best part of my life with Cheryle is everything has been an adventure.
Ruben Diaz, Sr.		x	Today, we start the war.
Ray Durand	x		We feel a little more human today.
Lavi Soloway	x		This historic decision will lay the foundation for administrative closure of other deportation cases involving gay couples.
Jon Davidson	x		The actions taken by the administration are evolving, just like the president's position on marriage equality.
Jon Davidson	x		As much as I would like them to stop enforcing DOMA altogether, I think they need to be worried about the precedent.
Vicki Harnden	x		In this day and age, you have to change.
Adam Kaiser	x		Said he was in favor of same sex marriage.
Bob Roe		x	I consider him a friend, but I can't support him.
Roy McDonald	x		I don't care what you think. I am trying to do the right thing.
Ray Akey		x	He is not honest.
Bob Wood	x		Alesi's vote showed real courage and leadership.
Anita Angesen	x		Said she would consider casting her first vote for Mr. Alesi because of his support for same sex marriage.
Teresa Sayword	x		The night I took the vote the first time, I was told by my Republican colleagues that I would never get elected again.
Michael Long		x	One thing I know for sure, these four people will not have the Conservative Party endorsement.
Greg Fox	x		It is important to uphold Catholic values.
Ann Deckop		x	I voted for him and I'm writing a letter indicating that I will not be voting for him in the next election.
Mark Grisanti	x		I cannot deny other citizens the same rights that I have with my wife.
Eliza Byard	x		For anti-bullying policies to work, you want to make sure there is at first an attempt to repair and educate the community and make sure the bully is OK.
Chris Norby		x	I don't think helps the teaching of history. I think it is a distraction.
Carolyn Laub	x		The assembly has taken an unprecedented step to reduce bullying, increase safety for all students and teach students to respect each other's differences.
Mark Leno	x		We are selectively censoring history when we exclude LGBT Americans, or any other group of people from our textbooks and instructional materials.
Tim Donnelly		x	Offended as a Christian that the bill was being used to promote a homosexual agenda in schools.
Tim Donnelly		x	Our Founding Fathers are turning over in their graves.
John Perez	x		This bill will require California schools to present a more accurate and nuanced view of American history in our social science curriculum by recognizing the accomplishments of groups that are not often recognized.
Tom Ammiano		x	Republicans called it a well-intentioned but ill-conceived bill and raised concerns that it would indoctrinate children to accept homosexuality.
Todd Metrokin	x		When you hear about people who have had bad experiences with the police, you become reluctant to participate and go to the police.
Phil Mendelson	x		We'll focus on whether handling of hate crimes has gotten better and remind the police that we're paying attention to this.
Phil Mendelson	x		It has been a continuing, long-standing problem.

Carlos Mejia	x		Said he believes that officers' reluctance to file bias-related incident reports is rare.
Carlos Mejia	x		Said that advanced training sessions are available to department members.
Carlos Mejia	x		The goal is to get people to volunteer to sign up for it.
Bill Miller	x		The US attorney's office wants as much info as possible so that defendants are held fully accountable for their crimes.
Marcus Bachmann		x	The Christian center I run practices reparative therapy, which is a method of converting homosexuals to heterosexuality often called <i>praying away the gay</i> .
Michele Bachmann		x	Gay marriage is the biggest issue that will impact our state and our nation in the last, at least, 30 days.
Michele Bachmann		x	The furthering of gay rights could result in children being lured into trying homosexuality out.
Kate Kendall	x		For the first time in our nation's history, we are within sight of a time when LGBT people can participate in all aspects of society without fear or being singled out for stigma and discrimination by their own government.
Dan Woods	x		Finally, people who wish to serve our country are going to be allowed to do so without regard to their sexual orientation.
A.J. Singletary	x		This is not a rank-and-file officer problem, this is a leadership problem.
Phil Mendelson	x		The chief has to reconcile the disconnect that the gay community feels to the community.
Anonymous Staff Sergeant	x		A lot of people thought it all ended back in December and thought we were done.
Air force staff sergeant	x		We have a war to fight that is much more important.
Anonymous soldier	x		I am ecstatic.
Barack Obama	x		Service members will no longer be forced to hide who they are in order to serve our country.
Aubrey Sarvis	x		At the end of the day, I think it will result in more buy-in and stability and certainty.
Camilla Taylor	x		There are certain reasons why a couple may not wish to marry.
Ross Levi	x		Even with the complications, many people will want to get married for the reasons people want to get married.
Jennifer Pizer	x		But then employees and others explain that employees with a same-sex life partner remain in difficult circumstances due to the continuing federal discrimination.
Christy Pambianchi	x		After waiting so much time that right, we want them to have the opportunity to enjoy that.
Sharon Rich	x		Don't assume that being married in a state will simplify or resolve gay financial issues.
Ryan Svatora	x		As more states pass marriage laws, hopefully there will be adequate pressure to repeal DOMA and provide domestic partners with federal rights and protections afforded to currently recognized spouses.
Michael Nutt	x		Establish a will. List beneficiaries if you own property.
Kris Mineau		x	Over time, this trend has a destabilizing effect on the values of our children and it is a threat to religious liberty and free speech.
Kris Mineau		x	Gays think this is a breakthrough to a new frontier, and we see it as a gateway to the breakdown of the family.
Keith Hershberger	x		Our experience has been all- positive.
Brad Sears	x		Gay marriage appears to have no measurable impact on the rates of marriage, divorce, or childbirth among state residents who are not gay.
Brad Sears	x		NY can expect a cloudburst of wedding confetti July 24.
Drew Pinsky	x		There's a lot of trauma therapies involved.
Drew Pinsky	x		And even the guys that went through it are clear, it is not like their sexual orientation changed.
Drew Pinsky	x		It's pathologizing something that is not pathology.

Drew Pinsky	x		It is a very deep biological piece of who we are as human beings.
Drew Pinsky	x		I am actually more concerned about the ambient culture coming down on people who otherwise wouldn't be able to live health and happy lives.
Marcus Bachmann		x	I think you clearly say what is the understanding of God's word on homosexuality.
Beth Shellenbarger	x		I just said, you know, Andy, if you are good with being gay, then I am, too.
Jim Acosta	x		In recent years, the clinic has faced accusations it encourages gay patients to change their sexual orientation, a practice that is frowned upon by mental health experts.
Jim Acosta	x		The American Psychological Association is sharply critical of what's known in the mental health community as reparative therapy.
Michele Bachmann		x	If you're involved in the gay lifestyle, it's bondage.
Anderson Cooper	x		You say these treatments are legitimate, but there is not really any evidence that this kind of therapy works, right?
Anderson Cooper	x		The APA, AMA, none of them back this idea of reparative therapy, that you can pray enough and suddenly not be gay or go through other forms of reparative therapy and not be gay?
Anderson Cooper	x		I have interviewed people over the years who have gone through this treatment and even though some claim they are no longer gay, they still have fantasies of being gay.
Anderson Cooper	x		It is also based on this notion that this is somehow a choice, which there is no evidence of.
Laura Fotusky		x	I believe that there is a higher law than the law of the land. It is the law of God in the Bible.
Laura Fotusky		x	Because protections were not provided for us to be able to practice our freedom of religion in our jobs, then I had to choose between my God and my job.
Kathleen Rice	x		I want to ensure that our local officials appreciate that there will be ramifications in our county for exercising a personal, discriminatory belief, rather than doing their job.
Timothy Dolan	x		If I have offended any of you in my strenuous defense of marriage, I apologize and assure you it was unintentional.
Joseph Lentol	x		He has the perfect right to do what he did, just as I have a perfectly legitimate right to enact a civil law of the state in order to protect the rights of all people.
Brian Brown		x	The notion that you pass same-sex marriage and the issue goes away is one of the biggest lies told by proponents for redefining marriage.
Brian Brown		x	The people of NY want to vote on this issue. They do not believe the process was either transparent or fair, and it basically stole the right of the people of NY to vote.
Jason McGuire		x	There is a lot of discontent out there.
Jason McGuire		x	I would just let them know that I love them as God's creation, but based on my Christian faith and my belief in God and what the Bible teaches, I cannot and do not support gay lifestyles.
Paul Begala	x		Dou you believe this crackpot theory?
Paul Begala	x		Is there a way to somehow be repaired if you are gay?
Paul Begala	x		You may be practicing some sort of prejudice.
Paul Begala	x		You should not be getting Medicaid funding to practice health care.
Paul Begala	x		Is there a way of repairing if our sons, daughters, brothers and sisters who happen to be born gay?
Marcus Bachmann		x	Barbarians need to be educated. They need to be disciplined.
Marcus Bachmann		x	I think you clearly say what is the understanding of God's word on homosexuality.
Michele Bachmann		x	This will change our state forever, because the immediate consequence if gay marriage goes through is that K-12 little children will be forced to learn that homosexuality is normal and natural and that perhaps they should try it.

Jim Acosta	x		A therapy aimed at changing a person's sexual orientation is frowned upon by mental health experts.
Ari Fleischer	x		You should be proud of who you are.
Carolyn Laub	x		There is an increasing awareness in the public and among elected officials that we have to do something to address the problems of bullying, and the negative consequences for LGBT students.
Mark Leno	x		This is definitely a step forward and I'm hopeful that other states will follow.
Tim Donnelly		x	It's a sad day for our republic when we have the government essentially telling people what they should think.
Julian Ezelizer	x		If religious support is fractured, and supporters of the legislation can point to clergy who are on their side, then it is easier to counteract the claim of religious conservatives who say there is only one answer to this question.
Anna Sueringen	x		How can you be a person of faith and not be where the issues of justice are being debated?
Anna Sueringen	x		Nobody was going to come out to me.
Anna Sueringen	x		I see homosexuality as tied to the internalized racism of hating someone else to make yourself more acceptable to the larger society.
Anna Sueringen	x		Do justice. Love mercy.
Karen Hartman	x		You can't undo a civil union in Vermont unless you live there.
Aubrey Sarvis	x		Congress will still have to amend another law to allow equal benefits for same-sex married couples.
Aubrey Sarvis	x		I don't think that commanders are going to be comfortable with this inequity.
Anonymous officer	x		I don't think my family should be entitled to anything less than the people I have served here and overseas.
Rick Jacobs	x		You will have different people treated differently.
R. Cooper	x		It's been like a Twilight Zone process for a lot of people.
Helen LaFave	x		I don't think she has any idea how badly she's hurt our other side of the family, and I don't think she cares.
Scott Dibble	x		The threat she represented was very real, trotting out junk science and debunked claims that being gay is a choice.
Michele Bachmann		x	In our public schools, whether they want to or not, they'll be forced to start teaching that same-sex marriage is equal, that it is normal and that children should try it.
Michele Bachmann		x	We are seeing the fulfillment of the Book of Judges here in our own time-every man doing what is right in his own eyes.
Joanne Hood		x	They are absolutely not against gay, just against gay marriage.
Bob Battle		x	She stood up as a Christian.
Andrew Ramirez	x		I am gay, and I don't think this is something that can be changed.
Wayne Besen	x		What we found was a reasonably professional with a skewed point of view toward homosexuality being a negative and no offering of hope that is something positive.
Derek Baker	x		He is between a pointy rock and firm hard place.
Mary O'Shaughness	x		That is a fair middle-of-the-road position. There is nothing that I will call homophobic about that.
Mark Sisk	x		The church is still in the process of creating liturgies for these rights and incorporating them into church law.
Mark Sisk	x		The expectation that clergy in relationships will marry is not a demand, nor does it come with a specific timeline.
Lawrence Provenzano	x		It finds its place in the larger question of how you minister to the wider world.
Roy Kim	x		The Episcopal Church should really communicate that God loves everybody.

Victor Fehrenbach	x		There's tens of thousands of service members serving right now in harm's way that are just waiting for this certification to happen, waiting for DADT to be a page in history.
Rachel Maddow	x		You were just a couple of years away from being able to retire at your full rank.
Bonnie Dumanis	x		People got to know all of us and see that we are a regular family.
Chuck Wolfe	x		It's too early to say that we are at a tipping point, but one is coming.
Jared Polis	x		Most of my constituents don't know my sexual orientation and they do not care.
Jared Polis	x		The only way it's an issue is if you try to hide it.
Jared Polis	x		If someone is closeted, I say, make sure you are honest with people about it before you run.
Tony Perkins		x	I don't think voters will be receptive to the idea that here is someone who, upfront, is part of an agenda that wants to redefine marriage and support special rights for people based on their sexual behavior.
Matt McCoy	x		It was defeated in the Senate as a result, I believe, of me being there.
Krysten Sinema	x		Arizona doesn't really care.
Krysten Sinema	x		I haven't changed their minds about gay people and policies, but it has really changed the way they talk about it.
Donald Markel	x		Having gay candidates help push these issues forward.
Paul Maslin	x		At some point, you reach the what's-the-big-deal-stage of all this.
Paul Maslin	x		Candidates are being judged for other reasons than sexual preference.
Jerrold Nadler	x		Public attitudes have shifted sharply since DOMA was enacted 15 years ago.
Thomas Minnery		x	Described same-sex marriage as forced political correctness that brooks no diversity of opinion.
Dianne Feinstein	x		This must change.
Linda Mussmann	x		We are the first, there is no doubt.
Ed Hassel	x		I don't think gay people want us to do something like a gay wedding special. They know they are gay.
Ed Hassel	x		We want to create a party atmosphere, regardless of sexual orientation.
Charles Krauthammer	x		What he achieved is amazing.
Charles Krauthammer	x		And I think what he is doing is positioning himself so if and when he changes as I think he will, he set the premise today.
Barack Obama	x		My base is a strong civil union that provides them the protections and the legal rights that married couples have.
Anonymous	x		First off, congratulations. Is it intellectually consistent to say that gays should be able to fight and die and not able to marry the people they love?
Randi Kaye	x		It is taking too long for people like Spalding, a lesbian who writes a political blog.
Randi Kaye	x		Are so many gays growing impatient with the president they supported and helped elect?
Richard Socarides	x		The presidency has not lived up to advocacy for the gay community yet.
Richard Socarides	x		Obama has said that he wants the law changed, but has taken no action towards doing that.
Barack Obama	x		I stated repeatedly that DADT makes no sense.
Pam Spalding	x		There is a long list of progressive issues that needed to be acted upon.
Cleve Jones	x		We are marching this weekend to say first to LGBT America that we are equal and it's time we start acting like it and stop accepting compromise and delays.
Cleve Jones	x		I still support the president, but we need to see some action.

Cleve Jones	x		I think it is healthy for all politicians to be kept under pressure from their constituents and the people who elected them.
Rick Sarborough		x	I think bills that would expand gay rights are morally wrong, and I will continue to do my best to enter the debate.
Matthew Staver		x	The Republicans need to have a more effective way of getting their message out.
Joe Solmonese	x		I have no doubt the White House will continue to be a partner in this fight.
John Boehner		x	The approach put radical social policy on the back of our soldiers.
Barack Obama	x		After more than a decade of opposition and delay, we have passed inclusive hate crimes legislation to help protect our citizens from violence based on what they look like, who they love, how they pray or who they are.
John Baldacci	x		It was an issue where you realized that civil unions were not equal to a civil marriage.
Carrie Gordon Earll		x	People overwhelmingly voted for traditional marriage.
Jeffrey Toobin	x		In each state, there is a movement in favor of gay marriage.
Jeffrey Toobin	x		I think that argues for change in the direction of pro-gay marriage, as gay people and young people get older.
Don Lemon		x	When you have an economy that's struggling-dealing with job loss and paying for their homes, they see this as a bigger issue than gay rights.
Lara Schwartz	x		For gays, there is a risk in most states in this country that you can be fired because you're gay or transgender.
Lara Schwartz	x		It is really teaching us how much all of our families have in common, which outweighs our differences.
Anderson Cooper	x		So your hope is that if it happens in NY, that those who oppose it will see that their marriages or lives won't be effected at all?
Evan Wolfson	x		58% of NY supports same-sex marriage.
Evan Wolfson	x		We are very hopeful that if Senate brings it to a vote, we will have a happy day for NY.
Evan Wolfson	x		If NY moves to marriage, it will more than double the number of Americans who live in a state where gay people share in the freedom to marry.
Evan Wolfson	x		I am hopeful that it is going to happen and it is going to be a good thing for NY and the right thing for families.
Rachel Maddow	x		DOMA controls many rights.
Tobias Wolff	x		The Justice Dept. and the president are no longer defending DOMA, which is a big deal.
Tobias Wolff	x		The practical impact of the US government placing its prestige behind the prosecution that gay people cannot be made second-class citizens under our Constitution is hard to overstate.
Tobias Wolff	x		The amount that Obama has gotten done in a short time in office on gay rights and other issues is breathtaking.
Andrew Lanza		x	Where I am stuck is on the notion that we can approve gay marriage without changing the definition of marriage.
Barack Obama	x		DOMA needs to be repealed because it is wrong.
Evan Wolfe	x		Marriage is there for all of us to share, those of us who have made commitments.
Evan Wolfe	x		Civil unions do not fully protect family.
Rachel Maddow	x		Mr. Souder was a co-sponsor of he D.C. DOMA which would have had the federal government reach in and stop D.C.'s local decision to recognize marriage for people like me.
Mark Sonder		x	I believe that the New Testament believes that marriage is between a man and a woman and that when we define the marriage laws, we should speak out.

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Anonymous "Sargeant non-tolerant"
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 Anonymous male
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 Anonymous mother
 Anonymous Officer
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