

GAY AND HUMAN RIGHTS A LIBERTARIAN APPROACH

Human Rights is the most important issue facing the world today. Everyone seems to recognize that we need Human Rights for individuals, but many persons do not want to extend these rights to everyone. Sure, the majority of Americans uphold the right to worship or not to worship the deity of their choice, for instance, but when the issue of two gays living and loving together arises, somehow Human Rights are ignored. For some reason, most persons seem to believe that they must first agree with the thing, idea or lifestyle before they are willing to extend Human Rights to it. This is very unfortunate.

Basically, the reason the majority of Americans are willing to deny Human Rights to gays is because the majority opposes anything which is not heterosexual. This is where the libertarian alternative arises to the issue. Libertarianism as a philosophy has no opinion on whether there is any morality or immorality concerning either heterosexuality or homosexuality. To libertarians, it is all besides the point. We say that since there is 'NO VICTIM' in consenting heterosexual or homosexual relationships, there is 'NO CRIME.' We say as libertarians that you may do anything you desire providing that you do not physically harm the life, liberty or property of another human being.

Although a good portion of libertarians are gay, they differ from the mainstream of gay activists. The libertarian gay sees the State as the greatest enemy of any minority or individual, and that the State can turn on its friends at any moment. Yet, many in the gay community do not see this danger. A number of gays are simultaneously demanding the State to bug out of their personal lives while asking the State to build gay centers and fund gay activities. These gays fail to see that the government eventually controls what it funds; and to ask for government funds is indirectly denying gays and non-gays of other Human Rights.

If gays believe that the initiation of physical force on another human being is wrong, then, gays must extend that belief to everyone. The same government which is harassing gays and denying their rights is also aggressing on those people who are forced to pay the tax collector. Libertarians believe that it is everyone's Human Right to keep what they earn. The taxpayer is being robbed by the State and the gay is being harassed by the State. We cannot demand gay rights and then believe that the State can rob its citizens and remain consistent. Likewise, we cannot demand taxpayer's rights and believe that the State should legislate morality and harass gays. The issue must be Human Rights for everyone, and not just one Human Right for one special minority.

Human Rights for all is not easy to advocate. However, some gay activists have begun to advocate certain forms of socialism which does not advocate individual rights, but collective rights. We believe that gay rights is individualistic, not collective. If rights were based on collective rights, then the masses or a special group of leaders would decide the definition of Human Rights. This means that collective rights would involve politics and power struggles as factions in the masses and leadership would fight to get government decrees to support their 'meaning' of Human Rights. This is what we have today. The majority picks the men in government who then grant Human Rights to those they believe deserve them. The libertarian believes that Human and Individual Rights are not decrees from gods or governments, but originate naturally in each individual. We believe that only Human Rights of an individualistic, pro-free market approach can provide lasting Human Rights for gays and all minorities of one to live peacefully.

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