

Yes supporters should be ashamed

Ballot Measure 9 is a disgrace to the Oregon ballot

by Melissa Freels
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Oregonians should be ashamed.

It is a disgrace that a measure as discriminatory as Measure 9 is on Oregon's November ballot.

The passage of Ballot Measure 9 will put Oregonians in a time warp, sending them back to a time when discrimination and censorship were condoned. Equal rights and freedom of expression will no longer be valid.

The measure, which asks, "Shall constitution be amended to require that all governments discourage homosexuality, other listed 'behaviors,' and not facilitate or recognize them?" will allow discrimination against homosexuals. By allowing this,

Oregonians will prove that they are narrow-minded and tolerant of discrimination. If Measure 9 passes, discrimination will only spread further. Homosexuals are the target now, but who will be

The bigotry, prejudice and ignorance that sparked these 'events' in history, parallels that of Ballot Measure 9.

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existent in Oregon if the measure passes. Textbooks (on all levels of education) will be rewritten, and books presenting homosexuality on a natural, moral level, will be taken off of library shelves. Such actions can only be labeled as censorship, which is a violation

of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment.

Freedom of expression will not exist in Oregon if Ballot Measure 9 passes.

Those who plan to vote "yes" on Measure 9 need to look at the broader spectrum. What Oregon voters need to realize is that the measure is not just about homosexuals and their rights. The "yes on 9" propaganda does not tell the whole story.

Measure 9 goes much deeper than "no special rights for homosexuals." It is basically about human rights. The measure, if passed will take away "special rights"—equal rights and freedom of expression—from all Oregonians. People who approve of this should be ashamed.

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Such mass discrimination was prevalent in the early 1800s. Remember slavery? Or, remember the Holocaust? In Germany, during World War II, millions of Jews and gypsies were persecuted for their beliefs and lifestyles.

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Measure 9 will also lead to censorship. If the measure passes, schools will not be allowed to teach that homosexuality is a natural variation. Such words will be censored. Homosexual-

teach that there is only "one way."

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Response to instructor's censorship request

by Robert A. Hibberd
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I am taking this opportunity to respond to one of the letters that I have received here at The Clackamas Print.

Last week we published a letter submitted to us from Wayne M. Wright CCC science instructor. Wright has taught at this institution for several years, he just received his 25 year pin. He teaches physical science.

Mr. Wright, you if any one, should know that it is important to substantiate material which is to be made public. Scientists need to back their theories with evidence. Scientists should not incorporate fanatic religious rhetoric into their observations. Scientists should not make reckless and unproven claims about a person's orientation.

In his letter, Wright callously suggests a separation of people based on their orientation. Wright's claims go against all studies done on the human brain about sexual orientation. Wright's theories are disappointing and based only on a narrow religious perspective.

Wright also suggests that an Oregon educator could not be as hateful as I depicted in my opinion piece. A few weeks ago, an Oregon City teacher killed his school's principal by stabbing him several times in the throat with a

knife. Wright feels that we should further empower teachers, that teachers should actively discourage a type of sexual variation. History shows us that power corrupts, that's why we invented term limits and elections.

of being biased. Although I realize that I may have appeared biased to some, I assure you that I consider issues objectively before making my opinions heard. Mr. Wright, you should know that freedom is something to be

That is why I cannot support Measure 9. It strips human rights. It is separatism of the worst kind.

Wright also accuses me of exercising Nazi tactics while at the same time he suggests that certain cartoons appearing in The Clackamas Print should be censored. Mr. Wright, the first thing I think of when I think of Nazis is old teachers trying to steal their students' right to free expression. Art imitates life Mr. Wright.

Wright also makes careless assumptions about how The Clackamas Print is managed and operated. Mr. Wright, you have never taken the opportunity to visit our offices. If you were to observe us I think you would find that there is a lot of care and concern going into our every issue. Scientists are supposed to make observations before they just assume something.

Finally, Wright accuses me

protected. You should know that people are willing to die in order to preserve freedom.

That is why I cannot support Measure 9. It strips human rights. It is separatism of the worst kind. I will not sponsor discrimination.

Chinese Prisoners of conscience are unfairly imprisoned, the Berlin Wall came down for freedom, Yelsten saved generations.

Over the world people are taking great strides in the name of freedom and human rights while Oregonians prepare to take a giant leap back.

I'm happy that the majority of teachers at Clackamas do not think the way that Wayne Wright does.

Let's hope that the same is true for Oregon come Nov. 3.

Measure 7 asks second-home owners to take an increased share of tax burden

by Frank Jordan
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There is a movement among Oregonians this year on the November ballot that may have implications on the citizens of the state for years to come.

Ballot Measure 7 will ask the voters of Oregon to hand business owners, foresters, farmers, and second-home owners an increased share of the property tax burden.

Measure 7 specifically states that any property that is not a principle residence of its owner can be taxed at a maximum rate of \$20 per \$1000 of assessed value. Currently, under the Measure 5 property tax limitation, the rate is \$12.50 per \$1000 for school-related taxes, and \$10 for non-school-related taxes. The rate drops \$2.50 per year for school-related taxes until it reaches \$5 per \$1000 in 1995.

Measure 7 proponents will tell you that the proceeds from this new ceiling on business-related property taxes will solely benefit the running of our schools, both primary and higher education. They also

will tell you that Measure 7 forces foreign corporations with companies in Oregon to pay a more fair share of taxes than they do now.

Opponents of Measure 7 are specifically targeting people who rent, because rental property falls under the guidelines of the measure. If Measure 7 passes, it almost certainly means that those who rent will have to shell out more money to keep a roof over their heads. Measure 7 has a provision in it that gives the Oregon Legislature the authority to provide renter relief, but they do not have to do so. Given the legislature's past record on doling out renter relief, it is not likely that they will give out relief to renters.

I am not going to tell you how to vote on this measure because I am not sure how I am going to vote on it. I pay rent, but I would like to see corporations help support the schools. The most important thing that I can tell you is no matter how you feel about anything in this election, please vote. Your single vote can make a difference.

Campus Views

What is the most important issue on this year's ballot?



Raju Chuganey
Journalism

"Measure 9, naturally. Too stereotypical. If you tell someone that you are voting no, and you vote no, then they think that you are gay."



Jody Gover
Computer Science

"Probably Measure 9. I think they (gays) need their rights."



Ethan Muter
Engineering

"I'm still not sure who I am going to vote for President. Guess I'm going to have to read my Voters' Pamphlet."



Nicole Rose
Business

"Measure 9. I hate it when people put this stuff on the ballot. I'm really confused. I don't want it taught, but I don't like discrimination."



Joe Hartley
Economics

"Probably Measure 9."