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2006 U.S. Congressional Candidate Survey

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1. Do you support a ban on workplace discrimination based upon sexual orientation?

In government workplaces? Absolutely. Private workplaces, however, have the right to discriminate against anyone for any reason. [The law disagrees, but then the law is a bully.] The free market will determine if their decisions were wise, with the loss of their investment if they were “wrong.”

2. Do you support hate crimes statues that include sexual orientation and gender equity?

All violent trespass are hate crimes. No special emphasis on “hate crimes” should be tolerated. It merely serves a politician in appearing to have done something about a problem where laws already exist if they were only enforced.

3. Do you support amending adoption laws to allow same-sex couples the right to adopt children?

If the goal is to adopt children, especially with the abundance of “unwanted” kids, then what does a person’s sexual orientation have to do with adoption? I would like to see government out of the adoption business.

4. Do you support a repeal of the ban of homosexuals serving openly in the US military?

I favor repealing the military:-). However, the answer to your question is yes.

5. Do you support amending immigration laws to allow same-sex partners of American citizens to immigrate legally to this country?

I support eliminating all federal immigration laws, allowing anyone who is willing and able to come to our nation.

6. Do you support Proposition 107, which would ban marriage between same-sex couples and many domestic partners benefits for same- and opposite sex-couples?

Government should get out of the marriage business. A marriage license is nothing more than a tax. The only part law should play in marriage is contract law.

7. Do you support civil unions, with all the same rights as marriage, for same-sex couples?

All people have the same rights regardless of some government piece of paper.

8. Do you support legal marriage for same-sex couples?

See #6.

9. Do you support protecting gay individuals and couples from being discriminated against in housing?

In government housing? Absolutely, though I would do away with all government housing. Private housing, however, have the right to discriminate against anyone for any reason. [The law disagrees, but then the law is a bully.] The free market will determine if their decisions were wise, with the loss of their investment if they were "wrong."

10. Do you support extending health care benefits to same-sex partners and families of government employees?

Government should not be involved in health care. Contracts pertaining to remuneration are between employer and employee, and are not in a government's purview excluding breach.