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Secretary Clinton says Gay Rights are Human Rights

United Nations—While the United States’ record on LGBT equality is “far from perfect,” Secretary of State Hillary Clinton speaking at the United Nations said nations around the world should recognize that “Gay rights are human rights and human rights are Gay rights,”

Her speech built on a memorandum President Obama issued earlier directing all agencies to “promote and protect the human rights of GLBT persons.”

Clinton also announced that the administration is launching a \$3 million global equality fund to support the work of civil society organizations working on these issues



**Secretary of State
Hillary Clinton**

around the world. The fund will help human rights groups “record facts so they can target their advocacy, learn how to use the law as a tool, manage their budgets, train their staffs and forge partnerships with women’s organizations and other Human Rights groups,” Clinton said.

Here are highlights of speech referring to the GLBT Community:

“Like being a woman, like being a racial religious tribal or ethnic minority, being LGBT does not make you less human. And that is why Gay rights are Human Rights and Human Rights are Gay rights.

“Well, in reality, Gay people are born into and

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belong to every society in the world. They are all ages, all races, all faiths; they are doctors and teachers, farmers and bankers, soldiers and athletes and, whether we know it or whether we acknowledge it, they are our family, our friends and our neighbors.

“Some believe homosexuality is a Western phenomenon but Gay people belong to every society in the world. Being Gay is not a Western invention, it is a human reality.

“In all countries, there are costs to not protecting these rights, in both Gay and straight lives lost to disease and violence and the silencing of voices and views that would strengthen communities and ideas never pursued by entrepreneurs who happen to be Gay. Costs are incurred whenever any group is treated as lesser or the other whether they are women, racial or religious minorities or the LGBT.

“Our commitment to protect the freedom of religion and defend LGBT people come from a common source. Human rights are universal and cut across all religions and cultures.

“It should never be a crime to be Gay. To LGBT men and women worldwide: Wherever you live and whatever your circumstances please know that you are not alone.

“Those who advocate for expanding the circle of human rights were and are on the right side of history, and history honors them. We are called once more to make real the words of the universal declaration. Let us be on the right side of history.”

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Transgender law
The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals has agreed with the 6th Circuit (*which governs Ohio*) that discrimination against Transgender people is sex discrimination under federal law, expanding significantly the number of Transgender people protected under federal anti-discrimination law.

My mommy doesn't need fixing

Michele Bachmann met an eight-year-old boy named Elijah at a South Carolina book signing, who informed her, "My mommy — Miss Bachmann, my mommy's Gay but she doesn't need fixing."

The Texas governor, lagging in national and state public opinion polls, is critical in the spot of the new policy allowing Gay men and Lesbians to serve openly in the military -- something signed into law by Obama.

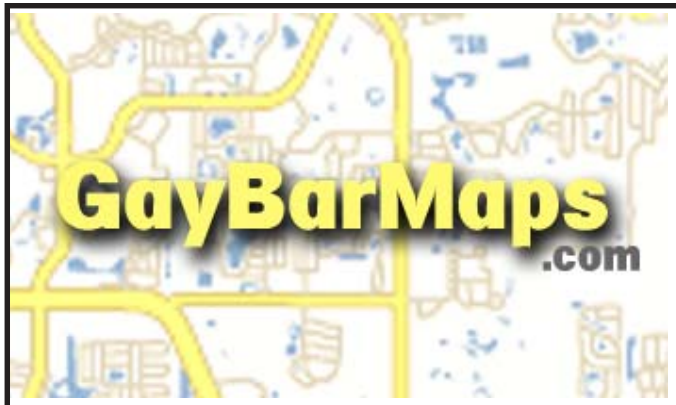
Perry doesn't like Gays serving in the military

GOP presidential hopeful Rick Perry blasts what he calls President Obama's "war on religion" in a new TV ad aimed at appealing to religious conservatives.

Salvation Army anti-Gay

The Salvation Army red kettles and bell ringers have become American iconic symbols during the holiday season.

And, the Salvation Army has been under fire for its anti-LGBT social position. According to the Salvation Army's website, "Scripture forbids sexual intimacy between members of the same sex."



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