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?