



## Gay rights convention begins

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President Barack Obama campaigned for "change," and a week after he entered office, one social group is already trying to take him up on his offer.

**Hundreds of gay rights activists from around the country flocked to Denver on Wednesday for the start of the National Conference on Conference on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Equality. The theme of the conference is "Creating Change."**

**"We are clearly entering a new time and there are tremendous opportunities to influence social change," said Task Force Executive Director Rea Carey in a news release.**

Organizers chose the Mile High City to host the 21st national conference because of its commitment to providing equality for the homosexual, bisexual and transgendered communities.

The conference will take place until Sunday, Feb. 1 and features various events such as workshops, day-long institutes and film screenings. Issues to be discussed include equal marriage rights, increasing access to affordable health care and how to harness the power of the Internet to promote gay rights.

According to the **National Gay and Lesbian Task Force** in a news release, activists will "strategize on how to advance LGBT equality in this new political climate, share lessons from the 2008 election, and acquire the skills needed to build the political power of the LGBT community in 2009 and beyond."