

University of Richmond Law Symposium

Stonewall at 50: Ten Lessons from Five Social Movements

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I. 50 Years Since Stonewall – Major Phases in LGBT Rights Movement

- A. Pre-Stonewall
- B. Stonewall /Gay Liberation
- C. AIDS/Maturation of a Movement
- D. Marriage Equality/ A Second Stonewall
- E. Today: From Issue Maps to Changing Lives

II. 10 Lessons From 5 (or so) Social Movements

A. Ladder of Clarity: marriage equality movement

- 1. Goals
- 2. Strategy
- 3. Players and Resources
- 4. Specific small action steps

B. Playing the long game and every game: The religious right

- 1. Long-term investments power
- 2. Elected
- 3. Media
- 4. Knowledge production

C. Using Power When You Have It: Republican Party

1. Example: Changes to Senate's Judicial Confirmations

- hold onto hearings under Obama
- filibuster
- ABA ratings
- blue slips
- inadequate hearings
- partisan nominations

2. Results

- Supreme Court
- Circuits
- Race and Gender
- Partisanship
 - Federalist Society
 - Anti-LGBT
 - Anti-Choice

D. Losing Forward: Marriage Equality

E. Power of Coming out: LGBT Rights

- 2008 "ick factor"
- By definition involves risk
- To who?How?
- In all families -- our families want to love us

F. Invest in science and research: AIDS/LGBT

G. Engage with Communities of Faith: Af-Am; AIDS; LGBT

H. Don't lose faith in the rule of law: Women's Rights

I. Brave enough to put our bodies on the line. Af-Am; AIDS; LGBT?

J. A positive vision that excites people: The lesson of Stonewall/Gay Liberation

III. Conclusion: What's Next for LGBT Rights?