

Attention all Oregon voters

I am writing this article to tell you about voting, which is what you should be doing. I want to remind you that this is not a public service announcement. This is, rather, my personal appeal to you, the general public, to take control of your nation, which is what you do when you vote. Voting is one of our constitutional duties that we need to exercise. If we can fight for our country, we can vote for who runs it.

Granted, the Senate voted on that in 1868, but if one vote mattered then, imagine how much more important it matters now in this day and age of very controversial issues. Your vote states your opinion on the issue.

You can vote on what becomes law in Oregon. Oregon was one of the first states to use initiative and referendum (it still does to this day). Initiative is the process when the people make a

petition drive to get a bill on the ballot. They then vote on it. All that is needed is a majority vote, or the slightest bit above 50 percent, for it to become law. Referendum is when the State Legislature puts the bill directly

before the people to vote on it. Again, all that is needed is a majority vote for it to become law. You can also vote to get a politician out of office if you do not believe he is doing a good job; re-elect him if he does a good job; or if you do not like his opponent.

If there is one, and you like what he represents, you can vote for a third-party candidate. All throughout the nation's history, third parties have played a very important role in American politics. Third parties have made or broke presidential and gubernatorial candidates in the two major parties.

I am writing this article to call to attention the need to vote and the fact that this is an election year. So I beg of you, if you haven't already done so, register to vote. And if you have, don't just sit there--VOTE! Do your nation a service. JFK once said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country!" And what can you do for your country? Vote. Nothing else is more important.

Let's not fall victim to the conspiracy of silence that the powers that be would subject us to. It is about time we took this country back.

VOTE



The World Beat

by Eric St. Anthony's

Voting is important, regardless of social status, money, race, gender, etc. Voting will not cost you anything (at least in the United States), so anyone can register once they turn 18. I registered on my 18th birthday, right on the day.

One vote matters. That was the margin that spared Andrew Johnson from impeachment.

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Measure 9

Yes

No

"The notion of evaluating literature on the basis of the writer's sexual orientation would be laughable if it were not so dangerous."

Deborah L. Jacobs
President, Oregon Library Association

Public Forum and Debate:

Homosexuality, Human Rights & Measure 9

For 9:
Scott Lively
Communications Director
Oregon Citizens Alliance

Against 9:
Charles Hinkle, Attorney
Past President, A.C.L.U. of Oregon

Moderator:
Joe Uris, Sociologist and Radio Talk Show Host
Social Science Department
Clackamas Community College

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Paragraph 1. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by adding to and made a part of Article 1 and to read:

Section 41 (1) This state shall not recognize any categorical provision such as "sexual orientation," "sexual preference," and similar phrases that include homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism or masochism. Quotas, minority status, affirmative action, or any similar concepts, shall not apply to these forms of conduct, nor shall government promote these behaviors.

(2) State, regional and local governments and their properties and shall not be used to promote, encourage, or facilitate homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism or masochism.

(3) State, regional and local governments and their departments, and other entities, including specifically the State Department of Higher Education and the public schools, shall assist in serving Oregon's youth that recognizes homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism and masochism as abnormal, wrong, unnatural, and perverse and that these behaviors are to be discouraged and avoided.

(4) It shall be considered that it is the intent of the people in enacting this section that if any part thereof is held unconstitutional, the remaining parts shall be held in force.

Clarification

In the April 22, 1992 edition of *The Clackamas Print*, Editor Rob Hibberd wrote an article about the Oregon Citizens' Alliance.

As part of that story, Hibberd referred to a news item that was printed in *The Lavender Network*, a gay/lesbian magazine published in Eugene. In that publication, a story ran regarding incidents of hate calls being made to "After 8," a Corvallis-based gay/lesbian advocacy group. The story said that several threats were made by male callers who identified themselves as OCA members.

In *The Clackamas Print*, Hibberd's story said the callers were made by members of the OCA. We have no evidence that the threats attributed to the OCA were in fact made by OCA members.

The Clackamas Print regrets the error.