

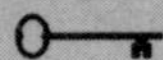


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### NATIONAL Parents Roll Up for White House Easter Event

In spite of—or perhaps because of—President Bush's less-than-cozy relationship with the queer community, this year's White House Easter Egg Roll included a contingent of gay and lesbian parents numbering in the hundreds.

The families began lining up April 14 for tickets to the annual event, which was held April 17, the day after Easter.

Observers disagreed as to the extent to which the substantial queer turnout was a political statement.

"I don't think this is a protest," Jennifer Chrisler, executive director of the Family Pride Coalition, told The Associated Press. "Showing up, participating fully in an American tradition, showing Americans that we do exist—that in our minds isn't a protest."

Nonetheless, some felt that even "showing Americans we exist" constituted unseemly political grandstanding.

Also speaking to the AP, Mark D. Tooley of the Institute on Religion and Democracy said, "I think it's inappropriate to use a children's event to make a political statement."

Portland's Love Makes a Family joined with other organizations to bring more than 100 sexual minority families to the White House event. Participants wore rainbow leis.

The office of first lady Laura Bush, which oversees the event, issued a noncommittal statement the previous week to the effect that all families were welcome to attend.

### ACLU Report: Gay Parenting Restrictions Hurt Kids

The American Civil Liberties Union released a new edition April 7 of its publication *Too High a Price: The Case Against Restricting Gay Parenting*. The book-length report compiles decades of social science research, the positions of the major child health and welfare organizations and government data to show how children are hurt by restrictions on parenting by gay men and lesbians.

With so many children in need of homes, laws that exclude queers from consideration as adoptive or foster parents unnecessarily reduce the already insufficient pool of available families, the book argues.

The new edition includes a chapter debunking misinformation being spread by opponents of gay parenting and an overview of state laws that restrict the rights of gay people to parent. Florida is the only state with a law that bans all gay people from adopting.

"On the whole, the law is improving for lesbians and gay parents and their children," said Paul Cates, co-author and director of public education for the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Project. "Most states now recognize that it is wrong to use sexual orientation as an excuse to deny parents custody and visitation, and many states now allow both partners in same-sex relationships to adopt the children they are raising together."

### Episcopalians Want Gay Bishop Tried for Heresy

A group of Episcopalian laypeople have launched a petition drive to force a church trial for Gene Robinson, the church's first openly gay bishop, as well as for the 35 bishops who endorsed him.

The orphan group, known as Lay Episcopalians



Gene Robinson, the Episcopal church's first openly gay bishop, is being threatened with a church trial.

for the Anglican Communion, began their drive April 13. In a statement, the group said that such a trial was necessary to reach a "final determination" of what role, if any, gays and lesbians have to play in the church.

The call for a trial is merely the latest salvo in what has been an extraordi-

narily difficult and divisive battle within the worldwide Anglican Communion, of which the Episcopal Church is a part. Lay Episcopalians for the Anglican Communion blames this strife on the "reckless pursuit of a gay agenda that is hostile to Scripture and to the historic order of the church."

"Our purpose is to demonstrate the gravity of unilateral [non-Communion] actions already taken to advance a gay agenda in our American church," the statement continued. "The homosexual thrust is real, aggressive and largely influenced by a shadow gay-lesbian-transgender hierarchy of bishops, priests and laypeople. The most persistent campaigner for accelerating the gay agenda in the Episcopal church is Integrity, a 30-year-old homosexual activist organization believed to comprise much less than 1 percent of the national church."

### NGLTF Exposes Republican 'Moral Values'

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute released a report April 4 that exposes the dishonesty of attempts by leaders of the Republican Party to lure black voters based on "moral values" and that spotlights the false promises inherent in Republican National Committee Chairman Ken Mehlman's call for African Americans to come "back home" to the GOP.

The report, *False Promises: How the Right Deploys Homophobia to Win Support from African-Americans*, compares the voting records of key Republican policy-makers in Congress to polling of African Americans' top voting priorities and finds that Republican lawmakers have abysmal voting records on these issues.

*False Promises*, authored by NGLTF policy analyst Nicolas Ray, shows that legislators with low ratings on queer equality also receive low ratings from organizations that promote the rights of people of color, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

The report outlines the incongruity between historic Republican strategies, including President Richard Nixon's "Southern strategy," President Ronald Reagan's "welfare queens" and President George H.W. Bush's Willie Horton ads, all with disturbing racist undertones, and the GOP's current push for African-American voters to "come home." The study suggests that the moral values rhetoric espoused by many in the party is designed in part to generate support by stoking homophobia in the African-American community.

### WISCONSIN Feingold Takes Stand for Gay Marriage

Responding to a question posed at his Kenosha County listening session earlier this month, Wisconsin Sen. Russ Feingold, a likely contender for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination,