

think those are two areas where you think the gay political agenda, which tries to make nondiscrimination against gays in employment and the law and seeks to repeal sodomy laws, is particularly objectionable as well.

Answer 3: Well, I am a federalist at heart and I believe that states have a right in their laws and in their codes to decide which sexual activity they want to discourage in a variety of ways. On the question of discrimination and homosexuality in the workplace, I think it would be a terrible mistake to add conduct to civil rights codes. The civil rights laws are clear. Courts have interpreted those laws in a certain way to include everything from affirmative action to set-asides to quotas, etc. It would be a disaster to take something like homosexual conduct and attempt to fold it into the rubric of civil rights laws that we have. I would not want to force a church, for example, or a Christian bookstore or a small businessman to have to hire somebody if he found out that the way that person was living was morally offensive to him. I don't believe a landlord should be forced to rent to somebody who is engaged in activity in an open way in an apartment or rental unit that is offensive to that person that owns the apartment unit. These are going to be things that we are going to debate. I suspect at the end of the day those things will not be controversial. In some states you will probably have some political success and in other states I think my side will win, but I do not believe your movement will be successful in the broader question of redefining marriage, of elevating this lifestyle to moral equality with the heterosexual family or in some of the other very bold things that are on your agenda that I just don't think the American people will embrace. They didn't embrace it in Maine, and yet all the polls showed that you all would win that election.² They haven't embraced it in a lot of other cities. When the American people get a chance to vote on this directly, nine times out of ten they come down on the side of traditional values, and I believe they will continue to do so.

Let me just thank everybody for being here, for your great questions, for the civility of the discourse, including from those who disagree on a number of issues. It was a great discussion, worthy of a great place like Harvard, and I look forward to coming back and being with you again. Thank you very much.

¹Gary Bauer, Second Annual Conference of Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays (P-FOX), March 6, 1998.

²George Neavoll, "Election on Feb. 10 – Vote 'No'; Gov. King Is Right. Some of Our Friends and Neighbors Are Gay, and They Deserve Protection, Too," *Portland Press Herald*, February 1, 1998, p. 4C. Mr. Neavoll, editorial page editor for the *Press Herald*, remarked, "Public opinion polls consistently show a vast majority of Maine voters support the new law and would vote against the 'people's veto.'"