

## Gov't should stand up for people

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Neil Davis (02-29-12 letter) is claiming that my information is clearly misinformed. Well since that seems to be the case, let me begin by going over some facts.

The Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA 1996). It clearly states in the bill that “ that the institution of marriage is between a man and a woman.” As of recent, the Senate has voted to repeal the act and unfortunately the Republican led House of Representatives, along with very moderate Democrats, are to scared of homosexuals to afford them equal rights of a married couple.

You say Mr. Davis that the government has no place in the institution of marriage. I beg to differ. If the government has no place in standing up for injustices against someone then blacks would still be riding in the back of busses and women would not have the right to vote.

It hasn't even been 50 years ago that the government intervned and righted the injustices of millions of Americans. Heck you weren't even allowed to marry a person of a different race in some states before that “little piece of paper” the Civil Rights Act of 1964. So, if the government doesn't stand up for its citizens then what exactly is its job?

Now let's focus a little on what he claims are radical judges overturning the Proposition 8 that I am inclined to think he is referring to. Yes it was overturned in San Francisco. The radical judges you are talking about have recused themselves several times declaring they don't feel that they could represent the best judgment of the people of California.

Again, us Californians aren't the only ones who believe the Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional. What about Washington, New York, Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, New Hampshire, Vermont, the District of Columbia and, most recently, New Jersey? It seems to me that you are being fairly ignorant to believe that this argument is meant to rattle the cages of religion and their beliefs.

No homosexual goes around carrying signs if you don't believe in homosexuality that you are bound for hell and that God hates them, and some even going as far as offering homosexual therapy. I, or anyone else, have no right to tell you what to believe in.

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I never will but those of the religious community sometimes forget that little part of the Constitution claiming the separation of church and state. I have read the Constitution and find it quite offensive that you would think I wouldn't. Just like Mr. Davis, I am just getting warmed up and I more than happy to defend myself against your very, again, biased and ignorant opinions.