



NGLTF Gets Up In Prez. Hopefuls

Examines Ins and Outs of Gay Policy

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The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force totally [one-upped](#) those suckers over at Human Rights Campaign, who recently [surveyed](#) all the democratic presidential candidates' gay policy. The NGLTF's exhaustively entitled *The 2008 Presidential Candidates' Positions on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues*, meanwhile, offers the first comprehensive look at "the top" nineteen presidential candidates.

As you can see, there's a bit of a discrepancy between the Demmies and the GOP - a fact of which NGLTF director Matt Foreman muses:

The differences between the Democratic and Republican fields of candidates on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues are shockingly stark and profoundly depressing. Over time, the majority of Americans have moved to support basic fairness for LGBT Americans, including nondiscrimination and hate crimes laws, repeal of 'Don't Ask Don't Tell,' and protections for our families. Sadly, the Republican field has gone in the opposite direction, still clearly pandering to the venom of the so-called 'religious right.' This only means that they will continue to use our lives as cultural wedge fodder whenever it's deemed politically expedient.

Maybe Romney, Brownback and Giuliani need to take a look at that Log Cabin Republican [report](#) and brush up on their party people's ethics.

The democrats are far from angels, of course. **And Foreman's not going to let them coast on a handful of homo-friendly statements:**

...The lack of courage on marriage equality is disturbing on both political and moral grounds. Politically, being for civil unions but against marriage doesn't bring a single voter over from the other side. Morally, it's hard to understand how a Democratic candidate can say to people they know individually and to one of the most loyal and generous voting blocs the party has, 'Sorry, I just can't go there — you understand, right?' Actually, we don't.

Snap that verbal finger, Foreman!