

**RECOVERING THE PAST:  
A “WESTERN” LESBIAN, GAY,  
BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, &  
QUEER HISTORY: Part Two**

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**The  
“Homophile”  
Movement**

# “Homophile”

- Self-descriptive term
  - “Love of same”
- Preferred over clinical, sex-focused term “homosexual.”

# Mattachine Society

- 1951, Los Angeles, homosexual men
- The Mattachine Society
- *Les Societes Mattachines*,
  - 13<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>-century France & Spain
  - Theater group
  - Unmarried men
  - Cross dressed

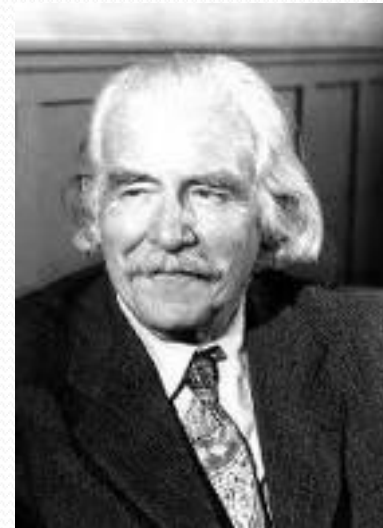


# Harry Hay



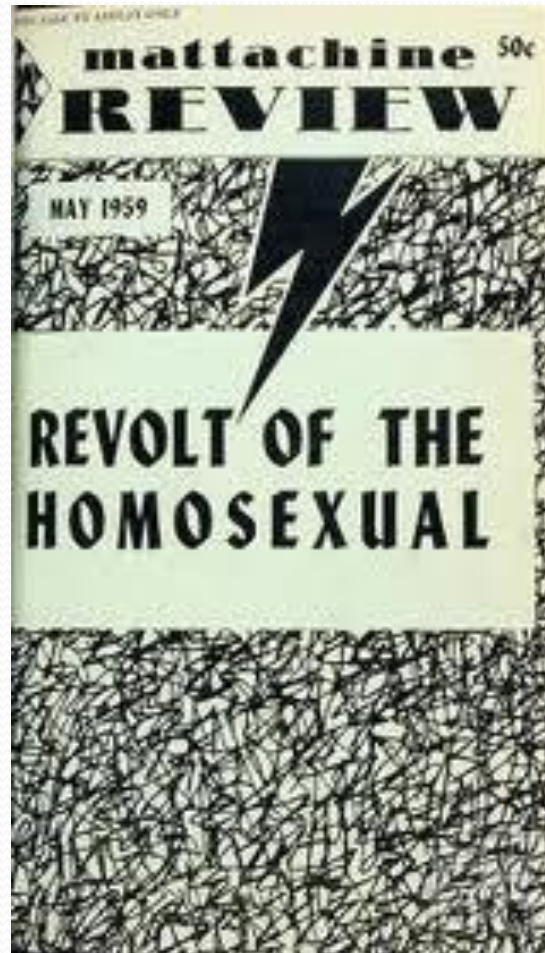
Harry Hay

- A founder
- Member U.S. Community Party
- Homosexuals must join with other minorities to defeat Capitalism
- Root of oppression
- Other Mattachine chapters
- 1953 leadership struggle
- More conservative direction



Will Geer, "Grandpa," *The Waltons*

# *The Mattachine Review*



# One, Inc.

- Another group, Los Angeles
- Homosexual men & woman
- 1953, *ONE Magazine*
- First U.S. pro-homosexual publication  
Sold openly on the streets
- 1954, U.S. Postal Service declared  
“obscene” under Comstock Law
- 1958, *Roth v. United States*  
U.S. Supreme Court
- One, Inc. successful
- Freedom of Speech



# Daughters of Bilitis

- 1950s , San Francisco
- Small social club for lesbians
- 1955, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon
- Daughters of Bilitis





# Bilitis



Pierre Louÿs  
French poet & writer



## **“Song of Bilitis”**

Sappho's Lover

# Daughters of Bilitis

- Purpose:
  - to educate *“the variant”* to *“understand herself and make her adjustment to society”*
  - Leading public discussions
  - *“advocating a mode of behavior and dress acceptable to society”*
  - hoped shatter negative myths
  - Worked to eliminate prejudicial laws



# *The Ladder*

- Other chapter formed around country
- *The Ladder*



# Billy Lee Tipton

- Born Dorothy Lucille Tipton
- American Jazz musician & bandleader
- Lived as trans man 40 years



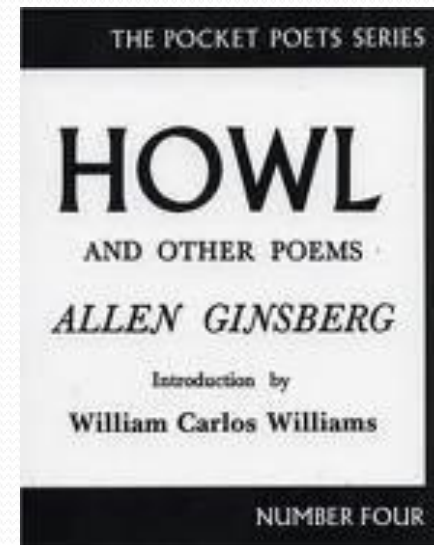
# Dwight D. Eisenhower

- Mattachine, & Daughters of Bilitis membership small
- Conservative times
- Executive Order 10450
- Excluding people engaging in “sexual perversion” from obtaining government jobs



# Allen Ginsberg

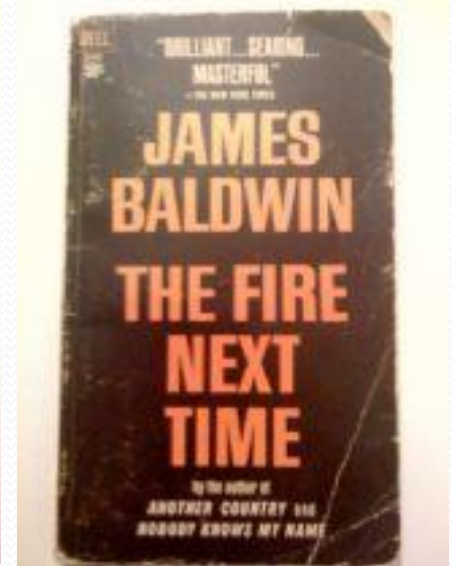
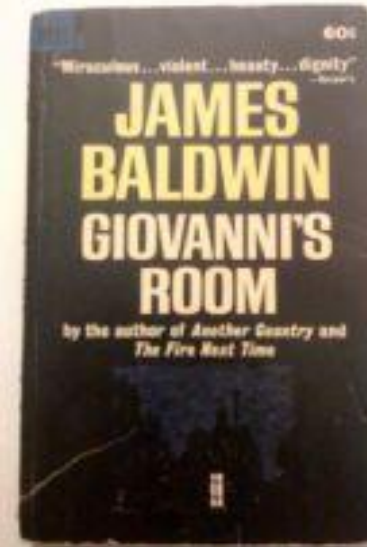
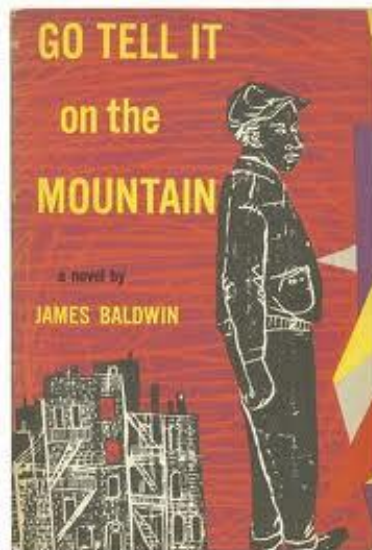
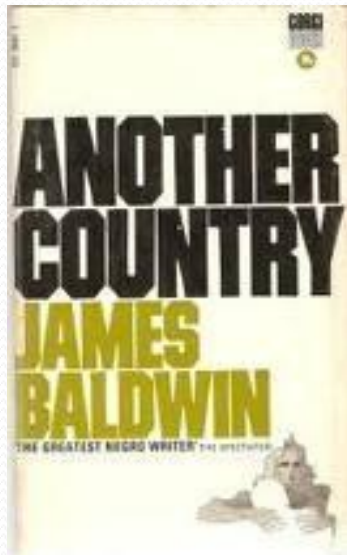
- 1955
- Controversial book *Howl*
- Openly explores homoerotic themes

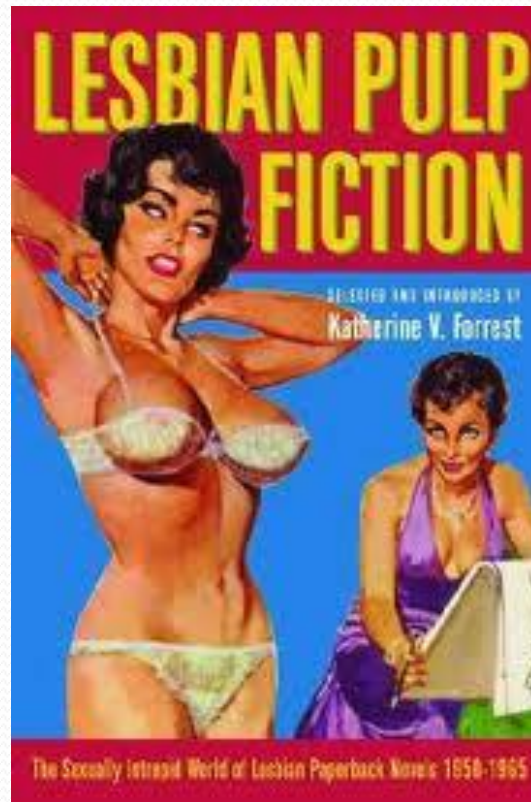


Peter Orlovsky & Allen Ginsberg

# James Baldwin

- Novelist
- Issues of homophobia & racism
- Defended homosexuality
- Exposed heterosexual hostility

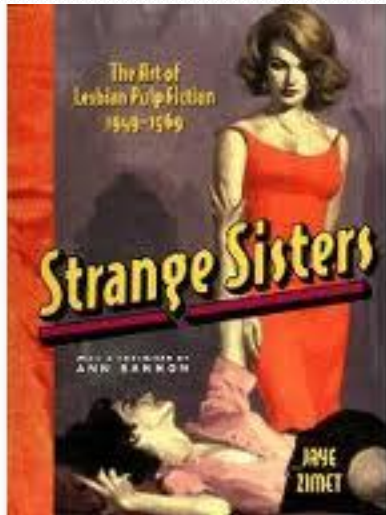






# Lesbian “Pulp Fiction”

- New genre
- Drug stores & train stations
- Steamy stories of lesbian & bisexual love and adventure



# Vin Parker, *Spring Fire*



***“A story once held in  
whispers, now frankly,  
honestly written.”***

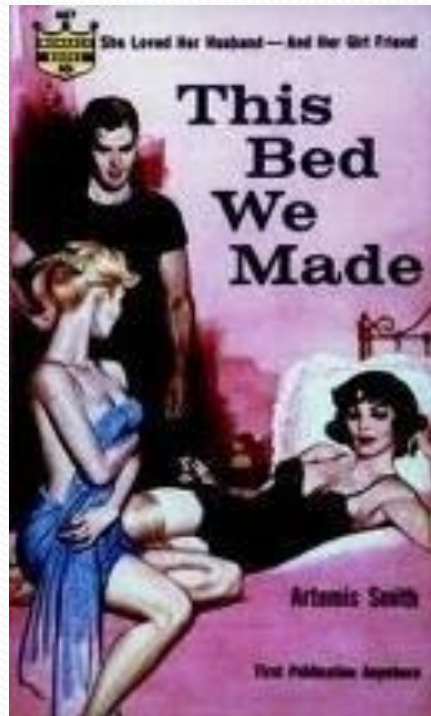
# Artemis Smith, *The Third Sex*

***“To fool society, they married, for Joan loved women and Marc preferred men.”***



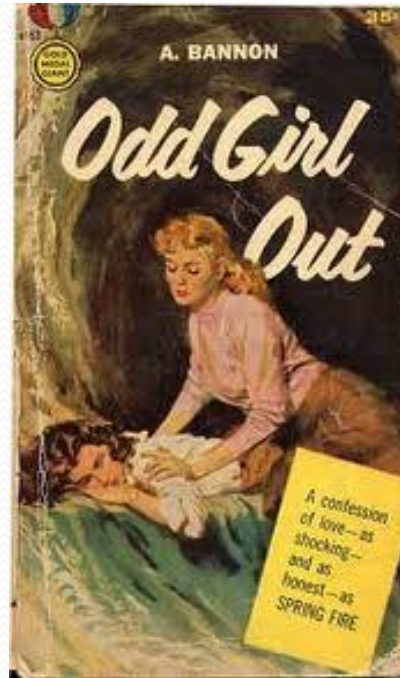
***“Told with unblushing honesty. Here is a penetrating story of society’s greatest curse: homosexuality.”***

# Artemis Smith, *This Bed We Made*



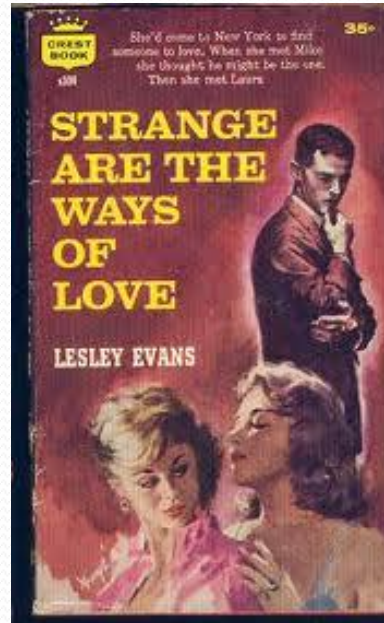
***“She loved her husband.  
Then her girl friend.”***

# Ann Bannon, *Odd Girl Out*



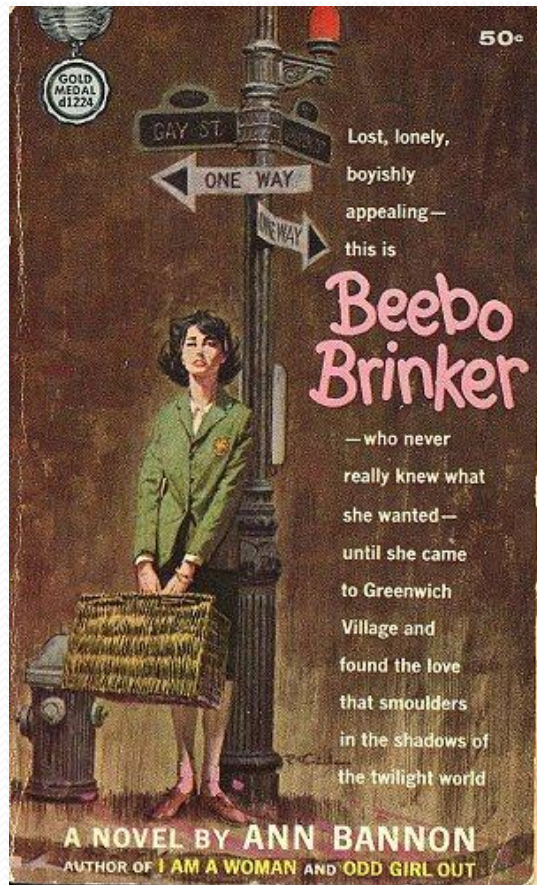
They witnessed “a  
*confession of love — as  
shocking and as honest — as  
SPRING FIRE.*”

# Lesley Evans, *Strange Are the Ways of Love*



**“She’d come to New York to find someone to love. When she met Mike, she thought he might be the one. Then she met Laura.”**

# Ann Bannon, *Beebo Brinker*



***“Lost, lonely, boyishly appealing—this is **Beebo Brinker**—who never really knew what she wanted— until she came to Greenwich Village and found the love that smoulders in the shadows of the twilight world.”***

# Christine Jorgensen

- 1952, Coming out from another shadow
- First MtF gender confirmation procedure
- Copenhagen, Denmark
- Dr. Joseph Angelo





# Franklin Kameny

- Political front
- 1957, Franklin Kameny fired from Army post
- Homosexual
- First to appeal
- Lost in court



# Stokely Carmichael

## (Kwame Ture)

- Kameny followed African Americans
- Stokely Carmichael in 1960s
- Motto: “*Black is Beautiful*” & “*Black Power*”
- Kameny: “*Gay is Good*”
- Urged others to take more militant stance
- Pushed for homosexual rights
- Radical departure from
- Pleas for tolerance



# José Sarria

- 1961, first “out” homosexual
- Run for elective public office U.S.
- Entertainer Black Cat Club
- San Francisco City Supervisor
- Did not win
- 5600 Votes



JOSÉ JULIO SARRIA, Candidate for Supervisor  
City and County of San Francisco  
November 7, 1961



# Homophile Demonstration

- Coalition
  - Daughters of Bilitis
  - Mattachine Society
- **White House**, October 23, 1965
- Protest federal government policy
- “...*discrimination and hostility against its homosexual American citizens.*”
- Men: suits & ties
- Women: dresses and heels



# Homophile Demonstration

- Coalition
  - Daughters of Bilitis
  - Mattachine Society
- July 4, 1966 – 1969
- **Philadelphia:** Independence Hall
- “Annual Reminder”
- Forerunner:
  - Annual LGBT Marches & Parades



# NOW on Lesbians

- Beginning of NOW
- 1969, Lesbian board member Rita Mae Brown purged



**Rita Mae Brown**

# “The Lavender Manace”

- NOW founder, Betty Friedan referred to lesbians as “**the lavender menace**”



Betty Friedan



Lesbians wearing “Lavender Menace” T-shirts

# Reconciliation

- 1970
- NOW annual convention
- Resolution:
  - *“The oppression of lesbians as a legitimate concern of feminism.”*
- Today, lesbians & bisexual women integral part of NOW.



# *The Homosexuals*

- March 7, 1967, CBS Reports, 1 hour
- Interview:
  - Gay men
    - one partially hid by potted palm
  - Psychiatrists
  - Legal experts
  - Cultural critics
- Footage of police raid on gay bar
- Franklin Kameny picketing Independence Hall
- Dr. Charles Socarides, disease model



# *The Homosexuals*

- Professor Albert Goldman:

*“...homosexuality is just one of a number of...things all tending toward the subversion, toward the final erosion, of our cultural values.”*

- Gay author Gore Vidal: Homosexuality is as natural as heterosexuality”

*“The United States is living out some mad Protestant 19<sup>th</sup> century dream of human behavior....I think the so-called breaking of the moral fiber of this country is one of the healthiest things that's begun to happen.”*

# *The Homosexuals*

- Host Mike Wallace concluded:
- *“The dilemma of the homosexual: told by the medical profession he is sick; by the law that he's a criminal; shunned by employers; rejected by heterosexual society. Incapable of a fulfilling relationship with a woman, or for that matter with a man. At the center of his life he remains anonymous. A displaced person. An outsider.”*



# End of 1960s

- Film
- *“The Boys in the Band”*
- Reflects stereotypes, shame, and humor of homosexual (not “gay”) men



*“The only happy homosexual is a dead homosexual.”*



# Post “Stonewall”

# Gene Compton's Cafeteria Riots

- San Francisco, August 1966
- First collective violent resistance to oppression against LGBT people in U.S.
- Police conducted raid, entered Compton's, began physically harassing the clientele.



# Gene Compton's Cafeteria Riots



- People fought back hurling coffee at the officers, heaving cups, dishes, and trays around the cafeteria.
- Police retreated outside as customers smashed windows. Over the course of the next night, people gathered to picket the cafeteria, which refused to allow trans people back inside.

# The Stonewall Inn Riots

- June 28, 1969
- Stonewall Inn, 53 Christopher Street
- Greenwich Village, NYC
  - Transgender people, lesbians, gays, bisexuals, People of Color, street people, students
- Police Raid
- Trumped-up charge:  
Selling alcohol without license





# The Stonewall Inn Riots

- Harassed too long
- One of first time challenging police
  - flinging bottles, rocks, bricks, trash cans, parking meters as battering rams
- Five nights



Police raid on the 'Artists' Exotic Carnival and Ball at the Parkside Center, Halloween, 1962. (AP/WideWorld)

# Mattachine Plea for Calm



# Gay Liberation Front (GLF)



# Gay Liberation Front

- Young people
- Groups in U.S. & other countries
- Living rooms, church basements, storefronts
- Explore new ways of living



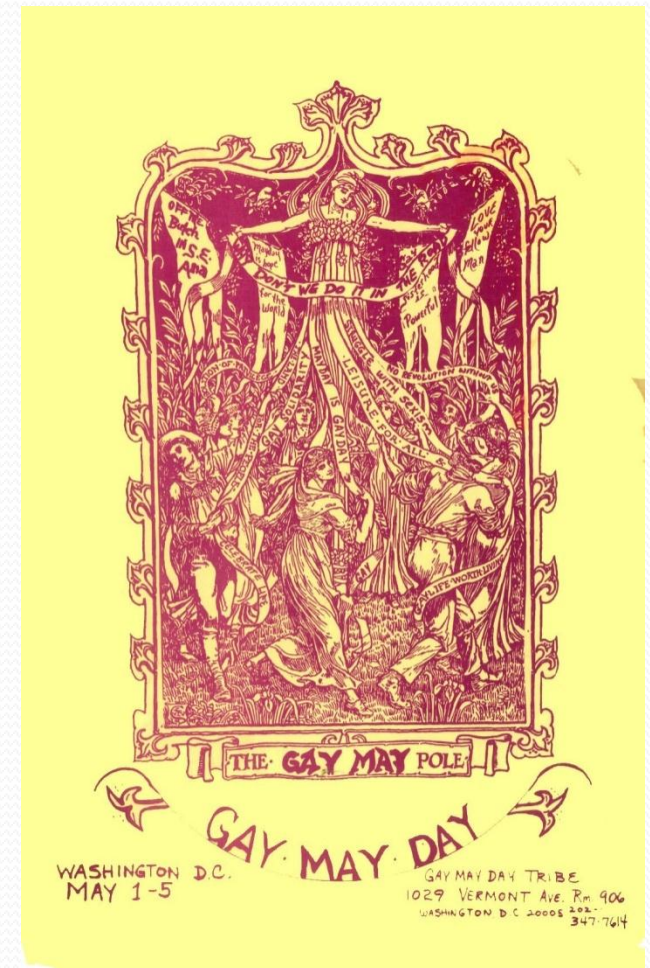
# Gay Liberation Front

- Coalition Building



# May Day Demonstrations

- May 1, 1971, D.C.
- Purpose: Shut down government
- Protest Vietnam War
- GLF Washington, D.C. organized “Gay May Day”
- Thousands arrested



# Gay Activists Alliance

- Ideological differences
- Another Group: GAA
- Militant, non-violent
- Single Issue
- More structured
- Logo: Greek *Lambda*,
- Symbol for wavelength in quantum physics, suggesting dynamism



# GLF & GAA Women

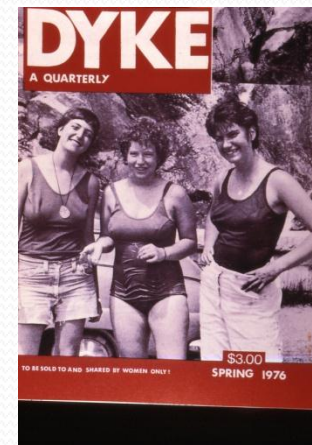
- Some women remained in GLF & GAA,
- Many women considered their issues different from gay men
- Also, they sometimes experienced sexism in GLF & GAA





# Radicalesbians

- Separated
- Formed groups
- Publications
- Argued:
  - fight against sexism required all women to band together to challenge male privilege & heterosexual institutions.



# Labrys

- Taken as a symbol of female power



# Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries

- Others separated
- Sylvia (Ray) Rivera
- Founded STAR —  
**Street Transvestite  
Action Revolutionaries**
- Shelter , support to young people living on the street

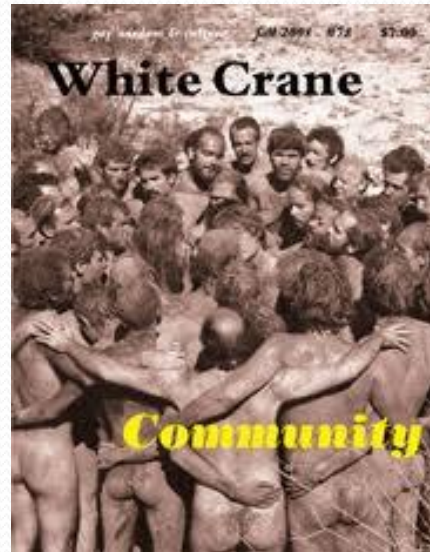


# Radical Fairies

- Founder: Harry Hay
- Offshoot of men's GLF
- Nationwide, grassroots movement
- Alternative ways of living
- Spiritual movement
- Nurture special gay consciousness that society attempts to kill



Harry Hay & John Burnside



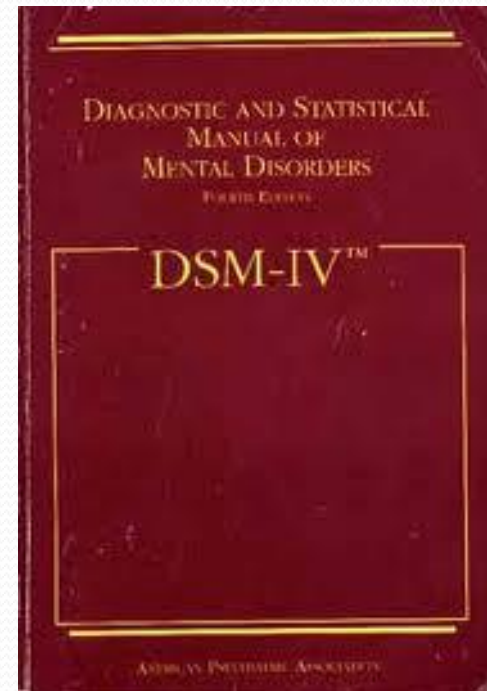
# Pride Marches

- Christopher Street Liberation Day Umbrella Committee
- New York City
- First March
- Sunday, June 28, 1970
- Sixth Avenue
- June:
- “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Pride Month”



# American Psychiatric Association

- 1952, *Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders I*
- 1968, *Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders II*
- Homosexuality:
  - “Ego-Dystonic Disorder”



# American Psychiatric Association

- 1940s – 1960s
- LGBTs Involuntary Committed to Mental Hospitals



# American Psychiatric Association

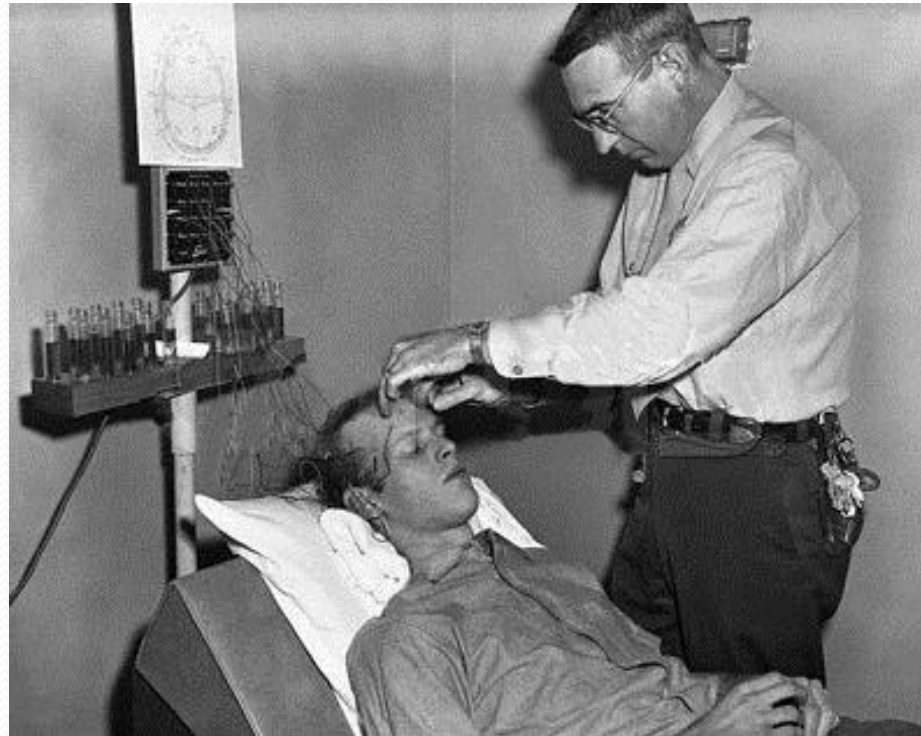
- Forced Electroshock





# American Psychiatric Association

- Prefrontal Lobotomy



# American Psychiatric Association

- Annual Conference, 1971
- Washington, DC – Shoreham Hotel
- GLF protesters
- Franklin Kameny grabbed microphone



GLF



*"Psychiatry is the enemy incarnate . . . You may take this as a declaration of war against you."*

# American Psychiatric Association

- Annual Conference, 1972
- Guest Panel
- Encouraging members to reevaluate definition of homosexuality as psychological disorder
- L: Barbara Gittings, DOB Philadelphia
- M: Franklin Kameny, Mattachine, DC
- R: Homosexual APA member wearing mask



# Change

- 1973, **American Psychiatric Association**, no disorder

*“[H]omosexuality per se implies no impairment in judgment, stability, reliability, or general social or vocational capabilities.”*

- 1975, **American Psychological Association**, no disorder.

- Urged mental health professionals

*“to take the lead in removing the stigma of mental illness that has long been associated with homosexual orientations.”*

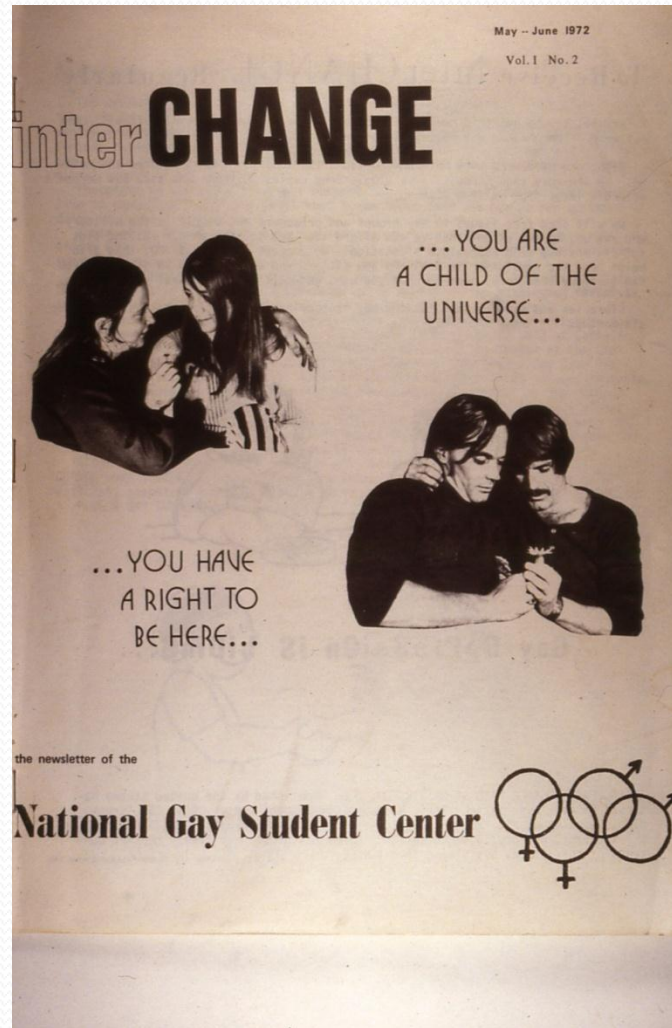
- National Association of Social Workers, no disorder

# National Gay Student Center

- 1971, Washington, DC
- National organization
- Founded by Warren J. Blumenfeld
- Serving student campus organizations
- Office of National Student Association
- Became office of U.S. Student Association



# Interchange



# First University Campus Groups

- 1967, Student Homophile League
- Columbia University in 1967
- Followed soon by
  - MIT, Stanford, Cornell
- 1920s, Oberlin Lesbian Society
  - Oberlin College
  - Women's group devoted to writing poetry



Student Homophile  
League

# Campuses Denied Recognition

San Jose State University, Boston College, University of New Hampshire  
Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Southern California  
Texas A & M University , Tulane University , University of Maryland  
Florida State University, Colorado College, University of Tennessee  
University of Alabama, Sacramento State University , California  
Polytechnic, William Jewell College, University of Texas at Austin,  
University of Southern Mississippi, University of South Carolina,  
University of Washington, Austin Peay State University ,  
Polk Community College , Pennsylvania State University,  
University of Oklahoma at Norman, University of Missouri at Columbia,  
Georgetown University , California State University Fullerton,  
College of the Sequoias, University of Kansas at Lawrence,  
West Virginia University, Fordham University





GLEN DUMKE, CHANCELLOR  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

1. *...the effect of recognition by the college of the Gay Liberation Front could conceivably be to endorse or promote homosexual behavior, to attract homosexuals to the campus, and to expose minors to homosexual advocacy and practices, and*
2. *...belief that the proposed Front created too great a risk for students – a risk which might lead students to engage in illegal homosexual behavior. [1970]*

# Precedent Setting Court Case

- GLF Students, Sacramento State University,
- Sued Chancellor Glen Dunke
- Sacramento County Superior Court
- Won case on First Amendment rights
  - Freedom of Speech
  - Freedom of Association
- *“...to justify suppression of free speech, there must be reasonable grounds to fear that serious evil will result if free speech is practiced; there must be reasonable ground to believe that the danger apprehended is imminent.”*

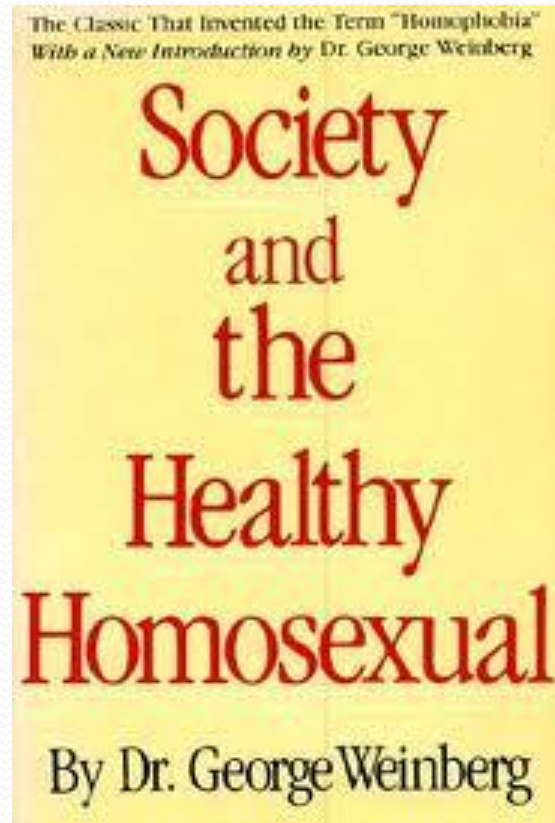
# First “Out” Elected University Student President



1970, Jack Baker,  
University of Minnesota

**“PUT YOURSELF---in---JACK BAKER’S SHOES!  
IF YOU Were ELECTED MSA President  
Could YOU Forget The People Who Put YOU There?”**

# “Homophobia”



1972

# National Gay & Lesbian Task Force

- 1973, National Gay Task Force, New York City
- Changed to National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
- Washington, D.C.

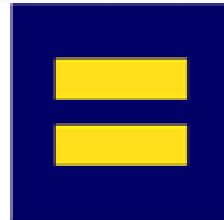


Founders at 1973 Press Conference

# Human Rights Campaign

- 1980

*“For the promotion of the social welfare of the gay and lesbian community by drafting, supporting and influencing legislation and policy at the federal, state and local level.”*

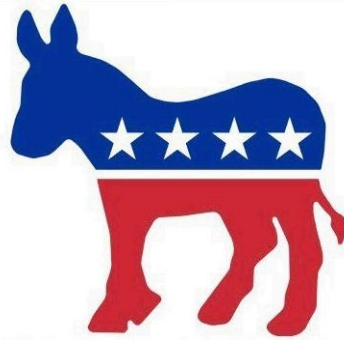


HUMAN  
RIGHTS  
CAMPAIGN®

# PFLAG

- 1972, parents and friends organizing
- Support for themselves & loved ones
- Today, international network





# LGBT Political Clubs

- 1972, Jim Foster
- San Francisco
- Developed concept
- LGBT political clubs
- First, Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club

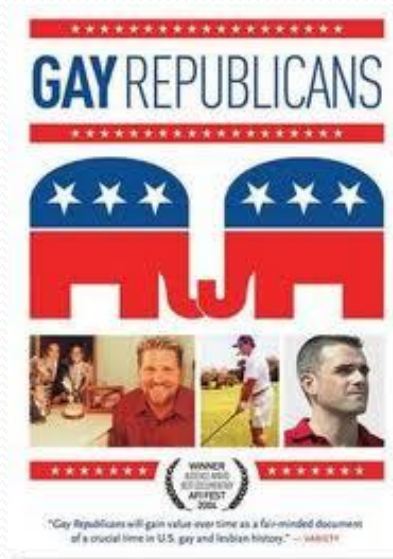






# LGBT Political Clubs

- Log Cabin Republications
- National Office
- Local Chapters



# Elaine Noble

- First “out” lesbian
- 1974, Elected to statewide office
- House of Representatives in Massachusetts



# U.S. Congressional Pioneers



Gerry Studds (D-MA)



Barney Frank (D-MA)



Tami Baldwin (D-WI)

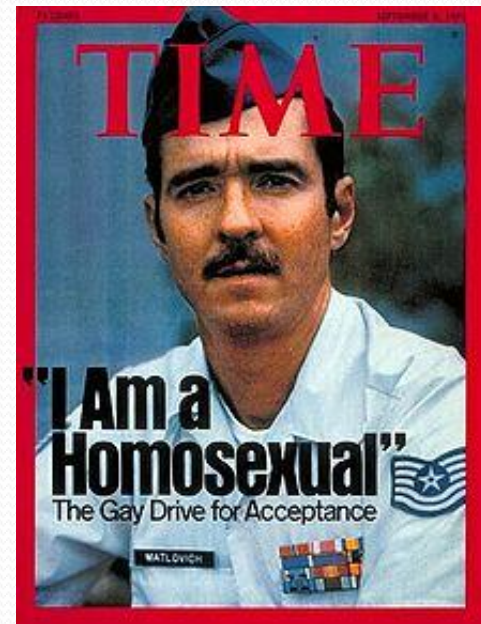
# First Out Ambassador

- James Hormel
- Ambassador to Luxembourg, 1999
- Bill Clinton, Congressional Recess Appointment



# Leonard Matlovich

- Air Force Technical Sergeant
- Vietnam War Veteran
- Race Relations Instructor
- Purple Heart, Bronze Star
- 1975, Came out to  
oppose Military Policy
- Discharged



# Leonard Matlovich

- 1978, won case
- Could be reinstated
- Cash settlement
- Donated to LGBT Organizations
- Died 1988



**"Never Again, Never Forget – A Gay Vietnam Veteran –  
When I was in the military they gave me a medal for  
killing two men and a discharge for loving one."**

# “Save Our Children”

- Anita Bryant
- Former Beauty Queen
- 1977, Campaign
- Overturned
- LGBT Rights Ordinance
- Dade County, Florida



# “The Briggs Initiative



- 1978, California Proposition 6
- John Briggs, California State Legislature
- Ban Lesbians & Gays & Supporters
- Working in California public schools.
- Failed
- Dampened climate





# Rainbow Flag

- 1978
- Designed by S.F. Artist
- Gilbert Baker
- Symbol LGBT diversity
- Originally 8 colors
- Pink & Turquoise removed



# ABC-TV “Soap” 1977-1991



Billy Crystal  
 (“Jodie Dallas”)



# Harvey Milk

- 1977, San Francisco
- Harvey Milk, open gay man
- Elected City Supervisor



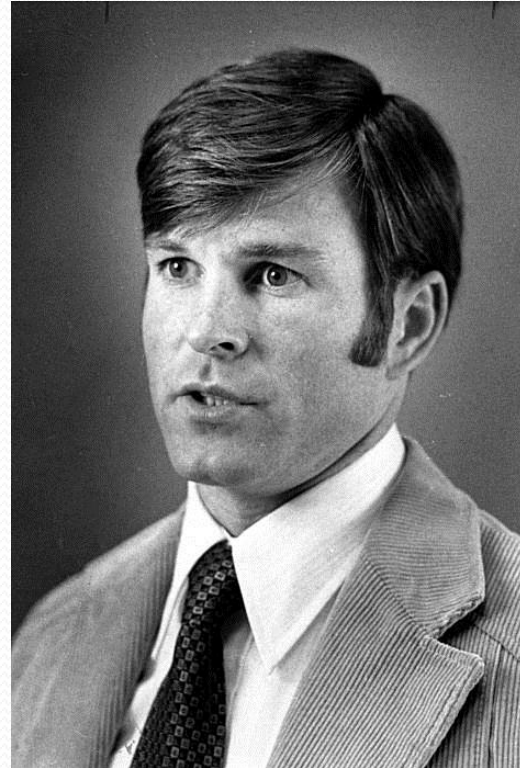
# Milk & Moscone Murdered

- November 27, 1978
- Harvey Milk & pro-gay  
Mayor George Moscone murdered



# Dan White

- Former police officer
- Former San Francisco City Supervisor,



# Verdict

- White convicted
- “Twinkie Defense”
- Reduced charge:
- Voluntary Manslaughter
- 6 year sentence
- Released 5 1/2 years
- October 21, 1985
- Committed suicide



May 21, 1979  
“White Night Riots”  
San Francisco

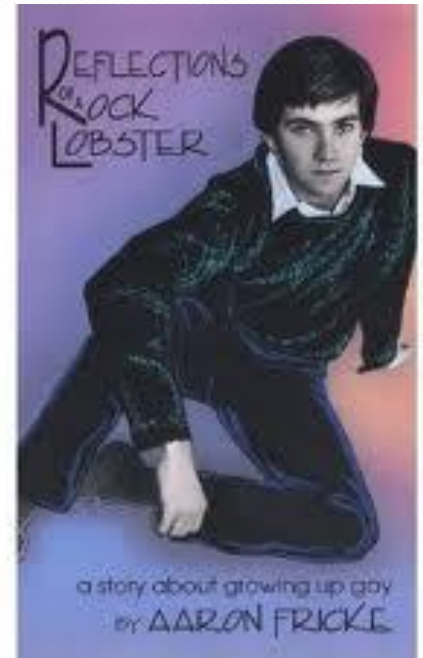
# Harvey Milk High School

- Founded by Hetrick-Martin Institute
- 1985, NYC, small high school
- At-risk non-heterosexual & non-gender conforming youth
- Fully accredited 2002
- Run by NYC School system



# Aaron Fricke

- 1980
- Prevented from taking male date
- Paul Guilbert to Senior Prom
- Cumberland, Rhode Island
- Successfully sued, U.S. District Court
- *Fricke v. Lynch*





# Jamie Nabozny



- Subjected to relentless antigay bullying
- By other students, High School, Ashland, Wisconsin
- Mock rape, urinated on, kicked
- Required surgery
- School officials: he should expect it because he is gay
- Attempted suicide several times,
- Dropped out
- Ran away

# Jamie Nabozny

- Sued school
- Trial court dismissed lawsuit
- Lambda Legal took case to federal appeals court
- Found: public school could be held accountable for not stopping antigay abuse.
- Back to trial & jury
- Verdict: school officials liable for harm they caused
- Settlement: about \$1 million



# Gay/Straight Alliances

- High Schools & Middle Schools
- Support Groups
- Raise visibility
- Work to reduce harassment & violence





# GLSEN



- Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network
- 1990, NYC, National Organization

*“GLSEN seeks to develop school climates where difference is valued for the positive contribution it makes to creating a more vibrant and diverse community.”*

# Melvin Boozer



- 1980, Lesbian & Gay Caucus
- Democratic Presidential Convention
- Nominate for Vice-President
- Melvin Boozer, Chair GAA – DC
- Addressed Convention
- Raised LGBT issues
- Then declined nomination

# Sharon Kowalski

- 1983, car accident
- Seriously injured
- Partner, Karen Thompson
- Battled 10 years
- Guardianship
- Kowalski's parents
- Denied contact 3 1/2 years
- Thompson eventually won



**Kowalski & Thompson**

# Simon Nkoli

Gay South African Anti-Apartheid and AIDS Activist



# Bisexual Movement

- There from the beginning of activism
- 1970s organized
- Rights of bisexuals





# First National Bisexual Conference



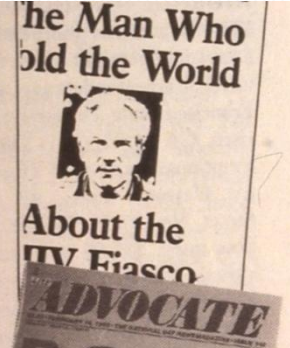
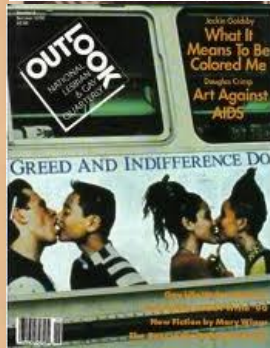
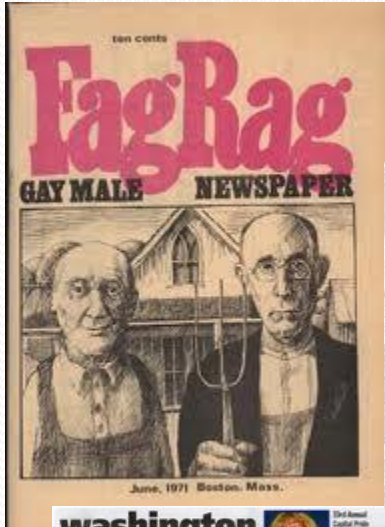
Conference participants, First National Bisexual Conference,  
San Francisco, June 1990, Mission High School steps.

# Bisexual Publications

ANYTHING  
THAT MOVES



# 1970s + Publications



Major Asian body calls about Fick, police and marriage. Local News, Page 36  
Callers say reports program to many. Callers and more. National News, Page 22  
Sullivan is hot topic. See why hot ratings are page 25!

# Statewide LGBT Laws

1. 1982 – Wisconsin
2. 1989 – Massachusetts
3. 1991 – Hawai'i
4. 1991 – Connecticut
5. 1992 – Vermont
6. 1993 – Minnesota
7. 1997 – New Hampshire
8. 1999 – Nevada
9. 2001 – Rhode Island
10. 2001 – Maryland
11. 2002 – New York

12. 2003 – New Mexico
13. 2003 – California
14. 2005 – Illinois
15. 2005 – D. C.
16. 2005 – Maine
17. 2006 – Washington
18. 2006 – New Jersey
19. 2007 – Iowa
20. 2007 – Oregon
21. 2007 – Colorado
22. 2009 – Delaware

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# **AIDS & Beyond**

# “Early Years”

- Late 1970s
- Unexplained maladies
- Epidemic: Western Africa
- 1980, U.S. at least fifty cases
- Majority: gay men + “4H Club”:
  - Gay & Bisexual Men (**H**omosexuals)
  - **H**aitians
  - Intervention Drug Users (**H**eroine Users)
  - People with **H**emophilia



Kaposi sarcoma

# “GRID”

- “Gay-related immune deficiency”
- Activists protested
- Changed: “Acquired immune deficiency syndrome” (AIDS)
- Not restricted to “4H” communities



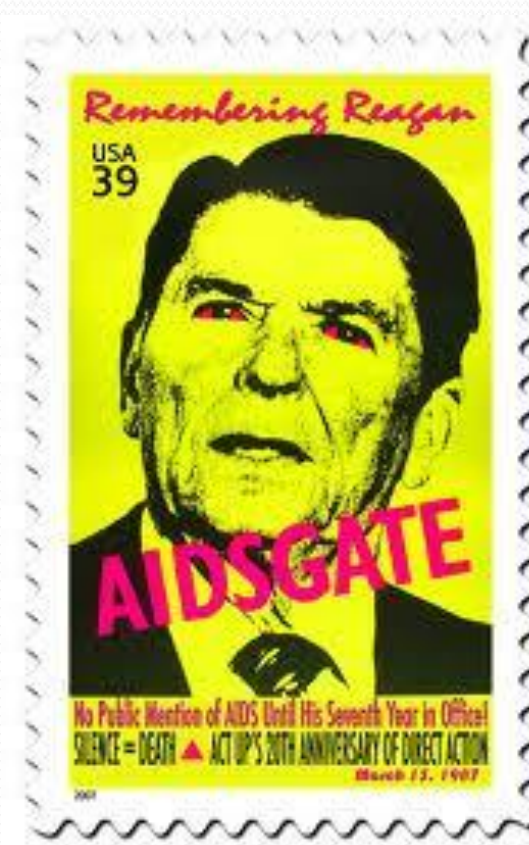
# Rock Hudson





# Government Intransigence

- Ronald Reagan, elected 1980
- 7 full years
- Not raise issue



# Patrick Buchanan

- Reagan's Chief of Communications
- AIDS does not deserve compassionate response



***“The poor homosexuals -- they have declared war upon nature, and now nature is extracting an awful retribution (AIDS)”***

*(Los Angeles Times, 11/28/86).*

# AIDS Activism

- 1986, New York City
- ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power)
- Network formed
- “Silence = Death”



# AIDS Activism

- Non-Violent Civil Disobedience



# Expedite Drug Trials



# Senator Jessie Helms

- 1987, sponsored bill
- Prohibited federal funding for AIDS educational materials that “*promote or encourage...homosexual sexual activity.*”



# Hold Politicians Accountable

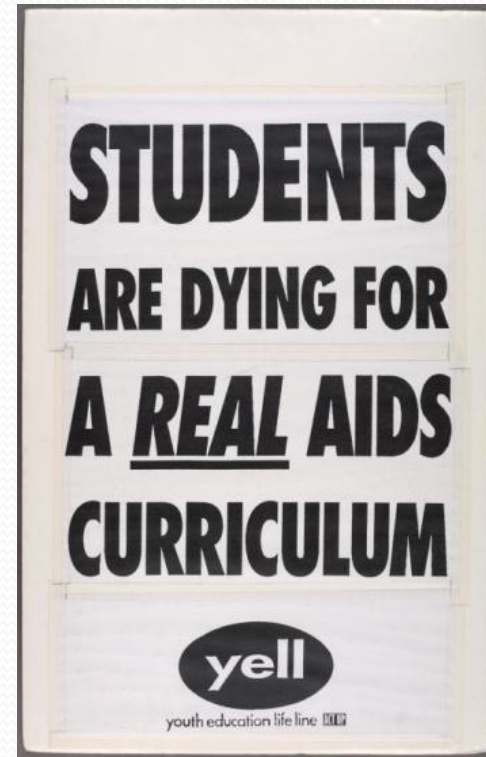


9/1991, Subgroup of ACTUP-NY

Covered conservative Senator Jesse Helm's (R-NC) House  
Suburban Virginia, Mock Condom

# Education

- LGBT people leaders  
“Safer Sex” education
- Advocates  
Comprehensive  
Sex Education in Schools





# AIDS Phobia

- Ryan White
- Kokomo, Indiana
- Hemophilia
- HIV Infected, early 1980s
- “Accused” of being gay
- Posed no risk to classmates
- Expelled from Middle School
- Won court case returned to school
- Died 1990



# *“I’m Still Standing”*



# “Queer” Activism

- Odd or Unusual
- Became anti-LGBT Epithet
- Youth reclaimed term
- Empowerment
- Transgressive
- Counter Status Quo



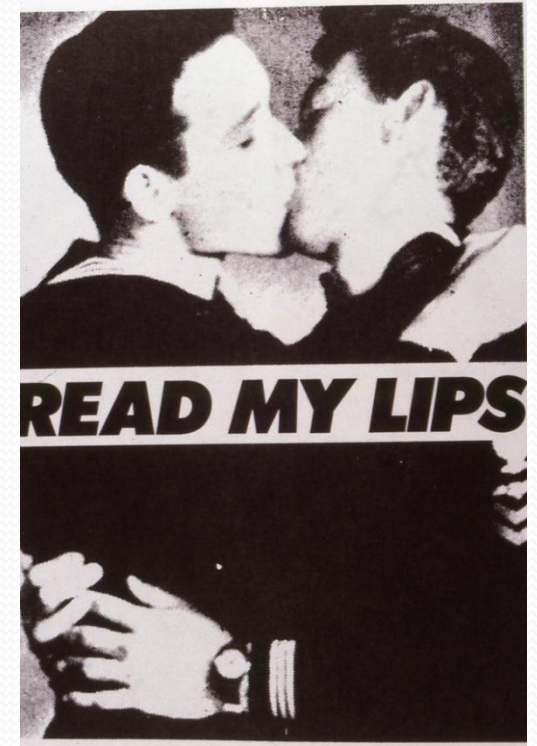
# Queer Nation

- 1990
- Young people
- Direct-action
- Non-Violent network



# Confrontational Politics

**COCK SUCKING  
FAGGOT  
QUEER NATION**



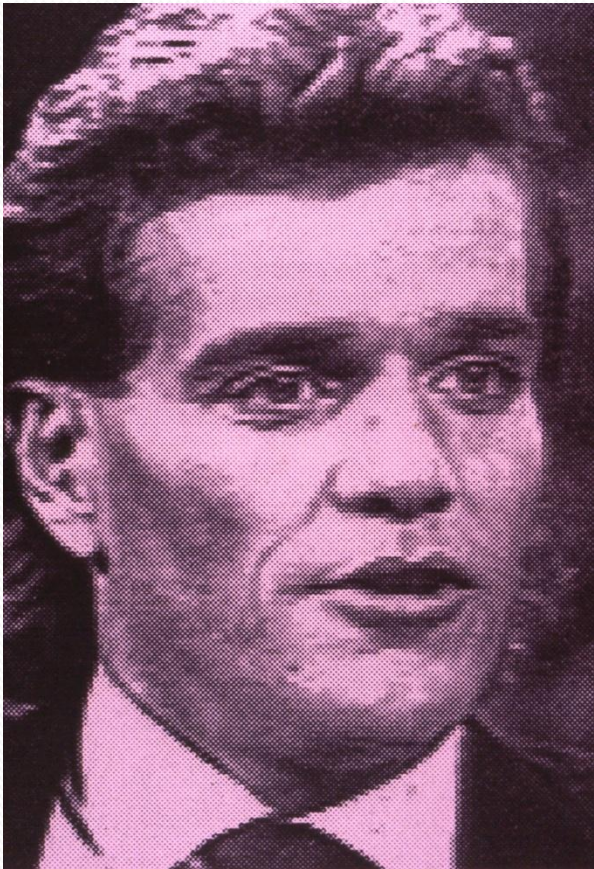
# Queer Nation Manifesto

- <http://www.qrd.org/qrd/misc/text/queers.read.this>

*Queers Read This:  
I Hate Straights*



# Supreme Court Decisions



- Michael Hardwick
- Arrested
- Consensual Sex
- Home
- Arrested: Georgia's 1816  
Anti-Sodomy Law
- 1986, *Bowers v.  
Hardwick*
- Ruled against Hardwick

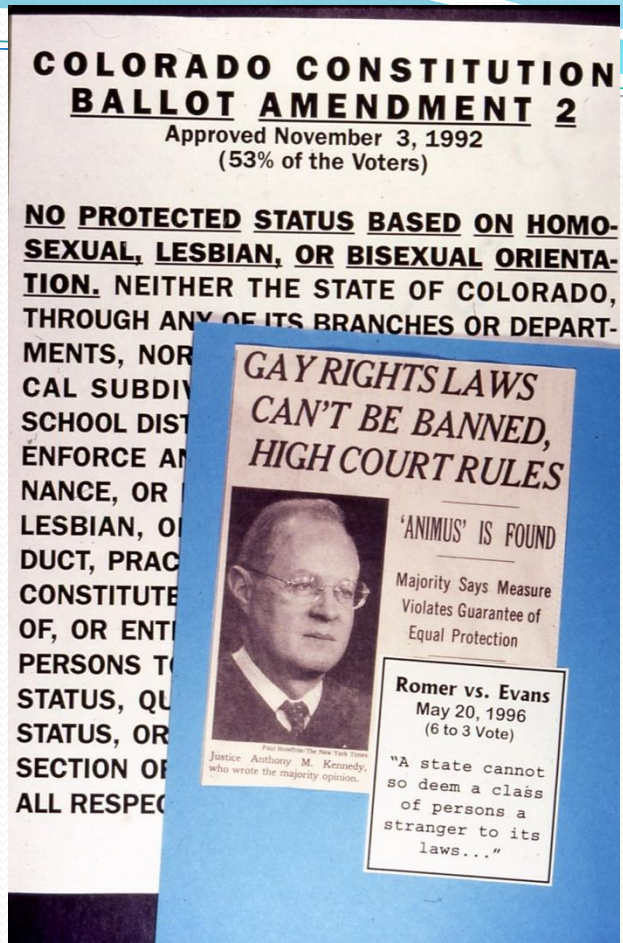
# Supreme Court Decisions

- 1996, *Romer v. Evans*
- Ruled Unconstitutional
- Ballot Amendment 2
- Colorado state Constitution
- Would have prevented recognizing homosexuals as protected class.



**Plaintiffs**  
*Romer v. Evans*





Justice Anthony M. Kennedy

Majority Opinion:

*“A state cannot so deem a class of persons a stranger to its laws...”*

# National Endowment for the Arts

- 1989, Jesse Helms's sponsorship
- Congress passed amendment
- Restrict funding art deemed “homoerotic” or “religiously offensive”



# Robert Mapplethorp



# *Desert Hearts*



# *Making Love*



# *Paris Is Burning*



# National Marches on Washington

- 1973
- 1987
- 1993
- 2000



# Holidays

- National Day of Silence, April 1
- LGBT Pride Month, June
- Bisexuality Day, September 23
- National LGBT History Month, October
- National Coming Out Day/Week, October 11
- Transgender Day of Remembrance, November 20
- World AIDS Day, December 1
- National Gay/Straight Alliance Day, January 25



# Boy Scouts of America

## On Atheism

*"The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God. In the first part of the Scout Oath or Promise the member declares, 'On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law.' The recognition of God as the ruling and leading power in the universe and the grateful acknowledgment of His favors and blessings are necessary to the best type of citizenship and are wholesome precepts in the education of the growing members."*

# Boy Scouts of America

## On Homosexuality

*"Boy Scouts of America believes that homosexual conduct is inconsistent with the obligations in the Scout Oath and Scout Law to be morally straight and clean in thought, word, and deed. The conduct of youth members must be in compliance with the Scout Oath and Law, and membership in Boy Scouts of America is contingent upon the willingness to accept Scouting's values and beliefs. Most boys join Scouting when they are 10 or 11 years old. As they continue in the program, all Scouts are expected to take leadership positions. In the unlikely event that an older boy were to hold himself out as homosexual, he would not be able to continue in a youth leadership position."*

# James Dale

- Assistant Scoutmaster
- Co-president Lesbian/Gay Student Alliance.
- Rutgers University
- Expelled from BSA



# *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale*

- 2000, Supreme Court
- Boy Scouts of America
- Have constitutional Rights
- Freedom of Association



# Sodomy Laws

- Laws against “unnatural” sex – not leading to procreation
- Anything from oral and anal sex to bestiality
- Used in modern times to arrest people engaged in same-sex behavior
- Most states in U.S. had such laws
- By 2002, 14 states retained these laws

# Lawrence v. Texas (2003)

Supreme Court Overturned Sodomy Laws



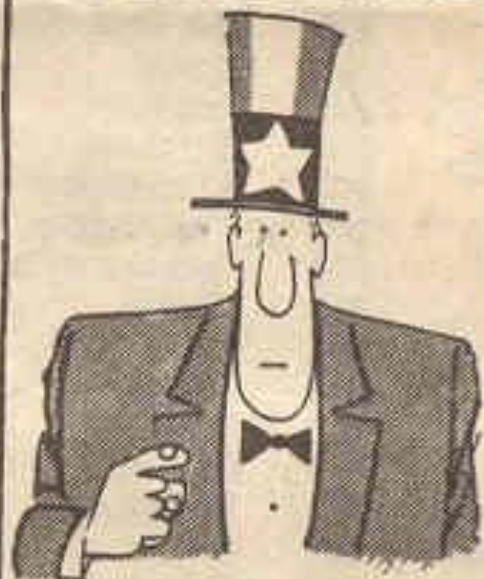
**John Geddes Lawrence &  
Tyron Garner**

*"The petitioners are entitled to respect for their private lives. The state cannot demean their existence or control their destiny by making their private sexual conduct a crime."*

**BUS  
STOP**



**I WANT YOU!**



**AS LONG AS  
YOU DON'T WANT  
EACH OTHER.**

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**S. KELLY**

Steve Kelley, The San Diego Union-Tribune, Copley News Service



- Prohibits anyone who *"demonstrate(s) a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts"* from serving in U.S. armed forces
- Because *"it would create an unacceptable risk to the high standards of morale, good order and discipline, and unit cohesion that are the essence of military capability."*
- "Compromise," 1993, Bill Clinton Administration
- Don't come out, we won't investigate
- Estimated 13,000 discharged since 1993





Colonel Greta Cammermeyer



Lieutenant Daniel Choy

- May 27, 2010, U.S. House of Representatives approved Murphy amendment of National Defense Authorization Act for 2001
- Repeal relevant sections of the law following study by U.S. Department of Defense completed
- U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee recommended similar measure in Defense Authorization Act
- U.S. Congress Overturned DADT, 2011.

# Marriage for Same-Sex Couples



- Fighting for rights of marriage for same-sex couples
- On par with marriage for different-sex couples
- 1,313 legal benefits

# Marriage for Same-Sex Couples



- Massachusetts
- Iowa
- Connecticut
- Maine
- New Hampshire
- New York
- Maryland
- District of Columbia
- Coguille Indian Tribe, Oregon

# New England Bishops Statement

- Statement of 16 New England Catholic Bishops
- Delivered by Cardinal Bernard Law, Boston Archdiocese, June 2000
- Following Vermont legislature recognizing civil unions for same-sex couples, April 2000.



Former Boston  
Cardinal, Bernard Law

*“The Legislature of the State of Vermont, by passing the Civil Unions Bill, has attacked centuries of cultural and religious esteem for marriage between a man and a woman and has prepared the way for an attack on the well-being of society itself.... We, the Catholic Bishops...and all people of good will...recognize the sacredness of marriage and the family as ordered by God....[S]uch legislation will undermine cultural and religious respect for marriage and will inflict a wound upon society itself. The obligation of society and the state to support and strengthen marriage as the intimate union of a man and a woman does not infringe upon the civil rights of others. Rather, those seeking to redefine marriage for their own purposes are the ones who are trying to impose their values on the rest of the population.”*

# Proposition 8

- 2008, Proposition 8, California Constitutional Amendment, voters passed
- **Section 7.5 of the Declaration of Rights,**
- "only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."



# Proposition 8

- Bishops, California Catholic Conference released statement in support
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Mormons, gave support and large funding
- First Presidency of the Church wrote letter
- Read in each Mormon California congregation:  
*Church members encouraged to "do all you can to support the proposed constitutional amendment by donating of your means and time."*

# Proposition 8



- July 2010
- U.S. District Court
- Northern District,  
California
- Judge Vaughn R. Walker
- California's Proposition 8
- Unconstitutional



# Defense of Marriage Act

- 1996, Passed by Congress
- **Section 2. Powers reserved to the states:** *No State, territory, or possession of the United States, or Indian tribe, shall be required to give effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other State, territory, possession, or tribe respecting a relationship between persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage under the laws of such other State, territory, possession, or tribe, or a right or claim arising from such relationship.*



# Defense of Marriage Act

- **Section 3. Definition of 'marriage' and 'spouse':** *In determining the meaning of any Act of Congress, or of any ruling, regulation, or interpretation of the various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States, the word 'marriage' means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word 'spouse' refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife*

# Defense of Marriage Act

- July 8, 2010,
- Judge Joseph L. Tauro
- U.S. District Court, Boston
- Defense of Marriage Act violates the equal protection of Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment, U.S. Constitution.
- Obama administration, stated would no longer enforce the Act, 2011.



# Hillary Clinton & Barack Obama



- Historic Speech
- United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland
- International Human Rights Day
- December 6, 2011
- Declared LGBT Rights are Human Rights



- Also December 6, 2011
- President Barack Obama
- Issued Memorandum directing all agencies to “promote and protect the human rights of LGBT persons.”

“It is a violation of human rights when people are beaten or killed because of their sexual orientation, or because they do not conform to cultural norms about how men and women should look or behave. It is a violation of human rights when governments declare it illegal to be gay, or allow those who harm gay people to go unpunished. Being gay is not a Western invention; it is a human reality. And protecting the human rights of all people, gay or straight, is not something that only Western governments do. To LGBT men and women worldwide: Wherever you live and whatever your circumstances...please know that you are not alone.”

Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton

# Gov. Rick Perry, Presidential Campaign TV Ad, “Strong,” 2011



Campaigning, Iowa State Fair,  
Aug. 2011



I'm not ashamed to admit that I'm a Christian, but you don't need to be in the pew every Sunday to know there's something wrong in this country when gays can serve openly in the military but our kids can't openly celebrate Christmas or pray in school. As President, I'll end Obama's war on religion. And I'll fight against liberal attacks on our religious heritage. Faith made America strong. It can make her strong again. I'm Rick Perry and I approve this message.

## First President to “Come Out” for Marriage Equality - May 9, 2012

“Same-sex  
couples  
should be  
able to get  
married.”

- PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA



# Bobby Montoya

- 7-year-old transgender child wanted to join Girl Scouts, Denver, Colorado, Fall 2011
- Troop leader initially denied admission to Bobby for having “boy parts”
- Bobby’s mother, Felisha Archuleta, petitioned Scouts who changed initial position & released a statement:



“Girl Scouts is an inclusive organization and we accept all girls in Kindergarten through 12th grade as members. If a child identifies as a girl and the child’s family presents her as a girl, Girl Scouts of Colorado welcomes her as a Girl Scout.”



# Raising Children

- Scientifically-based research studies
- Outcomes for children raised by lesbians or gay men
- Neither better nor worse than for other children in
- “...*peer group relationships, self-esteem, behavioral difficulties, academic achievement, or warmth and quality of family relationships.*”



(Carpenter, “What happens to kids raised by gay parents?” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, June 10, 2007).

# Raising Children

- Study, University of Southern California
- Children with lesbian or gay parents show more empathy and appreciation for social diversity, and they are less confined by gender-role stereotypes.



(Stacey & Biblarz, “How Does the Sexual Orientation of Parents Matter?,” *American Sociological Review*, 2001)

# National Gay/Straight Alliance Day

## January 25 (First Celebrated, 2012)

National Gay/Straight Alliance Day is meant to strengthen the bond between LGBT people and straight allies, and in particular recognize and honor gay-straight alliances (GSAs), which work to educate their peers to stop heterosexism and cissexism in schools and colleges.



*GSA Alliance Network*

# Thomas Beatie

- Trans Man
- 2008
- Gave birth to baby boy



# TRANSGENDER MOVEMENT

- Liberation Movement
- Deconstructing Categories
- Obliterating Binary Opposites:  
man/woman heterosexual/non-heterosexual,  
masculinity/femininity



# Leslie Feinberg



Historian, Writer, Activist

# Kate Bornstein



Writer, Activist, Performance Artist

# Riki Wilchins



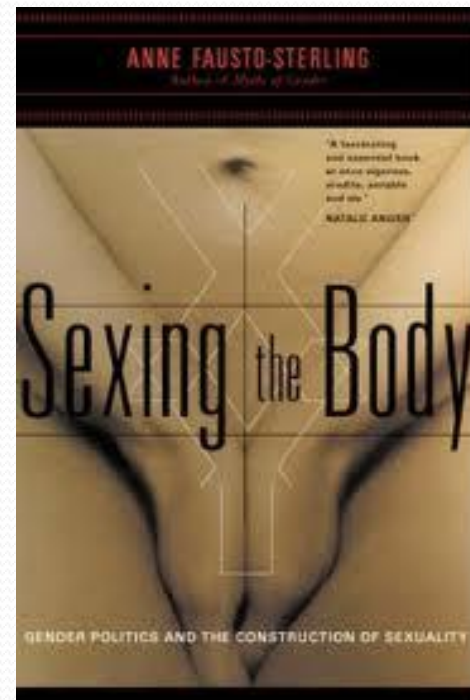
Writer, Founder, GenderPac



# Intersex Movement

- More than two sexes
- Approximately 1 in 2000 people
- Fighting for the rights of intersex people to make their own choices regarding their bodies and to increase awareness of intersex people.

# Anne Fausto-Sterling



# Asexual Activists Movement

- Asexual activists organizing for the rights of asexual people and raising asexual visibility.



David Jay (left - founder of the Asexual Awareness Week committee, and Sara Beth Brooks (right-founder of The Asexual Visibility and Education Network).

# Backlash: Political & Theocratic Right



# Catholic Catechism

- 1997: #2357 “...Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that ‘homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered.’ They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life [reproduction]. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.”

# Southern Baptist Convention

- 2010 “Resolution on Homosexuality and the United States Military”
- “RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention...affirm the Bible’s declaration that homosexual behavior is intrinsically disordered and sinful, and we also affirm the Bible’s promise of forgiveness, change, and eternal life to all sinners (including those engaged in homosexual sin) who repent of sin and trust in the saving power of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).”

# Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

- Homosexual behavior violates the commandments of God, is contrary to the purposes of human sexuality, distorts loving relationships, and deprives people of the blessings that can be found in family life and in the saving ordinances of the gospel. Those who persist in such behavior or who influence others to do so are subject to Church discipline. Homosexual behavior can be forgiven through sincere repentance.

*From Handbook of Instructions*

# Evangelical Covenant Church

- “Resolution on Sexuality” adopted 1996:
- “We human beings misuse God’s creation of sexuality and distort its role in our lives. In I Corinthians 6:9-10 and Romans 1:24-27, Scripture succinctly declares this sin and God’s judgment on it. Throughout the Scriptures we see how sin in sexual relationships damages relationship with God and others. We live in a society characterized by imperfect and sinful sexual relationships of many kinds....Evangelical Covenant Church resolution to care for persons involved in sexual sins such as adultery, homosexual behavior, and promiscuity compassionately recognizing the potential of these sins to take the form of addiction.”



# Tony Perkins

President, Family Research  
Council

*“Homosexual men are more likely to abuse children than straight men.”*

<http://mediamatters.org/research/200610040014>

**Keep Don't Ask, Don't Tell: “homosexual misconduct” in the military will increase without the policy .**

<http://www.ontopmag.com/article.aspx?id=5969&MediaType=1&Category=25>



**On Elena Kagan's nomination to the Supreme Court:**

*“We do not need a justice on the Supreme Court who sees it as her life mission to write the homosexual version of Roe v. Wade by striking down one-man, one-woman marriage across America.”*

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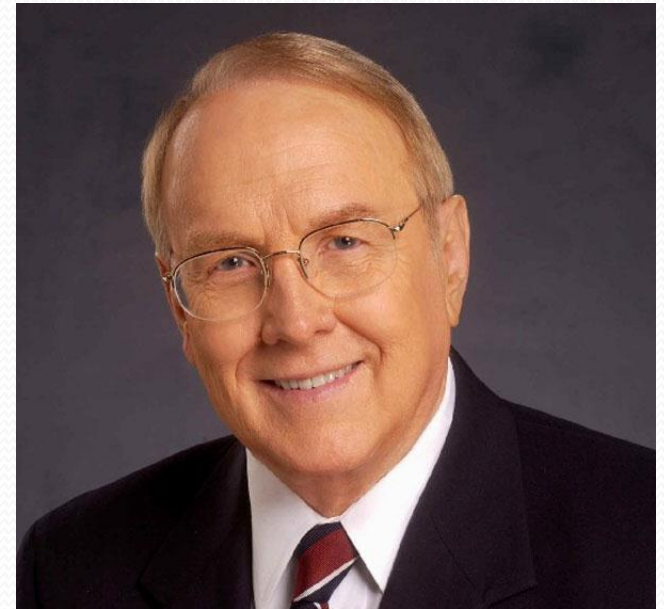
# James Dobson

- **Evangelical Minister**
- **Founder, Focus on the Family**

*“Tolerance and its first cousin, diversity, are almost always buzzwords for homosexual advocacy.”*

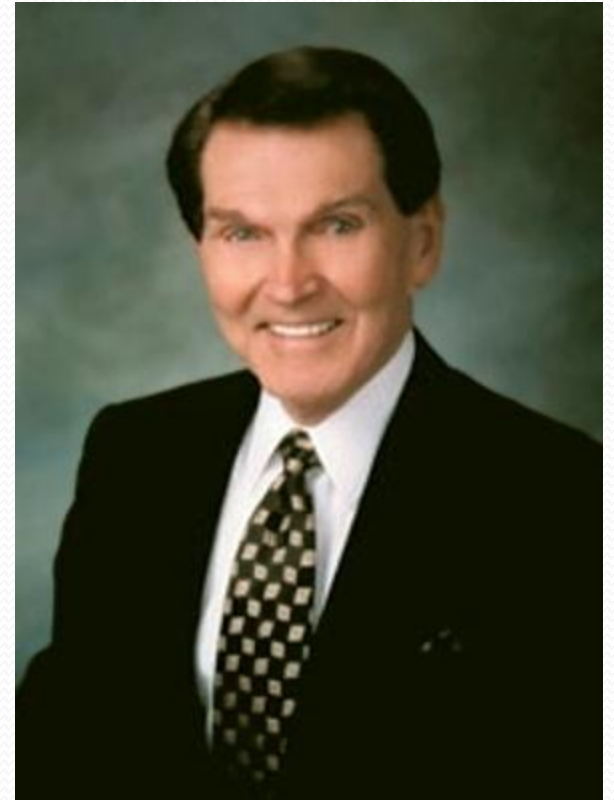
*“There is no issue today that is more significant to our culture than the defense of the family. Not even the war on terror eclipses it.”*

• [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James\\_Dobson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Dobson)



# Tim LaHaye

- Evangelical Minister
- Founder Timothy LaHaye Ministries
- Founder, American Coalition on Traditional Values
- Founder, Coalition for Religious Freedom



# Tim LaHaye

- Book: *The Unhappy Gays*
- Changed: *What Everyone Should Know about Homosexuality.*

Homosexuals are “*militant, organized*”  
and “*vile.*”

They all share 16 pernicious traits including  
“*incredible promiscuity,*” “*deceit,*”  
“*selfishness,*” “*vulnerability to sadism-*  
*masochism*” and “*poor health and an early*  
*death.*”



# Beverly LaHaye

- Co-Founder
- Concerned Women for America



***Gays and Lesbians "want their depraved 'values' to become our children's values. Homosexuals expect society to embrace their immoral way of life. Worse yet, they are looking for new recruits!"***

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tim\\_LaHaye](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tim_LaHaye)

# LaHaye on Feminism

Founder, Eagle Forum

*“Feminism is about developing the notion of victimology. They want to paint women as oppressed victims, kept down by men and this oppressive patriarchal society.”*

*Washington Times, January 29, 2003.*

*“Feminist goals are incompatible with the combat readiness we need in times of war, a priority that has taken on a new urgency because of events since 9/11. The brave firefighters who charged up the towers of the World Trade Center, and our Special Forces who dared to enter the caves in Afghanistan, need our help to defend themselves and their work against the feminists who despise macho men.” - The Phyllis Schlafly Report, December 2002.*

*“The feminists’ goal is to eradicate from our culture everything that is masculine and remake us into a gender-neutral society.” - The Phyllis Schlafly Report, December 2002.*



# Jerry Falwell



*"Gay folks would just as soon kill you as look at you."*

*"AIDS is not just God's punishment for homosexuals, it is God's punishment for the society that tolerates homosexuals."*

He called Ellen Degeneres: *"Ellen Degenerate"*

- Was, Evangelical Baptist pastor
- Televangelist
- Founder, 1971, Liberty University
- Lynchburg, Virginia
- Co-Founder, Moral
- Supported, Anita Bryant's "Save Our Children" campaign

# Falwell on Tinky Winkie



Teletubbies

**Tinky Winkie is a “homosexual role model” for homosexual recruitment since it is purple and has a triangle on its head – both have been symbols used by homosexuals.**



Tinky Winkie



# Falwell on Feminism

- Referred to NOW (National Organization for Women) as National Organization of Witches)



*“I listen to feminists and all these radical gals - most of them are failures. They've blown it. Some of them have been married, but they married some Casper Milquetoast who asked permission to go to the bathroom. These women just need a man in the house. That's all they need. Most of the feminists need a man to tell them what time of day it is and to lead them home. And they blew it and they're mad at all men. Feminists hate men. They're sexist. They hate men - that's their problem.”*

# Falwell on 9/11

Falwell blamed the events off September 11, 2001 on:



***“...pagans, and the abortionists, and the feminists, and the gays and the lesbians who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle, the ACLU, People For the American Way, all of them who have tried to secularize America.”***

<http://www.actupny.org/YELL/falwell.html>

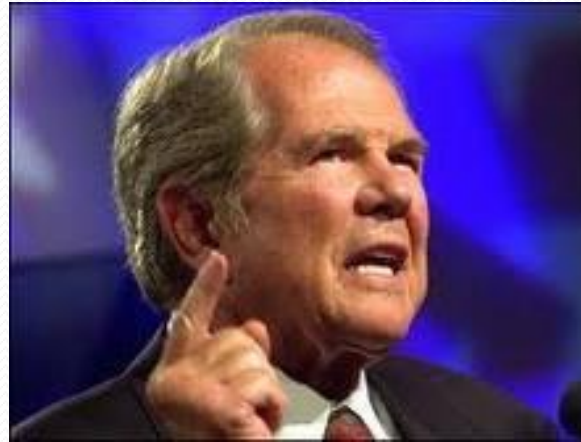
# Pat Robertson

- Ordained Southern Baptist Minister
- Founder: American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), and Christian Coalition.
- 1988, ran for U.S. President, Republican primaries



# Pat Robertson

On “Gay Days” at Disneyland



*•"I would warn Orlando that you're right in the way of some serious hurricanes, and I don't think I'd be waving those [rainbow] flags in God's face if I were you, This is not a message of hate -- this is a message of redemption. But a condition like this will bring about the destruction of your nation. It'll bring about terrorist bombs; it'll bring earthquakes, tornadoes, and possibly a meteor."*

•<http://politicalhumor.about.com/od/funnyquotes/a/patrobertson.htm>

# Pat Robertson on Feminism

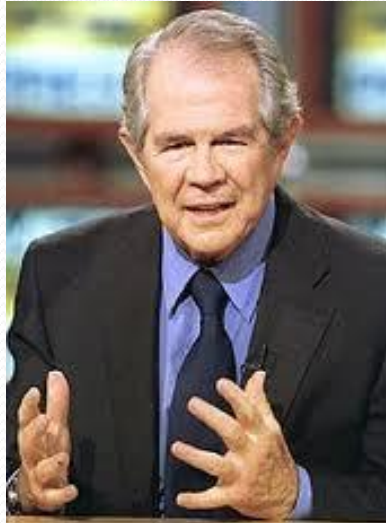
- Hurricane Katrina was God's punishment in response to America's abortion policy.



*•[Feminism is] a socialist, anti-family, political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians.*

•<http://www.quotegarden.com/feminism.html>

# Pat Robertson on Feminism



***•"I know this is painful for the ladies to hear, but if you get married, you have accepted the headship of a man, your husband. Christ is the head of the household and the husband is the head of the wife, and that's the way it is, period."***

•<http://www.quote garden.com/feminism.html>

# Newt Gingrich

- Former Speaker
- U.S. House of Representatives



***"I think there is a gay and secular fascism in this country that wants to impose its will on the rest of us, is prepared to use violence, to use harassment. I think it is prepared to use the government if it can get control of it. I think that it is a very dangerous threat to anybody who believes in traditional religion."***

•<http://mediamatters.org/mmtv/200811170014>

# Alan Keyes

- Ran for President, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2008
- Republican nominee U.S. Senate 1988, 1992, 2004.
- U.S. Foreign Service
- Ambassador & Assistant Secretary of State



*“[M]arriage, as an institution, involves procreation. It is in principle impossible for homosexuals to procreate. Therefore, they cannot marry. It is a simple logical syllogism, and one can wish all one might, but pigs don't fly and we can't change the course of nature.”*

•<http://www.renewamerica.com/columns/mostert/040904>



# Laura Schlessinger

Former, Radio Talk Show Host



***"I'm sorry, hear it one more time perfectly clearly: If you're gay or a lesbian, it's a biological error that inhibits you from relating normally to the opposite sex."***

***•"A huge portion of the male homosexual populace is predatory on young boys."***

•[http://www.religioustolerance.org/hom\\_0078.htm](http://www.religioustolerance.org/hom_0078.htm)

# Rush Limbaugh



Radio Talk  
Show Host

Referred to out Representative and chair of U.S. House Financial Services Committee, Barney Frank, as *“the banking Queen.”*

Democrats will *“bend over, grab the ankles, and say ‘Have your way with me.’”*

*“When a gay person turns his back on you, it is anything but an insult; it’s an invitation.”*

•<http://thenewcivilrightsmovement.com/homophobia-rush-limbaughs-top-anti-gay-quotes/discrimination/2009/03/05/517>

# Trent Lott

Former U.S. Senate Republican Majority Leader



***•“You should try to show them a way to deal with that problem, just like alcohol...or sex addiction...or kleptomaniacs.”***

**•<http://www.skeptictank.org/hs/lott-gay.htm>**

# Sarah Palin



- Former, Alaska Governor
- 2008, Vice Presidential Candidate

***“I don’t support defining marriage as anything but between one man and one woman, and I think through nuances we can go round and round about what that actually means. I’m being as straight up with Americans as I can in my non-support for anything but a traditional definition of marriage.”***

# Rick Santorum



- Pennsylvania Senator
- Presidential Candidate 2012
- *“In every society, the definition of marriage has not ever to my knowledge included homosexuality. That’s not to pick on homosexuality. It’s not, you know, man on child, man on dog, or whatever the case may be.”* (Interview with Associated Press, 2003)

# Fred Phelps

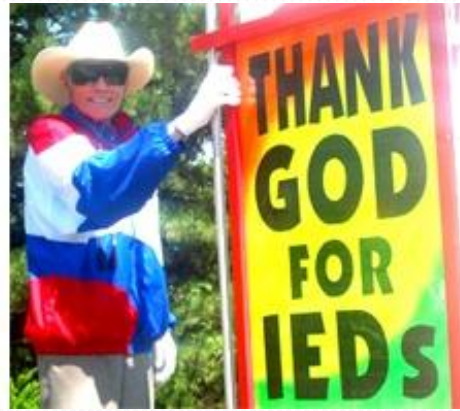


***“These fags are going to hell. And I'm supposed to be quiet about that? I'm supposed to get lockjaw? The Bible's just full of hell, the wrath of God.”***

- Independent Baptist Minister
- Founder, Westboro Baptist Church
- Topika, Kansas
- Most natural disasters
- Terrorist Acts
- Caused by God's rath on societies that tolerate homosexuality

• [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/joshua-kors/god-hates-fags-qa-with-pa\\_b\\_689430.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/joshua-kors/god-hates-fags-qa-with-pa_b_689430.html)

# Fred Phelps



*Hell is the place where the worm eats on fags, and the fire is never quenched. Indescribable pain. The Lord Jesus said that. And he knows because he's had a front row seat since the creation of Adam. What you need to do is get a Bible and look up Luke, Chapter 16. These fags are going to hell, and instead of squawking like crybabies, they ought to be so thankful that at no expense to them, we've dedicated time and resources to preach to them. People say we're "disturbing the peace." Don't you understand: we've done 40,000 of these pickets, and we'd be in jail if we were disturbing the peace.*

# Fred Phelps

- U.S. Supreme Court, in *Snyder v. Phelps*, ruled March 2, 2011 by 8 to 1 majority that First Amendment protects Phelps's right to protest in close proximity to a private funeral service. Protest signs declared soldiers deserved to die because American society is tolerating homosexuality.





# St. Patrick's Day Parade:

## South Boston





# Chick-fil-A

“We’re inviting God’s judgment on our nation when we shake our fist at him and say we know better than you as to what constitutes a marriage.”

CEO Dan Cathy, July 2012

Chick-fil-A funds: Anti-LGBT orgs:

- Eagle Forum
- Exodus International
- Focus on the Family
- Family Research Council
- National Organization for Marriage



Dan Cathy

# Chick-fil-A

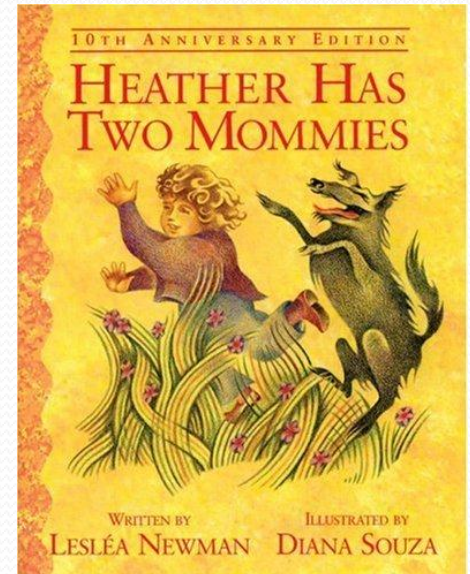
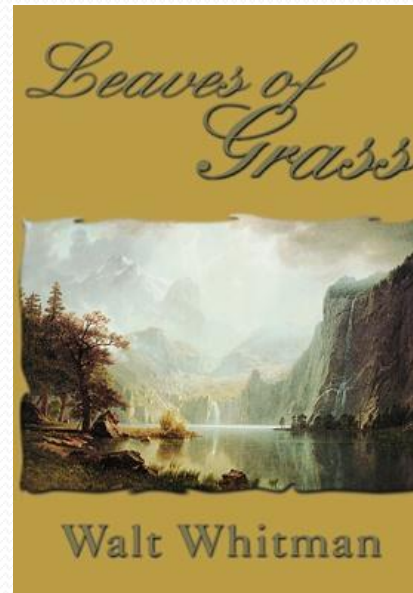
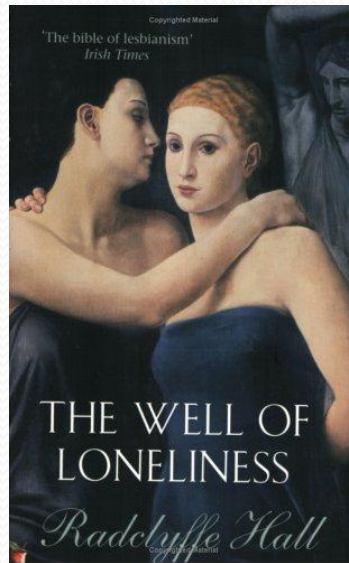
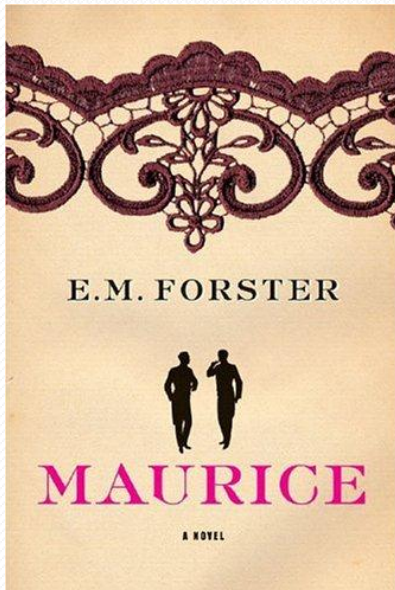
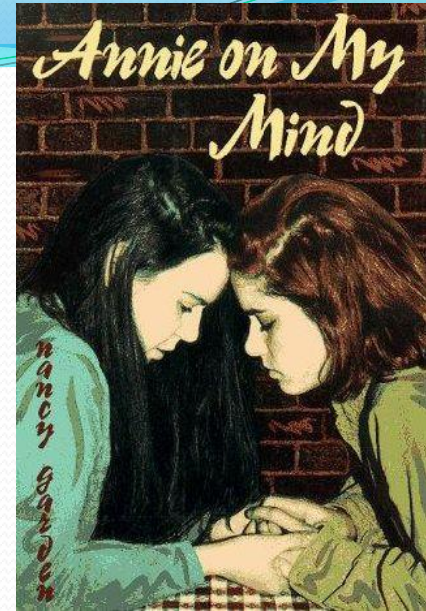
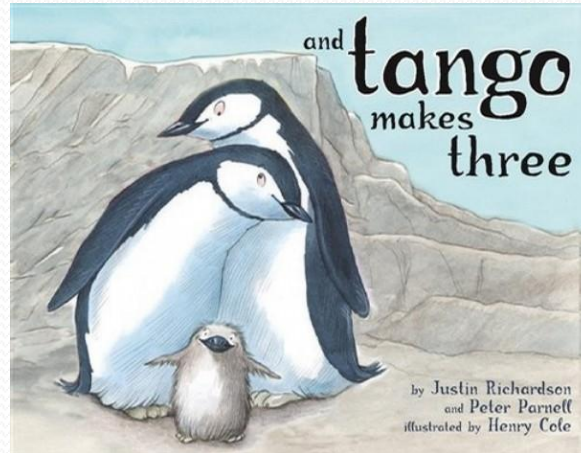
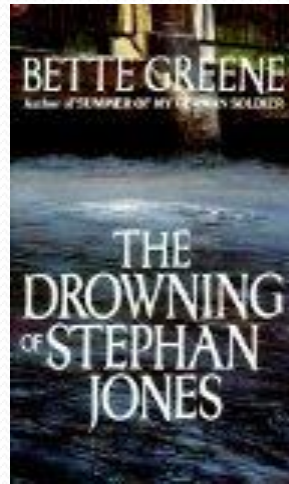
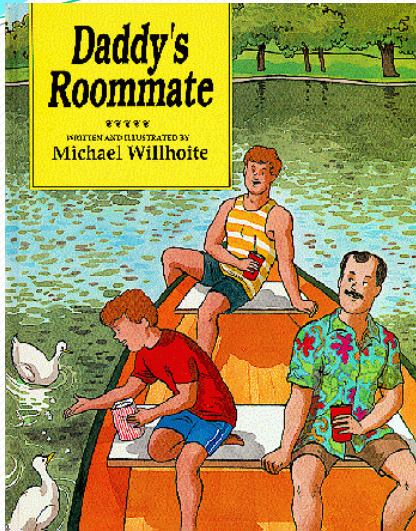


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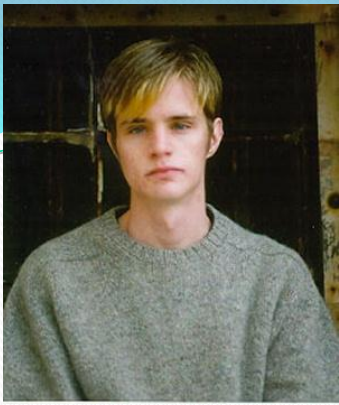


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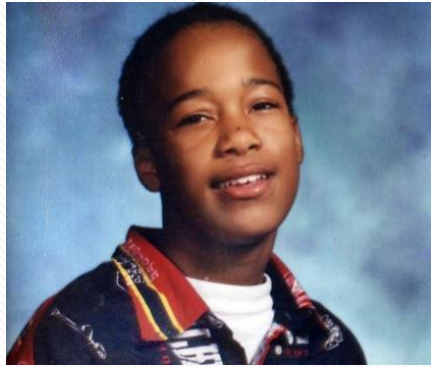
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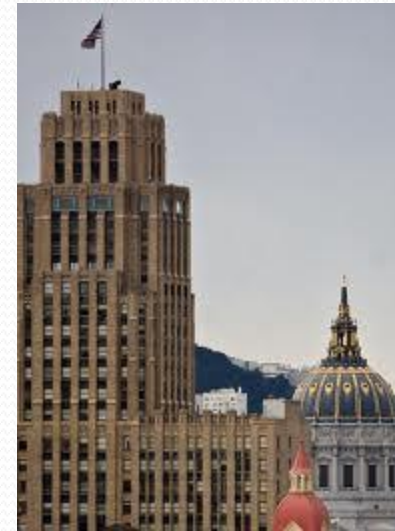
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# Christian Legal Society

- Hastings College of the Law
- Public college, California
- CLS adopted policy
- Student cannot join if
- Gay, lesbian, sexually active, & “unrepentant”
- Students who do not agree
- Christ is God
- Bible the word of God



# Supreme Court Decision



- *Christian Legal Society of Hastings College of the Law v. Martinez*
- Verdict: Christian Legal Society not exempt from following school's diversity non-discrimination policy



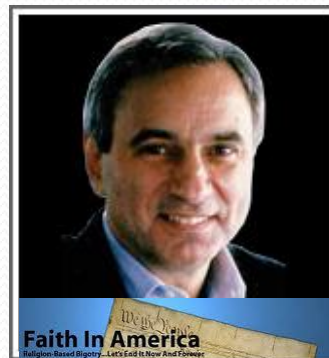
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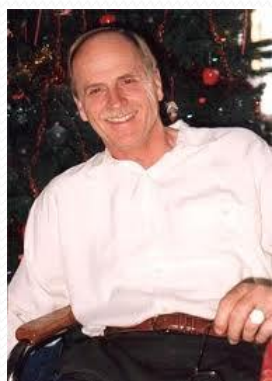
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# RABBI MOSHE STERNBUCK



- On a proposed LGBT parade through Jerusalem, 2005 (WorldPride):
- “This parade poses a real threat to the citizens of Israel.”

**Orthodox Jews Protest Proposed WorldPride Parade in Jerusalem**

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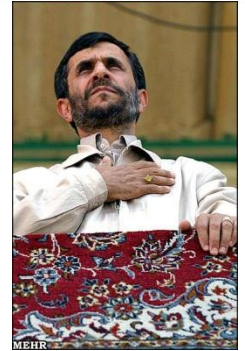
- Arab Member of Israeli Knesset (Parliament)
- On a proposed LGBT parade through Jerusalem, 2005 (WorldPride):
- “If gays will dare approach the Temple Mount during the parade, they will do so over our dead bodies.”

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# IRAN



- Fear, intimidation, and a number of *executions* of gay men reported in Iran under Ahmadinejad.



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- “Iranian human rights campaigners estimate that 4000 gay men have been executed since the Islamic revolution of 1979.”

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Ayez Marhoni (18),  
Mahmoud Asgari (16)  
Hanged for the “crime” of  
homosexuality, July 19, 2005

# Uganda



- 2009: Anti-Homosexuality Bill (a.k.a. “Kill the Gays bill”) legislative proposal to broaden criminalization of same-sex relations:
- Two categories:
  - “Aggravated homosexuality”: offender to receive death penalty, or
  - “The offense of homosexuality”: offender to receive life imprisonment.

# Ukraine

- Sunday, May 20, 2012
- First LGBT March Planned for Kiev
- Over 500 Neo-Nazi Nationalist Attacked Marchers
- March Cancelled



Organizer Svyatoslav Sheremet of Gay Forum of Ukraine attacked

# Eastern Europe

By 2012, legislatures in Ukraine, several areas of Russian Federation, Lithuania, Moldova, and Hungary have either passed or are in the process of shepherding through the legislative pipelines a number of bills (the so-called “Anti-Gay Propaganda” laws and draft laws) that further restrict human rights of LGBT people and ban informational efforts to educate and raise LGBT visibility and awareness.





# Media Visability





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THE BACKLASH AGAINST HMOs

# TIME

## Yep, I'm Gay

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The changing  
nature of sex on TV





Justin



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**DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES**



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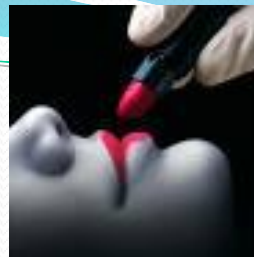
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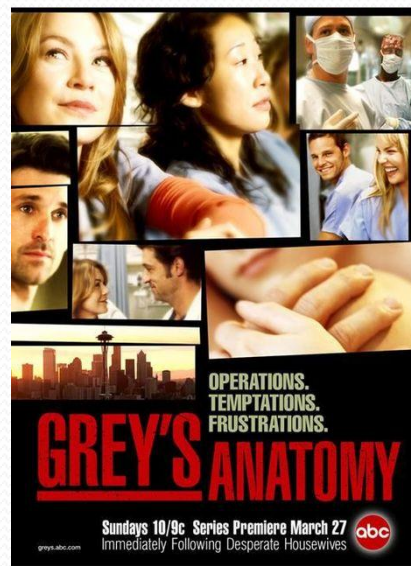
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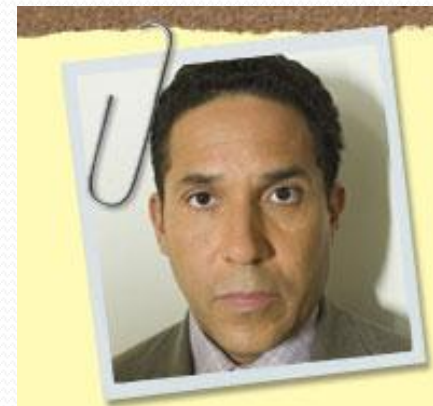
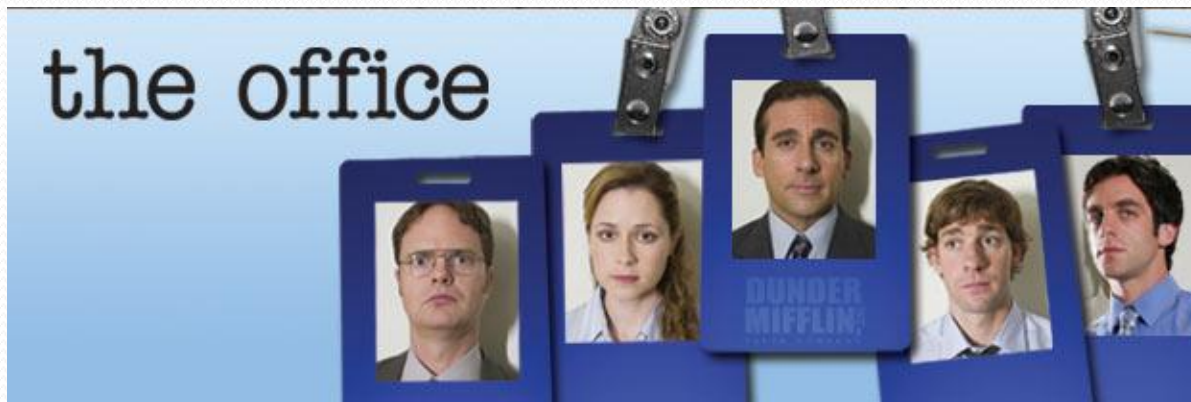
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**Jack, Karen, Will, & Grace**

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# PROJECT RUNWAY





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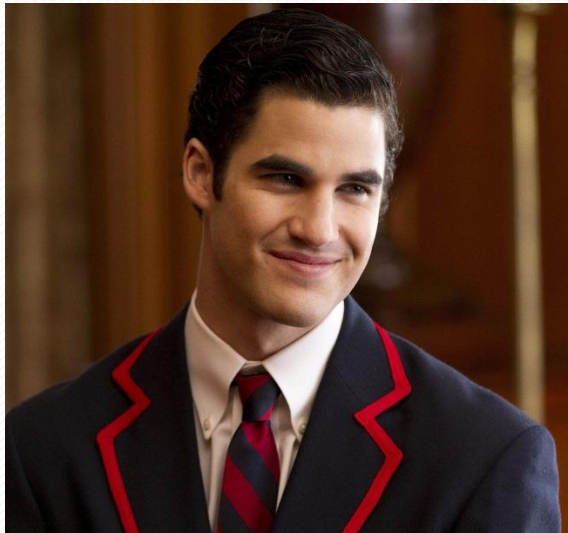
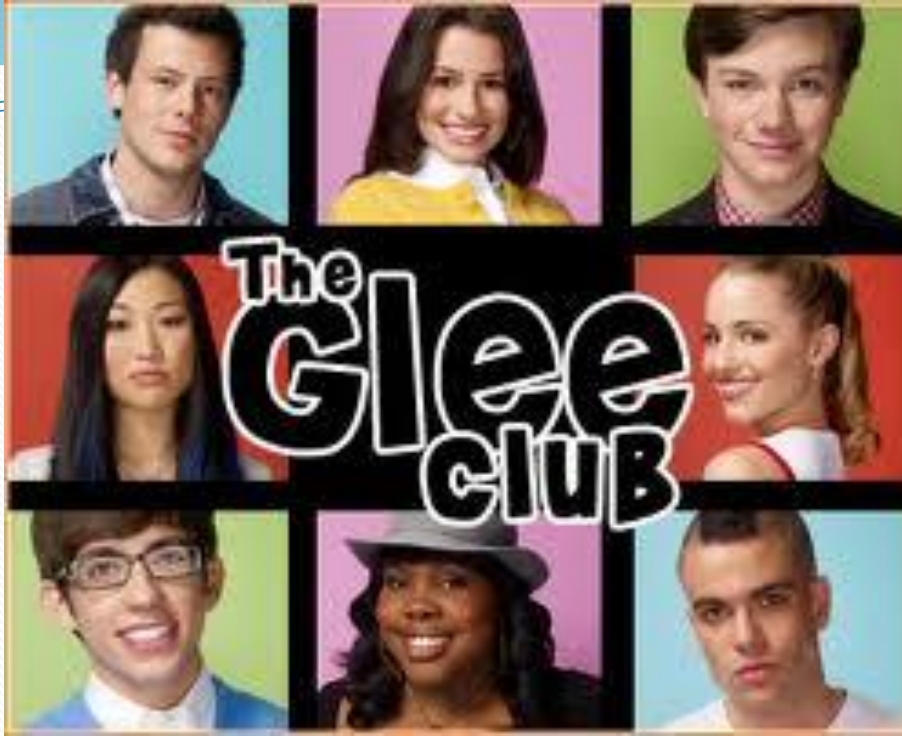
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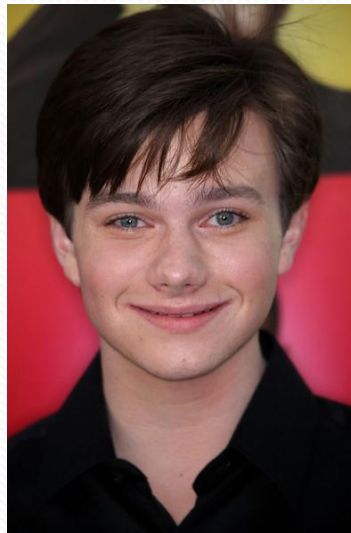
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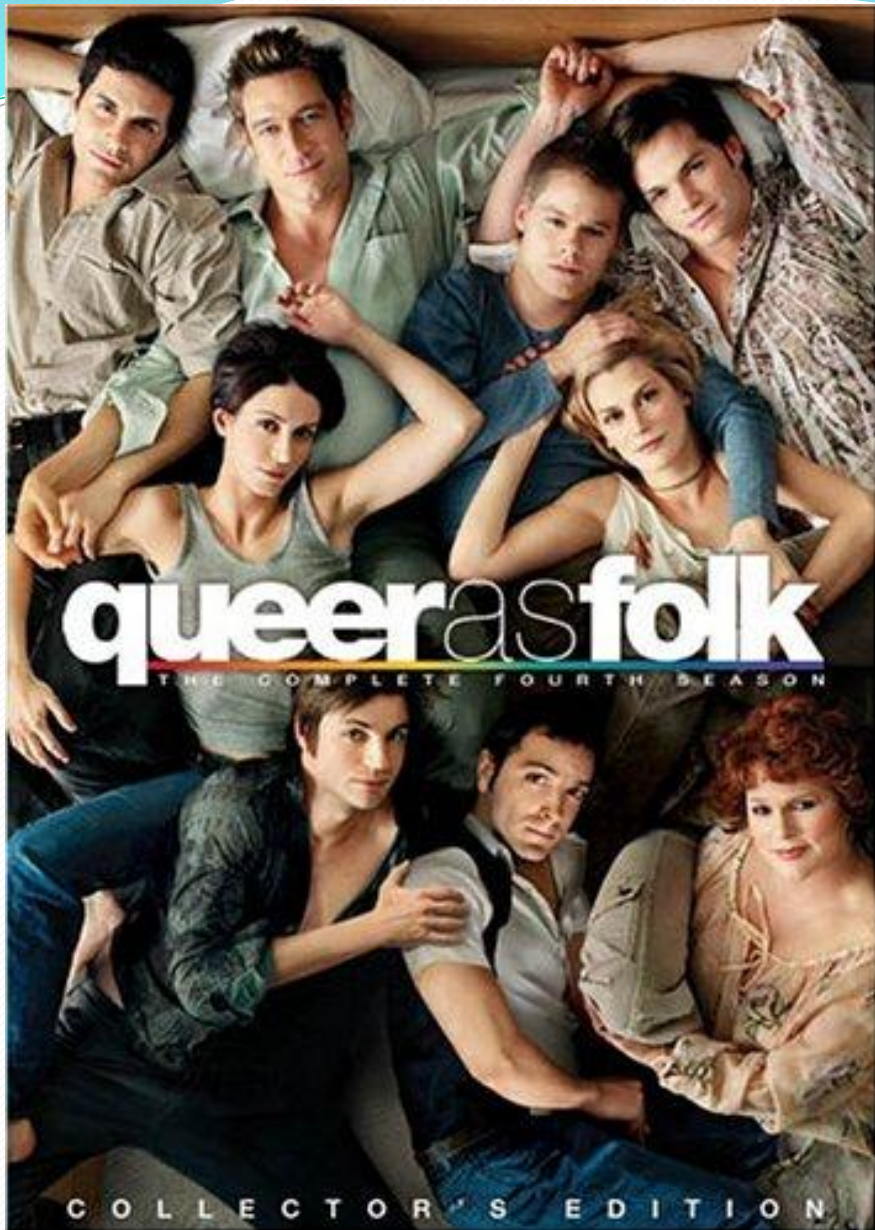
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# Deconstructing Identity

# What is Queer Theory?

- Queer theory is a set of ideas based around the idea that identities are not fixed and do not determine who we are. ([www.theory.org.uk](http://www.theory.org.uk))
- It suggests that it is meaningless to talk in general about “women” or “lesbians” or “gay males” or any other group. ([www.theory.org.uk](http://www.theory.org.uk))

# What is Queer Theory?

- Identities consist of so many elements that to assume that people can be seen collectively on the basis of one shared characteristic is wrong. ([www.theory.org.uk](http://www.theory.org.uk))
- It proposes that we deliberately challenge all notions of fixed identity, in varied and non-predictable ways.  
([www.theory.org.uk](http://www.theory.org.uk))

# What is Queer Theory?

- It is a mistake to think that queer theory is another name for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender studies. They are different.  
[www.theory.org.uk](http://www.theory.org.uk)
- Queer theory has something to say to LGBT studies, and also to other academic disciplines.  
[www.theory.org.uk](http://www.theory.org.uk)

# “QUEER”

- *“Queer is by definition whatever is at odds with the normal, the legitimate, the dominant. There is nothing in particular to which it necessarily refers. It is an identity without an essence.”* (David Halperin)
- *“Queer is an ongoing and necessarily unfixed site of engagement and contestation...[which] can have neither a fundamental logic, nor a consistent set of characteristics.”* (Chris Berry & Annamarie Jagose)

# QUEER

- It's not (necessarily) just a view on sexuality, or gender. It also suggests that the confines of any identity can potentially be reinvented by its owner. ([www.theory.org.uk](http://www.theory.org.uk))



# MODERNISM

- The concept that society is on a continuous spiral
- The “Grand Narrative” or “Mega Narrative”: the history of society is one of continuing progress. Each human generation gets better than the ones that have gone before in terms of knowledge and progress.

# STRUCTURALISM

- Emphasizes the importance of the structures of society in creating the individual.
- Meanings are formed through comparison with *differences*, and with *opposites*, for example: civilized/savage, good/bad, beauty/grotesque, educated/ignorant, sane/insane, heterosexual/homosexual.
- The self and identity are *culturally* (socially) constructed. “Social construction of reality.”

# POSTMODERNISM

- Reaction to the modernism and “The Grand Narrative.” Also anti- or post-structuralist.

# POSTSTRUCTURALISM

- Reaction to structuralism.
- Rejects definitions that claim to have discovered absolute “truths” or facts about the world.
- There are no objective and universal truths.
- Particular forms of knowledge, and the ways of being that they engender, become “naturalized,” in culturally and historically specific ways.

# POSTSTRUCTURALISM

- **General Practices:**
  1. The concept of “self” as a singular and coherent entity is a fictional construct (the individual comprises multiple and conflicting tensions and knowledge claims, e.g. gender, class, profession, etc.)
  2. Every individual creates a new and individual purpose, meaning, and existence.

# POSTSTRUCTURALISM

- **DECONSTRUCTION:**
  1. Critique and breaking apart of binary oppositions and dominant relations in hierarchies.
  2. Break apart assumptions and knowledge systems that produce the *illusion* of singular meaning.
  3. "Whenever deconstruction finds a nutshell -- a secure axiom or a pithy maxim -- the very idea is to crack it open and disturb this tranquility....*That* is what deconstruction is all about, its very meaning and mission, if it has any. One might even say that cracking nutshells is what deconstruction *is*." (John D. Caputo)

# Jacques Derrida



- 1930-2004
- French philosopher
- Known for his works within the realms of Deconstruction and Postmodernism
- Primarily critiqued language

# Language as a System

- Language genders everything
- It names what is similar among a community
- It names the real; that which is not named, then, is not real
- It ignores what is not similar and indicates what is not “significant”
  - Those non-similar aspects (be it emotions or people) then are pushed to the margins
    - Example: That we have two prescribed genders in bathrooms.



# Lacanian Theory & Language

- Lacan says that the only way to tell which gender of bathroom to go in is to look through the key hole to see who is in it.
- Ultimately, then, we need to deconstruct what “gender” signifies.



# Questions

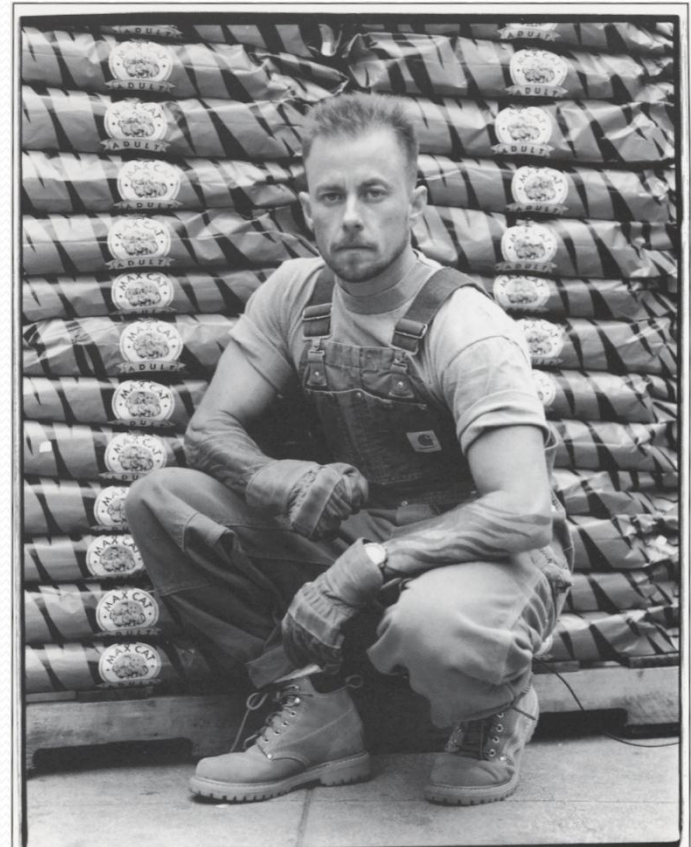
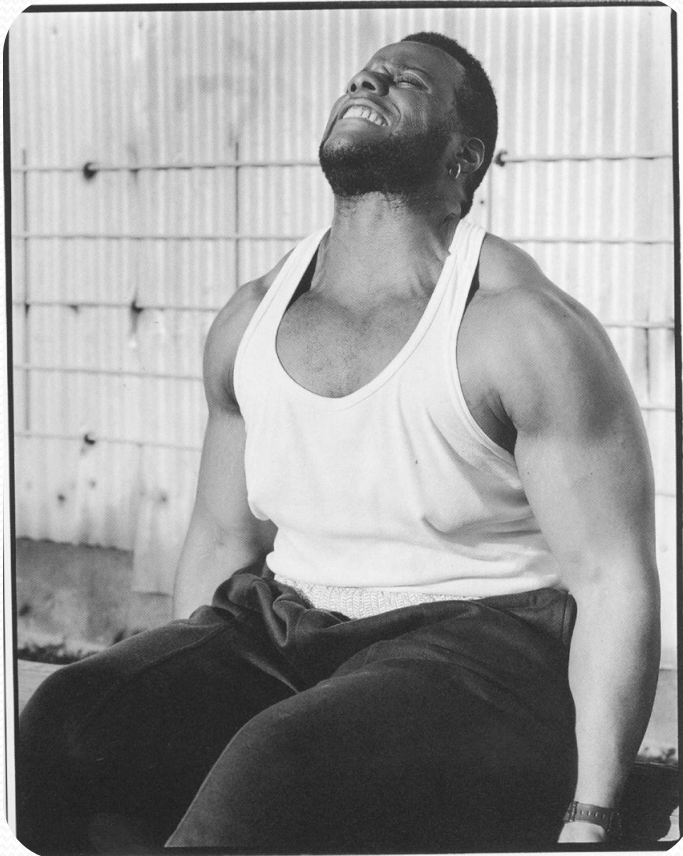
1. Is it selfish to think that the only things that are real can be named?
2. Can things exist outside of language?

# Derrida and Language

- Derrida holds that, yes, it is selfish to think that aspects that can not or have not been named do not exist.
- It's ethnocentric to only engage in a discourse that names aspects in our schemata as that reinforces "sameness"
- We should, then, strive to better understand the not real, that which can not, and is not, named

# Example of Language as Categories

1. What is “masculine” about these individuals?
2. Is there anything “feminine?” Be specific.



# Example, Continued

- Both individuals were born “female”
- Both are deemed “masculine”
- We do not necessarily have words to refer to these individuals outside of feminine and masculine
- Gender is, for the most part, viewed as a binary.
- We really have no language to give to these individuals, so they are swept into the margins

# The Exclusion of Queer Acts

- Although visibility of LGBTQ<sub>2</sub> individuals are increasing in media, notice the “type” of queer being portrayed.
- There is a reinforcement of heterosexual relationships, of traditional gender roles, and the exclusion of “in-betweenness” and that which is not clear in terms of gender binaries.

# The Exclusion of Queer Acts

- So, if we have no representation or language for those who do not fit into gendered categories, if we have no bathrooms for individuals who do not fit prescribed genders, are they not real?
- Do those people, emotions, and experiences cease to exist simply because we have not words for them?

# Derrida Questions

1. Then, is it wrong for us to pursue certainty? Why must we always be certain?
2. If we only name what we know, and what we know is our truth, is that certainty?
3. If a woodchuck chucks wood, how many chucks of wood would he chuck?



# The “So What” of Derrida

- What does this all mean for us?
  - As people?
  - As students?
  - As members of a system of language?
  - As gendered beings?

# MICHEL FOUCAULT



- French philosopher, historian, & sociologist.
- Known for his critical studies of various social institutions, most notably psychiatry, medicine, prisons, as well as for his work on the history of human sexuality.
- He worked on issues of power, and the relationships among power, knowledge construction, and “discourse.”
- Once described as a Structuralist, now sometimes described as a Postmodernist or Poststructuralist, though he rejected labels.

## SOME BOOKS BY MICHEL FOUCAULT

- *The Birth of the Clinic*
- *The History of Sexuality, Volumes 1-3*
- *Discipline and Punish*
- *Madness and Civilization*
- *Mental Illness and Psychology*
- *The Order of Things*
- *Death and the Labyrinth*
- *Fearless Speech*
- *The Archaeology of Knowledge and The Discourse on Language*

# MICHEL FOUCAULT

- **DISCOURSE:**
  1. Anything written or said or communicated using signs, and marks another connection to Structuralism and its dominant focus on language.
  2. Power is created and transferred through discourses (conversations).
  3. All periods of history have possessed certain underlying conditions of truth that constituted what was acceptable.
  4. Therefore, knowledge does not necessarily have to be true, but it only needs to be passed on as true for the statement to have an effect on the speakers in the discourse.

# MICHEL FOUCAULT

- **DISCOURSE:**
  1. “Discourses” include the ideas, written expressions, theoretical foundations, and language of the dominant culture.
  2. These are implanted within networks of social and political control, described by Foucault as “*REGIMES OF TRUTH*,” which function to legitimize what can be said, who has the authority to speak and be heard, and what is authorized as true or as the truth.

# ANTONIO GRAMSCI

- Italian writer, politician, Marxist political theorist.
- Coined the concept of “cultural hegemony,” to represent a means of maintaining the state in a capitalist society.
- Imprisoned 1926-1934 under Mussolini regime.



# ANTONIA GRAMSCI

- **HEGEMONY:**
  1. The ways in which the dominant group successfully disseminate *dominant* social realities and social visions in a manner accepted as common sense, as “normal,” as universal, and as representing part of the natural order.
  2. At times, even those who are marginalized, disempowered, or rendered invisible by these hegemonic discourses believe and “internalize” them to be “true” and “normal.”

# “RACE”

- “Race” can also be considered as a socially constructed category and as a “performative.”
  - “[R]ace” is partially produced as an effect of the history of racism, that its boundaries and meanings are constructed over time not only in the service of racism, but also in the service of the contestation of racism (Butler, 1993, p. 18).



# “RACE”

- The meaning of “race” is reiterated and regulated through an ongoing process, a racial history of being “acted upon”:
  - [W]e can see that institutional exercises repeatedly construct race within a set of differentials that seek to maintain and control racial separateness. This could also be described as part of the performativity of race (Butler, in Breen and Blumenfeld, 2005, p. 11).

# “RACE”

- The notion of “race” is discursively constructed.
- The *concept* of “race” arose concurrently with the advent of European exploration as a justification and rationale for conquest and domination of the globe beginning in the 15<sup>th</sup> century of the Common Era.
- “Race” is an historical, “scientific,” and biological myth. It is an *idea*.
- Geneticists tell us that there is often more variability *within* a given so-called “race” than between “races,” and that there are no essential *genetic* markers linked specifically to “race.”

# “SEXUAL ORIENTATION”

- The notion of “sexual orientation” is discursively constructed.
- “Sexual orientation” as we know it today is a relatively modern invention.
- The *concept* of “sexual orientation” arose during the 19<sup>th</sup> century C.E. with the rising power of the scientific, medical, and psychiatric fields.
- “Deviant” sexualities were constructed as binary opposites to “normal” sexualities.

# JUDITH BUTLER



- Professor of Comparative Literature and Rhetoric at UC Berkeley.
- Made contributions in feminism, queer theory, political philosophy, and ethics.

# SOME BOOKS BY JUDITH BUTLER

- *Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity* (1990)
- *Bodies that Matter: On the Discursive Limits of Sex* (1993)
- *Feminist Contentions: A Philosophical Exchange* (1995)
- *Excitable Speech: A Politics of the Performative* (1997)
- *The Psychic Life of Power: Theories of Subjection* (1997)



# JUDITH BUTLER

- Heterosexual hegemony is a framework in which repeated heterosexual practices construct a causal relationship between gender, sex, and desire.
- Heterosexual hegemony makes these causal relationships comprehensible, logical, and “normal, whereas homosexual actions become unintelligible, unimaginable, and “abnormal.”

# JUDITH BUTLER

- In *Gender Trouble*, Butler argued that feminism had made a mistake by trying to assert that “women” were a group with common characteristics and interests.
- That approach performed “an unwitting regulation and reification of gender relations, reinforcing a binary view of gender relations in which human beings are divided into two clear-cut groups: females and males.”
- Feminism had closed off options to Butler.

# “PERFORMATIVITY”

- Gender is not a noun but rather an activity, a repeated action, a verb.
- For example, “The doctor who receives the child and pronounces—“It’s a girl”—begins the long string of interpolations by which the girl is transitively *girled*.” (*Butler*, p. 109)
- “There is no gender identity behind the expression of gender.” (*Butler*, p. 25)



# “PERFORMATIVITY”

- Gender comes from “the power of discourse to produce effects through reiteration” (*BTM*, p. 20).
- “Gender is a repeated stylization of the body, a set of repeated acts within a highly rigid regulatory frame that congeal over time to produce the *appearance* of substance, of a natural sort of being” (*GT*, p. 33).
- “Gender” and “Race” and “Sexual Orientation” do not really exist outside of language.

# “PERFORMATIVITY”

- “Race” is also a verb, that we are “raced” through a constellation of practices that construct and control racial subjectivities.
- “Heterosexual” identity is likewise “performative” in the sense that the content of heterosexual identity has to be produced, fabricated, made up, and acted out.

# “PERFORMATIVITY”

- “Gender is a construction that *regularly conceals its genesis* [its origins], the tacit collective agreement to perform, produce, and sustain discrete and polar genders as *cultural fictions* is obscured by the credibility of those productions—and the punishments that attend not agreeing to believe in them. The historical possibilities materialized through various corporeal styles are nothing other than these punitively *regulated cultural fictions* alternately embodied and deflected under duress...” (*GT*, p. 140).

# “PERFORMATIVITY”

- “The act that one does, the act that one performs, is, in a sense, an act that has been going on before one arrived on the scene. Hence, gender is an act which has been rehearsed, much as a script survives the particular actors who make use of it, but which requires individual actors in order to be actualized and reproduced as reality once again.”

# “PERFORMATIVITY”

- Butler argues that we all put on a gender performance, whether traditional or not. ([www.theory.org.uk](http://www.theory.org.uk))
- It is not a question of whether to *do* a gender performance, but what form that performance will take. ([www.theory.org.uk](http://www.theory.org.uk))

# “PERFORMATIVITY”

- By choosing to be different about it, we might work to change gender norms and the binary understanding of masculinity and femininity.  
([www.theory.org.uk](http://www.theory.org.uk))

# “PERFORMATIVITY” VS. “PERFORMANCE”

- “PERFORMATIVITY”:
  - Not voluntary, reiteration or reenactment of established norms, a mode of discursive production
- “PERFORMANCE”:
  - Voluntary, a theatrical production, a bounded act in that it draws on, mimics, and often exaggerates existing signifiers and codes, rather than being an original (self-) creation

# PARODY

- Judith Butler sees the subversive *potential* in “a parodic repetition that exposes the phantasmatic effect of abiding identity as a politically tenuous construction” (1990, p. 141).
- However, parodic repetitions are *not* implicitly subversive or disruptive.
- Some forms can “become domesticated and recirculated as instruments of cultural hegemony” (1990, p. 137).



# PARODY

- For parodic displacement, there must be the context and reception for the attainment of subversive confusions.
- Males who “impersonate” females in theater and film—for example, in the John Waters film “Female Trouble”—the impersonation “implicitly suggest[s] that gender is a kind of persistent impersonation that passes as the real” (1990, p. viii).

# PARODY

- She argued that the parodic enactments of drag can be disruptive of the essentializing ideologies they repeat, and that these disruptions are deployed through the instrument of laughter:
  - The loss of the sense of “the normal” can be its own occasion for laughter, especially when “the normal,” “the original” is revealed to be a copy, and an inevitably failed one, an ideal that no one can embody. In this sense, laughter emerges in the realization that all along the original was derived (1990, pp. 138-139).

# PARODY

- In what she perceived as a misreading or misunderstanding by some readers regarding her earlier arguments on this topic, in her subsequent *Bodies That Matter* (1993), she clarified and elaborated her arguments on the subversive potential of drag. Here she emphasized that drag is *not* intrinsically subversive. In fact,
  - “drag may well be used in the service of both the denaturalization and reidealization of hyperbolic heterosexual gender norms” (1993, p. 125).

# CONSTRUCTION

- Construction is a process of reiteration. Through what regulatory means is sex [and “race”] materialized?
- Construction is neither a single act nor a casual process initiated by a subject and culminating in a set of fixed effects. An act is always as a provisional failure of memory—an act is to be construed as a repetition, the repetition of what cannot be recollected” (*BTM*, p. 24, fn 7).

# CONSTRUCTION

- “implication that there is no body prior to its markings (by sex or race, etc.).”
- Butler questions the extent to which we can assume that a given individual can be said to constitute her- or himself. (Dino Felluga)
- She wonders to what extent our acts are determined for us, rather, by our place within language and convention. (Dino Felluga)

# THE “LAW”

- “...not only that which represses sexuality, but a prohibition that generates sexuality or at least, compels its directionality” (*BTM*, p. 82).
- The law = the overarching social norms.

# ABJECTION

- Abjection (from the Latin, *ab-jicere*) literally means to cast off, away, or out.... The notion of abjection designates a degraded or cast out status within the terms of sociality. Psychoanalytic notion of *Verwerfung* (“foreclosure”) (*BTM*, p. 8).

# BUTLER'S VISION

- “The critical task of feminism is not to establish a point of view outside of constructed identities....The critical task is rather to locate strategies of subversive repetition enabled by those constructions....The task is not whether to repeat, but *how to repeat* or, indeed, to repeat and, through a radical proliferation of gender, to displace the very gender norms that enable the repetition itself” (*GT*, p. 147).



# BUTLER'S VISION

- Butler warns us not to attempt to return to some imaginary prediscursive past or to a utopian future, but rather, to make “gender trouble” by “subverting and displacing these naturalized and reified notions of gender that support masculine hegemony and heterosexist power...through the mobilization, subversive confusion, and proliferation of precisely those constitutive categories that need to keep gender in its place by posturing as the foundational illusions of identity” (*GT*, p. 33).

# Pat Parker



# *Legacy*

Each generation improves the world  
for the next.

My grandparents willed me strength.

My parents willed me pride.

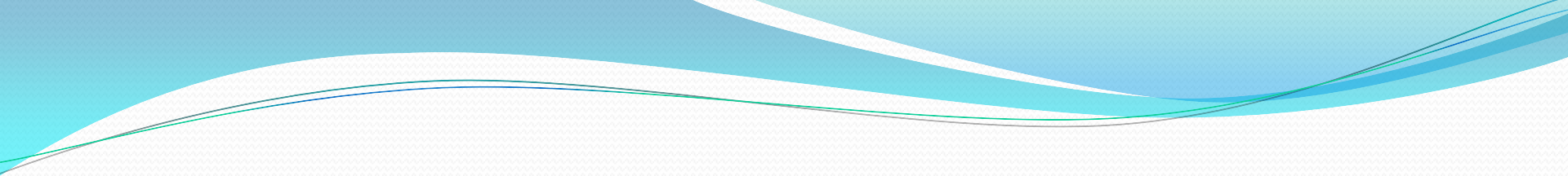
I will to you rage.

I give you a world incomplete, a world  
where women still are property and  
chattel

Where color still shuts doors

Where sexual choice still threatens,

*continued*



but I give you  
a legacy  
of doers  
of people who take risks  
to chisel the crack wider.  
Take strength that you may  
wage a long battle.  
Take the pride that you can  
never stand small.  
Take the rage that you can  
never settle for less.

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