

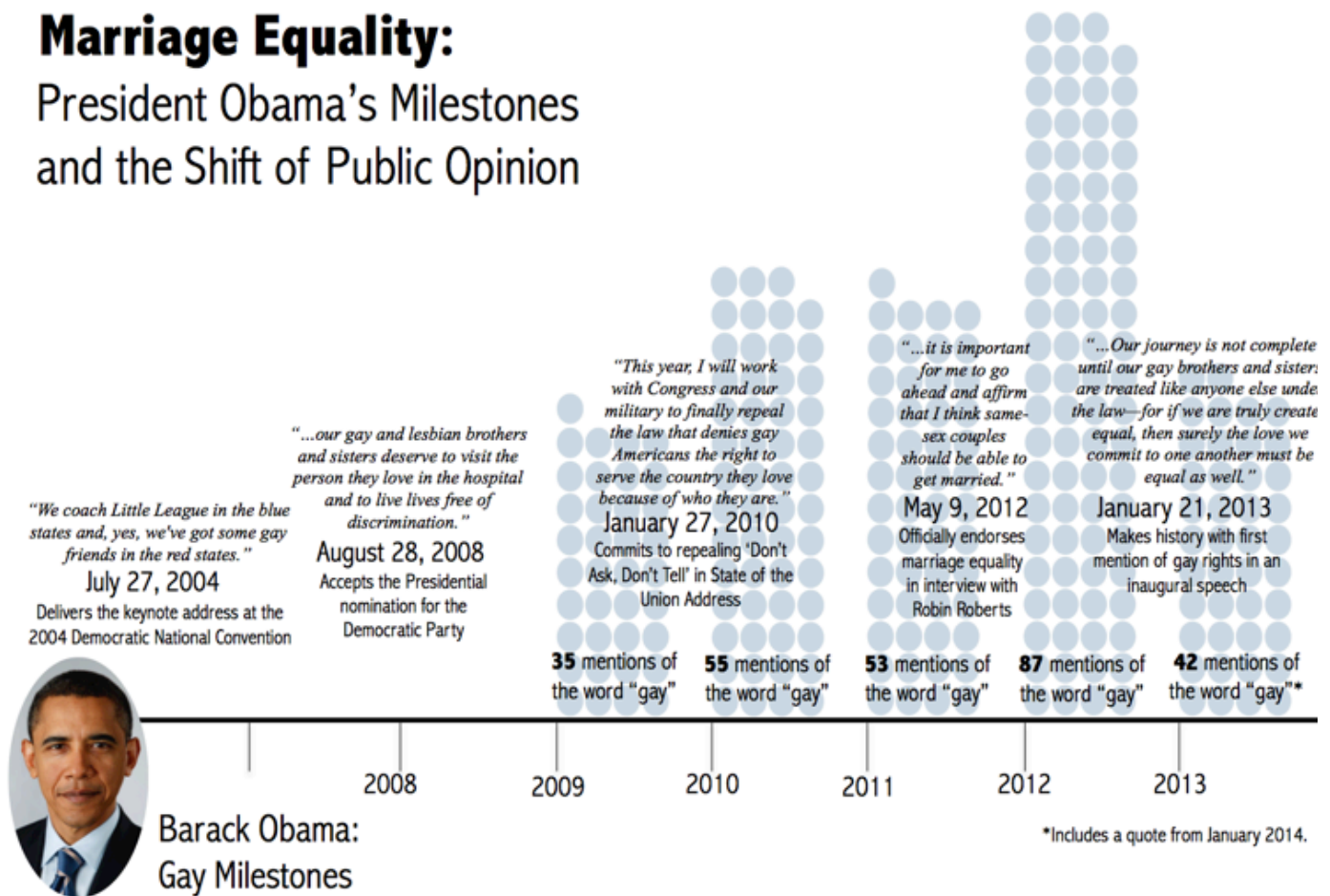


PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS AND THE SHIFT IN PUBLIC OPINION ON LGBT EQUALITY

No president in history has used the word “gay” in public remarks more than President Barack Obama. In so doing, he has inarguably contributed to the political mainstreaming of marriage equality and the general trend toward LGBT acceptance within American society.

An analysis of Obama’s remarks relative to other presidents, as well as the shift of public opinion in favor of marriage equality, suggests Obama’s use of LGBT-friendly language – which also includes multiple uses of the words “transgender,” “lesbian” and “bisexual” – has been both historically significant and unprecedented in its frequency.

Marriage Equality: President Obama’s Milestones and the Shift of Public Opinion



This report reviewed all available speeches, remarks, statements and proclamations by Presidents Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush and Ronald Reagan and found the following:

- Throughout his time in the White House, President Obama has said the word “gay” in a public speech, statement or proclamation at least **272 times**.
- President Obama has used the word “transgender” at least **33 times** in speeches, statements and proclamations since his presidency began.
- President Obama has used the word “bisexual” at least **28 times** in speeches, statements and proclamations since his presidency began.
- President Obama has used the word “lesbian” at least **88 times** in speeches, statements and proclamations since his presidency began.
- While on the 2012 campaign trail, Obama used the word “gay” **62 times** at public rallies and fundraisers. (Mitt Romney spoke about marriage equality only **once**, and it was in the context of excluding loving and committed same-sex couples from marriage.)
- In his two terms in the White House, President Clinton used the word “gay” **216 times** in public speeches, statements or proclamations, of which **46 instances** were regarding gays in the military and **80** instances were regarding Matthew Shepard or hate crime legislation.
- President George W. Bush used the word “gay” **two times** in a public speech or remark, one in which he disavowed marriage equality. He publicly engaged on the topic of gay rights on seven separate occasions without actually using the word. (He did not issue any proclamations on the subject.)
- Neither George H.W. Bush nor Ronald Reagan used the word “gay” in any of their presidential remarks.
- President Obama has consistently emphasized that rights and the pursuit of success should not be denied to anyone based on **whom they love**.
- Since President Obama has been in office, the percentage of Americans who support marriage equality has risen from **40 percent** in 2008 to **53 percent** in 2013, according to Gallup polling. A CNN/ORC International poll conducted in June 2013 found that **55 percent** of Americans support same-sex marriage, a jump of 11 percentage points since 2008.
- Immediately following President Obama’s official endorsement of same-sex marriage in May 2012, the number of African-Americans who supported same-sex marriage skyrocketed to **59 percent**, up from an average of 41 percent, according to a Washington Post-ABC News poll,¹ with high increases of support in states like Maryland² and North Carolina³. A December 2012 NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll showed support for marriage equality among African-Americans at 51 percent – a jump from just 32 percent in December 2009.⁴

1 Clement, Scott, and Sandhya Somashekhar. “After President Obama’s Announcement, Opposition to Same-sex Marriage Hits Record Low.” *Washington Post*. 23 May 2012. Accessed [14 Mar. 2013](#).

2 “Maryland Polling Memo.” *Public Policy Polling*. 24 May 2012. Accessed [14 Mar. 2013](#).

3 “N.C. African Americans Shift toward Same-sex Marriage.” *Public Policy Polling*. 17 May 2012. Accessed [14 Mar. 2013](#).

4 Montanaro, Domenico. “Surprising shifts in attitudes on same-sex marriage.” *FirstRead.NBCNews.com*. 28 March 2013. Accessed [6 Aug. 2013](#).

- The rising tide of public support for marriage equality has been reflected in opinion shifts by prominent GOP lawmakers, as well. Republican Sens. Rob Portman, Mark Kirk and Lisa Murkowski have all recently endorsed marriage equality. In February 2013, more than 150 Republicans, including Meg Whitman and Jon Huntsman, signed an amicus brief in support of a lawsuit striking down Proposition 8 in California.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

U.S. Presidents did not engage on the issues of LGBT rights until well into the 20th century. In fact, politicians often stigmatized LGBT people.

Jimmy Carter was the first president to address the subject of gay rights, and his administration was the first to meet with gay activists. Neither Ronald Reagan nor George H.W. Bush used the words “gay,” “lesbian,” “bisexual” or “transgender” in public remarks.

Bill Clinton oversaw the passage of what became known as “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” in an effort to overturn the executive order barring gays and lesbians from serving in the military. In 1996, he signed the Defense of Marriage Act into law, which recognized marriage as a union between a man and a woman for federal and inter-state purposes.

In 1997, Clinton introduced the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which extended the protection of federal hate crimes law to include individuals victimized based on their sexual orientation, gender or disability. President Obama signed the Act into law in 2009.

OBAMA’S EVOLUTION ON MARRIAGE

As Barack Obama developed as a political leader – from community organizer and state senator to President of the United States – his views on same-sex marriage evolved as well.

On the campaign trail in 2008, Obama defined marriage as strictly between a man and a woman, but supported civil unions. Despite this position, he said he would not support a constitutional amendment defining marriage and advocated for the repeal of DOMA.

In 2010, Obama conceded that marriage equality was an issue he wrestled with often, and that he was “evolving” on the issue.⁵ In 2011, White House press secretary Jay Carney said the president was still “grappling” with the issue.⁶

In May of 2012, shortly after Vice President Joe Biden announced that he was comfortable with same-sex marriage on NBC’s Meet the Press, President Obama formally affirmed his support for marriage equality as well. In a historic interview with ABC’s Robin Roberts, Obama stated his belief that same-sex couples should have the right to marry. First Lady Michelle Obama formally endorsed marriage equality about a month later via a video announcement.

Political strategists speculated that President Obama would wait until after the 2012 election to endorse same-sex marriage. As The Washington Post’s Fix blog reported in April 2012:

5 Ford, Zach. “TIMELINE: Tracking Barack Obama’s Position On Marriage Equality.” *ThinkProgress*. Center for American Progress Action Fund, 22 June 2011. Accessed [12 Mar. 2013](#).

6 “Obama: DOMA Unconstitutional, DOJ Should Stop Defending In Court.” *Associated Press*. [23 Feb. 2011](#)

According to Fix interviews with more than half-dozen Democratic strategists, basically nobody in Obama's party is expecting him to make the switch before the election. And even supporters of gay rights suggest the timing might be wrong.

While many may see it as the right thing to do, they say pulling such a switch would be too difficult this close to an election.⁷

Arguably, it would have been safer for Obama to engage the subject after securing a second term, as the liberal commentator Steve Kornacki suggested in April 2012 in Salon:

His reluctance to publicly come around is understandable; it's still unclear how swing voters in states like Ohio would respond to a pro-gay marriage presidential candidate, and every time the issue has been placed on a statewide ballot, the anti- side has prevailed.⁸

Despite these potential hazards, Obama proceeded to announce his support for marriage equality six months before the election – and he still won handily.

Throughout his evolution on same-sex marriage, however, LGBT-friendly language has consistently been part of President Obama's lexicon when giving speeches. Some of the most memorable examples include:

Address Accepting the Presidential Nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Denver: "The American Promise"⁹ – August 28, 2008

"I know there are differences on same-sex marriage, but surely we can agree that **our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters deserve to visit the person they love in the hospital** and to live lives free of discrimination."

Remarks at the Human Rights Campaign Annual Dinner¹⁰ – October 10, 2009

"My expectation is that when you look back on these years, you will see a time in which **we put a stop to discrimination against gays and lesbians, whether in the office or on the battlefield**. You will see a time in which we as a nation finally recognize relationships between two men or two women as just as real and admirable as relationships between a man and a woman."

Remarks in Remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr.¹¹ – January 17, 2010

"Let us broaden our coalition, building a confederation not of liberals or conservatives, not of red states or blue states, but of all Americans who are hurting today, and searching for a better tomorrow. The urgency of the hour demands that we make common cause with all of America's workers -- white, black, brown -- all of whom are being hammered by this recession, all of whom are yearning for that spring to come. It demands that we reach out to those who've been left out in the cold even when the economy is good, even when we're not in recession -- the youth in the inner cities, the youth here in Washington, D.C., people in rural communities who haven't seen prosperity reach them for a very long time. It demands that we fight discrimination, whatever form it may come. **That means we fight discrimination against gays and lesbians**, and we make common cause to reform our immigration system."

7 Blake, Aaron. "Why Obama (probably) won't endorse gay marriage this year." *The Fix*. The Washington Post, 13 Apr. 2012. Accessed [10 Apr. 2013](#).

8 Kornacki, Steve. "The gay marriage long game." Salon. 10 Apr. 2012. Accessed [10 Apr. 2013](#).

9 Obama, B. (2008, August). *The American Promise*. Speech presented at INVESCO Field at Mile High. Denver, CO. Accessed [12 Mar. 2013](#).

10 Obama, B. (2009, October). *Remarks by the President at Human Rights Campaign Dinner*. Speech presented at Walter E. Convention Center. Washington, DC. Accessed [12 Mar. 2013](#).

11 Obama, B. (2010, January). *Remarks by the President in Remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* Speech presented at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church. Washington, DC. Accessed [12 Mar. 2013](#).

Address Before a Joint Session of the Congress on the State of the Union¹² – Jan. 25, 2011

“Our troops come from every corner of this country. They’re Black, White, Latino, Asian, Native American. They are Christian and Hindu, Jewish and Muslim. And yes, **we know that some of them are gay**. Starting this year, no American will be forbidden from serving the country they love because of who they love.”

Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Event¹³ – Jan. 23, 2011

“Now, let me just say this. There were those who doubted that we’d be able to pass a hate crimes law. Occasionally I got hollered at about that. **After a decades-long fight, we got it done -- bring us closer to the day when nobody is going to be afraid to walk down the street because they’re gay or transgender.**”

Remarks at DNC Event in San Jose, California¹⁴ – September 25, 2011

“You’ve got audiences cheering at the prospect of somebody dying because they don’t have health care, and **booing a service member in Iraq because they’re gay**. That’s not reflective of who we are. We’ve had differences in the past, but at some level we’ve always believed, you know what, that we’re not defined by our differences. We’re bound together.”

Commencement Address for Barnard College in New York City¹⁵ – May 14, 2012

“What young generations have done before should give you hope. Young folks who marched and mobilized and stood up and sat in, from **Seneca Falls to Selma to Stonewall**, didn’t just do it for themselves; they did it for other people. That’s how we achieved women’s rights. That’s how we achieved voting rights. That’s how we achieved workers’ rights. **That’s how we achieved gay rights**. That’s how we’ve made this Union more perfect.”

Statement on the First Anniversary of the Repeal of the Department of Defense’s “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Policy¹⁶ – September 20, 2012

“**Gay and lesbian Americans now no longer need to hide who they love** in order to serve the country they love. It is a testament to the professionalism of our men and women in uniform that this change was implemented in an orderly manner, preserving unit cohesion, recruitment, retention, and military effectiveness.”

Inaugural Address – January 21, 2013

“Our journey is not complete until our **gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law**—for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well.”

12 Obama, B. (2011, January). *Remarks by the President in State of Union Address*. Speech presented at United States Capitol, Washington, DC. Accessed [12 Mar. 2013](#).

13 Obama, B. (2011, January). *Remarks by the President at a DNC Event*. Speech presented at Sheraton Hotel and Towers in New York, NY. Accessed [22 Jan. 2014](#).

14 Obama, B. (2011, September). *Remarks by the President at DNC Event – San Jose, California*. Speech presented in private residence, San Jose, CA. Accessed [12 Mar. 2013](#).

15 Obama, B. (2012, May). *Remarks by the President at Barnard College Commencement Ceremony*. Speech given at Barnard College, New York, NY. Accessed [12 Mar. 2013](#).

16 Office of the Press Secretary. *Statement by the President on the One-Year Anniversary of the Repeal of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell*. The White House, 20 Sept. 2012. Accessed [12 Mar. 2013](#).

Statement On Supreme Court's Defense of Marriage Act Ruling¹⁷ – June 26, 2013

"I applaud the Supreme Court's decision to strike down the Defense of Marriage Act. **This was discrimination enshrined in law. It treated loving, committed gay and lesbian couples as a separate and lesser class of people.** The Supreme Court has righted that wrong, and our country is better off for it. We are a people who declared that we are all created equal – and the love we commit to one another must be equal as well."

Remarks at a Presidential Press Conference¹⁸ – August 9, 2013

"Nobody is more offended than me by some of the anti-gay and lesbian legislation that you've been seeing in Russia... I've spoken out against that not just with respect to Russia but a number of other countries where we continue to do work with them, but we have a strong disagreement on this issue. **And one of the things I'm really looking forward to is maybe some gay and lesbian athletes bringing home the gold or silver or bronze, which I think would go a long way in rejecting the kind of attitudes that we're seeing there. And if Russia doesn't have gay or lesbian athletes, then it probably makes their team weaker."**

Remarks on the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington¹⁹ – August 28, 2013

"Because they marched, America became more free and more fair -- not just for African Americans, but for women and Latinos, Asians and Native Americans; for Catholics, Jews, and Muslims; for gays, for Americans with a disability. America changed for you and for me. And the entire world drew strength from that example, whether the young people who watched from the other side of an Iron Curtain and would eventually tear down that wall, or the young people inside South Africa who would eventually end the scourge of apartheid."

Statement on Passage of Marriage Equality in Illinois²⁰ – November 5, 2013

"As President, **I have always believed that gay and lesbian Americans should be treated fairly and equally under the law...** As I said in my Inaugural Address last January, **our journey as a nation is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law,** for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well."

Statement on Senate Passage of Employment Non-Discrimination Act²¹ – November 7, 2013

"For more than two centuries, the story of our nation has been the story of more citizens realizing the rights and freedoms that are our birthright as Americans. **Today, a bipartisan majority in the Senate took another important step in this journey by passing the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would help end the injustice of our fellow Americans being denied a job or fired just because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.** Just as no one in the United States can lose their job simply because of their race, gender, religion or a disability, **no one should ever lose their job simply because of who they are or who they love."**

17 Obama, B. (2013, June). *Statement by the President on the Supreme Court Ruling on the Defense of Marriage Act*. The White House. 26 June 2013. Accessed [23 July 2013](#).

18 Obama, B. (2013, August). *Remarks by the President in a Press Conference*. The White House. 9 August 2013. Accessed [22 Jan. 2014](#).

19 Obama, B. (2013, August). *Remarks by the President at the "Let Freedom Ring" Ceremony Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington*. The White House. 28 August 2013. Accessed [22 Jan. 2014](#).

20 Obama, B. (2013, November). *Statement by the President on Marriage Equality in Illinois*. The White House. 5 November 2013. Accessed [22 Jan. 2014](#).

21 Obama, B. (2013, November). *Statement by the President on Senate Passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2013*. The White House. 7 November 2013. Accessed [22 Jan. 2014](#).

Statement on Passage of Marriage Equality in Hawaii²² – November 12, 2013

“With today’s vote, Hawaii joins a growing number of states that recognize that our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters should be treated fairly and equally under the law. Whenever freedom and equality are affirmed, our country becomes stronger. **By giving loving gay and lesbian couples the right to marry if they choose, Hawaii exemplifies the values we hold dear as a nation.**”

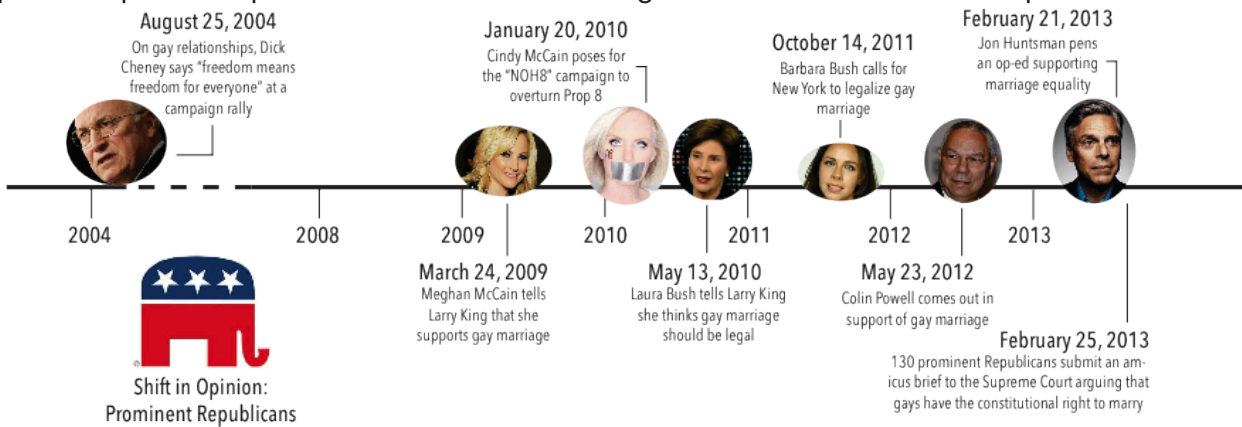
POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS

President Obama’s acceptance of same-sex marriage and his increasingly frequent use of the word “gay” throughout the course of his presidency has coincided with a growing acceptance of marriage equality by the nation.

This occurrence has helped increase the likelihood that any viable contender for the Democratic nomination for president in 2016 and beyond will have to support marriage equality, especially after Hillary Clinton officially endorsed it in March of 2013 through an online video for the Human Rights Campaign. Conversely, it is increasingly *unlikely* that mainstream or national Republicans will cast marriage equality in a negative light moving forward, with the possibility of a future Republican presidential candidate supporting marriage equality becoming less implausible.

A Closer Look: Changing Attitudes in the GOP

Indeed, the marriage equality movement has gained significant momentum within the Republican Party in the last year, culminating with an amicus brief submitted to the Supreme Court signed by dozens of Republican political operatives and leaders seeking to overturn California’s Proposition 8.



Republicans have gradually begun to affirm marriage equality in recent years. While Dick Cheney’s support of same-sex relationships in 2004 made international headlines, it has become increasingly common for high-profile GOP members to publicly acknowledge that same-sex couples should be able to marry. Most recently, former presidential candidate Jon Huntsman and Senator Mark Kirk of Illinois have done so.

2013 was a significant year for the same-sex marriage movement, showing a substantial changing tide within the Republican Party on the issue – seen by some as an attempt to get on the “right side of history.”²³

During this time, a number of Republican “milestones” have made big splashes in the media, including the following:

- 22 Obama, B. (2013, November). *Statement by the President on Marriage Equality in Hawaii*. The White House. 12 November 2013. Accessed [22 Jan. 2014](#).
- 23 Greenwald, Glenn. “The Gay Marriage Snowball and Political Change.” *The Guardian*. 26 Mar. 2013. Accessed [28 Mar. 2013](#).

Amicus Brief: On February 25th, 130 prominent Republicans – including former Bush advisors, Meg Whitman and Jon Huntsman – signed a “friend of the court” brief to submit to the Supreme Court in support of a lawsuit striking down Proposition 8 in California. The next day, more than two dozen additional signatures were added.

Rob Portman: On March 15th, Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio, a tried-and-true Republican who had previously served in the Bush administration (and was considered as Mitt Romney’s Vice Presidential pick), wrote an op-ed in the Columbus Dispatch in support of same-sex marriage. The matter had become personal to him, he wrote, after his college-aged son came out as gay.²⁴

Portman’s announcement signified a shifting ground within the GOP, leading media outlets to report on the increasing acceptance of same-sex marriage across political parties. CNN released a poll on what it dubbed the “Rob Portman effect,” with Polling Director Keating Holland saying: “The number of Americans who support same-sex marriage has risen by almost the same amount in that time – from 40% in 2007 to 53% today – strongly suggesting that the rise in support for marriage equality is due in part to the rising number of Americans who have become aware that someone close to them is gay.”²⁵

The Washington Post went one step further and said that Portman’s announcement cemented a reality that, “The political debate on gay marriage is effectively over.” While the reporter acknowledged that the Republican Party might not follow Portman’s lead, generationaly, the tides are turning:

In a recent Washington Post-Kaiser poll, seven in 10 respondents between 18 and 29 said they thought it should be legal for gay couples to marry. Among Republicans aged 18 to 29, 50 percent thought it should be legal, while 46 percent said it should be illegal.²⁶

As the polling showed, while only 31 percent of Republicans overall support same-sex marriage, 40 percent of Republicans under 30 do.

Bill O’Reilly: In late March of 2013, Bill O’Reilly threw a curveball at his audience when he seemingly praised marriage equality proponents for having a “compelling argument” on marriage equality. At the end of his segment, he concluded:

New York has it now. I live in New York. New York has it. I’m fine with it. I want all Americans to be happy. I do.²⁷

O’Reilly, who has consistently espoused conservative political beliefs throughout his career, sparked dozens of blog posts with his comments and drew criticism from Rush Limbaugh for “marginalizing” those on the religious right.

These and other examples reflect the increasingly prevalent notion that “GOP leaders know their position is no longer a winning one,” and further piques the question of which position 2016 White House seekers – from both parties – will take.

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- 24 Portman, Rob. “Gay Couples Also Deserve Chance to Get Married.” The Columbus Dispatch. 15 Mar. 2013. Accessed [28 Mar. 2013](#).
- 25 “CNN Poll: “‘Rob Portman Effect’ Fuels Support for Same-sex Marriage.” CNN Political Ticker. CNN, 25 Mar. 2013. Accessed [28 Mar. 2013](#).
- 26 Cillizza, Chris. “Rob Portman and the End of the Gay Marriage Debate.” The Washington Post. 15 Mar. 2013. Accessed [2 Apr. 2013](#).
- 27 “O’Reilly: “Gay Marriage Proponents Have ‘Compelling Argument’ Against Bible ‘Thumpers.’” Real Clear Politics. 27 Mar. 2013. Accessed [02 Apr. 2013](#).

Lisa Murkowski: In June of 2013, Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski became the third Republican senator to endorse same-sex marriage, joining Kirk and Portman. In a June 19 post on her website, Murkowski wrote:

I am a life-long Republican because I believe in promoting freedom and limiting the reach of government. When government does act, I believe it should encourage family values. I support the right of all Americans to marry the person they love and choose because I believe doing so promotes both values: it keeps politicians out of the most private and personal aspects of peoples' lives – while also encouraging more families to form and more adults to make a lifetime commitment to one another.²⁸

Not “If” But “When”

Nearly two-thirds of Americans – regardless of whether they support marriage equality – believe it is inevitable that same-sex marriage will become legalized across the nation. For example, a March 2013 study by Lifeway Research, a Nashville-based polling firm, found that 64 percent of Americans believe same-sex marriage will become legal.²⁹

Even the staunchest opponents of marriage equality have begun to acknowledge that legalization is inevitable. In late March of 2013, conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh echoed this view, saying: “This issue is lost. I don’t care what the Supreme Court does. This is now inevitable.”³⁰

CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

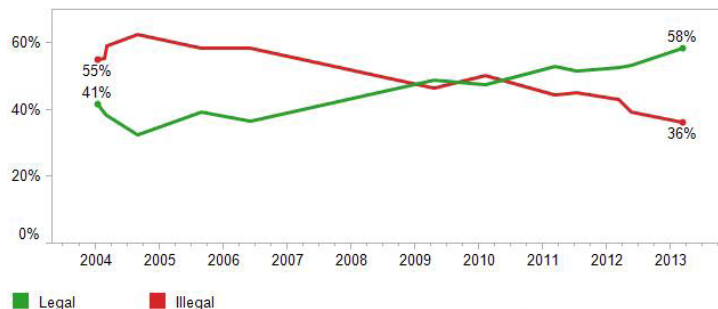
A review of numerous public polls indicates that the political mainstreaming of the word “gay,” as well as the country’s general political zeitgeist, appears to have an impact culturally, resulting in wider acceptance of same-sex marriage than ever before.

As politicians embrace same-sex marriage, they may simultaneously be providing a green light for the culture at large to be more accepting and open-minded about the subject, as suggested by polling data over the years.

Washington Post-ABC News:

The Washington Post abc NEWS POLL

Do you think it should be legal or illegal for gay and lesbian couples to get married?



Washington Post-ABC News polls, 2004-2013

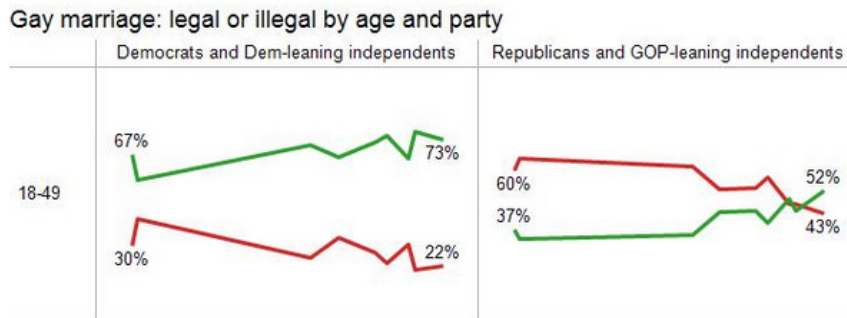


- 28 Murkowski, Lisa. “OP-ED: Murkowski Shares Thoughts on Marriage Equality with Alaskans.” Murkowski. Senate.gov. 19 June 2013. Accessed [23 July 2013](#).
- 29 Wong, Curtis M. “Gay Marriage Seen As Inevitable By Americans: Poll.” *The Huffington Post*. 14 Mar. 2013. Accessed [11 Apr. 2013](#).
- 30 Blake, Aaron. “Rush Limbaugh: Gay marriage ‘inevitable,’ conservatives ‘lost.’” Post Politics. *The Washington Post*, 28 March 2012. Accessed [11 Apr. 2013](#).

In March 2013, preceding the Supreme Court's Prop 8 and Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) hearings, public support for marriage equality hit an all-time high: 58 percent of Americans said they believed same-sex couples should be able to get married.³¹

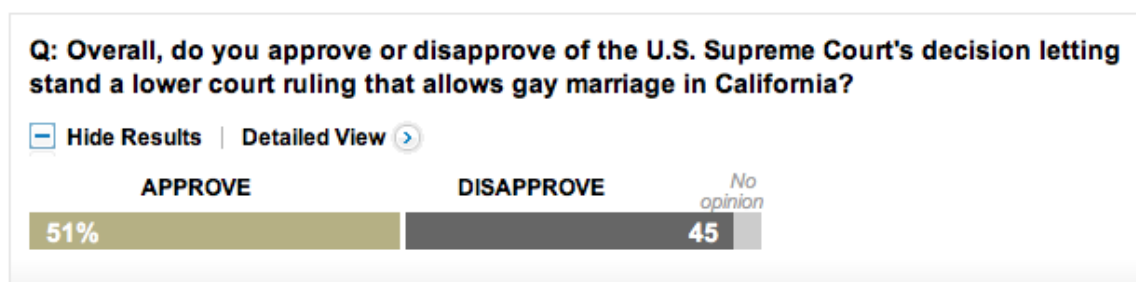
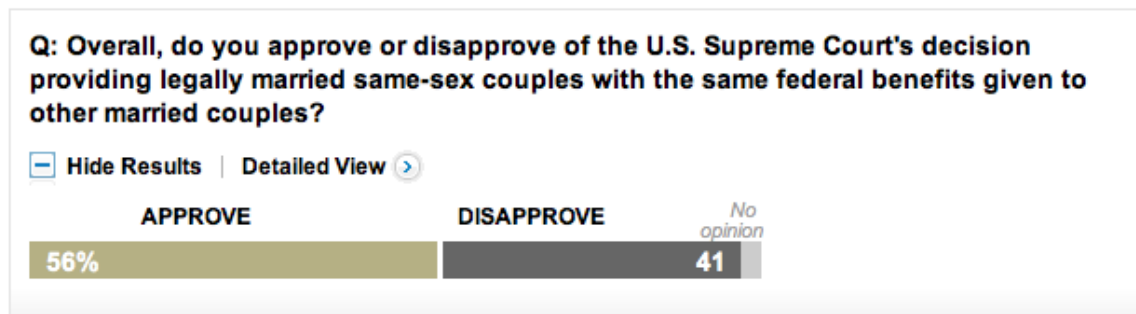
Public attitudes toward marriage equality, the Post said, were “a mirror image of what they were a decade ago: in 2003, 37 percent favored gay nuptials, and 55 percent opposed them.”

Additionally, support for same-sex marriage within the younger generation (age 18 to 29) hit a record high of 81 percent. The poll also noted that 52 percent of Republicans and GOP-leaning independents ages 18-49 supported marriage equality.



A July 2013 poll found that 56 percent of Americans agreed with the Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling that struck down a key part of DOMA. The same poll found that 51 percent also approved of the Court's ruling that allowed gay marriages to resume in California.³²

Poll Questions



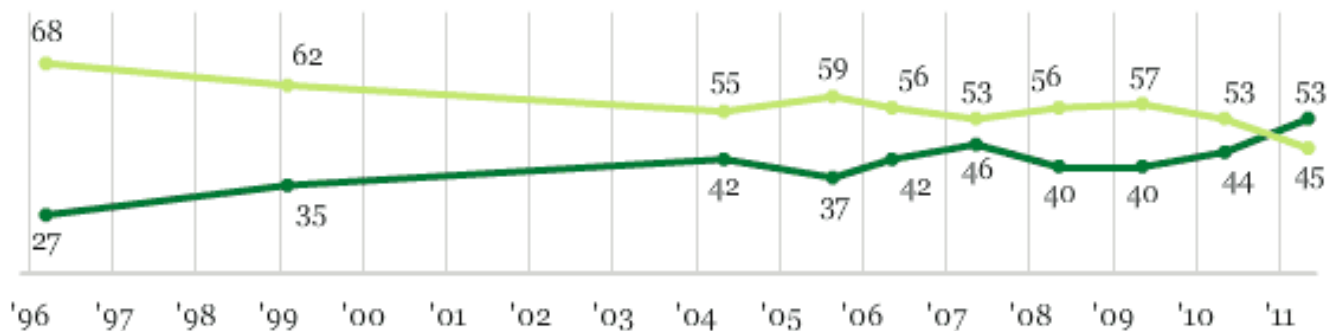
31 Cohen, Jon. “Gay Marriage Support Hits New High in Post-ABC Poll.” *The Washington Post*. 18 Mar. 2013. Web. Accessed [2 Apr. 2013](#).

32 Barnes, Robert and Clement, Scott. “Washington Post-ABC poll shows support for Supreme Court rulings on gay marriage.” *The Washington Post*. 3 July 2013. Web. Accessed [23 July 2013](#).

Gallup:

Do you think marriages between same-sex couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?

■ % Should be valid ■ % Should not be valid



Note: Trend shown for polls in which same-sex marriage question followed questions on gay/lesbian rights and relations

1996-2005 wording: "Do you think marriages between homosexuals ..."

GALLUP

Since 1996, Gallup has tracked public opinion on legalizing same-sex marriage, asking in its polls: "Do you think marriages between same-sex couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?" (Between 1996 and 2005, the wording was "homosexuals" instead of "same-sex couples.")

In 2011, Gallup reported that for the first time since it began tracking the issue, a majority of Americans favored legalizing same-sex marriage. The poll showed that 53 percent of Americans believed same-sex marriage should be recognized by the law as valid – nearly twice the number of supporters than in 1996 (27 percent), when the poll was first taken. Between 2010 and 2011, support for marriage equality jumped 9 percent – the largest increase to date.³³

In May 2013, Gallup released a poll on same-sex marriage that found 53 percent of Americans support same-sex marriage. This was the third consecutive reading of 50 percent or more measured by Gallup.³⁴

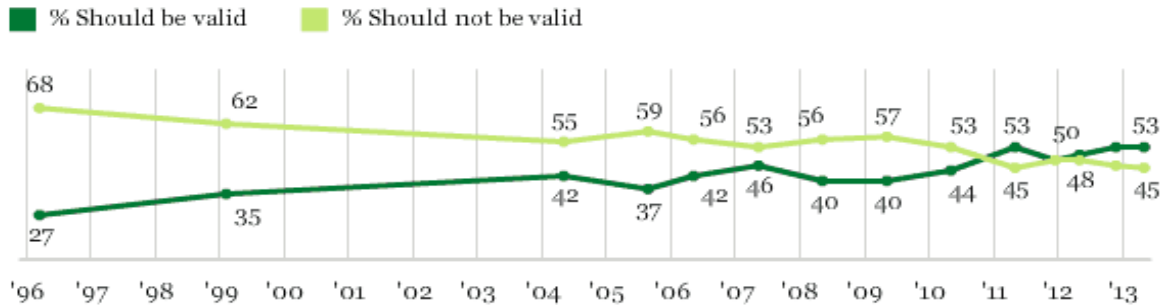
In July 2013, Gallup found that, "If given the opportunity to vote on a law legalizing gay marriage in all 50 states, the slight majority of Americans, 52%, say they would cast their vote in favor, while 43% would vote against it."³⁵

33 Newport, Frank. "For First Time, Majority of Americans Favor Legal Gay Marriage." Gallup, Inc., 20 May 2011. Accessed [12 Mar. 2013](#).

34 Jones, Jeffrey M. "Same-Sex Marriage Support Solidifies Above 50% In U.S." Gallup, Inc., 13 May 2013. Accessed [23 July 2013](#).

35 Saad, Lydia. "In U.S., 52% Back Law to Legalize Gay Marriage in 50 States," Gallup, Inc., 29 July 2013. Accessed [22 Jan. 2014](#).

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GALLUP*

During President Clinton's second term, support for same-sex marriage rose from 27 percent in 1996 to 35 percent in 1999. When George W. Bush was president, the level of support was more erratic – rising to 42 percent in 2004, dropping to 37 percent in 2005, rising to 42 percent in 2006 and then 46 percent in 2007, before dropping to 40 percent in 2008.

Since Obama took office in 2009, the level of support has increased by 13 percent.

ABC News/Washington Post:

23. On another subject, do you think it should be legal or illegal for gay and lesbian couples to get married? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Legal -----			----- Illegal -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/20/12	53	39	14	39	7	32	8
3/10/12	52	36	17	43	7	36	5
7/17/11	51	32	19	45	9	36	4
3/13/11	53	36	17	44	9	35	3
2/8/10	47	31	16	50	9	42	3
4/24/09*	49	31	18	46	7	39	5
6/4/06	36	24	13	58	7	51	5
8/28/05	39	NA	NA	58	NA	NA	3
8/29/04 RV	32	18	14	62	10	52	5
3/7/04	38	24	14	59	11	48	3
2/22/04	39	25	13	55	6	49	6
1/18/04	41	NA	NA	55	NA	NA	4
9/7/03	37	NA	NA	55	NA	NA	7

*2009 "gay and lesbian" and "homosexual" wordings half sampled. 2005 "gay and lesbian", others "homosexual".

Since 2003, ABC News and the Washington Post have surveyed Americans on how strongly they felt about the issue of same-sex marriage.³⁶

In May 2012, strong support for marriage equality exceeded strong opposition for the first time: 39 percent of those surveyed strongly felt same-sex marriage should be legal, while 32 percent were strongly opposed. Notably, while the intensity of support reached a numerical all-time high, strong opposition sank to a new low.

36 "Strong Support for Gay Marriage Now Exceeds Strong Opposition." Langer Research Associates, 23 May 2012. Accessed [11 Apr. 2013](#).

The same poll found that 59 percent of African Americans across the country supported same-sex marriage, indicating a new high³⁷ – although the number steadied in the second half of 2012.

POLITICO underscored President Obama's endorsement's effect on voters – especially African Americans – in an April 2013 analysis:

The politician whose endorsement of gay marriage mattered the most, however, was probably one who didn't take a particularly big risk on the issue: President Obama.

Though he only backed same-sex marriage in the middle of 2012, well after it became a mainstream position -- and after his own vice president effectively endorsed gay marriage -- Obama played a big role in turning the tide of national opinion, especially among nonwhite voters.

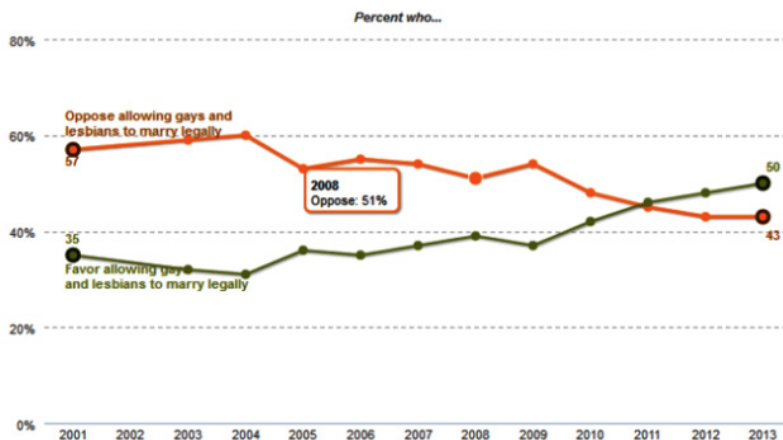
Democratic pollster Fred Yang, who polled for gay-marriage supporters in a Maryland referendum fight last year, said a huge part of the shift that made gay marriage a majority position came among African-American voters.

"What changed this issue in Maryland was when President Obama came out in favor of same-sex marriage last spring," Yang said, pointing also to referendum wins last year in Minnesota, Maine and Washington state: "Before these four elections last November, same-sex marriage had been defeated 32 times in a row ... I do think those small ripples have made a difference."³⁸

Pew Research:

In May 2013, Pew Research found support for marriage equality among Americans at 51 percent – the first time it had reached that number. Pew noted that the "rise in support for same-sex marriage over the past decade is among the largest changes in opinion on any policy issue over this time period."³⁹

The following chart tracks Pew's polling since 2001:



Pew Research has also found other interesting facts and figures across political and age demographics:

- In 2012, support for marriage equality among Democrats jumped to 65 percent – up from 50 percent in 2008.⁴⁰

37 Ergun, Damla. "Strong Support for Gay Marriage Now Exceeds Strong Opposition." *ABC News*. 23 May 2012. Accessed [11 Apr. 2013](#).

38 Burns, Alexandra, Maggie Haberman, and John F. Harris. "Politicians and Gay Marriage Calculus." *POLITICO*., 21 Mar. 2013. Web. Accessed [03 Apr. 2013](#).

39 Pew Research Center. "Gay Marriage: Key Data Points from Pew Research." Pew Research Center, 11 June 13. Accessed [6 Aug. 13](#).

40 "Pew-Forum: Gay Marriage Attitudes." The Pew Forum on Religious & Public Life. Pew Research Center, Nov. 2012. Accessed [12 Mar. 2013](#).

- Younger generations express higher levels of support for same-sex marriage: 64 percent of Millennials (born in 1981 or later) favor same-sex marriage, while 51 percent of Gen X (born 1965-1980) and 41 percent of Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964) do.⁴¹
- Since President Obama took office, Republican support for same-sex marriage has risen six points, from 19 percent to 25 percent.⁴²

CNN/ORC International:

A CNN/ORC International poll conducted in June found that 55 percent of Americans support same-sex marriage, a jump of 11 percentage points since 2008.⁴³

10. Do you think marriages between gay and lesbian couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?

	June 11-13 2013	March 15-17 2013	May 29-31 2012			
Should be recognized as valid	55%	53%	54%			
Should not be recognized as valid	44%	44%	42%			
No opinion	2%	3%	3%			
	Sept. 9-11 2011	Apr. 9-10 2011	Apr. 23-26 2009	Dec. 19-21 2008	June 26-29 2008	
Should be recognized as valid	53%	51%	44%	44%	44%	
Should not be recognized as valid	46%	47%	54%	55%	53%	
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	

Bloomberg National Poll

A Bloomberg National Poll conducted in September 2013 found that 55 percent of Americans and 70 percent of young people support same-sex marriage.⁴⁴

SOURCES/METHODOLOGY:

American Presidency Project: We looked at the number of instances the word “gay” was used over the course of presidencies since 1980 using American Presidency Project’s archive of speeches and remarks. According to its founder, the collection consists of “Public Papers of the President; Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents; Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents, and virtually anything else the White House releases.” We also relied heavily on WhiteHouse.gov for documents relating to President Obama.⁴⁵

Polling: We investigated public opinion on the issue of same-sex marriage by looking at polls from Washington Post/ABC, Gallup, Pew Research Center, CNN/ORC International and Bloomberg.

Experts: We consulted with scholars and experts in the field of presidential rhetoric and its impact on public opinion and policy, asking whether President Obama’s inclusion of the LGBT community in his regular public remarks could have an impact on public opinion on marriage equality.

41 “Pew-Forum: Gay Marriage Attitudes.” The Pew Forum on Religious & Public Life. Pew Research Center, Nov. 2012. Accessed [12 Mar. 2013](#).

42 “Pew-Forum: Gay Marriage Attitudes.” The Pew Forum on Religious & Public Life. Pew Research Center, Nov. 2012. Accessed [12 Mar. 2013](#).

43 Steinhauser, Paul and Mears, Bill. “Poll: Majority backs same-sex marriage.” CNN.com, 26 June 2013. Accessed [23 July 2013](#).

44 “Young Voters Backing Gay Rights Are Republican Hurdle.” Bloomberg, 27 Sept. 2013. Accessed [22 Jan. 2014](#).

45 <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/>

ADDENDUM

Gay:

Date	President	# of References	Event
23-Jun-77	Jimmy Carter	1	Democratic National Committee Dinner Remarks at the Fundraising Dinner in New York City
29-Sep-78	Jimmy Carter	1	Federal Employees Flexible and Compressed Work Schedules Act of 1978 Statement on Signing H.R. 7814 Into Law.
16-Jul-92	William J. Clinton	1	Address Accepting the Presidential Nomination at the Democratic National Convention in New York
25-Jan-93	William J. Clinton	0	Remarks on the Establishment of the National Economic Council and an Exchange With Reporters
26-Jan-93	William J. Clinton	0	Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting with Congressional Leaders
27-Jan-93	William J. Clinton	0	Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting With Congressional Leaders
28-Jan-93	William J. Clinton	0	Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting With Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan
28-Jan-93	William J. Clinton	0	Remarks Honoring the School Principal of the Year and an Exchange With Reporters
29-Jan-93	William J. Clinton	0	Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting With Representatives of the Close-Up Foundation
29-Jan-93	William J. Clinton	0	The President's News Conference
10-Feb-93	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Town Meeting in Detroit
23-Mar-93	William J. Clinton	1	The President's News Conference
24-Mar-93	William J. Clinton	3	Interview With Dan Rather of CBS News
16-Apr-93	William J. Clinton	2	The President's News Conference With Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa of Japan
23-Apr-93	William J. Clinton	1	The President's News Conference
25-Apr-93	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks to the Newspaper Association of America in Boston, Massachusetts
25-Apr-93	William J. Clinton	4	Statement to Participants in the March for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation
10-May-93	William J. Clinton	5	Question-and-Answer Session With the Cleveland City Club
12-May-93	William J. Clinton	0	Interview With Don Imus of WFAN Radio, New York City
27-May-93	William J. Clinton	5	Remarks in the "CBS This Morning" Town Meeting
3-Jun-93	William J. Clinton	1	Exchange With Reporters on the Economic Program in Frederick
22-Jun-93	William J. Clinton	0	Telephone Conversation With the Crew of the Space Shuttle Endeavour and an Exchange With Reporters
24-Jun-93	William J. Clinton	0	Remarks to the National Association of Police Organizations and an Exchange With Reporters
25-Jun-93	William J. Clinton	0	Remarks on the Appointment of Kristine M. Gebbie as AIDS Policy Coordinator and an Exchange With Reporters
14-Jul-93	William J. Clinton	0	Interview With Wolf Blitzer of CNN in Des Moines, Iowa
19-Jul-93	William J. Clinton	6	Remarks Announcing the New Policy on Homosexuals in the Military
19-Jul-93	William J. Clinton	0	Remarks on the Dismissal of FBI Director William Sessions and an Exchange With Reporters
20-Jul-93	William J. Clinton	2	Interview With the Wisconsin Media
20-Jul-93	William J. Clinton	1	Interview With Larry King
22-Jul-93	William J. Clinton	2	Interview With the New York and New Jersey Media
27-Jul-93	William J. Clinton	1	Interview With the Georgia Media
3-Oct-93	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks in a Town Meeting in Sacramento

13-Nov-93	William J. Clinton	1	Proclamation 6632 - World AIDS Day, 1993
1-Dec-93	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks on the Observance of World AIDS Day
10-Nov-94	William J. Clinton	0	Remarks on the Appointment of Patsy Fleming as National AIDS Policy Director and an Exchange With Reporters
2-Feb-95	William J. Clinton	2	Interview With Religious Affairs Journalists
6-Jul-95	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at Georgetown University
25-Sep-95	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks in a Question-and-Answer Session at the Godfrey Sperling Luncheon
6-Dec-95	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks to the White House Conference on HIV and AIDS
20-May-96	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks on Signing the Ryan White CARE Act Amendments of 1996
23-May-96	William J. Clinton	6	The President's News Conference With Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany in Milwaukee
7-Jun-96	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks on the National Economy and an Exchange With Reporters
19-Jul-96	William J. Clinton	0	Remarks to the United States Olympic Team in Atlanta, Georgia
29-Aug-96	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks Accepting the Presidential Nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago
10-Sep-96	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and an Exchange With Reporters in Kansas City
20-Sep-96	William J. Clinton	2	Statement on Same-Gender Marriage
16-Oct-96	William J. Clinton	0	Presidential Debate in San Diego
24-Feb-97	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks to the Democratic Business Council
7-Apr-97	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks Announcing the Appointment of Sandra L. Thurman as Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy and an Exchange With Reporters
24-Apr-97	William J. Clinton	1	Statement on Proposed Employment Non-Discrimination Legislation
7-Jun-97	William J. Clinton	4	The President's Radio Address
27-Jul-97	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Dinner in Westwood, California
4-Nov-97	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Dinner for Senator John F. Kerry
8-Nov-97	William J. Clinton	5	Remarks at the Human Rights Campaign Dinner
9-Nov-97	William J. Clinton	1	Interview With Tim Russert of "Meet the Press"
10-Nov-97	William J. Clinton	1	Opening Remarks at the White House Conference on Hate Crimes
10-Nov-97	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks During the White House Conference on Hate Crimes
1-Dec-97	William J. Clinton	1	Proclamation 7056 - World AIDS Day, 1997
28-May-98	William J. Clinton	1	Statement on Signing an Executive Order on Equal Employment Opportunity in the Federal Government
24-Jun-98	William J. Clinton	1	Letter to Congressional Leaders on Proposed Hate Crimes Prevention Legislation
1-Aug-98	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Reception in East Hampton
12-Oct-98	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Reception for Gubernatorial Candidate Peter F. Vallone in New York City
12-Oct-98	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Reception for Senatorial Candidate Charles E. Schumer in New York City
12-Oct-98	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a G&P Charitable Foundation for Cancer Research Dinner in New York City
12-Oct-98	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Dessert for Senatorial Candidate Charles E. Schumer in New York City
25-Oct-98	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Luncheon for Senator Barbara Boxer in San Francisco, California

28-Oct-98	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks Announcing the HIV/AIDS Initiative in Minority Communities
10-Dec-98	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks on Presenting the Eleanor Roosevelt Awards for Human Rights
30-Mar-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at the Electronic Industries Alliance Dinner
6-Apr-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks on Proposed Hate Crimes Prevention Legislation
12-Apr-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at the Seventh Millennium Evening at the White House
26-Apr-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Union of American Hebrew Congregations Dinner Honoring Rabbi David Saperstein
30-Apr-99	William J. Clinton	1	Proclamation 7191 - Law Day, U.S.A., 1999
7-May-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Luncheon in Houston
11-May-99	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks at the Hubert H. Humphrey Civil Rights Award Dinner
15-May-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic Senatorial and Congressional Campaign Committees Dinner in Beverly Hills, California
16-May-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Luncheon in San Diego, California
16-May-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Reception in Las Vegas, Nevada
16-May-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner in Las Vegas
7-Jun-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at the White House Conference on Mental Health
11-Jun-99	William J. Clinton	8	Proclamation 7203 - Gay and Lesbian Pride Month, 1999
24-Jun-99	William J. Clinton	1	Statement on Proposed Employment Non-Discrimination Legislation
28-Jun-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Production of "The Iceman Cometh" in New York City
14-Jul-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks to the College Democrats of America
24-Jul-99	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Luncheon in Aspen
24-Sep-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic Business Council Luncheon
1-Oct-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner in Palo Alto
2-Oct-99	William J. Clinton	3	Remarks at an Access Now for Gay and Lesbian Equality Dinner in Beverly Hills, California
7-Oct-99	William J. Clinton	8	Remarks at an Empire State Pride Gala in New York City
15-Oct-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks on Unveiling Public Service Announcements on Youth Violence
16-Oct-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a National Italian American Foundation Dinner
18-Oct-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a New Jersey Democratic Assembly Dinner in Elizabeth, New Jersey
20-Nov-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Dinner for the Conference on Progressive Governance for the 21st Century in Florence, Italy
30-Nov-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a "Stop the Violence" Benefit in Beverly Hills, California
30-Nov-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project Reception in Beverly Hills
6-Dec-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks on Presenting the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights
9-Dec-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner
11-Dec-99	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks to the Florida State Democratic Convention in Orlando, Florida
11-Dec-99	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks at a Reception for Representative Alcee L. Hastings in Fort Lauderdale, Florida
11-Dec-99	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks at a Unity Reception in Coral Gables, Florida
11-Dec-99	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks at a Unity Reception in Coral Gables

11-Dec-99	William J. Clinton	1	Interview With Mark Knoller and Peter Maer of CBS Radio in Orlando, Florida
22-Dec-99	William J. Clinton	4	Interview With Larry King of CNN's "Larry King Live"
6-Jan-00	William J. Clinton	2	Exchange With Reporters in Chappaqua, New York
27-Jan-00	William J. Clinton	1	Address Before a Joint Session of the Congress on the State of the Union
3-Feb-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at the National Prayer Breakfast
8-Feb-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner
9-Feb-00	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner in Dallas, Texas
24-Feb-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks to the Granoff Forum at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
24-Feb-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner in New York City
28-Feb-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at the Democratic Governors' Association Dinner
29-Feb-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Luncheon in West Palm Beach, Florida
3-Mar-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner in San Francisco, California
4-Mar-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner in Los Angeles
5-Mar-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks on the 35th Anniversary of the 1965 Voting Rights March in Selma, Alabama
9-Mar-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks on Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Legislation and an Exchange With Reporters
15-Mar-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner in Baltimore, Maryland
30-Mar-00	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Luncheon in New York City
30-Mar-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner in New York City
30-Mar-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner in New York City
4-Apr-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner
6-Apr-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks to Corporate Leaders on the One America Initiative
8-Apr-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Luncheon in New Orleans, Louisiana
14-Apr-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks and a Question-and-Answer Session With the Education Writers Association in Atlanta, Georgia
14-Apr-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Reception for Representative Cynthia A. McKinney in Atlanta
14-Apr-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Dinner for Representative John Lewis in Atlanta
25-Apr-00	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks on Proposed Hate Crimes Legislation
30-Apr-00	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks at the NAACP Fight for Freedom Fund Dinner in Detroit, Michigan
15-May-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Reception for Senator Charles S. Robb
19-May-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee Dinner in Chicago, Illinois
25-May-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks on the Observance of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month
2-Jun-00	William J. Clinton	15	Proclamation 7316 - Gay and Lesbian Pride Month, 2000
22-Jun-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Luncheon in Phoenix
23-Jun-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner in Los Angeles, California
24-Jun-00	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks at a Brunch for Senator Dianne Feinstein in Los Angeles
24-Jun-00	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks to the Association of State Democratic Chairs in Los Angeles

28-Jun-00	William J. Clinton	1	The President's News Conference
5-Jul-00	William J. Clinton	6	Interview With Joe Klein of the New Yorker in New York City
12-Jul-00	William J. Clinton	1	Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives on Hate Crimes Prevention Legislation
28-Jul-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Luncheon for Representative Patrick J. Kennedy in Barrington, Rhode Island
30-Jul-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Luncheon in Chicago, Illinois
31-Jul-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee Reception in Palm Beach, Florida
31-Jul-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee Dinner in Palm Beach
31-Jul-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee Luncheon in Tampa
5-Aug-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Dinner for Gubernatorial Candidate Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend of Maryland in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts
8-Aug-00	William J. Clinton	1	Interview With John Harris of the Washington Post
8-Aug-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner in Charlottesville, Virginia
9-Aug-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Dinner for Hillary Clinton in McLean, Virginia
11-Sep-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at the Partners in History Dinner in New York City
13-Sep-00	William J. Clinton	1	Memorandum on Improving Hate Crimes Reporting
25-Sep-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks on the Need for Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act in Santa Fe, New Mexico
26-Sep-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at Georgetown University Law School
27-Sep-00	William J. Clinton	22	Interview With Chris Bull of the Advocate
27-Sep-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks on the National Economy and an Exchange With Reporters
27-Sep-00	William J. Clinton	9	Remarks at a Gay and Lesbian Leadership Council Luncheon in Dallas, Texas
5-Oct-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a National Leadership PAC Reception in New York City
6-Oct-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Reception for Representative Tom Udall
10-Oct-00	William J. Clinton	20	Interview With Jann Wenner of Rolling Stone Magazine
14-Oct-00	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks to the Colorado Coordinated and State Senate Democratic Fund in Denver
14-Oct-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Reception for Governor Gary Locke in Seattle
20-Oct-00	William J. Clinton	3	Remarks at a Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee Dinner in Boston, Massachusetts
22-Oct-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Brunch for Hillary Clinton in Johnson City, New York
22-Oct-00	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks at a Dinner for Hillary Clinton in Hempstead, New York
24-Oct-00	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks at a People for the American Way Reception
1-Nov-00	William J. Clinton	5	Interview With April Ryan of American Urban Radio
2-Nov-00	William J. Clinton	2	Interview With Jann Wenner of Rolling Stone Magazine
2-Nov-00	William J. Clinton	2	Remarks at a Reception for Congressional Candidate Gerrie Schipske in Los Angeles
3-Nov-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Get Out the Vote Rally in San Francisco, California
3-Nov-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Get Out the Vote Rally in San Jose, California
4-Nov-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Get Out the Vote Rally in New York City
4-Nov-00	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at a Get Out the Vote Rally in New York City

30-Nov-00	William J. Clinton	4	Interview With the New York Times
7-Jan-01	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at the Foundry United Methodist Church
9-Jan-01	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks to the People of Chicago
11-Jan-01	William J. Clinton	1	Remarks at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts
18-Feb-04	George W. Bush	0	Remarks Prior to Discussions With President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali of Tunisia and an Exchange With Reporters
27-Feb-04	George W. Bush	0	Remarks Following Discussions With Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany and an Exchange With Reporters
9-Jul-04	George W. Bush	1	Remarks in a Discussion at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania in Kutztown, Pennsylvania
11-Aug-04	George W. Bush	0	Remarks in a Discussion at Eclipse Aviation in Albuquerque, New Mexico
13-Oct-04	George W. Bush	0	Presidential Debate in Tempe, Arizona
5-May-05	George W. Bush	0	Interview With European TV NOS
29-Jun-05	George W. Bush	1	Interview With the Danish Broadcasting Corporation
6-Jul-05	George W. Bush	0	The President's News Conference With Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen of Denmark in Kongens Lyngby, Denmark
1-Dec-05	George W. Bush	1	Remarks on World AIDS Day
21-Mar-06	George W. Bush	0	The President's News Conference
27-Jul-04	Barack Obama	1	Illinois Senate Candidate Barack Obama - Keynote Address at DNC
28-Aug-08	Barack Obama	1	Address Accepting the Presidential Nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Denver: "The American Promise"
17-May-09	Barack Obama	1	Commencement Address at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana
1-Jun-09	Barack Obama	2	Proclamation 8387 - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month, 2009
17-Jun-09	Barack Obama	1	Statement on Signing a Memorandum on Federal Benefits and Non-Discrimination and Support of Domestic Partners Benefits and Obligations Legislation
27-Jun-09	Barack Obama	2	Statement on National HIV Testing Day
29-Jun-09	Barack Obama	10	Remarks at a Reception Honoring Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month
16-Jul-09	Barack Obama	1	575 - Remarks Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the NAACP in New York City
6-Aug-09	Barack Obama	1	630 - Remarks at a Rally for Gubernatorial Candidate R. Creigh Deeds in McLean, Virginia
12-Aug-09	Barack Obama	1	642 - Remarks on Presenting the Presidential Medal of Freedom
20-Sep-09	Barack Obama	1	Interview with John King on CNN's "State of the Union"
10-Oct-09	Barack Obama	13	800 - Remarks at the Human Rights Campaign Annual Dinner
30-Oct-09	Barack Obama	2	864 - Remarks on Signing the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009
17-Jan-10	Barack Obama	1	31 - Remarks at a Church Service Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.
27-Jan-10	Barack Obama	1	54 - Videotaped Remarks Commemorating the 65th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp
27-Jan-10	Barack Obama	1	55 - Address Before a Joint Session of the Congress on the State of the Union
28-Jan-10	Barack Obama	1	56 - Remarks at a Town Hall Meeting and a Question-and-Session in Tampa, Florida
4-Feb-10	Barack Obama	2	77 - Remarks at the National Prayer Breakfast
4-Feb-10	Barack Obama	1	79 - Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Fundraiser and a Question-and-Answer Session
4-Feb-10	Barack Obama	1	80 - Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Fundraiser
6-Feb-10	Barack Obama	1	84 - Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Meeting

8-Mar-10	Barack Obama	1	159 - Remarks at an International Women's Day Reception
15-Apr-10	Barack Obama	1	267 - Memorandum on Respecting the Rights of Hospital Patients To Receive Visitors and To Designate Surrogate Decision Makers for Medical Emergencies
19-Apr-10	Barack Obama	1	281 - Remarks at a Fundraiser for Senator Barbara Boxer in Los Angeles, California
27-May-10	Barack Obama	1	426 - Statement on Congressional Action on the Department of Defense's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Policy
28-May-10	Barack Obama	3	436 - Proclamation 8529 - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month, 2010
2-Jun-10	Barack Obama	1	449 - Statement on the Extension of Benefits to Same-Sex Domestic Partners of Federal Employees
22-Jun-10	Barack Obama	12	524 - Remarks at a Reception Honoring Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month
13-Jul-10	Barack Obama	2	594 - Remarks Announcing the National HIV/AIDS Strategy
19-Jul-10	Barack Obama	2	607 - Statement on United Nations Accreditation of the International Lesbian and Gay Human Rights Commission
26-Jul-10	Barack Obama	1	630 - Remarks on the 20th Anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act
7-Oct-10	Barack Obama	1	844 - Statement on the Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Retirement From Public Life
30-Nov-10	Barack Obama	2	1023 - Statement on a Department of Defense Report on the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Policy
5-Dec-10	Barack Obama	1	1041 - Remarks at the Kennedy Center Honors Reception
9-Dec-10	Barack Obama	1	1057 - Statement on Senate Action on Defense Authorization Legislation
18-Dec-10	Barack Obama	2	1083 - Statement on Senate Passage of Legislation Repealing the Department of Defense's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Policy
22-Dec-10	Barack Obama	11	1091 - Remarks on Signing the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act of 2010
22-Dec-10	Barack Obama	3	1094 - The President's News Conference
25-Jan-11	Barack Obama	1	47 - Address Before a Joint Session of the Congress on the State of the Union
10-Mar-11	Barack Obama	1	165 - Remarks at the White House Conference on Bullying Prevention
19-Mar-11	Barack Obama	1	Joint Statement by President Rouseff and President Obama
31-May-11	Barack Obama	4	412 - Proclamation 8685 - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month, 2011
17-Jun-11	Barack Obama	1	454 - Statement on the United Nations Human Rights Council Resolution on Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity
23-Jun-11	Barack Obama	10	469 - Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Fundraiser in New York City
29-Jun-11	Barack Obama	3	479 - The President's News Conference
29-Jun-11	Barack Obama	5	481 - Remarks at a Reception Honoring Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Month
22-Jul-11	Barack Obama	2	517 - Statement on Certification of Repeal of the Department of Defense's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Policy
25-Jul-11	Barack Obama	1	525 - Remarks to the National Council of La Raza
3-Aug-11	Barack Obama	1	545 - Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Fundraiser in Chicago, Illinois
20-Sep-11	Barack Obama	2	653 - Statement on the Repeal of the Department of Defense's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Policy
21-Sep-11	Barack Obama	1	661 - Address to the United Nations General Assembly in New York City
25-Sep-11	Barack Obama	1	682 - Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Fundraiser in Seattle, Washington
25-Sep-11	Barack Obama	1	683 - Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Fundraiser in San Jose, California
30-Sep-11	Barack Obama	1	695 - Remarks at the Change of Command Ceremony for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at Fort Myer, Virginia
1-Oct-11	Barack Obama	9	702 - Remarks at the Human Rights Campaign's Annual National Dinner

3-Oct-11	Barack Obama	4	Interview With George Stephanopoulos of ABC News
1-Dec-11	Barack Obama	1	917 - Remarks at George Washington University
6-Dec-11	Barack Obama	2	933 - Memorandum on International Initiatives To Advance the Human Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Persons
16-Dec-11	Barack Obama	1	951 - Remarks to the General Assembly of the Union for Reform Judaism at National Harbor, Maryland
24-Jan-12	Barack Obama	1	48 - Address Before a Joint Session of Congress on the State of the Union
27-Jan-12	Barack Obama	1	61 - Remarks at the House Democratic Caucus Issues Conference in Cambridge, Maryland
9-Feb-12	Barack Obama	2	90 - Remarks at an Obama Victory Fund 2012 Fundraiser
15-Feb-12	Barack Obama	1	99 - Remarks at an Obama Victory Fund 2012 Fundraiser in Los Angeles, California
16-Feb-12	Barack Obama	1	104 - Remarks at an Obama Victory Fund 2012 Fundraiser in San Francisco, California
17-Feb-12	Barack Obama	1	108 - Remarks at an Obama Victory Fund 2012 Fundraiser in Bellevue, Washington
23-Feb-12	Barack Obama	1	122 - Remarks at an Obama Victory Fund 2012 Fundraiser in Coral Gables, Florida
10-Apr-12	Barack Obama	1	265 - Remarks at an Obama Victory Fund 2012 Fundraiser in Hollywood, Florida
23-Apr-12	Barack Obama	1	296 - Remarks at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
10-May-12	Barack Obama	1	356 - Remarks at an Obama Victory 2012 Fundraiser in Seattle, Washington
14-May-12	Barack Obama	1	368 - Commencement Address for Barnard College in New York City
1-Jun-12	Barack Obama	1	436 - Remarks at an Obama Victory Fund 2012 Fundraiser in Minneapolis, Minnesota
1-Jun-12	Barack Obama	4	439 - Proclamation 8834 - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month, 2012
4-Jun-12	Barack Obama	1	450 - Remarks at an Obama Victory Fund 2012 Fundraiser in New York City
4-Jun-12	Barack Obama	1	451 - Remarks at an Obama Victory Fund 2012 Fundraiser in New York City
6-Jun-12	Barack Obama	1	455 - Remarks at an Obama Victory Fund 2012 Fundraiser in Beverly Hills, California
6-Jun-12	Barack Obama	3	456 - Remarks at an Obama Victory Fund 2012 Fundraiser in Beverly Hills, California
15-Jun-12	Barack Obama	5	485 - Remarks at a Reception Honoring Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month
13-Jul-12	Barack Obama	1	555 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Hampton, Virginia
16-Jul-12	Barack Obama	3	560 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally and a Question-and-Answer Session in Cincinnati, Ohio
19-Jul-12	Barack Obama	1	577 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Jacksonville, Florida
23-Jul-12	Barack Obama	1	589 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Oakland, California
28-Aug-12	Barack Obama	1	670 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Ames, Iowa
29-Aug-12	Barack Obama	1	673 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Charlottesville, Virginia
2-Sep-12	Barack Obama	1	688 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Boulder, Colorado
6-Sep-12	Barack Obama	1	693 - Remarks Accepting the Presidential Nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina
8-Sep-12	Barack Obama	1	699 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Seminole, Florida
12-Sep-12	Barack Obama	1	714 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Las Vegas, Nevada
13-Sep-12	Barack Obama	1	728 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Golden, Colorado
14-Sep-12	Barack Obama	1	718 - Remarks at a Welcoming Ceremony for the 2012 U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Teams
20-Sep-12	Barack Obama	2	736 - Statement on the First Anniversary of the Repeal of the Department of Defense's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Policy

20-Sep-12	Barack Obama	1	738 - Remarks at an Obama Victory Fund 2012 Fundraiser in Tampa, Florida
21-Sep-12	Barack Obama	1	744 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Woodbridge, Virginia
22-Sep-12	Barack Obama	2	746 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
22-Sep-12	Barack Obama	1	747 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
26-Sep-12	Barack Obama	1	751 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Bowling Green, Ohio
26-Sep-12	Barack Obama	1	752 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Kent, Ohio
27-Sep-12	Barack Obama	1	753 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Virginia Beach, Virginia
30-Sep-12	Barack Obama	1	768 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Las Vegas, Nevada
7-Oct-12	Barack Obama	1	786 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Los Angeles, California
8-Oct-12	Barack Obama	1	791 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in San Francisco, California
9-Oct-12	Barack Obama	1	793 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Columbus, Ohio
11-Oct-12	Barack Obama	1	800 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Miami, Florida
11-Oct-12	Barack Obama	1	803 - Remarks at an Obama Victory Fund 2012 Fundraiser in Miami, Florida
17-Oct-12	Barack Obama	1	810 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Mount Vernon, Iowa
17-Oct-12	Barack Obama	2	813 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Athens, Ohio
18-Oct-12	Barack Obama	2	814 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Manchester, New Hampshire
19-Oct-12	Barack Obama	2	816 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Fairfax, Virginia
23-Oct-12	Barack Obama	1	822 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Delray Beach, Florida
23-Oct-12	Barack Obama	1	823 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Dayton, Ohio
24-Oct-12	Barack Obama	2	824 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Davenport, Iowa
24-Oct-12	Barack Obama	1	825 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Denver, Colorado
24-Oct-12	Barack Obama	2	829 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Las Vegas, Nevada
25-Oct-12	Barack Obama	2	830 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Tampa, Florida
25-Oct-12	Barack Obama	2	831 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Richmond, Virginia
25-Oct-12	Barack Obama	2	832 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Cleveland, Ohio
27-Oct-12	Barack Obama	2	840 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Nashua, New Hampshire
2-Nov-12	Barack Obama	1	860 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Lima, Ohio
4-Nov-12	Barack Obama	1	868 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Hollywood, Florida
4-Nov-12	Barack Obama	1	875 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Denver, Colorado
5-Nov-12	Barack Obama	1	872 - Remarks at a Campaign Rally in Des Moines, Iowa
7-Nov-12	Barack Obama	1	873 - Remarks at a Victory Celebration in Chicago, Illinois
29-Nov-12	Barack Obama	1	915 - Statement on World AIDS Day
29-Nov-12	Barack Obama	1	916 - Proclamation 8909 - World AIDS Day, 2012
2-Jan-13	Barack Obama	1	4 - Statement on Signing the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013
21-Jan-13	Barack Obama	1	32 - Inaugural Address

22-Jan-13	Barack Obama	1	38 - Remarks at the Staff Inaugural Ball
12-Feb-13	Barack Obama	1	90 - Address Before a Joint Session of Congress on the State of the Union
15-Feb-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks By The President On Strengthening The Economy For The Middle Class
15-Feb-13	Barack Obama	2	Remarks by the President at Presentation of 2012 Presidential Citizens Medals
29-Mar-13	Barack Obama	1	Presidential Proclamation -- National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, 2013
30-Apr-13	Barack Obama	1	News Conference by the President
5-May-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at The Ohio State University Commencement
19-May-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at Morehouse College Commencement Ceremony
13-Jun-13	Barack Obama	2	Remarks by the President at a Reception for LGBT Pride Month
15-Jun-13	Barack Obama	1	WEEKLY ADDRESS: Celebrating Father's Day Weekend
19-Jun-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by President Obama at the Brandenburg Gate -- Berlin, Germany
26-Jun-13	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the President on the Supreme Court Ruling on the Defense of Marriage Act
27-Jun-13	Barack Obama	2	Remarks by President Obama and President Sall of the Republic of Senegal at Joint Press Conference
28-Jun-13	Barack Obama	3	Statement by the President on the Extension of Federal Employee Benefits
9-Aug-13	Barack Obama	3	Remarks by the President in a Press Conference
23-Aug-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President in Town Hall at Binghamton University
28-Aug-13	Barack Obama	2	Remarks by the President at the "Let Freedom Ring" Ceremony Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington
4-Sep-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by President Obama and Prime Minister Reinfeldt of Sweden in Joint Press Conference
23-Sep-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by President Obama at Civil Society Roundtable
3-Nov-13	Barack Obama	3	Congress Needs to Pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act
5-Nov-13	Barack Obama	2	Statement by the President on Marriage Equality in Illinois
6-Nov-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at DSCC Fundraising Reception
7-Nov-13	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the President on Senate Passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2013
12-Nov-13	Barack Obama	2	Statement by the President on Marriage Equality in Hawaii
20-Nov-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at Presidential Medal of Freedom Ceremony
2-Dec-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President on World AIDS Day
31-Dec-13	Barack Obama	1	Presidential Proclamation -- National Stalking Awareness Month, 2014
22-Jan-14	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President and Vice President at an Event for the Council on Women and Girls

Transgender:

Date	President	# of References	Event
1-Jun-09	Barack Obama	2	Proclamation 8387 - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month, 2009
11-Oct-09	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at Human Rights Campaign Dinner

28-May-10	Barack Obama	2	Presidential Proclamation--Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month 2010
22-Jun-10	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at LGBT Pride Month Reception
7-Oct-10	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the President on the Retirement of Archbishop Desmond Tutu
19-Mar-11	Barack Obama	1	Joint Statement by President Rouseff and President Obama
31-May-11	Barack Obama	2	Presidential Proclamation--Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month 2011
17-Jun-11	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the President on the UN Human Rights Council Resolution on Human Rights, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
23-Jun-11	Barack Obama	2	Remarks by the President at a DNC Event
29-Jun-11	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at Reception Observing LGBT Pride Month
29-Jun-11	Barack Obama	2	Press Conference by the President
1-Oct-11	Barack Obama	2	Remarks by the President at the Human Rights Campaign's Annual National Dinner
6-Dec-11	Barack Obama	1	Presidential Memorandum -- International Initiatives to Advance the Human Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Persons
1-Jun-12	Barack Obama	3	Presidential Proclamation: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month, 2012
15-Jun-12	Barack Obama	3	Remarks by the President at the LGBT Pride Month Reception
29-Mar-13	Barack Obama	1	Presidential Proclamation -- National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, 2013
13-Jun-13	Barack Obama	2	Remarks by the President at a Reception for LGBT Pride Month
3-Nov-13	Barack Obama	1	Op-Ed: Congress Needs to Pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act
20-Nov-13	Barack Obama	2	Remarks by the President at Presidential Medal of Freedom Ceremony
31-Dec-13	Barack Obama	1	Presidential Proclamation -- National Stalking Awareness Month, 2014
22-Jan-14	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President and Vice President at an Event for the Council on Women and Girls

Bisexual:

Date	President	# of References	Event
1-Jun-09	Barack Obama	2	LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH, 2009
27-Jun-09	Barack Obama	1	President Obama Urges Americans to Take the Test and Take Control on National HIV Testing Day
11-Oct-09	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at Human Rights Campaign Dinner
28-May-10	Barack Obama	2	Presidential Proclamation--Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month
22-Jun-10	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at LGBT Pride Month Reception
13-Jul-10	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy
7-Oct-10	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the President on the Retirement of Archbishop Desmond Tutu
19-Mar-11	Barack Obama	1	Joint Statement by President Rouseff and President Obama
31-May-11	Barack Obama	2	Presidential Proclamation--Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month
17-Jun-11	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the President on the UN Human Rights Council Resolution on Human Rights, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

23-Jun-11	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at a DNC Event
1-Oct-11	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at the Human Rights Campaign's Annual National Dinner
6-Dec-11	Barack Obama	1	Presidential Memorandum -- International Initiatives to Advance the Human Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Persons
1-Jun-12	Barack Obama	4	Presidential Proclamation: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month, 2012
15-Jun-12	Barack Obama	2	Remarks by the President at the LGBT Pride Month Reception
29-Mar-13	Barack Obama	1	Presidential Proclamation -- National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, 2013
3-Nov-13	Barack Obama	1	Op-Ed: Congress Needs to Pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act
7-Nov-13	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the President on Senate Passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2013
2-Dec-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President on World AIDS Day
31-Dec-13	Barack Obama	1	Presidential Proclamation -- National Stalking Awareness Month, 2014
22-Jan-14	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President and Vice President at an Event for the Council on Women and Girls

Lesbian:

Date	President	# of References	Event
1-Jun-09	Barack Obama	2	LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH, 2009
30-Sep-09	Barack Obama	1	NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, 2009
11-Oct-09	Barack Obama	4	Remarks by the President at Human Rights Campaign Dinner
17-Jan-10	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President in Remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
28-Jan-10	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President and the Vice President at Town Hall Meeting in Tampa, Florida
4-Feb-10	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at the National Prayer Breakfast
8-Mar-10	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President and the First Lady at International Women's Day Reception
15-Apr-10	Barack Obama	1	Presidential Memorandum - Hospital Visitation
27-May-10	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the President on Votes to Repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"
28-May-10	Barack Obama	2	Presidential Proclamation--Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month
2-Jun-10	Barack Obama	2	Statement by the President on the Extension of Benefits to Same-Sex Domestic Partners of Federal Employees
22-Jun-10	Barack Obama	6	Remarks by the President at LGBT Pride Month Reception
7-Oct-10	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the President on the Retirement of Archbishop Desmond Tutu
30-Nov-10	Barack Obama	1	Statement by President Obama on DOD Report on Don't Ask, Don't Tell
9-Dec-10	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the President on the Senate Vote on the National Defense Authorization Act
18-Dec-10	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the President on the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act of 2010
22-Dec-10	Barack Obama	2	News Conference by The President
19-Mar-11	Barack Obama	1	Joint Statement by President Rouseff and President Obama
31-May-11	Barack Obama	4	Presidential Proclamation--Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month

17-Jun-11	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the President on the UN Human Rights Council Resolution on Human Rights, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
23-Jun-11	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at a DNC Event
29-Jun-11	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at Reception Observing LGBT Pride Month
29-Jun-11	Barack Obama	3	Press Conference by the President
22-Jul-11	Barack Obama	2	Statement by the President on Certification of Repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell
20-Sep-11	Barack Obama	2	Statement by the President on the Repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell
21-Sep-11	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by President Obama in Address to the United Nations General Assembly
26-Sep-11	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at DNC Event--Paramount Theatre, Seattle, WA
30-Sep-11	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at the "Change of Office" Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Ceremony
1-Oct-11	Barack Obama	2	Remarks by the President at the Human Rights Campaign's Annual National Dinner
6-Dec-11	Barack Obama	2	Presidential Memorandum -- International Initiatives to Advance the Human Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Persons
16-Dec-11	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at the 71st General Assembly of the Union for Reform Judaism
9-Feb-12	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at a Campaign Event
1-Jun-12	Barack Obama	4	Presidential Proclamation: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month, 2012
15-Jun-12	Barack Obama	2	Remarks by the President at the LGBT Pride Month Reception
16-Jul-12	Barack Obama	2	Remarks by the President at a Campaign Event
11-Oct-12	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at a Campaign Event -- Miami, FL
17-Oct-12	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at Ohio University, Athens, OH
17-Oct-12	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at a Campaign Event in Mt. Vernon, IA
3-Jan-13	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the the President on H.R. 4310
15-Feb-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at Presentation of 2012 Presidential Citizens Medals
29-Mar-13	Barack Obama	1	Presidential Proclamation -- National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, 2013
30-Apr-13	Barack Obama	1	News Conference by the President
19-May-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at Morehouse College Commencement Ceremony
13-Jun-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at a Reception for LGBT Pride Month
19-Jun-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by President Obama at the Brandenburg Gate -- Berlin, Germany
26-Jun-13	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the President on the Supreme Court Ruling on the Defense of Marriage Act
27-Jun-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by President Obama and President Sall of the Republic of Senegal at Joint Press Conference
28-Jun-13	Barack Obama	2	Statement by the President on the Extension of Federal Employee Benefits
9-Aug-13	Barack Obama	3	Remarks by the President in a Press Conference
4-Sep-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by President Obama and Prime Minister Reinfeldt of Sweden in Joint Press Conference
23-Sep-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by President Obama at Civil Society Roundtable
3-Nov-13	Barack Obama	1	Op-Ed: Congress Needs to Pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act
5-Nov-13	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the President on Marriage Equality in Illinois

6-Nov-13	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President at DSCC Fundraising Reception
7-Nov-13	Barack Obama	1	Statement by the President on Senate Passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2013
12-Nov-13	Barack Obama	2	Statement by the President on Marriage Equality in Hawaii
31-Dec-13	Barack Obama	1	Presidential Proclamation -- National Stalking Awareness Month, 2014
22-Jan-14	Barack Obama	1	Remarks by the President and Vice President at an Event for the Council on Women and Girls