

**The 2008 Presidential Candidates'
Positions on
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues**



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KEY: ✓ Yes ✗ No ? Unclear/ Unknown	DEMOCRATS								REPUBLICANS										
	Joe Biden	Hillary Clinton	Chris Dodd	John Edwards	Mike Gravel	Dennis Kucinich	Barack Obama	Bill Richardson	Sam Brownback	Jim Gilmore	Rudy Giuliani	Mike Huckabee	Duncan Hunter	John McCain	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Tom Tancredo	Fred Thompson	Tommy Thompson
Supports transgender-inclusive ENDA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	?	?*	?	✗	✗	?	✗	?	✗	?
Supports HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	✗	?	✗	✗	?	✗	✗	?	?
Supports lifting military ban	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	?	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	?	✗
Supports transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws	✓	✓	✓	✓	?*	✓	✓	✓	✗	?	?*	✗	✗	✗	?	✗	?	✗	?
Supports civil unions/DP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	?	✗	?	✗	?	?	?
Supports same-sex marriage	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	?	✗
Supports same-sex adoption	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	✓	?	?	?	?	✗	?	✗	✗	✗	?	?
Opposes Federal Marriage Amendment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	?	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	?

*Supports sexual orientation inclusion, unclear about gender identity/transgender inclusion.

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METHODOLOGY:

The information contained within these fact sheets and chart was retrieved from a variety of news sources, the candidates' official Web sites and campaign materials and the candidates' voting records. News sources ranged from CNN interviews to statements in the *New York Times* and the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) press. When possible, the most recent statements a candidate made on an issue are used—the majority of sources cited are from the past year.

The stances listed on a candidate's Web site, combined with their record of voting on, or co-sponsoring legislation and their public record statements led to one of three options on every issue: Supports, Opposes or Unclear/Unknown. The following explains the criterion for support of each LGBT issue:

Supports transgender-inclusive ENDA

- Candidate supports including sexual orientation and gender identity in the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (if candidate supports only sexual orientation inclusion, this is indicated)

Supports HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- Candidate supports funding for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment through funding initiatives such as the Ryan White Act and the Early Treatment for HIV Act

Supports lifting military ban

- Candidate supports doing away with "Don't Ask/Don't Tell"

Supports transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

- Candidate supports including sexual orientation and gender identity in hate crime legislation, especially Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2005 (if candidate supports only sexual orientation inclusion, this is indicated)

Supports civil unions/domestic partnerships

- Candidate supports same-sex civil unions and/or domestic partnerships

Supports same-sex marriage

- Candidate supports same-sex marriage

Supports same-sex adoption

- Candidate supports same-sex couples adopting children

Opposes Federal Marriage Amendment

- Candidate opposes the Federal Marriage Amendment, which defines marriage as between a man and a woman only

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Joe Biden on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.joebiden.com>

Supports sexual-orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

- Co-sponsored 2002 ENDA.¹
- Voted in support of ENDA in 109th session (2005-2006)² and voted in support of it as early as 1996.³

Supports HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- Co-sponsored legislation to send \$600 million in aid to developing countries over the next two years to fight HIV and AIDS in 2000.⁴

Supports lifting military ban

- "Indicated that he believes the privacy protections articulated in the 2003 Lawrence v. Texas ruling - which overturned that state's anti-gay sodomy law - should be extended to those serving in the military."⁵
- Biden's campaign sent an e-mail that referred to "the Supreme Court's clear and unmistakable view in Lawrence that the sex lives of consenting adults are a private matter... [and that should] apply to every American, both civilian and military."⁶
- "Pace is flat wrong. I've been to Afghanistan, I've been to Iraq seven times, I've been in the Balkans, I've been in these foxholes with these kids, literally in bunkers with them. Let me tell you something: Nobody asked anybody else whether they're gay in those holes, those foxholes, number one. Number two, our allies, the British, the French, all our major allies, gays openly serve. I don't know the last time an American soldier said to a backup from a Brit, "Hey, by the way, let me check, are you gay, you straight?" This is ridiculous. And by the way, we got a war on our hands we're trying to end. In the meantime, we're breaking the military. Nine thousand of these people have been kicked out. This is not a rational policy."⁷

Supports sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

- Voted in support in 2000⁸ and 2002.⁹

Supports civil unions/domestic partnerships

- Did not co-sponsor Uniting Americans Families Act (giving partnership rights to bi-national couples)¹⁰
- Was asked: "So New Hampshire coming out in favor of civil unions is OK by you?" Biden answered: "Yes. Yes, it is."¹¹
- Said: "I think government should not be able to dictate to religions the definition of marriage, but on a civil side, government has the obligation to strip away every vestige of discrimination as to what individuals are able to do in terms of their personal conduct."¹²

¹ "S. 1284 co-sponsors." Library of Congress. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d107:SN01284:@@P>

² "S. 1705 co-sponsors." Library of Congress. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:SN01705:@@P>

³ "S. 2056." Library of Congress. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c104:S.2056>

⁴ "Bill to combat HIV/AIDS passes Senate." U.S. Senator Joseph Biden. July 26, 2000. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://biden.senate.gov/newsroom/details.cfm?id=229781&>

⁵ Schindler, Paul. "Clinton, Edwards dodge GI sodomy." *Gay City News*. April 12, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: http://gaycitynews.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18202573&BRD=2729&PAG=461&dept_id=568864&rfi=6

⁶ Schindler, Paul. "Clinton, Edwards dodge GI sodomy." *Gay City News*. April 12, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: http://gaycitynews.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18202573&BRD=2729&PAG=461&dept_id=568864&rfi=6

⁷ "New Hampshire Democratic presidential candidates debate transcript." *CNN*. June 3, 2007. Retrieved June 4, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/03/se.01.html>

⁸ "S. 2549." Library of Congress. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c10X:S.9999>

⁹ "S. 625." Library of Congress. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d107:SN00625>

¹⁰ "S. 1510 co-sponsors." Library of Congress. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:SN01510:@@L&summ2=m&>

¹¹ "Meet the press transcript." MSNBC. April 29, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/18381961/page/5/>

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Opposes same-sex marriage

- Opposes¹³: Voted yes on DOMA in 1996.¹⁴
- Asked in 2003 whether gay marriage is inevitable, said, "I'm not sure. I think probably it is."¹⁵

Supports same-sex adoption

- Supports.¹⁶

Opposes Federal Marriage Amendment

- Opposes: Voted against it, July '04¹⁷ and June '06.¹⁸

¹² "Meet the press transcript." MSNBC. April 29, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/18381961/page/5/>

¹³ "Where the democratic candidates stand." Human Rights Campaign. Retrieved June 5, 2007 from:

http://a4.g.akamai.net/f/4/19675/0/newmill.download.akamai.com/19677/anon.newmediamill/pdfs/Questionnaire_ReportCard.pdf

¹⁴ "HR 3396." Library of Congress. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c104:hr.3396>;

¹⁵ "Democratic candidate profile: Joe Biden." WSVN. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: http://www1.wsvn.com/news/articles/voice_your_choice/MI44316/

¹⁶ "Where the democratic candidates stand." Human Rights Campaign. Retrieved June 5, 2007 from:

http://a4.g.akamai.net/f/4/19675/0/newmill.download.akamai.com/19677/anon.newmediamill/pdfs/Questionnaire_ReportCard.pdf

¹⁷ "Federal Marriage Amendment vote: S.J. Res. 40." GovTrackUS. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/vote.xpd?vote=s2004-155>

¹⁸ "Senate vote #163." GovTrackUS. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/vote.xpd?vote=s2006-163>

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Sam Brownback on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.brownback.com>

Unknown stance on sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

Supports HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- Brownback said he is pleased the Senate early this morning passed legislation to combat HIV/AIDS globally – the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 (H.R. 1298).¹⁹
- “This important piece of legislation will bring much needed relief to those who are suffering from HIV. I am proud to stand with the president in confronting the Global HIV crisis and look forward to working with him to implement this legislation,” Brownback said.²⁰

Opposes lifting military ban

- Backed Pace’s comments in a formal letter: “We should not expect someone as qualified, accomplished and articulate as General Pace to lack personal views on important moral issues, in fact, we should expect that anyone entrusted with such great responsibility will have strong moral views.”²¹

Opposes sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

- Voted no on adding sexual orientation to definition of hate crimes.²²

Opposes civil unions/domestic partnerships

- Senate floor: “If the movement for civil unions and same-sex marriage succeeds, we may well be dealing a fatal blow to an already-vulnerable institution. It is possible to lose the institution of marriage in America. And that is precisely the hidden agenda of many in this cultural battle: To do away with the traditional definition of the family entirely.”²³

Opposes same-sex marriage

- See “Federal Marriage Amendment” below

Unclear stance on same-sex adoption

- It’s a state’s issue²⁴

Supports Federal Marriage Amendment

- Voted for it, July ‘04²⁵ and June ‘06.²⁶

¹⁹ “Senate passes bill to combat HIV/AIDS.” *Sam Brownback: U.S. Senator*. May 16, 2003. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://brownback.senate.gov/pressapp/record.cfm?id=203977>

²⁰ “Senate passes bill to combat HIV/AIDS.” *Sam Brownback: U.S. Senator*. May 16, 2003. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://brownback.senate.gov/pressapp/record.cfm?id=203977>

²¹ “Brownback Sends Letter in Support of General Pace Commends Pace’s leadership, personal commitment to moral principles.” *Sam Brownback: U.S. Senator*. March 14, 2007. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://brownback.senate.gov/pressapp/record.cfm?id=270654>

²² “S.625.” Library of Congress. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d107:SN00625>:

²³ “Brownback comments on Federal Marriage Amendment from Senate Floor.” *Sam Brownback: U.S. Senator*. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://brownback.senate.gov/pressapp/record.cfm?id=223973>

²⁴ Eleveld, Kerry. “Are presidential hopefuls ‘in it’ for gays?” *New York Blade*. January 26, 2007. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://www.newyorkblade.com/2007/1-26/news/national/prezhope.cfm>

²⁵ “Federal Marriage Amendment vote: S.J. Res. 40.” GovTrackUS. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/vote.xpd?vote=s2004-155>

²⁶ “Senate vote #163.” GovTrackUS. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/vote.xpd?vote=s2006-163>

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Hillary Clinton on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.hillaryclinton.com>

Supports sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

- “Hillary has been an original cosponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would finally end employment discrimination against gays, lesbians, and transgender individuals.”²⁷
- Supports. “Wholeheartedly” supports the Employment Non-Discrimination Act²⁸.
- Co-sponsored 2002 ENDA.²⁹
- 2005-2006 year: Voted in support of ENDA in 109th session.³⁰

Supports HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- Supports: “She sponsored legislation to increase America’s commitment to fighting the global HIV/AIDS crisis”³¹
- Introduced Early Treatment for HIV Act of 2005, supported the act in 2003.^{32 33 34}
- Unclear: Clinton was the sole vote against the Ryan White Act reauthorization bill that passed the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions in May 2006.³⁵

Supports lifting military ban

- Supports:³⁶ Calls Don’t Ask/Don’t Tell “failed”³⁷ Has supported repeal since 1999, says it is “shameful” and they should be allowed to “come out of the shadows”.³⁸
- “Gays and lesbians already serve with distinction in our nation’s armed forces and should not face discrimination. Fitness to serve should be based on an individual’s conduct, not their sexual orientation.”³⁹
- “(Don’t ask/don’t tell) was a transition policy and it was an effort to try to deal with the reality that -- probably since the very beginning of our nation we’ve had gays serving in our military with distinction and honor on behalf of our country, as we do today. And yet I have watched how “don’t ask/don’t tell” has been implemented. And I’ve concluded that it is not the best way for us as a nation to proceed. It has been in many instances

²⁷ “Fighting for the LGBT community.” (2007). Hillary for president. Retrieved June 1, 2007 from: <http://www.sovo.com/2007/5-25/Clinton.pdf>

²⁸ Keen, Lisa. “War is top issue for gays.” *Bay Windows*. February 22, 2007. Retrieved May 14, 2007 from: <http://baywindows.com/ME2/Audiences/dirmod.asp?sid=008EC9FBCFF24AD18614290016BE1303&nm=Current+Issue&type=Publishing&mod=Publications%3A%3AArticle&mid=8F3A7027421841978F18BE895F87F791&AudID=0813BC739F2044E5A03DCF2DE3FDF7C9&tier=4&id=E996261EB6A049799CCE0EB85F5D1004>

²⁹ “S. 1284 co-sponsors.” Library of Congress. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d107:SN01284:@@P>

³⁰ “S. 1705 co-sponsors.” Library of Congress. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:SN01705:@@P>

³¹ “About Hillary: United States Senator.” Hillary Clinton’s Official Campaign Web site, Retrieved May 14, 2007: <http://www.hillaryclinton.com/about/senator/>

³² “S. 874 co-sponsors.” Library of Congress. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:SN00847:@@P>

³³ “Smith introduces HIV treatment bill.” Gordon Smith, U.S. Senator. February 8, 2005. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.senate.gov/~gsmith/press/2004/02-08-05.htm>

³⁴ “S. 311 co-sponsors.” Library of Congress. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:SN00311:@@P>

³⁵ Birnbaum, Jeffery H. “Sen. Clinton delays AIDS law’s renewal, citing cut in N.Y. funds.” *Washington Post*, p. A01. August 23, 2006. Retrieved May 14, 2007 from: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/08/22/AR2006082201161.html>

³⁶ “’08 race could feature pro-gay moderates” *Southern Voice*. November 24, 2006. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.southernvoice.com/2006/11-24/news/national/contest.cfm>

³⁷ “Sen. Hilary Clinton at Human Rights Campaign board meeting.” HRC Media. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9F_DcgAySDI

³⁸ Horowitz, Jason. “What’s pink, green? Senator Clinton hauling gay cash.” *The New York Observer*. March 18, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.observer.com/node/36944>

“All in the family: Hillary Rodham Clinton supports Defense of Marriage Act.” *The Advocate*. February 15, 2000. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1589/is_2000_Feb_15/ai_59410444

³⁹ Nagourney, Adam. “First lady criticizes policy of ‘don’t ask, don’t tell.’” *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. December 9, 1999. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qn4196/is_19991209/ai_n10556803

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implemented in a discriminatory manner. You know, after the first Gulf War there was a big flood of discharges of gays and lesbians because they let them serve and then after they finished the war, then they discharged them. In this particular time period, we've had Arabic linguists discharged under "don't ask/don't tell" when we are unfortunately so short of having people who speak the very language that our men and women in uniform have to understand in the streets of Baghdad. So I believe we could change the policy to let gays and lesbians serve in the military and be covered by the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So just like those who are not gays and lesbians, if there were conduct problems, then the conduct problems we looked at. But people would not be judged on who they are. And I just want to end by saying Barry Goldwater once said you don't have to be straight to shoot straight. And I think he was right. And I believe we should open up our military... "Don't ask/don't tell" was the compromise policy."⁴⁰

Supports sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

- Supports: Co-sponsor of Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, "also known as the hate crimes bill, which strengthens the federal government's ability to investigate and prosecute hate crimes."⁴¹
- "She will strengthen law enforcement and prosecution against discriminatory acts of violence against gays, lesbians, and transgender individuals by signing the Matthew Shepard Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act into law."⁴²

Supports civil unions/domestic partnerships

- "Senator Clinton supports full equality for people in committed relationships, including health insurance, life insurance and pensions, and hospital visitation and believes we have to keep working to reach those goals," said Jennifer Hanley, a spokeswoman for Mrs. Clinton.⁴³
- "I believe in full equality of benefits, nothing left out. From my perspective there is a greater likelihood of us getting to that point in civil unions or domestic partnerships and that is my very considered assessment."⁴⁴
- Co-sponsoring legislation, she tells HRC.⁴⁵
- Supports: "I support civil unions. I think that this is a matter that historically has been left to the states because that's where decisions like these are made. But I have been on record supporting civil unions and equality in relationships."⁴⁶
- "Hillary will work to ensure that all Americans in committed relationships have equal benefits-from health insurance and life insurance, property rights and more."⁴⁷
- Did not co-sponsor Uniting Americans Families Act (giving partnership rights to bi-national couples)⁴⁸

Opposes same-sex marriage

- Opposes: "Marriage has got historic, religious, and moral content that goes back to the beginning of time, and I think a marriage is as a marriage has always been: between a man and a woman" date unknown, pre-2000.⁴⁹

⁴⁰ "New Hampshire Democratic presidential candidates debate transcript." *CNN*. June 3, 2007. Retrieved June 4, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/03/se.01.html>

⁴¹ "Senator Clinton co-sponsors hate crime legislation." Senator Clinton's Official Senate Web site. April 12, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://clinton.senate.gov/news/statements/details.cfm?id=272319>

⁴² "Fighting for the LGBT community." (2007). Hillary for president. Retrieved June 1, 2007 from: <http://www.sovo.com/2007/5-25/Clinton.pdf>

⁴³ Healy, Patrick. "Clinton's remark on ruling irks gay rights advocates." *New York Times*. July 8, 2006. Retrieved May 14, 2007 from:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/07/08/nyregion/08hillary.html?ex=1172638800&en=17559a3b3f52fee1&ei=5070>

⁴⁴ Schindler, Paul. "Absorbing gay pain and praise, Clinton says she's evolved." *Gay City News*. October 26, 2006. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from:

http://www.gaycitynews.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=17379741&BRD=2729&PAG=461&dept_id=568864&rfl=6

⁴⁵ "Sen. Hilary Clinton at Human Rights Campaign board meeting." HRC Media. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9F_DcqAySDI

⁴⁶ Keen, Lisa. "Three are emerging as the top gay presidential candidates." *Gay People's Chronicle*. February 16, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from:

<http://www.gaypeopleschronicle.com/stories07/february/0216073.htm>

⁴⁷ Melloy, Kilian. "Democratic candidates offer answers on gay issues." (2007, May 30.) *Boston Edge*. Retrieved May 30, 2007 from:

<http://www.edgeboston.com/index.php?ch=news&sc=glbt&sc2=news&sc3=&id=20722>

⁴⁸ "S. 1510 co-sponsors." Library of Congress. <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:SN01510:@@L&summ2=m&>

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- A DOMA supporter, however, at an October 2006 meeting with the NYC LGBT community, “Mrs. Clinton admitted to publicly supporting the federal Defense of Marriage Act as a strategic decision to help derail a constitutional amendment that banned gay marriage.”⁵⁰

Supports same-sex adoption

- Supports: “We’re going to make sure that nothing stands in the way of loving couples, gay or straight, who want to adopt children.”⁵¹

Opposes Federal Marriage Amendment

- Opposes: Voted against it, July ‘04⁵² and June ‘06.⁵³

⁴⁹ “All in the family: Hillary Rodham Clinton supports Defense of Marriage Act.” *The Advocate*. February 15, 2000. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from:

http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1589/is_2000_Feb_15/ai_59410444

⁵⁰ Healy, Patrick. “Hillary on gay marriage.” *New York Times blog*. October 26, 2006. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://empirezone.blogs.nytimes.com/2006/10/26/hillary-on-gay-marriage-2/>

⁵¹ Chibbaro, Lou. “Clinton promises ‘open door’ to White House.” *Washington Blade*. March 9, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.washblade.com/2007/3-9/news/national/10150.cfm>

⁵² “Federal Marriage Amendment vote: S.J. Res. 40.” GovTrackUS. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/vote.xpd?vote=s2004-155>

⁵³ “Senate vote #163.” GovTrackUS. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/vote.xpd?vote=s2006-163>

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Chris Dodd on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.chrisdodd.com>

Supports sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

- Voted yes on ENDA.⁵⁴

Supports HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- Co-sponsor of Early Treatment for HIV Act⁵⁵

Supports lifting military ban

- "I think it (a repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell) ought to happen."⁵⁶
- "Indicated that he believes the privacy protections articulated in the 2003 Lawrence v. Texas ruling - which overturned that state's anti-gay sodomy law - should be extended to those serving in the military."⁵⁷
- The Dodd campaign wrote that the senator believes "every American has the right to privacy and that should be extended to members of the military."⁵⁸

Supports sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

- Voted yes on the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001.⁵⁹

Supports civil unions/domestic partnerships

- He is "against a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage and in favor of civil unions."⁶⁰
- "I'm a strong supporter of civil unions."⁶¹

Opposes same-sex marriage

- "He supports civil unions but not gay marriage."⁶²

Supports same-sex adoption

- Supports.⁶³

⁵⁴ "S. 2056." Library of Congress. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c104:S.2056>:

⁵⁵ "S. 311 co-sponsors." Library of Congress. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:SN00311:@@P>

⁵⁶ "Chris Dodd: The AmericaBlog/PoliticsTV.com interview." February 2, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JlvJpw6A7o>

⁵⁷ Schindler, Paul. "Clinton, Edwards dodge GI sodomy." *Gay City News*. April 12, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from:

http://gaycitynews.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18202573&BRD=2729&PAG=461&dept_id=568864&rfi=6

⁵⁸ Schindler, Paul. "Clinton, Edwards dodge GI sodomy." *Gay City News*. April 12, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from:

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⁵⁹ "S. 625." Library of Congress. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d107:SN00625>:

⁶⁰ Arsenault, Lisa. "Dodd habla con estudiantes: Fluency in Spanish impresses high school." *Concord Monitor*. March 5, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from:

<http://www.concordmonitor.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070405/REPOSITORY/704050331/1217/NEWS98>

⁶¹ "Chris Dodd: The AmericaBlog/PoliticsTV.com interview." February 2, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JlvJpw6A7o>

⁶² Elliot, Phillip. "Sen. Chris Dodd targets 'gay marriage' issue." *Washington Post*. April 5, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/04/04/AR2007040401954.html>

⁶³ "Where the democratic candidates stand." Human Rights Campaign. Retrieved June 5, 2007 from:

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Opposes Federal Marriage Amendment

- Opposes: Voted against it, July '04⁶⁴
- He did not vote on it in 2006, he missed the vote “due to family matters” but he made a speech on the floor saying that he would have voted no.⁶⁵
- He is “against a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage and in favor of civil unions.”⁶⁶

⁶⁴ “Federal Marriage Amendment vote: S.J. Res. 40.” GovTrackUS. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/vote.xpd?vote=s2004-155>

⁶⁵ “Floor statement of Senator Chris Dodd on Marriage Protection Amendment.” Chris Dodd: U.S. Senator. June 2, 2006. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://dodd.senate.gov/index.php?q=node/3503>

⁶⁶ Arsenault, Lisa. “Dodd habla con estudiantes: Fluency in Spanish impresses high school.” *Concord Monitor*. March 5, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.concordmonitor.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070405/REPOSITORY/704050331/1217/NEWS98>

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John Edwards on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.johnedwards.com>

Supports sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

- “Workers should be judged by the quality of their performance, not their sexual orientation or gender identity.”⁶⁷
- Supports. “I am for essentially all the anti-discrimination laws”⁶⁸
- Co-sponsor of ENDA in 2002.⁶⁹

Supports HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- Supports.⁷⁰ Cosponsored a bill to reauthorize the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act.⁷¹
- “There is an urgent need for more resources in the fight against HIV/AIDS. As a member of the U.S. Senate, I was proud to fight for greater funding for the battle against HIV/AIDS, and I co-sponsored the Ryan White CARE Act.”⁷²
- Said he would support the Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA), S. 860, federal legislation that would allow states the option to provide Medicaid coverage to low-income, HIV positive Americans.⁷³

Supports lifting military ban

- “It is long past time to end the military’s ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ policy and to allow openly gay men and women to serve in the military. It is critical to our national security that we have the best people in our military. Gay men and women have continually served our country with honor and bravery, and we should honor their commitment and never turn away anyone who is willing to serve their country because of their sexual orientation. This is an issue of fundamental fairness – and our military ought to treat everyone fairly. I applaud Congressman Meehan on his important legislation.”⁷⁴

Supports sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

- Supports: cosponsor of the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, which adds protections based on sexual orientation to hate crimes legislation.⁷⁵
- “Today, the House showed in an overwhelming vote, that it will not tolerate discrimination of any form, when it strengthened the ability of law enforcement to investigate and prosecute hate crimes based on race, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or gender identity. President Bush should back down from his wrong-headed veto threat and work with Congress to enact this important legislation to show that Americans will not tolerate hate crimes of any kind.”⁷⁶
- Voted to expand the definition of hate crimes to include gender, sexual orientation and disability (2000).⁷⁷

Supports civil unions/domestic partnerships

⁶⁷ “2008 presidential survey: John Edwards.” (2007.) Human Rights Campaign. Retrieved May 30, 2007 from: <http://www.pamspaulding.com/graphics/EdwardsHRCquestions.pdf>

⁶⁸ “John Edwards on gay marriage: Speech at Dartmouth College.” Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0B66H9SLbl>

⁶⁹ “S. Res. 294 co-sponsors.” *Library of Congress*. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/D?d107:43:./temp/~bdjvDu:./bss/d107query.html>

⁷⁰ “Vice Presidential debates 2004.” ACTUP New York. October 5, 2004. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.actupny.org/reports/debateVP2004.html>

⁷¹ “Congressional Record of the 104th Congress 1st Session: S.641.” *Library of Congress*. March 28, 1995. Retrieved May 21, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d104:SN00641:>

⁷² “2008 presidential survey: John Edwards.” (2007.) Human Rights Campaign. Retrieved May 30, 2007 from: <http://www.pamspaulding.com/graphics/EdwardsHRCquestions.pdf>

⁷³ “2008 presidential survey: John Edwards.” (2007.) Human Rights Campaign. Retrieved May 30, 2007 from: <http://www.pamspaulding.com/graphics/EdwardsHRCquestions.pdf>

⁷⁴ “Time to end ‘don’t ask, don’t tell.’” John Edwards ‘08 blog. February 28, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://blog.johnedwards.com/story/2007/2/28/204921/447>

⁷⁵ “S. 625 co-sponsors.” *Library of Congress*. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/D?d107:d107:2:./temp/~bdC8VZ:@@PI/bss/d107query.html>

⁷⁶ “Edwards statement on House passage of hate crimes bill.” *John Edwards for President*. May 4, 2007. Retrieved May 21, 2007 from: <http://johnedwards.com/news/headlines/20070504-hate-crimes-bill/>

⁷⁷ “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, S 2549.” *Library of Congress*. Retrieved May 21, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d106:HR04205:@@T>

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- Supports^{78 79 80 81} see “Marriage” below.
- “I support civil unions to guarantee gay and lesbian couples the same rights as straight couples, including inheritance rights, hospital visitation rights, equal pension and health care benefits, and all of the 1,100 other legal protections government affords married couples,” though not calling that aggregation of rights by the term “marriage.”⁸²
- “I think what the governor did and what New Hampshire’s done is a great example for the rest of the country. Not only civil unions, but all the partnership benefits, including, Senator Clinton talked about getting rid of this “don’t ask/don’t tell” policy.”⁸³

Opposes same-sex marriage

- Opposes^{84 85}: “Gay marriage is an issue I feel internal conflict about and I continue to struggle with it. However, I believe the right president could lead the country toward consensus around equal rights and benefits for all couples in committed, long-term relationships.”⁸⁶
- “(It’s) the single hardest social issue for me personally,” he said in a NH town hall meeting, as quoted on gay.com.⁸⁷
- “Civil unions? Yes. Partnership benefits? Yes. But it’s a jump for me to get to gay marriage. I haven’t yet got across that bridge.”⁸⁸

Supports same-sex adoption

- Supports⁸⁹: “I believe that gay and lesbian parents should be able to adopt children just like any other parents... Both members of a same-sex couple raising children together should be able to form a legal relationship with their children.”⁹⁰

Opposes Federal Marriage Amendment

- Opposes. “It should be left up to the states.”⁹¹
- Voted against it, July ’04⁹²

⁷⁸ Ramer, Holly. “Edwards: ‘It’s a jump for me to get to gay marriage.’” *Associated Press*. December 29, 2006. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from http://www.gay.com/news/article.html?coll=news_articles&sernum=2006/12/29/4&navpath=/channels/families&page=2

⁷⁹ YouTube video of JE at Dartmouth: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0B66H9SLbl>

⁸⁰ Ramer, Holly. “Edwards: ‘It’s a jump for me to get to gay marriage.’” *Associated Press*. December 29, 2006. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from http://www.gay.com/news/article.html?coll=news_articles&sernum=2006/12/29/4&navpath=/channels/families&page=2

⁸¹ “John Edwards on gay marriage: Speech at Dartmouth College.” Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0B66H9SLbl>

⁸² “2008 presidential survey: John Edwards.” (2007.) Human Rights Campaign. Retrieved May 30, 2007 from: <http://www.pamspaulding.com/graphics/EdwardsHRCquestions.pdf>

⁸³ “New Hampshire Democratic presidential candidates debate transcript.” *CNN*. June 3, 2007. Retrieved June 4, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/03/se.01.html>

⁸⁴ Lynsen, Joshua. “Gay politicians impressed by Edwards, Obama.” *Washington Blade*. February 2, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.washblade.com/2007/2-2/news/national/9935.cfm>

⁸⁵ “John Edwards on gay marriage: Speech at Dartmouth College.” Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0B66H9SLbl>

⁸⁶ “2008 presidential survey: John Edwards.” (2007.) Human Rights Campaign. Retrieved May 30, 2007 from: <http://www.pamspaulding.com/graphics/EdwardsHRCquestions.pdf>

⁸⁷ Ramer, Holly. “Edwards: ‘It’s a jump for me to get to gay marriage.’” *Associated Press*. December 29, 2006. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from http://www.gay.com/news/article.html?coll=news_articles&sernum=2006/12/29/4&navpath=/channels/families&page=2

⁸⁸ Ramer, Holly. “Edwards: ‘It’s a jump for me to get to gay marriage.’” *Associated Press*. December 29, 2006. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from http://www.gay.com/news/article.html?coll=news_articles&sernum=2006/12/29/4&navpath=/channels/families&page=2

⁸⁹ “The issues: John Edwards.” *CNN*. (2004.) Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2004/special/president/issues/index.edwards.html>

⁹⁰ “2008 presidential survey: John Edwards.” (2007.) Human Rights Campaign. Retrieved May 30, 2007 from: <http://www.pamspaulding.com/graphics/EdwardsHRCquestions.pdf>

⁹¹ Barrett, Tom. “Bush amendment proposal prompts strong reaction.” *CNN*. February 25, 2004. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/ALLPOLITICS/02/24/elec04.marriage.react/index.html>

⁹² “Federal Marriage Amendment vote: S.J. Res. 40.” GovTrackUS. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/vote.xpd?vote=s2004-155>

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Jim Gilmore on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.gilmoreforpresident.com/>

Unknown stance on sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

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Unknown stance on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

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Opposes lifting military ban

- During the June 5, 2007 GOP debate. When the moderator asked all candidates: "Is there anyone here who believes gays and lesbians should be allowed to serve openly in the United States military? If you do, speak up now," he did not speak up.⁹³

Unknown stance on sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

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Opposes civil unions/domestic partnerships

- "Jim Gilmore believes marriage is the union of one man and one woman and as President will oppose gay marriage and so-called civil unions."⁹⁴

Opposes same-sex marriage

- "Jim Gilmore believes marriage is the union of one man and one woman and as President will oppose gay marriage and so-called civil unions."⁹⁵

Unknown stance on same-sex adoption

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Unknown stance on Federal Marriage Amendment

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⁹³ "Republican presidential debate transcript." *CNN*. June 5, 2007. Retrieved June 6, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/05/se.01.html>

⁹⁴ "The issues." Jim Gilmore '08. Retrieved June 5, 2007 from: <http://www.gilmoreforpresident.com/issues.php>

⁹⁵ "The issues." Jim Gilmore '08. Retrieved June 5, 2007 from: <http://www.gilmoreforpresident.com/issues.php>

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Rudy Giuliani on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.joinrudy2008.com>

Supports sexual orientation-inclusive ENDA, unclear stance on transgender-inclusive ENDA

- "...my support for the current legislation to prohibit discrimination against gays and lesbians, and to urge you to allow the bill onto the floor of the Senate for prompt action."⁹⁶
- "...It is my belief that we can penalize discrimination [against gays] without creating any potentially objectionable special privileges or preferential treatment."⁹⁷
- Giuliani also was a strong supporter of the proposed statewide non-discrimination bill."⁹⁸

Opposes HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- Proponent of cutting \$2.6 million in funds for AIDS work with communities of color.⁹⁹

Unclear stance on lifting military ban

- "At a time of war, you don't make fundamental changes like this," he said during the June 5, 2007 GOP debate. When the moderator asked all candidates: "Is there anyone here who believes gays and lesbians should be allowed to serve openly in the United States military? If you do, speak up now," he did not speak up.¹⁰⁰
- Wants to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," he said, in 2006.¹⁰¹
- In response to Gen. Pace: "We're at war, and now isn't the time to question our military's admissions policy." Said similar statement in June 2007.¹⁰²

Supports sexual orientation-inclusive hate crimes laws, unclear if supports transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

- "(In 2001, in New York City, he) extended litigation benefits available to victims of violent crime under victim's rights law to the gay community, which included gay victims of bias and non-bias-related crime. The Mayor introduced the measure and signed it into law in March following City Council approval."¹⁰³
- "Was one of the first Republicans in NY to publicly support a statewide Hate Crimes Bill that included sexual orientation."¹⁰⁴

Supports civil unions/domestic partnerships

- He supports domestic partnerships that provide stability for committed partners in important legal and personal matters, while preserving the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman.¹⁰⁵
- Extended (New York) city benefits to same-sex couples in May 1998.¹⁰⁶

⁹⁶ *New York Post*, June 5, 1993. Retrieved May 10, 2007 from: <http://www.observer.com/node/26855>

⁹⁷ *New York Post*, June 5, 1993: Retrieved May 10, 2007 from: <http://www.observer.com/node/26855>

⁹⁸ "Gay talking points on Rudy." *The Politico*. March 9, 2007. Retrieved May 22, 2007 from: http://www.politico.com/blogs/bensmith/0307/Gay_Talking_Points_on_Rudy.html

⁹⁹ Sondra-Sorensen, Inga. "AIDS activist blast budget cut plan." *New York Blade*. December 14, 2001. Retrieved May 18, 2007 from: <http://www.nyaidscoalition.org/cgi-bin/iowa/nyac/policy/69.html>

¹⁰⁰ "Republican presidential debate transcript." *CNN*. June 5, 2007. Retrieved June 6, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/05/se.01.html>

¹⁰¹ "08 race could feature pro-gay moderates." *Southern Voice*. November 24, 2006. Retrieved May 18, 2007 from: <http://www.southernvoice.com/2006/11-24/news/national/contest.cfm>

¹⁰² Horowitz, Jason. "What's pink, green? Senator Clinton hauling gay cash." *The New York Observer*. March 18, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.observer.com/node/36944>

¹⁰³ "Gay talking points on Rudy." *The Politico*. March 9, 2007. Retrieved May 22, 2007 from: http://www.politico.com/blogs/bensmith/0307/Gay_Talking_Points_on_Rudy.html

¹⁰⁴ "Gay talking points on Rudy." *The Politico*. March 9, 2007. Retrieved May 22, 2007 from: http://www.politico.com/blogs/bensmith/0307/Gay_Talking_Points_on_Rudy.html

¹⁰⁵ "On the issues." *Join Rudy 2008*. Retrieved May 18, 2007 from: <http://www.joinrudy2008.com/index.php?section=2>

¹⁰⁶ Wolfe, Kathi. "Domestic partner benefits offer hope to gays and lesbians." *Knight-Ridder News Service*. Retrieved May 21, 2007 from: http://nl.newsbank.com/nl-search/we/Archives?p_product=MH&s_site=miami&p_multi=MH&p_theme=realcities&p_action=search&p_maxdocs=200&p_topdoc=1&p_text_direct=0=0EB4DA618957DF01&p_field_direct=0=document_id&p_perpage=10&p_sort=YMD_date:D&s_trackval=GooglePM

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Opposes same-sex marriage

- “Rudy Giuliani believes marriage is between a man and a woman. He does not - and has never - supported gay marriage.”¹⁰⁷

Unknown stance on same-sex adoption

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Opposes Federal Marriage Amendment

- Giuliani says he opposes both same-sex marriage and a federal constitutional amendment to ban it.¹⁰⁸

¹⁰⁷ “On the issues.” *Join Rudy 2008*. Retrieved May 18, 2007 from: <http://www.joinrudy2008.com/index.php?section=2>

¹⁰⁸ “Rudy’s run.” *National Review*. February 9, 2007. Retrieved May 21, 2007 from: <http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=NzRINiqyM2I3YTFiYTg5NiVmMTkxNzc3MWNmYTU5MGY=>

The 2008 Presidential Candidates Positions on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues:

Mike Gravel on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.gravel2008.us/>

Supports sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

- He supports expanding hate-crime legislation and opposes laws that allow discrimination against sexual orientation, as well as discrimination on the basis of one's gender identity or expression.¹⁰⁹

Unknown stance on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

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Supports lifting military ban

- He "strongly opposes the military's 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' legislation on the grounds that it is unconstitutional, as it restricts the rights of gay Americans."¹¹⁰
- Submitted an op-ed to *Gay City News* calling for an end to Don't Ask, Don't Tell.¹¹¹
- "(Bill Clinton) wimped out with respect to gays in the military."¹¹²

Supports sexual orientation-inclusive hate crimes laws, unclear if supports transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

- He supports expanding hate-crime legislation and opposes laws that allow discrimination against sexual orientation, as well as discrimination on the basis of one's gender identity or expression.¹¹³

Supports civil unions/domestic partnerships

- "In the absence of full marriage rights, the senator supports domestic partner benefits for all Americans."¹¹⁴

Supports same-sex marriage

- "If a couple of lesbians or gay men want to get married, and they love each other, they should have the right to do that and enjoy all the legalities in our society that go along with that. I have no problem with that at all."
"I think that people who create these problems of homophobia and the likes of that do us a disservice," Gravel continues. "We are all human beings and one of the things that should motivate us, most of all, is love."¹¹⁵
- Senator Gravel supports same-sex marriage and opposes the Defense of Marriage Act.¹¹⁶

Unknown stance on same-sex adoption

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¹⁰⁹ "The issues." Mike Gravel for President. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.gravel2008.us/issues>

¹¹⁰ "The issues." Mike Gravel for President. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.gravel2008.us/issues>

¹¹¹ Schindler, Paul. "Clinton, Edwards dodge GI sodomy." *Gay City News*. April 12, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: http://gaycitynews.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18202573&BRD=2729&PAG=461&dept_id=568864&rfi=6

¹¹² "New Hampshire Democratic presidential candidates debate transcript." *CNN*. June 3, 2007. Retrieved June 4, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/03/se.01.html>

¹¹³ "The issues." Mike Gravel for President. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.gravel2008.us/issues>

¹¹⁴ "The issues." Mike Gravel for President. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.gravel2008.us/issues>

¹¹⁵ "Join 'conversation' with Mike Gravel: Candidate discusses health care, war in Iraq." *WMUR-TV*. April 20, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.wmur.com/politics/12632738/detail.html>

¹¹⁶ "The issues." Mike Gravel for President. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.gravel2008.us/issues>

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Opposes Federal Marriage Amendment

- Supports same-sex marriage and opposes the Defense of Marriage Act. 117

¹¹⁷ "The issues." Mike Gravel for President. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.gravel2008.us/issues>

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Mike Huckabee on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.explorehuckabee.com>

Unknown stance on sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

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Unknown stance on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

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Opposes lifting military ban

- During the televised GOP debate, he said: "I don't think that I would (change the current policy)." ¹¹⁸
- Two months before the debate, he said: "I'm not sure that being homosexual should automatically disqualify a person from the military. If a person can do his or her job, you know that's not for me the biggest issue." ¹¹⁹

Opposes sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

- Said he would not support adding sexual orientation in Arkansas anti-discrimination laws. ¹²⁰

Opposes civil unions/domestic partnerships

- Said Arkansas should not recognize civil unions between same-sex couples. ¹²¹

Opposes same-sex marriage

- Said Arkansas should restrict marriage to a union only between a man and a woman. ¹²²

Unclear on same-sex adoption

- "Q: So is it in the best interest of the child to have gay parents?
A: I'm not sure that we have a positive answer to that. And until we absolutely could say it, then I'm always hesitant to change those institutions." ¹²³
- He said that absent a power of attorney, the lesbian partner of a childbearing woman should not automatically have equal parental rights. "It's a step toward changing the definition of marriage and family," he said, which he said he opposes. ¹²⁴

Supports Federal Marriage Amendment

- "I support and have consistently supported passage of a federal constitutional amendment that defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman." ¹²⁵

¹¹⁸ "Republican presidential debate transcript." *CNN*. June 5, 2007. Retrieved June 6, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/05/se.01.html>

¹¹⁹ Sidoti, Liz. "Huckabee: Gonzales is 'distraction.'" *Associated Press*. April 24, 2007. Retrieved May 21, 2007 from: <http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1613979,00.html>

¹²⁰ "2002 AR Gubernatorial National Political Awareness Test." November 1, 2002. Retrieved May 21, 2007 from: www.vote-smart.org/pdf/npat2002/g-ar2002.pdf

¹²¹ "2002 AR Gubernatorial National Political Awareness Test." November 1, 2002. Retrieved May 21, 2007 from: www.vote-smart.org/pdf/npat2002/g-ar2002.pdf

¹²² "2002 AR Gubernatorial National Political Awareness Test." November 1, 2002. Retrieved May 21, 2007 from: www.vote-smart.org/pdf/npat2002/g-ar2002.pdf

¹²³ "Interview with Tim Russert: Transcript." *Meet the Press*. January 28, 2007. Retrieved May 21, 2007 from: www.msnbc.msn.com/id/16785556/

¹²⁴ Sidoti, Liz. "Huckabee: Gonzales is 'distraction.'" *Associated Press*. April 24, 2007. Retrieved May 21, 2007 from: <http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1613979,00.html>

¹²⁵ "On the issues: Marriage." *Exploring Huckabee*. Retrieved May 18, 2007 from: http://www.explorehuckabee.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Issues.View&Issue_ID=10

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Duncan Hunter on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.gohunter08.com>

Opposes sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

- “I have always voted against this type of legislation.”¹²⁶

Opposes HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- Voted against Early Treatment for HIV Act of 2004 (H.R. 3859).¹²⁷

Opposes lifting military ban

- “Duncan Hunter, Republican of California, favors a complete ban on gays in the military, and said the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy is too lenient.”¹²⁸

Opposes sexual orientation-inclusive hate crimes laws, unknown if supports transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

- “I have always voted against this type of legislation because I firmly believe that the use of violence against any innocent person is wrong, regardless of that individual’s race, religion, nationality or sexual orientation.”¹²⁹

Unknown stance on civil unions/domestic partnerships

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Opposes same-sex marriage

- “Cosponsored and voted in favor of H.J. Res. 88 (Musgrave-CO), which proposes an amendment to the U.S. Constitution declaring that marriage in the United States shall consist solely of the union of a man and a woman.”¹³⁰

Opposed to same-sex adoption

- Voted yes on banning gay adoptions in Washington, D.C.¹³¹

Supports Federal Marriage Amendment

- “Cosponsored and voted in favor of H.J. Res. 88 (Musgrave-CO), which proposes an amendment to the U.S. Constitution declaring that marriage in the United States shall consist solely of the union of a man and a woman.”^{132 133}

¹²⁶ Hunter, Duncan. “Core principals.” *Duncan Hunter for President ‘08*. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://www.gohunter08.com/inner.asp?z=4>

¹²⁷ “H.R. 3859.” Library of Congress. Retrieved May 18, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d101:HR03859:@@P>

¹²⁸ Klein, Rick. “House Democrats push for reversal of ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.’” *Boston Globe*. March 3, 2005. Retrieved May 18, 2007 from: http://www.boston.com/news/nation/washington/articles/2005/03/03/house_democrats_push_for_reversal_of_dont_ask_dont_tell/

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¹³⁰ Hunter, Duncan. “Core principals.” *Duncan Hunter for President ‘08*. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://www.gohunter08.com/inner.asp?z=4>

¹³¹ “H.R. 2587.” Library of Congress. Retrieved May 18, 2007 from: <http://www.congress.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d106:HR02587:@@S>

¹³² Hunter, Duncan. “Core principals.” *Duncan Hunter for President ‘08*. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://www.gohunter08.com/inner.asp?z=4>

¹³³ “H.J. Res. 88: Marriage protection amendment votes.” GovTrack.us. Retrieved June 6, 2007 from: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/vote.xpd?vote=h2006-378>

The 2008 Presidential Candidates Positions on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues:

Dennis Kucinich on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.kucinich.us>

Supports sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

- He's a co-sponsor of the trans-inclusive ENDA.¹³⁴
- Voluntarily adopted a non-discrimination policy for his congressional office indicating that sexual orientation is not a factor in employment decisions.¹³⁵

Supports HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- "The U.S. should invest at least \$30 billion over the next four years in the global fight against AIDS."¹³⁶
- Voted for the Nadler/Crowley/Shays Amendment to H.R. 2684, that would restore \$10 million that had been cut from the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS Program in 1999.¹³⁷
- Opposed an amendment that would prohibit locally raised funds in Washington D.C. from being used to operate a needle exchange program in 1999.¹³⁸

Supports lifting military ban

- He is sponsoring a bill to lift the ban (Military Readiness Enhancement Act).^{139 140}
- "Indicated that he believes the privacy protections articulated in the 2003 Lawrence v. Texas ruling - which overturned that state's anti-gay sodomy law - should be extended to those serving in the military."¹⁴¹

Supports sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

- He is a co-sponsor of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.¹⁴²

Supports civil unions/domestic partnerships

- See marriage.¹⁴³

Supports same-sex marriage

- Supports.¹⁴⁴ "I support the right of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons to have the full protections and rights afforded under civil law including the right to marry the person of their choice"¹⁴⁵
- "Gays, lesbians, bisexual, transgender people under my administration would have full participation, and they would also have the right to marry."¹⁴⁶

¹³⁴ "Civil rights." *Congressman Dennis Kucinich*. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://kucinich.house.gov/Issues/Issue/?IssueID=1555>

¹³⁵ "Congressional Record of the 106th Congress: HR 2684." *Library of Congress*. September 8, 1999. Retrieved May 21, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c106:H.R.2684>:

¹³⁶ "AIDS: Issue overview." *Dennis Kucinich 2008*. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://kucinich.us/issues/hiv.php>

¹³⁷ "Congressional Record of the 106th Congress: HR 2684." *Library of Congress*. September 8, 1999. Retrieved May 21, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c106:H.R.2684>:

¹³⁸ "Congressional Record of the 106th Congress HR 4942." *Library of Congress*. September 14, 2000. Retrieved June 1, 2007 from: www.congress.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d106:H.R.4942:

¹³⁹ Resnick, Eric. "Bill to end 'don't ask, don't tell' has a chance this time." *Gay People's Chronicle*. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.gaypeopleschronicle.com/stories07/march/0302072.htm>

¹⁴⁰ "Congressional Record of the 109th Congress: H.R. 1059." *Library of Congress*. Retrieved May 21, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.1059>:

¹⁴¹ Schindler, Paul. "Clinton, Edwards dodge GI sodomy." *Gay City News*. April 12, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from:

http://gaycitynews.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18202573&BRD=2729&PAG=461&dept_id=568864&rfi=6

¹⁴² "Congressional record of the 106th Congress: H.R. 1082." *Library of Congress*. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c106:h.r.1082>:

¹⁴³ "LGBTQ rights: Issue overview." *Dennis Kucinich 2008*. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://kucinich.us/issues/gayrights.php>

¹⁴⁴ "Civil rights." *Congressman Dennis Kucinich*. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://kucinich.house.gov/Issues/Issue/?IssueID=1555>

¹⁴⁵ "LGBTQ rights: Issue overview." *Dennis Kucinich 2008*. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://kucinich.us/issues/gayrights.php>

The 2008 Presidential Candidates Positions on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues:

Supports same-sex adoption

- Voted against banning “gay adoptions” in D.C.¹⁴⁷

Opposes Federal Marriage Amendment

- Voted against it.¹⁴⁸

¹⁴⁶ “Transcript: Rock the Vote Democratic presidential debate.” *Washington Post*. November 4, 2003. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A64721-2003Nov4?language=printer>

¹⁴⁷ “H.R. 2587.” Library of Congress. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c106:H.R.2587>:

¹⁴⁸ “Civil rights.” *Congressman Dennis Kucinich*. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://kucinich.house.gov/Issues/Issue/?IssueID=1555>

The 2008 Presidential Candidates Positions on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues:

John McCain on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.johnmccain.com>

Opposes sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

- Does not support.¹⁴⁹

Opposes HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- Opposes Early Treatment for HIV Act.¹⁵⁰

Opposes lifting military ban

- Supports “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy: “I do believe the don’t ask, don’t tell policy has been very effective. We’ve got the best military we’ve ever had....Generally, overall, it’s working. I think it’s logical to leave this issue alone—I really do.”¹⁵¹

Opposes sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

- Did not support Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2005.^{152 153}

Opposes civil unions/domestic partnerships

- Opposes civil unions, “[b]ut I do believe that people ought to be able to enter into contracts, exchange powers of attorney, other ways that people who have relationships can enter into.”

Opposes same-sex marriage

- “The family represents the foundation of Western Civilization and civil society and John McCain believes the institution of marriage is a union between one man and one woman. It is only this definition that sufficiently recognizes the vital and unique role played by mothers and fathers in the raising of children, and the role of the family in shaping, stabilizing, and strengthening communities and our nation.”¹⁵⁴

Unknown stance on same-sex adoption

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Opposes Federal Marriage Amendment

- “The constitutional amendment we’re debating today strikes me as antithetical in every way to the core philosophy of Republicans,” McCain said. “It usurps from the states a fundamental authority they have always possessed and imposes a federal remedy for a problem that most states do not believe confronts them.”¹⁵⁵

¹⁴⁹ Lynsen, Joshua. “McCain vows to vote against marriage amendment.” April 13, 2006. *Washington Blade* Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.washblade.com/2006/4-13/news/national/floppin.cfm>

¹⁵⁰ Lynsen, Joshua. “McCain vows to vote against marriage amendment.” April 13, 2006. *Washington Blade* Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.washblade.com/2006/4-13/news/national/floppin.cfm>

¹⁵¹ “Meet the Press transcript.” MSNBC. November 12, 2006. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/15637887/>

¹⁵² “S. 874 co-sponsors.” Library of Congress. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:SN00847:@_@P

¹⁵³ Lynsen, Joshua. “McCain vows to vote against marriage amendment.” April 13, 2006. *Washington Blade* Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.washblade.com/2006/4-13/news/national/floppin.cfm>

¹⁵⁴ “On the issues.” John McCain 2008. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.johnmccain.com/Informing/Issues/95b18512-d5b6-456e-90a2-12028d71df58.htm>

¹⁵⁵ “McCain: Same-sex marriage ban is un-Republican.” CNN. July 14, 2004. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/ALLPOLITICS/07/14/mccain.marriage>

The 2008 Presidential Candidates Positions on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues:

Barack Obama on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.barackobama.com/>

Supports sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

- Gender identity (included in hate crime legislation) as well? “Absolutely. The transgendered community has to be protected. I just don’t have any tolerance for that sort of intolerance. And I think we need to legislate aggressively to protect them.” Do you support adding gender identity to the proposed Employment Non-Discrimination Act? “ Yes.”¹⁵⁶
- Sponsored legislation in Illinois that would ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.¹⁵⁷
- “I have been a strong advocate for hate-crimes legislation at the state level. I would continue to be an equally strong advocate at the federal level. I absolutely think that sexual orientation has to be included in all hate-crimes legislation.”¹⁵⁸

Supports HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- Co-sponsored legislation to bring Medicaid coverage to low-income, HIV-positive Americans¹⁵⁹
- “(HIV/AIDS funding) has been a top priority for me, partly because I’m in charge of the Health and Human Services Committee in the Senate. I try to work very actively with the AIDS Foundation and other advocacy groups to improve our response here in Illinois...I’ve been a strong advocate, consistently, for increasing AIDS funding throughout my tenure in the state Senate...One of the things I’m constantly interested in is making sure that we’re fighting complacency on this issue, because we’re a long way from being out of the woods on the AIDS crisis.”¹⁶⁰
- On issues like (AIDS) prevention and care, we need to significantly increase funding, and we put out proposals to increase funding by at least \$1 billion....On issues like AIDS funding, I see my job as not only getting more money and passing bills, but also changing and reframing the debate. I want to be able to reach out into the African-American community, where there may still be resistance and homophobia, and talk as a U.S. Senator about the importance of funding.¹⁶¹
- “Obama is the lead Democratic sponsor of the Microbicide Development Act, which encourages scientific leadership on this issue and strengthens research and development programs... Microbicides are a class of products currently under development that women could use to protect themselves from contracting HIV, even while conceiving children.”¹⁶²

Supports lifting military ban

- “We must repeal the ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ military policy”¹⁶³
- “I think it needs to be eliminated. ... I think it is safe to assume that we have a significant number of gay and lesbian soldiers in Iraq. The notion that somehow they should be treated differently is contrary to what this country is about.”¹⁶⁴
- SLDN considers him an ally.¹⁶⁵

Supports sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

¹⁵⁶ Baim, Tracy. “Obama seeks U.S. Senate seat.” *Windy City Times*. February 4, 2004. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=3931>

¹⁵⁷ Associated Press. “Obama record may be gold mine for critics.” January 17, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/01/17/politics/main2369157.shtml>

¹⁵⁸ Baim, Tracy. “Obama seeks U.S. Senate seat.” *Windy City Times*. February 4, 2004. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=3931>

¹⁵⁹ “S. 311 co-sponsors.” Library of Congress. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/D?d109:89.:/temp/~bdxP2Y::|/bss/d109query.html>

¹⁶⁰ Baim, Tracy. “Obama seeks U.S. Senate seat.” *Windy City Times*. February 4, 2004. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=3931>

¹⁶¹ Baim, Tracy. “Obama seeks U.S. Senate seat.” *Windy City Times*. February 4, 2004. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=3931>

¹⁶² “Healthcare.” Barack Obama: U.S. Senator for Illinois. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: http://obama.senate.gov/issues/health_care/index.html

¹⁶³ Obama, Barack. “Obama on marriage.” *Windy City Times*. February 11, 2004. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=4018>

¹⁶⁴ Baim, Tracy. “Obama seeks U.S. Senate seat.” *Windy City Times*. February 4, 2004. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=3931>

¹⁶⁵ Avotte, Christie. “Obama is my homeboy.” *Southern Voice*. February 16, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.southernvoice.com/2007/2-16/view/columns/6523.cfm>

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- Co-sponsored Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2005, which would expand federal jurisdiction to reach serious, violent hate crimes perpetrated because of the “actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability” of the victim.¹⁶⁶

Supports civil unions/domestic partnerships

- “I am a fierce supporter of domestic partnership and civil union laws.”¹⁶⁷
- “I believe that American society can choose to carve out a special place for the union of a man and a woman as the unit of child rearing most common to every culture. I am not willing to have the state deny American citizens a civil union that confers equivalent rights”¹⁶⁸
- “I also think that we should create civil unions for gays and lesbians that allow them to have the same basic rights as all people.”¹⁶⁹
- “So hospital visitations, the ability of partners to provide health care coverage to each other, making sure they are not discriminated on the job or in terms of housing, their ability to transfer property -- those are things that I think are entirely compatible with Americans' understanding of basic tolerance and fairness...”¹⁷⁰
- “Barack Obama supports civil unions that give gay couples full rights, including the right to assist their loved ones in times of emergency, the right to equal health insurance and other employment benefits currently extended to traditional married couples and the same property rights as anyone else.”¹⁷¹
- “I believe that American society can choose to carve out a special place for the union of a man and a woman as the unit of child rearing most common to every culture. I am not willing to have the state deny American citizens a civil union that confers equivalent rights”¹⁷²

Opposes same-sex marriage

- “Strategically, I think we can get civil unions passed...I think that to the extent that we can get the rights, I'm less concerned about the name”¹⁷³
- “And I should say that personally, I do believe that marriage is between a man and a woman.”¹⁷⁴ “I am somebody who has not embraced gay marriage. I've said that it's not something that I think the society is necessarily ready for. And it strikes me that in a lot of ways for a lot of people; it may intrude in how they understand marriage.”¹⁷⁵
- Wants DOMA repealed.¹⁷⁶
- Voted against Federal Marriage Amendment in 2006.¹⁷⁷

Supports same-sex adoption

- “Barack Obama believes that homosexuals should have the same adoption rights as heterosexuals.”¹⁷⁸
- “I think that's really a state issue. I think that one of the things, as an advocate on behalf of gay and lesbian issues, I would like to be able to do, is throw issues of state's rights back in the face of Republicans who, for example, try to pass constitutional amendments or federal laws that prevent states from adopting their own policies.”¹⁷⁹

¹⁶⁶ “Local Law Enforcement Act of 2005.” Library of Congress. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:S.1145>:

¹⁶⁷ Baim, Tracy. “Obama seeks U.S. Senate seat.” *Windy City Times*. February 4, 2004. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=3931>

¹⁶⁸ Obama, Barack. *The Audacity of Hope*. (2006). Crown: New York. p. 222.

¹⁶⁹ “Interview with Barack Obama.” *Larry King Live*. CNN. October 19, 2006. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0610/19/lkl.01.html>

¹⁷⁰ “Interview with Barack Obama.” *Larry King Live*. CNN. October 19, 2006. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0610/19/lkl.01.html>

¹⁷¹ Melloy, Kilian. “Democratic candidates offer answers on gay issues.” (2007, May 30.) *Boston Edge*. Retrieved May 30, 2007 from:

<http://www.edgeboston.com/index.php?ch=news&sc=glbt&sc2=news&sc3=&id=20722>

¹⁷² Obama, Barack. *The Audacity of Hope*. (2006). Crown: New York. p. 222.

¹⁷³ Baim, Tracy. “Obama seeks U.S. Senate seat.” *Windy City Times*. February 4, 2004. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=3931>

¹⁷⁴ Obama, Barack. “Floor statement of Senator Barack Obama on the Federal Marriage Amendment.” Barack Obama: U.S. Senator for Illinois. June 5, 2006. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from:

http://obama.senate.gov/speech/060605-floor_statement_of_senator_barack_obama_on_the_federal_marriage_amendment/index.html

¹⁷⁵ “Interview with Barack Obama.” *Larry King Live*. CNN. October 19, 2006. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0610/19/lkl.01.html>

¹⁷⁶ Horowitz, Jason. “What's pink, green? Senator Clinton hauling gay cash.” *The New York Observer*. March 18, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.observer.com/node/36944>

¹⁷⁷ “Senate vote #163.” GovTrackUS. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/vote.xpd?vote=s2006-163>

¹⁷⁸ “Barack Obama's support for the gay and lesbian community.” *Barack Obama '08*. Retrieved June 1, 2007 from: <http://www.sovo.com/2007/5-25/Obama.pdf>

The 2008 Presidential Candidates Positions on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues:

Opposes Federal Marriage Amendment

- Voted against it, June '06.¹⁸⁰
- “For the record, I opposed DOMA [the Defense of Marriage Act] in 1996. It should be repealed and I will vote for its repeal on the Senate floor. I will also oppose any proposal to amend the U.S. Constitution to ban gays and lesbians from marrying...the repeal of DOMA is essential.”¹⁸¹ (The 1996 DOMA to which he’s referring is the Federal DOMA, but that year Illinois also passed a state DOMA, and no information on his position on the state DOMA could be found online.)

¹⁷⁹ Baim, Tracy. “Obama seeks U.S. Senate seat.” *Windy City Times*. February 4, 2004. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=3931>

¹⁸⁰ “Senate vote #163.” GovTrackUS. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/vote.xpd?vote=s2006-163>

¹⁸¹ Obama, Barack. “Obama on marriage.” *Windy City Times*. February 11, 2004. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=4018>

The 2008 Presidential Candidates Positions on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues:

Ron Paul on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.ronpaul2008.com>

Unknown stance on transgender-inclusive ENDA

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Unknown stance on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- Not a co-sponsor of ETHA (the Early Treatment for HIV Act).¹⁸²

Opposes lifting military ban

- “I think the current policy is a decent policy.”¹⁸³

Unknown stance on sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

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Unclear stance on civil unions/domestic partnerships

- Did not support the Uniting American Families Act¹⁸⁴

Opposes same-sex marriage

- “Supports definition of marriage as between a man and a woman, but opposes any federal marriage definition. Says that states should not be forced to recognize another state’s same-sex marriage law. Opposed House measure amending the Constitution to ban same-sex marriage.”¹⁸⁵

Opposes same-sex adoption

- Voted in support of banning “gay adoptions” in D.C.¹⁸⁶

Opposes Federal Marriage Amendment

- “While I oppose federal efforts to redefine marriage as something other than a union between one man and one woman, I do not believe a constitutional amendment is either a necessary or proper way to defend marriage.”¹⁸⁷
- Voted against it.¹⁸⁸

¹⁸² “S. 874 co-sponsors.” Library of Congress. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:SN00847:@@>

¹⁸³ “Republican presidential debate transcript.” *CNN*. June 5, 2007. Retrieved June 6, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/05/se.01.html>

¹⁸⁴ “S. 1510 co-sponsors.” Library of Congress. <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:SN01510:@@L&summ2=m&>

¹⁸⁵ “Election center 2008.” *CNN*. Retrieved June 5, 2007 from: <http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2008/issues/issues.samesexmarriage.html>

¹⁸⁶ “H.R. 2587.” Library of Congress. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c106:H.R.2587>:

¹⁸⁷ Paul, Ron. “Cultural conservatives lose if gay marriage is federalized.” Ron Paul’s speeches and statements. September 30, 2004. Retrieved June 5, 2007 from: <http://www.house.gov/paul/congrec/congrec2004/cr093004.htm>

¹⁸⁸ “H.J. Res. 88: Marriage protection amendment votes.” GovTrack.us. Retrieved June 6, 2007 from: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/vote.xpd?vote=h2006-378>

The 2008 Presidential Candidates Positions on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues:

Bill Richardson on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.richardsonforpresident.com>

Supports sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

- “I would initiate laws that practice nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.”¹⁸⁹
- “In Richardson’s first term as governor of a red state that went twice for George W., he signed a virtual panoply of gay rights protections, which includes: Expanding civil rights laws to include sexual orientation and gender identity (only three other states had done so at the time).”¹⁹⁰

Supports HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- In 2005 Richardson supported increases in state funding for HIV/AIDS—In New Mexico, allocated \$1 million to expand access to medications and insurance coverage to more people living with HIV/AIDS and maintain in statute programs for AIDS/HIV patients.¹⁹¹

Supports lifting military ban

- “I would get rid of “don’t ask/don’t tell.” I voted against it as a congressman. A president has to show leadership. And this country should not be asking a person who is giving up their life for this country and the military should not giving lecture on sexual orientation.”¹⁹²
- “While in Congress in the early ’90s, Richardson backed military service for out gay men and lesbians.”¹⁹³
- Though Richardson is now vocal about supporting the repeal of the military ban, his past with the issue is complicated. Though at one point he did vote in support of the military ban, “There was, however, *another* vote, considered *the key sign* of support for or against “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” on which Richardson voted the *right way*.”¹⁹⁴

Supports sexual orientation-inclusive hate crimes laws, unclear if supports transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

- “In Richardson’s first term as governor of a red state that went twice for George W., he signed a virtual panoply of gay rights protections, that includes: A hate crimes law that protects both actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity.”¹⁹⁵
- “I would move in the Congress for a hate crimes law.”¹⁹⁶

Supports civil unions/domestic partnerships

- “I would have domestic partnerships. I would have civil unions.”¹⁹⁷
- “...when the New Mexico legislature pushed a “Defense of Marriage Act” in 2005, Richardson said he would veto it unless it was enacted alongside civil unions.”¹⁹⁸
- He also backs federal recognition of civil unions.¹⁹⁹

¹⁸⁹ “New Hampshire Democratic presidential candidates debate transcript.” *CNN*. June 3, 2007. Retrieved June 4, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/03/se.01.html>

¹⁹⁰ Crain, Chris. “Another Bill upstages Hillary.” *San Francisco Bay Times*. January 25, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: http://www.sfbaytimes.com/?sec=article&article_id=6028

¹⁹¹ Richardson, Bill. (January 10, 2005). Governor Richardson announces healthcare initiatives for 2005. Retrieved March 8, 2007, from

<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/pdf/HealthcareInitiativesFor2005PR.pdf>

¹⁹² “New Hampshire Democratic presidential candidates debate transcript.” *CNN*. June 3, 2007. Retrieved June 4, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/03/se.01.html>

¹⁹³ Crain, Chris. “Another Bill upstages Hillary.” *San Francisco Bay Times*. January 25, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: http://www.sfbaytimes.com/?sec=article&article_id=6028

¹⁹⁴ Ralls, Steve. “Richardson’s vote on Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.” Servicemember’s Legal Defense Network. June 4, 2007. Retrieved June 4, 2007 from:

<http://freedomtoserve.blogspot.com/2007/06/richardsons-vote-on-dont-ask-dont-tell.html>

¹⁹⁵ Crain, Chris. “Another Bill upstages Hillary.” *San Francisco Bay Times*. January 25, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: http://www.sfbaytimes.com/?sec=article&article_id=6028

¹⁹⁶ “New Hampshire Democratic presidential candidates debate transcript.” *CNN*. June 3, 2007. Retrieved June 4, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/03/se.01.html>

¹⁹⁷ “New Hampshire Democratic presidential candidates debate transcript.” *CNN*. June 3, 2007. Retrieved June 4, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/03/se.01.html>

¹⁹⁸ Crain, Chris. “Another Bill upstages Hillary.” *San Francisco Bay Times*. January 25, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: http://www.sfbaytimes.com/?sec=article&article_id=6028

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- He issued an executive order extending health insurance and other benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of state employees.²⁰⁰

Opposes same-sex marriage

- “I agree with the president in terms of being opposed to same-sex marriage, but to tamper with the Constitution on an issue like this that should be left up the states (is a mistake),” New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson told Fox News.²⁰¹
- Voted in support of DOMA.²⁰²

Supports same-sex adoption

- Supports.²⁰³

Opposes Federal Marriage Amendment

- “I agree with the president in terms of being opposed to same-sex marriage, but to tamper with the Constitution on an issue like this that should be left up the states” is a mistake, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson told Fox News.²

¹⁹⁹ Leigh, Scot. “New Mexico’s man on the move.” *Boston Globe*. April 6, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from:

http://www.boston.com/news/globe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2007/04/06/new_mexicos_man_on_the_move/

²⁰⁰ Crain, Chris. “Another Bill upstages Hillary.” *San Francisco Bay Times*. January 25, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: http://www.sfbaytimes.com/?sec=article&article_id=6028

²⁰¹ Brownfield, Peter. “Bush backs amendment barring gay marriage.” February 24, 2005. Retrieved June 1, 2007 from: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,112314,00.html>

²⁰² Crain, Chris. “Another Bill upstages Hillary.” *San Francisco Bay Times*. January 25, 2007. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: http://www.sfbaytimes.com/?sec=article&article_id=6028

²⁰³ “Where the democratic candidates stand.” Human Rights Campaign. Retrieved June 5, 2007 from:

http://a4.g.akamai.net/f/4/19675/0/newmill.download.akamai.com/19677/anon.newmediamill/pdfs/Questionnaire_ReportCard.pdf

The 2008 Presidential Candidates Positions on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues:

Mitt Romney on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.mittromney.com>

Opposes sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

- “I don’t see the need for new or special legislation. My experience over the past several years as governor has convinced me that ENDA would be an overly broad law that would open a litigation floodgate and unfairly penalize employers at the hands of activist judges.”²⁰⁴

Opposes HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- “Gov. Mitt Romney signed the Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07) budget into law July 8 and included with that budget a list of vetoes and funding reductions that hit just about every LGBT and AIDS-related initiative receiving state funding. Romney vetoed the creation of a new legislative Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth, cut all of the Safe Schools funding in the Department of Education (DOE), cut all of the Gay Men’s Domestic Violence Project (GMDVP) funding from the Department of Public Health (DPH), cut more than \$700,000 in HIV/AIDS funding and cut funding to the LGBT Aging Project.”²⁰⁵
- “Romney on Friday vetoed a bill (H 4176) that would have authorized the nonprescription sale of syringes to people age 18 and older as a means of reducing the spread of HIV, hepatitis C and other bloodborne diseases.”²⁰⁶

Opposes lifting military ban

- “When I first heard of the don’t ask/don’t tell policy I thought it sounded awfully silly and didn’t think that’d be very effective, and I turned out to be wrong. It’s been the policy now in the military for, what, 10, 15 years? And it seems to be working. And I agree with what Mayor Giuliani said, that this is not the time to put in place a major change, a social experiment, in the middle of a war going on. I wouldn’t change it at this point. We can look at it down the road. But it does seem to me that we have much bigger issues as a nation that we ought to be talking about than that policy right now.”²⁰⁷
- On Gen. Pace: “I think the choice of -- of words of the chief of staff were -- were inappropriate for -- for the public discourse,” said Romney, who is seeking the Republican presidential nomination. “In a governmental setting, the right way to go is to show more of an outpouring of tolerance.”²⁰⁸
- Romney said that while he originally did not support the policy, he thinks it has worked sufficiently. “I originally didn’t think the ‘Don’t ask, Don’t tell’ policy made a lot of sense -- it seemed kind of silly to me,” he said. “But you know what? It’s worked. It’s been in place now for over a decade. The military seems to be getting along pretty well with that rule. I wouldn’t change it right now.”²⁰⁹
- As for military policy and the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy, I trust the counsel of those in uniform who have set these policies over a dozen years ago. I agree with President Bush’s decision to maintain this policy and I would do the same.”²¹⁰

²⁰⁴ Lopez, Kathryn. “Interview: A primary factor.” *National Review*. December 14, 2005. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from:

<http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=MmY1MTQyMTk0Yjk2ZDZmZmVmNmNkNjY4ODExMGM5NWE>

²⁰⁵ Jacobs, Ethan. Romney vetoes funding for LGBT, HIV/AIDS programs. *Bay Windows*. July 13, 2006. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://www.aegis.org/news/bayw/2006/BY060703.html>

²⁰⁶ Leblanc, Steve. “Romney vetoes bill allowing over-the-counter sales of syringes.” *Boston Globe*. June 30, 2006. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/06/30/romney_vetoes_bill_allowing_over_the_counter_sales_of_syringes/

²⁰⁷ “Republican presidential debate transcript.” *CNN*. June 5, 2007. Retrieved June 6, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/05/se.01.html>

²⁰⁸ Mooney, Alexander. “Romney calls Pace’s homosexuality comments ‘inappropriate.’” *CNN*. March 16, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from:

<http://www.cnn.com/POLITICS/blogs/politicalticker/2007/03/romney-calls-pace-homosexuality.html>

²⁰⁹ Mooney, Alexander. “Romney calls Pace’s homosexuality comments ‘inappropriate.’” *CNN*. March 16, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from:

<http://www.cnn.com/POLITICS/blogs/politicalticker/2007/03/romney-calls-pace-homosexuality.html>

²¹⁰ Lopez, Kathryn. “Interview: A primary factor.” *National Review*. December 14, 2005. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from:

<http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=MmY1MTQyMTk0Yjk2ZDZmZmVmNmNkNjY4ODExMGM5NWE>

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- Romney believes Americans should be respectful of all people,” said Eric Fehrnstrom, his spokesman. “However, over the past four years as governor, Mitt Romney has not advocated or supported any change in the military’s policies and he has not implemented new or special rights in this area.”²¹¹

Opposes sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws,

- In 2003 Romney vetoed a bill funding hate crimes prevention, after which he impounded money previously approved by his predecessor, Gov. Jane Swift, for a bullying prevention program. Romney vaporized all hate crimes prevention funding within his first year in office. So the Task Force lost all its staff,”²¹²

Opposes civil unions/domestic partnerships

- “Faced with a choice of civil unions or gay marriage, I’ll take civil unions anytime,” Romney said. “But that doesn’t make me a supporter of civil unions.”²¹³

Opposes same-sex marriage

- “Last year the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court struck a blow against the family, as I’m sure you know. The court forgot that marriage is first and foremost about nurturing and developing children. Its ruling meant that our society is supposed to be indifferent about whether children have a mother and a father.”²¹⁴
- Mr. Romney had been “a champion of traditional marriage” and “fought the efforts of activist judges who seek to redefine marriage.”²¹⁵

Opposes same-sex adoption

- Has gone on record many times talking about children needing both a mother and a father. See above “marriage”²¹⁶
- “Gov. Mitt Romney filed a bill Wednesday that would exempt the Boston Archdiocese’s Catholic Charities from a state anti-discrimination law that says it must provide adoption services to gay and lesbian couples.”²¹⁷

Supports Federal Marriage Amendment

- “I fought for a federal amendment to the Constitution to establish marriage as a relationship between a man and a woman,” Romney said.²¹⁸

²¹¹ Nagourney, Adam. “Romney’s gay rights stance draws ire.” *New York Times*. December 9, 2006: Retrieved May 16, 2007 from:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/12/09/us/politics/09romney.html?ex=1323320400&en=a1848ee252cfecaf&ei=5088&partner=rssnyt&emc=rss>

²¹² Colbert, Chuck. “Romney/Healey tactics delay anti-bullying guide.” *In Newsweek*. October 11, 2006. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: http://www.innewsweek.com/innews/?class_code=EI&article_code=2791

²¹³ Phillips, Frank. “Romney’s stance on civil unions draws fire.” *Boston Globe*. February 23, 2005. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2005/02/23/romneys_stance_on_civil_unions_draws_fire/

²¹⁴ Romney, Mitt. “Affirming America’s culture and values.” *Mitt Romney*. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://www.mittromney.com/Issue-Watch/Values>

²¹⁵ Nagourney, Adam. “Romney’s gay rights stance draws ire.” *New York Times*. December 9, 2006: Retrieved May 16, 2007 from:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/12/09/us/politics/09romney.html?ex=1323320400&en=a1848ee252cfecaf&ei=5088&partner=rssnyt&emc=rss>

²¹⁶ Romney, Mitt. “Affirming America’s culture and values.” *Mitt Romney*. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://www.mittromney.com/Issue-Watch/Values>

²¹⁷ Donald, Brooke. “Romney files ‘religious freedom’ bill on church and gay adoption.” *Boston Globe*. March 15, 2006. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/03/15/romney_files_religious_freedom_bill_on_church_and_gay_adoption/

²¹⁸ Helman, Scott. “Romney says media are focused on him.” *Boston Globe*. March 2, 2007. Retrieved June 1, 2007 from:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/03/02/romney_says_media_are_focused_on_him/

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Tom Tancredo on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.teamtancredo.com/>

Unknown stance on sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

- Adopted, voluntarily, a written policy for his own offices indicating that sexual orientation and gender identity and expression are not factors in his employment decisions.²¹⁹

Unknown stance on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- Not a co-sponsor of ETHA (the Early Treatment for HIV Act).²²⁰

Opposes lifting military ban

- “Alan Moore, a Tancredo spokesman, wrote via e-mail, ‘The Congressman supports the ‘don’t ask, don’t tell policy’ therefore he also supports the military ban on sodomy.’”²²¹

Unclear stance on sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

- Didn’t vote on the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act.²²²

Unknown stance on civil unions/domestic partnerships

- Did not support the Uniting American Families Act.²²³

Opposes same-sex marriage

- Voted in favor of the Defense of Marriage Act.²²⁴
- See below, “Federal Marriage Amendment.”

Opposes same-sex adoption

- Voted in support of banning “gay adoptions” in D.C.²²⁵

Supports Federal Marriage Amendment

- “I support a constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman. Unfortunately, every state in the union is now just one court ruling from being force-fed a new definition of marriage. If Congress does not act, people like San Francisco s mayor and a few judges in Massachusetts will be able to dictate to the entire country what does and does not constitute

²¹⁹ “HRC scorecard 108th congress.” Human Rights Campaign. 2004. Retrieved June 6, 2007 from:

http://www.hrc.org/Template.cfm?Section=Congress_and_Scorecard&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=31664

²²⁰ “S. 874 co-sponsors.” Library of Congress. Retrieved May 15, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:SN00847:@@P>

²²¹ Schindler, Paul. “Clinton, Edwards dodge GI sodomy.” *Gay City News*. April 12, 2007. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from:

http://gaycitynews.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18202573&BRD=2729&PAG=461&dept_id=568864&rfi=6

²²² Mulkern, Anne. “’08 race hits Tancredo roll calls: Missed votes add up; Coloradan at 13%.” *Denver Post*. May 10, 2007. Retrieved June 5, 2007 from:

http://www.denverpost.com/business/ci_5858587

²²³ “S. 1510 co-sponsors.” Library of Congress. <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:SN01510:@@L&summ2=m&>

²²⁴ “H. J. Res. 106.” Library of Congress. Retrieved June 5, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:HJ00106:@@P>

²²⁵ “H.R. 2587.” Library of Congress. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c106:H.R.2587:>

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marriage. To impose gay marriage on Americans through judicial fiat flies in the face of both traditional American values and the time-honored tenets of American federalism."²²⁶

- Voted in favor of the Defense of Marriage Act.²²⁷
- Co-sponsored legislation that would ban same-sex marriage nationwide.²²⁸

²²⁶ "Tom stands for America." Tancredo for president. Retrieved June 5, 2007 from: <http://www.teamtancredo.com/pdfs/gaymarriage.pdf>

²²⁷ "H. J. Res. 106." Library of Congress. Retrieved June 5, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:HJ00106:@@P>

²²⁸ "Election center 2008." CNN. Retrieved June 5, 2007 from: <http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2008/issues/issues.samesexmarriage.html>

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Fred Thompson on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.fred08.com>

Opposes transgender-inclusive ENDA

- Voted against ENDA.²²⁹

Unknown stance on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

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Unknown stance on lifting military ban

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Opposes sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws

- Voted no on expanding hate crimes laws to include sexual orientation in 2000 and 2002.^{230 231}

Unknown stance on civil unions/domestic partnerships

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Unknown stance on same-sex marriage

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Unknown stance on same-sex adoption

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Supports Federal Marriage Amendment

- Voted in support of DOMA in 1996.²³²

²²⁹ "S. 2056." Library of Congress. Retrieved May 16, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c104:S.2056>:

²³⁰ "S. 2549." Library of Congress. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c10X:S.9999>:

²³¹ "S. 625." Library of Congress. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d107:SN00625>

²³² "HR 3396." Library of Congress. Retrieved May 17, 2007 from: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c104:hr.3396>:

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Tommy Thompson on LGBT Issues:

Official Campaign Web site: <http://www.tommy2008.com>

Unclear stance on sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive ENDA

- Thompson publicly stated that it was acceptable to fire someone based on their sexual orientation, but then he attempted to rescind the comment.²³³

Unclear stance on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment

- Speaks favorably of prevention and treatment, but unclear funding track record.
- Chosen as Chairman of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in 2003.²³⁴
- There was a mass protest at an AIDS speech he gave in Barcelona because people feel that he does not adequately provide AIDS funding.²³⁵

Opposes lifting military ban

- During the June 5, 2007 GOP debate. When the moderator asked all candidates: "Is there anyone here who believes gays and lesbians should be allowed to serve openly in the United States military? If you do, speak up now," he did not speak up.²³⁶

Unknown stance on sexual orientation- and transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws,

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Unknown stance on civil unions/domestic partnerships

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Opposes same-sex marriage

- "Governor Thompson believes marriage is between a man and a woman. He supports states' rights in determining the definition of marriage and believes it should be done legislatively or by referendum."²³⁷

Unknown stance on -sex adoption

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Unknown stance on Federal Marriage Amendment

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²³³ Bauer, Scott. "T. Thompson feeling sick over gay gaffe." *Associated Press*. May 13, 2007. Retrieved June 5, 2007 from: <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0507/3968.html>

²³⁴ "Biography of Tommy Thompson." Tommy2008.com Retrieved June 5, 2007 from: <http://www.tommy2008.com/Biography.aspx>

²³⁵ Gupta, Sanjay. "Bush's Thompson booed at AIDS conference." *CNN*. July 9, 2002. Retrieved June 5, 2007 from: <http://archives.cnn.com/2002/ALLPOLITICS/07/09/thompson.aids.conference/index.html>

²³⁶ "Republican presidential debate transcript." *CNN*. June 5, 2007. Retrieved June 6, 2007 from: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0706/05/se.01.html>

²³⁷ "Tommy Thompson on the issues." Tommy2008.com. Retrieved June 4, 2007 from: http://www.tommy2008.com/On_The_Issues.aspx