

BALLOT MEASURE 9
a documentary film by Heather Lyn MacDonald

TRANSCRIPT

Note: brackets show text that appears on screen

[BALLOT MEASURE 9]

[OREGON, 1992]

(Timecode)
(01.00.21.15)

Lon Mabon

Homosexuality and lesbianism, sadism and masochism, even if someone wants to do it in private, is wrong behavior. That's why we filed Measure 9, to give you an opportunity to vote on it.

Crowds
(overlapping yelling)

Yes on 9! Yes on 9 ! No on 9 ! No on 9! Yes on 9! No on 9!

(01.00.48.14)

Lon Mabon

What I'm trying to get you to see, and you must see it, is that this is a war, this is a culture war.

(01.00.59.20)

Donna Red Wing

For 18 months we have listened to a dialog that has called me, my family and my community, things like aberration, abomination, birth-defect, abnormal, perverse, dirty, a danger to children.

(01.01.19.15)

People died in Oregon, because of the campaign. People are going to die all over America because there are those that believe that gay and lesbian people, that bisexual and transgendered people are somehow less than they are.

(01.01.39 .27)

Scott Seibert

It's like the neutron bomb of politics, these anti-gay rights initiatives, because they wipe out the people and leave the buildings standing; and you can claim victory, but there's nothing there.

(01.01.52.26)

Kathleen Saadat

My own fears have never completely gone away. I saw people being more and more tense. But I also saw people reach out and touch one another. My sense was that the community was terrified.

(01.02.14.03)

Telephone message (VO):

You bunch of faggots! You guys are fucking dead, you're dead; you're fucking dead, you cocksuckers! OCA rules, by the way, you pieces of shit.

(01.02.32.21)

Text on screen:

[In 1992, Oregon and Colorado became testing grounds for ballot initiatives to amend the states' constitutions. Colorado's Amendment 2 and Oregon's Measure 9 would each prohibit and revoke laws that protect homosexuals from discrimination. The Oregon referendum, sponsored by the Oregon Citizen's Alliance, further mandated that: all government agencies and schools recognize homosexuality as "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse" and no government money or properties could be used to "facilitate" homosexuality. This is the story of what happened in Oregon.]

(01.03.20.04)

[Charles Hinkle--ACLU attorney]

Charles Hinkle

I want you all to read Measure 9, for heaven's sake, read it! "Every public school shall assist in setting a standard that recognizes homosexuality as abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse." Those are their words.

(01.03.31.05)

[Kathleen Saadat -- Community activist]

Kathleen Saadat

The legal restrictions would say not only do you not have civil rights, but that you have no recourse to getting civil rights.

(01.03.40.16)

[Scott Nakagawa--Coalition for Human Dignity]

Scott Nakagawa

People would not be safe from discrimination in housing, employment, and our public employee ranks would be purged of people who were perceived to be gay or lesbian.

(01.03.49.00)

[Orin Camenish-Local OCA Director]

Orin

In schools, teachers would be reassigned to a job of equal pay, with no contact with children, that's right in the initiative.

(01.03.55.15)

[Scott Lively--OCA Communications Director]

Scott Lively

Employers should be able to make a distinction on who they want to hire, and landlords should be able to choose who they want to rent to, based on legitimate moral criteria.

[APRIL]

(01.04.07.12)

Petitioner:

Have you signed our "no special rights" petition yet? These are books that are given to first graders, public libraries; and it shows 2 men sleeping together, and it says "being gay is just another kind of love. "

Woman:

Terrible.

(01.04.23.20)

[Ann Sweet -- Community activist]

Ann Sweet

I went to the grocery store and saw the OCA petitioners asking for signatures, and I just got furious because there were people signing them. And I stood there with my daughter, and she said, "oh mom, please don't make a scene" which she's so used to me doing. And I stood there and I asked people not to sign.

(01.04.44.08)

[Donna Red Wing-lesbian activist]

Donna Red Wing

The strategy of the religious right to talk about "special rights" was brilliant. I would walk past the OCA tables and see signs that said "Should homosexuals have special rights?" and to myself I said "of course not!" So it was a brilliant strategy.

(01.05.00.11)

[Lon Mabon--Chairman, Oregon Citizens Alliance]

Lon Mabon

Today is the day the Oregon Citizen's Alliance will submit over 130,000 signatures to get the "No Special Rights" initiative on the November ballot. I predict that it will win and that it will be used as a national model in 1994 in many other states.

(01.05.20.15)

If we don't meet the challenge of the homosexual issue--then we will not have America as we know it. And that's what this comes down to : a simple battle between right and wrong, a simple battle between good and evil.

(01.05.41.20)

[Bonnie Mabon--Treasurer of OCA]

Bonnie Mabon

And what we have to do is set the standard and say "you're not going to take this culture another inch down that road."

(01.05.49.27)

(Bonnie voice-over)

I remember putting the first 6 people in the computer, we had nothing to start with.

(01.05.56.10)

(Lon Mabon, voice-over)

We've built a very elaborate grassroots network, in which we have regional coordinators, county coordinators and precinct people.

[Portland]

(01.06.07.05)

Kathleen Saadat

We're standing up against the OCA! We're standing up for equality, harmony, justice. We're standing up in Corvallis, we're standing up in Eugene, in Springfield, in Grants Pass, in Medford, all over this state, and we will win! Will we win? Will we win? All right!

(01.06.32.17)

Donna Red Wing

Come out in whatever way you can! Coming out is the most important political act of your life, and you had better do it now, or you might never have the opportunity again!

(01.06.46.10)

[Kathleen Saadat --community activist]

Kathleen Saadat

My response was to come out on the cover of "Just Out," the gay newspaper here in Portland. One of the things in the article they asked me, "What are you most afraid of, coming out like this?" and I said, "that people will not hug me any more, that I won't get the hugs I used to get." So, I'm walking out of city hall, and this woman yells and comes running up to me, "Hey Kathleen, I'll hug you!" and she gave me this great big hug. And I went place after place where people came and said, "I'll hug you! "

(01.07.17.27)

What I decided to do before the Just Out Article was printed was to talk to people that I knew in the African American community, and I sat down with them and said , "There's going to be an article in Just Out , and this is what I want you to do--you get to tell people that I'm the same person I was before that article came out, and that I have always fought for African American rights, for people of color, and for women, and for lesbians and gays, and I don't want to hear any crap. And every one of them said, "Yeah."

[Grants Pass]

(01.08.05.27)

[Sky--local activist]

Sky

House parties have been real big in the country down here. About a dozen people will come over, and it's a safe environment. It's like a pyramid, somebody goes out and does another party, and another party. That's how we've been going around the countryside.

(01.08.19.20)

[Suzanne Pharr--national organizer]

Suzanne Pharr

The heart of the rural organizing was the notion that the value of rural areas is extreme. We wanted to go into rural communities and develop groups of people who would look at the issue of justice.

[MAY]

(01.08.35.26)

(Sky, voice-over)

We called a bunch of people together, a bunch of dykes, in a living room. And nobody believed it.

(01.08.43.23)

[Pat McGuire]

Pat McGuire

One of the scariest things about the OCA is the connection they have to larger groups across the country. "No special rights" is something you'll hear across the country in campaigns like this, whether it has to do with gays, or people of color, or the disabled movement.

(01.09.05.25)

Sky

And then we began realizing it was really serious, it was a lot larger than what we first thought it was. So we went to the outside community-

(01.09.34.24)

(Elise Self, voice-over)

I felt sick when I first read it. How dare the OCA use these words to describe my child. They don't know my child, they don't know our family.

(01.09.30 .00)

[Jim Self]

Jim Self

For me it became an issue that I was willing to stand up for, and die for if I needed to.

(01.09.34.24)

[Elise Self]

Elise Self

When we first found out about our daughter we thought we were the only people in Grant's Pass who even knew a gay person . That's how closeted the community was then, how unaware we both were, and how isolated you feel. And then you start reaching out--a whole new world has opened up for us.

(01.09.57.00)

(Music, singing)

Don't you run on scared no more, you got no need for scared.

[Hood River]

(01.10 . 05.11)

Spike

I have no political experience. Part of our organizational plan as we talk tonight will be inter-county outreach—

[Eugene]

(01.10.16.11)

Man on phone

No on 9, May I help you"? Canvassing takes place on the weekends, and phone-banking in the evenings--

[Portland]

(01.10.26.00)

Man

(in Spanish and text is translated onscreen)

Discrimination denies the sanctity and dignity of the individual. All Oregonians deserve protection from discrimination, including our gay and lesbian citizens, whose lives are equally sacred. Vote no on Measure 9.

[Oregon Board of Rabbis]

(01.10.54.27)

Rabbi

The Oregon Board of Rabbis is deeply opposed to the Oregon Citizen Alliance's effort to discriminate against individuals on the basis of their sexual orientation. The OCA's ballot initiative is an assault on the fundamental bases of democracy and freedom.

(01.11.13.16)

Scott Seibert, VO

Nice lawn sign!

[Scott Seibert--gay activist]

(License plate reads "GAY MAN")

Scott Seibert

I realize that because of my license plate there are people who have decided that I want to have sex with their children. And you can say no repeatedly, but some people still aren't going to believe it. What it feels like to live here-- I was born here, this is my state. Oregon is a beautiful state. I truly believe that the fact this is on the ballot in Oregon means it can happen anywhere.

(01.11.45.11)

Woman on the street

Hi, you don't know me, but I've seen you. I didn't realize it was your car that has that license plate-- it's risky, so please take care. But I appreciate what you're doing.

(01.12.01.20)

Scott Seibert

Thanks much.

One of the fliers that the Oregon Citizen Alliance used during the campaign is "Gay rights, fact and fiction". They quoted studies from people who had been totally discredited, but nonetheless they used that "research". The gay and lesbian community believed that no one would believe this garbage.

(01.12.23.19)

[Donna Red Wing-lesbian activist]

Donna

They took the stereotypes that a lot of people have, and enlarged them into grotesque caricatures. For many Oregonians, that was the only information they had about gay and lesbian people.

(01.12.41.09)

Man

The last 80 nations that embraced the homosexual movement ceased to exist in a short period of time.

(01.12.44.09)

Lon

This is an historical fact.

(01.12.46.14)

Scott Lively

There is an obsessive preoccupation with sado-masochism and other types of unusual sexual activity.

(01.12 .52.05)

Doctor

100% of homosexuals engage in fa-la-ti-o, which is either insertive or receptive oral sex.

(01.12.58.15)

Cary

Next we have rectal sex, which is sodomy, 93%. What about rimming?

(01.13.04.16)

Lon
Your tongue in another person's rectum --
(01.13.06.19)

Doctor
You couldn't do this without some ingestion of feces.
(01.13 .09.05)

Cary
Disgusting as it, is you have a 92% occurrence. Next we have fisting, 58%. We have golden showers—
(01 .13.16.28)

Doctor
Other men stand around and urinate on him.
(01.13.19.19)

Cary
46% occurrence. Scatting. Scatting is defecation upon each other.
(01.13.24.01)

Doctor
And about 17% of homosexuals engage in that, and that is actively eating human feces--
(01.13.29.08)

Man in information booth
In a bathtub usually, they shit and throw the feces at each other, and smear it on each other--
(01.13.35.14)

Cary
Rubbing it on the hair, on the skin –
(01.13.37.20)

Man in information booth
And sometimes it goes out the window, and that's the way you know those guys are involved in it, the shit is flying out the window.
(01.13.43.16)

Cary
28% of all homosexuals engage in sodomy with more than a thousand partners.
(01.13.48.15)

Scott Lively
That's a documented fact.
(01.13 .50.00)

Cary
Molestation of children--

Pedophilia-- (01.13.51.14)
 Scott Lively

90 times more often. (01.13.52.24)
 Cary

And that's something that's a matter of documented fact also. (01.13.55.10)
 Scott Lively

If everything I said is true--which it is, by the way- (01.13.57.22)
 Lon

It's perverse. (01.14.04.22)
 Boy

It's a killer lifestyle. (01.14.06.02)
 Woman

It's just not human for people to act that way. (01.14.07.19)
 Old Couple

There's part of me that still can't believe that people would believe this! (01.14.13.29)
 Scott Seibert

I thought during the campaign that I was not affected by that barrage of negative verbiage-- until I opened the Sunday paper and saw a picture of a very nice old woman, she reminded me of my grandmother, so I read the article. She had gathered her friends together to tell them what she thought of gay and lesbian people-- and she was quoted as saying "They are less than animals", and I remember being so deeply affected by that. (01.14.17.08)
 Donna Red Wing

The OCA used all this sexual language to hook those people. (01.14.51.22)
 Jim Self

(01.14.57.21)

Elise Self

Which is why it's so important for gay and lesbian people, and families like ours, and parents, to come out.

(01.15.05.06)

Music and singing off screen:

Don't you run on scared no more, you got no need for scared; keep your eyes on the prize, no need to be scared--

[JUNE]

[The Walk for Love and Justice]

(01.15.18.10)

Kathleen Saadat

The Walk for Love and Justice was one of the most inspiring things to come out of this campaign. But I was afraid--my friend Sierra was on that walk, and I knew they were taking their lives in their hands.

(01.15.29.12)

Donna (Voice over)

It's what grassroots organizing is all about. It's about people putting on their walking shoes and walking 150 miles to make a point.

Passing Cars Honk Horns

Thank you!

(01.15.44.00)

Kelly

The OCA represents a much more fundamental threat to all of us. They have attacked reproductive rights, they have attacked affirmative action--that's why I'm walking, even though I'm not a lesbian.

(01.15.54.27)

Woman on the road

We just passed you on the road, we've been watching it on the news-- so go, fight win. And thank you for standing up.

(01.16.03.20)

Mera

We've met so many positive people, they smile and wave, and give us the thumbs up-- people who don't look anything like what I expected-- my stereotypes are just collapsing around me.

Music reprise

Don't you run on scared no more --

(01.16.26.00)

Newscaster (voice over)

After 2 weeks on the road on foot, gay and lesbian marchers arrive in Portland.

(01.16.31.06)

Walkers in parade

We made it! We made it! We made it!

[No on 9 Campaign Office]

(01.16.43.10)

Peggy Norman

We arrived for work this morning and found that our headquarters had been vandalized and burglarized. Our equipment has been stolen or destroyed, phone lines cut, files have been stolen, our offices trashed. This is no ordinary burglary.

(01.17.00.15)

Scott Seibert

That was the beginning of a reign of terror for the campaign.

(01.17.07.20)

Recorded phone messages (voice over)

--We'll drag your fucking ass out of town, OCA is number one!
--You just better watch out, because we're coming, and we're coming hard.
--Save America, kill a fag.
--Support the OCA! You fucking weirdos.

(01.17.22.10)

Scott Nakagawa

The kind of hatred the OCA is drumming up is going to result in violence.

(01.17.27.15)

Suzanne Pharr

We have to think of this as the threat of violence being used to control our activities. So in the planning, we must figure out how to be more active, how to keep going, and stand up in the face. You're in control by refusing to be controlled.

Scrolling text at bottom of screen:

[In 1992 there were more reports of anti-gay violence in Portland, Oregon , than in San Francisco, Chicago or New York City. Just before the election , when the anti-gay rhetoric was at its peak, the violence increased almost 500%]

(01.17.50.30)

[Sky-local activist]

Sky

My fear, which everybody who is working on this campaign has --because we live isolated, these young men who roam around in their trucks, with their guns-they will follow us on the back roads, . they will shoot at us, they will come in and trash our houses-- because we live very isolated.

(01.18.16.10)

Donna Red Wing (voice over)

Roseberg: A gay man and his lover are awakened in the night by machine gun fire, hundreds of bullets piercing their trailer home.

Portland: A gay man leaves a bar. He's followed by 3 young men. They beat him, his glasses fly off, they shatter, and one of the young men picks up a shard of that broken glass and grinds it into the eyes of that gay man. The boy screamed, "Faggot, faggot, kill the faggot. "

(01.18.50 . 00)

[Kevin Berrill, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force]

Kevin

This is a battle ground that will point to where America is headed . Are we going to be a country where people can be full participants and live free from discrimination, and fear and violence? What we have seen is a campaign by the OCA to vilify and dehumanize the gay and lesbian citizens of this state. We have seen big brazen lies, lies that equate homosexuality with pedophilia -- a blatant Lie. Lies that say homosexuals have special rights --a blatant lie. While the Oregon Citizen's Alliance does not openly espouse violence, they must be held accountable for an atmosphere of bigotry that facilitates violence.

(01.19.42.03)

Kathleen Saadat

I was involved in the campaign against Measure 9 as a member of the steering committee. I felt we were not working as well as we should with communities of color, so I went to some of the African-American leadership in Portland and asked if they were willing to call a meeting. And we named ourselves "African Americans Voting No on 9".

(01.20 .08.05)

[Ann Sweet-community activist]

Ann

These people came together and said "excuse me, this won't happen in my community, we need to do something." These are my sisters and brothers you're talking about, they weren't these awful folk that the OCA was leading us to believe they were . And I knew that being an ally for these folks was what needed to happen, because I could see how important having white allies fighting racism was- - how effective that was in dismantling that thought process in people's minds.

(01.20.43.20)

Speaker

I'm delighted to speak for African Americans Voting No on 9. It is our position that Measure 9 is a mean-spirited effort to put legalized discrimination once again into the Oregon constitution. Not even one generation has passed, the ink is not even dry, since the bible was twisted to justify laws which discriminated against black folk.

[AUGUST]

(01.21.15.20)

[Pat Buchanan-Republican National Convention]

Buchanan

There is a religious war going on in this country. It is a culture war as critical to the kind of nation we will be as the cold war itself, for this was is for the soul of America. Bill Clinton and Al Gore represent the most pro-lesbian and pro-gay ticket in history!

Audience

BOO! Boooooo!

(01.21.38.00)

Lon Mabon

Vice-president Quayle, and Pat Buchanan and Pat Robertson are not wrong. It is a war, and it has to fought like a war.

Book Title: [**Heather Has Two Mommies**]

(01.22.02.03)

Kathleen Saadat

The ruination of America is not that "Heather Has Two Mommies". The ruination of America is that Heather had a mommy and a daddy that are not paying attention to her, who are not making sure her needs are met. The ruination of America is that Heather has a country that's not developing her so that she can grow up and function in a world market, so she can get the education and the understanding of the world that will make a viable, productive participant in that world. It's not because I sleep with women that the world is falling apart.

(01.22.38.00)

Lon Mabon

This document is called "Portland Future Focus" and it says here "Portland should be known as an open and friendly community that welcomes and respects the individuality, unique talents and contributions of all its people. They don't use the word "homosexuality", they use the word "sexual orientation". They don't say "sexual orientation" to tell you what they want to do, they say "cultural diversity"-- "to embrace and celebrate diversity." So replace it with what it really means, and put "homosexuality" in here: "to embrace and celebrate homosexuality."

(01.23.19 .00)

Donna Red Wing

When I look at the religious right, I'm terrified, because I see the combination of national money, national power , together with extraordinary grassroots organizing.

(01. 23.34.10)

Dougie

Let me say something about that button that says "Straight but not narrow". I'm proud to be narrow, I really am . Because what does the bible say, "narrow is the way to life but wide is the way to destruction."

(01.23 .50.15)

Phil

You take sodomy for example, if somebody's going to do that, it is dangerous, it is going to rip and tear, it's going to cause infections, I don't care what you say. And when you do things that are not designed for your body, it is "abnormal, wrong and unnatural".

(01.24 .21.00)

First Student

Heterosexual sex can be just as dirty, just as unclean, and you catch the same diseases. What's your point'?

(01.24.21.00)

Second Student

I simply want to know who's next'? Is it the blacks, is it the Native Americans, is Catholics, Mormons, is it Jews'? Is it people who are too tall or too fat'? I want to know--are you going to whittle away everyone piece by piece until they're all just like you'? Who is next'?

(01.24.39.00)

Singers singing

They talk of family values, but if the truth be told, they define your family for you, so put your choice on hold. They say that they are Christian while they're legislating hate, but they're good and kind and decent, if thou be like they—and most of them are straight. Oh, the OCA will get you if you're gay, and if you're not, who cares, so what, they'll get you anyway

(01.25.14.00)

Kathleen Saadat

I see Measure 9 as just the tip of an iceberg, an attempt by a group of people to run this country under fascist standards.

(01.25.20.25)

Lon Mabon

A homosexual person has every right--

(01.25.23.10)

Scott Lively

--the same rights as anyone else.

(01.25.25.24)

Woman

I don't think they should have more rights than I do as a citizen.

(01.25.30.17)

Girl

And people who are homosexual shouldn't be showing themselves in public and thinking that they're better than us because they're homosexual.

(01.25.39.00)

Voice off-camera

What would you do if you found out a teacher was homosexual?

Boy

I'd tell my mom.

Voice off-camera

What do you think should happen to her?

Boy

I think she should be fired. (01.25.50.02)

Voice off-camera

Have you ever known any homosexuals?

2nd boy

No. Never liked them, never will. (01.25.55.5)

Man on street

I just don't want them to have special rights that I or my family can't have. (01.26.00.05)

Young Woman

I'm not asking for special rights to be the way I am. (01.26.03.09)

Young Man

I don't want someone to have special rights over me when it's already hard enough to get a job in today's society. (01.26.08.30)

Shirley

Doesn't it mean that when they go get a job, because they're a minority, they'll get a job instead of a heterosexual. That 's exactly what it says, because a lot of the other minorities are getting jobs over the white people. (01.26.26.00)

Donna Red Wing

They're afraid of affirmative action, they're afraid of diversity, of things changing. And you juxtapose those changes with a bad economy, and you see people not being able to give their kids what they thought they could, they're afraid they can't feed their family. You put all that together, and you get someone looking for somebody to blame. (01.26.51.19)

Scott Nakagawa

Their attacks are fundamentally based in racism. They are mobilizing people around the notion that people of color have something that other people don't have. (01.27.02.05)

Kathleen Saadat

Once upon a time there were a group of people who had special rights; they were white men who owned land. And over time they've been pressured to extend those same rights, which were at some point in time "special rights," to other people . So maybe they DO think they're special rights for a

woman to get equal pay, or for there to be some real competition for a person of color, or for a lesbian or gay person to be able to rent a place. Maybe they do think they're special, I don't--I think they're equal rights. "Special rights" is applied whenever the in-group doesn't want the out-group inside.

(01.27.41.06)

Scott Lively- Radio Voice-over

The minority status was created for black people because they could not function equally in society, so we created those minority benefits on that basis.

(01.27.54.00)

Kathleen Saadat

There was never any intention to have an affirmative action program for gays and lesbians. I am the past director of affirmative action for the state of Oregon, and the language being used here is the politics of confusion. Because lesbians and gay men have said "we want equal rights", there is this counter argument that those are "special rights." All that lesbians and gays have asked for is nondiscrimination in the area of housing, employment and public accommodation. Whether you believe it's okay to be lesbian or gay is not the issue. Should we amend the constitution to discriminate against a group of people? No.

(01. 28.36.27)

[Mrs. Rupert Richardson --President, National NAACP]

Mrs. Richardson

There can be no justice when we single out any group of citizens and decide that there must be special laws to deprive them of their rights. What's "special" about being able to use public facilities and you are a tax-payer? What's special about being able to compete fairly and equally for a job? That is propaganda, designed for divisiveness. As a national official, what really frightens me--where does this go if indeed there is success here?

(01.29.14 .05)

Ann Sweet

The oppression and the effects of the oppression of gay/lesbian people and of African heritage folk, they are different--but yet the tool of oppression is the same. Oppression is the systematic mistreatment of human beings. So I knew what I needed to do was to talk about how the oppressions were linked, how one validated the other. We are trained to be bigots, we are trained to be homophobic. I knew that I needed to work in those places where I was "assigned" the role of the oppressor; if I wanted white people to stop practicing racism, I had to stop practicing homophobia.

(01. 29.59.00)

[Asian-Pacific Islanders Press Conference]

I remember growing up and hearing the words, feeling the sting of names like "nip" "jap," "chink" "slant eye" "gook", "f-o-b"-- they were mere words, but words which carried real consequences in a country that allowed slavery, genocide and segregation to occur within its borders. I understand that the twisted logic and language of bigotry rendered Asian immigrants less than human, and subject to exclusionary policies, mob violence and discrimination. I understand that the dehumanization of Japanese-Americans, partly through language, paved the way for the World War II imprisonment of

120,000 Japanese-Americans in concentration camps. Ballot Measure 9 is a 1990's version of the same twisted language and logic of bigotry.

(01.30.56.25)

Text on screen:

[During the 1920's in Oregon, the Ku Klux Klan was instrumental in passing a ballot initiative that banned Catholic schools. The KKK claimed that Catholics had "special rights". The law was later overturned as unconstitutional.]

(01.31.13.29)

[Interracial marriage was an imprisonable felony in 31 US states, including Oregon. The biblical rationale: it was "abnormal, wrong and unnatural." Oregon's statute was overturned in 1951. In 1967 the US Supreme Court ruled such laws unconstitutional]

(0.31.33.00)

Woman

From my native American roots and traditions, I come to this time and place with you to celebrate the circle of life, where each one of us is important, and each one of us has a gift to bring.

(01.31.46.20)

2nd Woman

We have a saying in Spanish, "si se puede", which means "yes we can". And we want people to know, yes we can form coalitions, yes we can unite, and yes we can fight back. Thank you.

[Portland]

[Newport]

[Eugene]

(01. 32.22.00)

Woman

Being political has never been my style. This has certainly brought me out. If we wake up Wednesday morning and this measure passed , it's important for me to be able to say, yes I did everything I could.

[Grants Pass]

(01.32.43.00)

Glenn Diller

If I were you, I would not go out on a crusade like this.

(01.32.45.10)

Sky

You're out on a crusade.

(01.32.46.28)

Glenn

No, God changed my life. And if you feel that this is something that you have to carry which is difficult, why don't you look into this?

(01.33.00.15)

Sky

I've never found loving another person "something difficult to carry".

(01.33.04.04)

Glenn

But there are others whose lives have been changed.

(01.33.11.25)

Sky

I'm very happy with my life.

(0.33.14.12)

Glenn

Well, there's your problem.

(01.33.16.12)

[Glenn Diller]

Glenn

Today they are coming forward. And what's caused a big controversy here locally: a doctor's daughter came forward and said "I am a lesbian." and the father and mother and daughter were pictured on the front page of our paper, all of them smiling.

(01.33.37.00)

Elise Self

And here's Jim and Jennifer and me. Unfortunately our son couldn't come down for the picture, we really wanted him in it too.

(01.33.45.15)

Jim Self

The overwhelming response we received was positive. We even got a letter from the local Methodist Church signed by well over 100 members of the congregation, thanking us for being willing to stand up publicly for our daughter.

(01.33.39.25)

Elise Self

This is a letter we received after our article appeared in the Courier: "Nothing good will ever come to your and your family. Have you ever seen what gays do with one another? Pure filthiness, just like homosexuals. Well, whether you want to hear it or not, our precious god in Jesus Christ says in Corinthians 'it is an abomination and they shall be put to death', and believe me, she and the rest of these perverts will be, just as he has said. Sincerely-

(01.34.9.00)

Jim Self

That was very upsetting when we got that. I think that's when we started getting scared.

(01.34.37.20)

Elise (voice-over)

The newspaper was picketed for days and days. We went and talked to the editor shortly after our article came out, and he confided in us that the OCA was the angriest about our article, because it showed everyday people, a family.

(01.34.56.00)

Man with sign

God's going to bring judgment.

[Klamath Falls]

(01.35.03.00)

[Cindy Patterson]

Cindy

We lived down the street from a church that had major supporters of the OCA. And it's so bizarre-- they can have on their church dresses and bonnets, and the men in their suits--yet they can stop on their way to church and harass somebody like me. They told me to keep my mouth shut, they called me a faggot-loving bitch, they told me that the queers in this town were going to die, and if I didn't keep my mouth shut that I would die with them.

(01.35.38.00)

We had a march, a candle-light vigil, and we marched Main Street . I coordinated that march with "Coalition for Human Dignity"-- I think it was the strongest way to show our gay community that we're not going to take it. I spoke at the courthouse, and they threw eggs.

(01.36.02.00)

Woman on the street

If it wasn't for straight people, none of you'd be here today!

(01.36.07.00)

Cindy Patterson

The next morning my husband and I woke up, and they had painted the street in front of our house. And all the street signs were painted -- instead of STOP, it said "Stop the queers", and instead of DEAD END it said "Dead Faggot Lover".

(01.36.22.00)

They followed us. I took my child clothes shopping for school , and two men actually followed me into the stores! We went through so many tires, and tire stems. And the cat was killed. The harassment changed, they always did something different, but they constantly did something to let you know that they were there, and they were continuing to watch you . The scariest thing about it is that we got used it.

(01.36.58.20)

[Orin Camenish-Klamath County OCA Director]

Oren

Oregon Citizen's Alliance of Klamath County, may I help you?

(01.37.03.00)

It's just like Cholera--they found out it was rats, so they destroyed the rats, and then they destroyed the fleas, and they destroyed the cholera. So if 80% of AIDS originates with homosexual males, it goes exponentially, it multiplies, so the more homosexuals, the more AIDS --

(01.37.19.20)

Neighbor with Bible

"You shall not lie with a man as with a woman. It is an abomination". God says don't do it, it's wrong. And he knew, he's the one who created the human body, he knew what would happen, he knew AIDS would happen.

(01.37.30.08)

Oren

I don't know that all of them have any deliberate attempt to recruit, but they are trying to legitimize their lifestyle. It's like Hitler and those totalitarian people--they started with the youth, little kids . Japanese during the wartime, same way. Russian people, same way.

(01.37.55.13)

Woman with sign

They could persuade one of my grandchildren to become a homosexual.

(01.37.59.00)

Man with sign

They are recruiting 10% of our kids into their culture.

(01.38.02.03)

Older man with sign

They don't reproduce themselves, so they have to get them some way.

(01.38.06.10)

Scott Lively (voice-over)

We've come together today at the Department of Education Building to rally and protest the promotion of homosexuality in the schools. Follow me!

(01.38.32.00)

Lon Mabon

And they want to tell our kids that homosexuality is good and normal. And what do we think is going to happen? And I'll tell you, it's exactly what they want to happen --

(01.38.39.00)

Suzanne Pharr

Their belief is, I think, that everyone is born heterosexual--and some of us just choose to be wicked. And then they have the even more curious notion, that if you talk about homosexuality, then people will become homosexual.

(01.38.39.00)

Man in the booth

What they're doing is recruiting children, and all this Measure does--it says this is a perverse lifestyle, like bestiality and pedophilia, you know there's a lot of pedophilia in homosexuality-

(01.39.07.10)

Scott Lively

Homosexuality, pedophilia and sado-masochism walk hand-in-hand down the streets of San Francisco in the gay pride parade, and that's a documented fact .

Text on screen:

[20 years of accredited research shows that 80-90% of the sexual abuse of children to be by the heterosexual partner or relative of the child's parent. The most recently published research finds less than 1% of the offenders to be homosexual, and concludes that the risk of a child being molested by a heterosexual is 100 times greater than by someone gay or lesbian.]

(01.39.1.21)

Charles Hinkle

They hope that if they take those two words "homosexuality and pedophilia" and repeat them together often enough, that people will ignore the facts and vote their fears. It is a war they are waging all right, and truth was the first casualty. Pedophilia is a crime, it has always been a crime in Oregon and no one is proposing to change that law, and you know that, Scott.

(01.39.41.20)

Kathleen Saadat

Because children are being abused, we know this, some fantastic number of children are sexually abused in our country every day. Who's doing it? "It must be the queers because it can't possibly be anybody in my house, can it?"

(01.39.59.10)

Lon Mabon

If we say that a person's will is not involved in their behavioral choices, then we reduce the human species to animals.

(01.40.08.20)

Man

It's the behavior that they do outside of what they are—

(01.40.11.22)

Man in booth

Are you born a pedophile or is it a choice? Am I born a murderer or is it a choice?

(01.40.16.00)

Woman with umbrella

It's in the same category as lying and murder.

(01.40.18.01)

Woman

It's just like a murderer-

(01.40.18.20)

-or racism or murder, or rape-	Lon Mabon	(01. 40.21.13)
Why shouldn't we give murders special rights?	Man on street	(01. 40.24.13)
Or alcoholics? or kleptomaniacs?	Oren	(01.40.25.23)
Or shoplifting.	Glenn	(01. 40. 26.28)
We don't call them names.	Wife	(01.40.28.0)
I've never heard anyone in the Oregon Citizen's Alliance speak hatefully--	Orin	(01. 40.31.14)
You hate the sin-	Glenn	
Hate the sin and love the sinner.	Woman	(01. 40.33.24)
We LOVE homosexuals, and we care about them.	Neighbor	
How can you translate love into Measure 9?	Voice to man at booth	(01.40.38.17)
It's love in action.	Man in Booth	(01.40.42.00)
Homosexuality and Christianity are diametrically opposed. People who are involved in that cannot hope for heaven.	Woman with Umbrella	(01.40.48.19)

Lon Mabon

If you do believe in God, and you do take His authority seriously, then you cannot interpret the scripture any other way.

(01.41.00.00)

Monk

Is there any person in this room that can remember without shame that for 18 centuries the Bible was used to justify slavery and to subjugate women? Is there anyone in this room who can remember without shame, that right here in Oregon 50 years ago, the Ku Klux Klan used the Bible to keep white churches white and black churches black, and to attack Catholic Christians like me?

(01.41.21.10)

Kathleen Saadat

The argument is: in this country do I have a right to live separate from your religion? And the answer is yes.

(01.41.35.00)

Young Woman

Oh really? It says in Ezekial 3 that we have the right to judge what is wicked , and we need to tell the wicked of their wicked ways. And if it tells in our Bible that homosexuality is perverse, then I have the right to tell the wicked of their wicked ways--it says that my blood will be shed-

(01.41.51.00)

Her Mother

Whether the Measure passes or not, we have won, we read the last chapter. What are you going to say when you stand before God and give accounting?

Young Woman

That's right! And we are not judging you!

(01.42 .03.00)

Woman on the street

Two men adopt a child, and they want maternity leave? When it took us women over 50 years to get the right to have maternity leave? I don't think so. They want all kinds of special rights-

First Boy

They don't want special rights, they want normal rights.

(01.42.19.15)

Second boy

They want equal rights, just like women want equal rights--it's the same thing.

(01.42.22.20)

Blond Teenaged Boy

In a few years I'll be 21, and that means I can go in bars. And if I go in a bar and there's a homosexual in there, how do I know he's not going to try anything? Shouldn't they take all homosexuals and put them in a city of their own? That's what I think they should do. I'd take them all from the United States and put them in Illinois or something. I'm pretty sure they all could fit, Illinois would be just for them.

(01. 42.52.00)

I've got 2 little brothers, they're 13 years old, that's why, because if everyone's going to be gay, the little kids are going to grow up seeing them all being gay, so they're going to want to be gay. But if we just keep them off the streets, then the kids will grow up and want to be like us.

[Anne Frank Exhibition]

(01.43.07.00)

Woman's voice-over

But like many protests, very little was done officially in Germany--so, many Jews decided to leave, and many people tried to go to Amsterdam—

(01.43.19.10)

Boy voice-over

Is this like the sleeve? Yeah, it's like if you're No on 9.

(01. 43.25.10)

Teacher

There's a lot of people making correlations between Measure 9 and trying to pass laws like it, because they passed a lot of laws like that in Germany before they ever ended up in the concentration camps.

(01. 43.36.00)

Male Student

I could see how Nazi people would say "they're not like us, I'm gonna get them", because that's the way I feel with fags-- I mean they act so different.

(01.43.52.00)

Teacher

What's the difference between Jewish people and gay people?

(01.43.57.00)

Male Student

Look, this is cruel, because Jewish people are citizens, but it's totally different when you're beating up a gay person than when you're beating up a total citizen. I don't take their money, I just beat 'em up, make them hurt, make them think about it. Because I'm not prejudiced, and I don't like people who are prejudiced.

(01.44.19.20)

Recorded phone message

I've got a saying for you: Save America, kill a fag.

(01.44.25.00)

Scott Seibert

This is a cover letter for a book saying that the death penalty for homosexuals is what the Bible requires.

(Book title: **[Death Penalty Proscribed for Homosexuals]**)

Knowing that it's out there and circulating, I have to wonder what's going to happen in the next couple of weeks.

[SEPTEMBER]

[Salem]

Woman voice-over

The Molotov Cocktail was thrown into her window specifically.

(01.45.06.12)

Neighbor

Smoke was rolling out of these two windows. And Brian was lying right here, and he looked severely burned.

(01.45.13.20)

Tasha

By that time flames had surrounded her. Her cousin Eddie almost reached her, but there was too much smoke. So Hattie died that night in the fire, and Brian died the following day.

(01.45.32.23)

Woman

This is all we could salvage of her personal effects. I believe she and Brian were definitely targeted.

(01.45.40.00)

Tasha

They yelled, "I hope that nigger bitch popped like a hotdog in a microwave."

(01.45.47.00)

Woman

Brian got beat on all the time. He'd walk by here every day with new bruises. His face was fractured, beaten brutally this last time he was beaten for being gay.

**[Hattie Mae Cohens, November 10, 1952-September 26, 1992
Brian Mock, November 26-September 26, 1992]**

(01.46.06.00)

Kathleen Saadat (at vigil)

We're standing here with candles to light the dark, that's the job. The darkness of ignorance, the darkness of fear. You've got the power, light the dark!

(01.46.22.00)

Kathleen (at home)

I felt incredibly isolated, incredibly alone. I felt like I was fighting the OCA, I was fighting in the steering committee, and I was fighting just to stay alive and keep my own self together.

(01.46.33.00)

Since the burning in the bed of Hattie Cohens and Brian Mock, I've been really concerned about fire. That is really scary to me. When I wake up at 3 in the morning I just lie there listening. This is where I usually sit and read, but I don't sit here at night anymore, because I'm concerned about something coming through that window.

(01.46.56.00)

Where we may defeat this measure, we still have concerns about who it was that wanted this to happen to us. Because it feels very personal, somebody wants your life to be confined, constrained, and perhaps ended. That feeling is not going to go away soon, that feeling is going to create a kind of fear that we will have to learn to manage.

(01.47.1.25)

Donna Red Wing

I kept a loaded shotgun in my bedroom until the election. I became a different person.

(01.47.41.00)

Jim Self

It's the first time in my life that I felt like having a loaded gun in my house. And I don't like to say that. I was scared.

[Eugene]

Scott Seibert

After 2 weeks of harassment, break-ins and death threats, this morning at 4: 30 somebody put their death threat around a rock and threw it through the window. This is the state office for OUT-PAC , we've been doing the conferences and the background research on the OCA. Two times they pried the back doors off the house, and went in and took all kinds of files-- including unlisted phone numbers and my personal schedule.

(01.48.31.25)

When we moved the office out of my home, and it was just my home again I was sure it was safe-- but then the death threat came through the window. It makes me very angry. And with my background as a cop and as a marine , if I feel this way then I can imagine why other people are hiding and going back into the closet, just scared to death.

[OCTOBER]

[Hillsboro]

(01.49.13 .00)

[Father Jim Galluzzo]

Father Jim

Two weeks ago the Archbishop of the Catholic Church of Oregon came out with a public statement on why Catholics should oppose Ballot Measure 9. And then Saturday night I heard a noise , and when I came downstairs the rectory was on fire. And they had broken into the church and spray painted all around. There was a lot of shock, tears, sadness and anger.

(01.49.51. 00)

People in this community really understand, because in the 1920s the Ku Klux Klan was very strong, and passed a law to close the Catholic schools. They even went through churches looking for guns, because they thought the Catholics had an agenda to take over the state. So, especially for the older people here, they remember the cross-burnings--and when they saw the graffiti on the walls, it reminded them of the 20s.

(01.50.24.00)

Man outside

Well, the homosexuals created the environment by going for minority rights. The OCA would not have done that.

Other Man

The OCA did it because they generated the hatred that gave those people the initiative to do it.

(01.50.36.10)

[Tom Potter--Portland Chief of Police]

Chief Potter

I have never seen anything in my tenure as chief, other than the civil rights issues and the Viet Nam war, that has created such division within our state, and pitted family members against family members. There's a very strong sense of imminent danger.

[Portland]

(01.50.57.00)

[Reverend Gary Wilson]

Rev. Wilson

This church was vandalized. The only thing missing is a mailing list of 300 names. 90% of this congregation is gay and lesbian people. There is no end to the harmful way this list can be used.

[Newport]

(01.51.20.00)

[Amanda Colorado]

Amanda

When we got down here that night we found that our No on 9 sign had been taken down. Pat got her ladder out, and four more signs - -

(01.51.28 .00)

[Pat Bates]

Pat

And up they went, as high as we could get them to keep them from vandals.

(01.51.34.15)

Amanda

That night Pat and I came home again from the city. When we got here I didn't see the signs, and I thought "someone has removed our signs, again". And as we got closer, I realized they hadn't taken the signs down, they'd cut our trees down -- just the trees that had the signs on them.

(01.51.56.15)

Pat

They're not going to keep me quiet. They'll have to kill me to keep me quiet.

(01.52.01.10)

Donna Red Wing

Birth defect, abomination, less than a person, lower than an animal. These are the words bandied about to describe me, my family, to describe who I am.

[Salem-Legislative Hearings]

We're here today to tell you our truths, to tell you our stories, to share with you the terror and horror of this violence. But also, to show you by our example, the courage, the tenacity, the absolute miracle of survival that is us.

(01. 52.35.15)

Karen Mall

As I was getting up he kept hitting me in the back- -the upper back, middle back, lower back, and my kidneys--just whaling me. He had strength and gravity on his side. It's terrible living in this fear and paranoia, this is a nightmare. I'm a good citizen, I don't deserve this.

(01.52.52 .00)

Bob Ralphs

It was clear that someone had taken a knife and cut through the brake lines—

(01.53.00.25)

Scott Seibert

A theatre owner in Springfield hosted a fundraiser for No on 9 on Saturday. Yesterday he came to his business to find that it had been spray painted—slogans included "kike" "Jew, Gook" and "Yes on 9".

(01.53.16.15)

Donna Red Wing

Cindy can't be here today because she's moving. The last time I spoke to Cindy she had received dozens of death threats. The lug nuts on her tires had been loosened--she discovered it as she almost lost control of her car on a mountain road, when her wheels began to slide off.

(01.53.35.10)

Cindy Patterson

I went to feed my horse, and I found her bloody, with a pitchfork laying in her stall.

(01.53.43.20)

Donna Red Wing

They attacked it with a pitchfork, piercing it's flesh , puncturing its body, cutting the animal's face with the pitchfork, and raking across it again and again.

(01.54.00.00)

Kathleen Saadat

I don't like trying to sleep with one eye open and one ear alert. I'm exhausted. I'm afraid.

(01.54.10.15)

Kevin Berrill

In closing, let the record of this hearing show one unavoidable conclusion: Measure 9 equals violence. By sponsoring this initiative and by waging a campaign of lies, the OCA has opened up a Pandora's box of hatred that has undermined civility, safety and democracy.

(01.54.32.10)

Singers singing

-- fighting for freedom, fighting for freedom!

(01.54.41.25)

Chief Tom Potter

Almost every gay and lesbian organization has received death threats. We've met with the No on 9 people, looked at the security of their premises. Gay and lesbians that are working on this issue are moving in pairs now. We've actually set up a task force within the police department--and we have set up a rumor control hotline--

(01.55.10.10)

Donna Red Wing

I just picked up my cellular phone and beeper from the police bureau. They're afraid something is going to happen--people have been attacked in their cars--

(01.55.18.00)

Lon Mabon

I know a lot of the hate crimes are perpetrated by the homosexual community as a media tool.

(01.55.29.00)

Bonnie Mabon

I've spent hours on the telephone with people of that lifestyle. I've been able to get past their anger into the hurt they feel because they're not accepted. But a lot of it is because they don't have a moral base, and they don't see anything wrong with what they're doing. They've never been taught there is a right and a wrong with what they're involved in--so I really have heart to help these people.

(01.55.59.00)

Lon Mabon

And if we beat them when they have put every chip they have on the table, it will be the single most powerful political victory that's occurred in this half of the century, if not this whole century.

(01.55.59.00)

Orin Camenish

I think it will pass. I'm positive it will pass in the rural counties . I think the vote here will be 75-80% in favor.

(01.56.23.00)

Scott Seibert

It this thing passes, my partner and I have already said, "where do we go, what do we do?" Do we stay here and fight this thing out , or do we just go somewhere else? How far can you run? The Oregon Citizen's Alliance says they will get these bills passed in every state in the Union, because they are part of the Christian Coalition, a national network. Can you run? I don't think so any more.

Yes on 9! Yes on 9!
People on street (01.56.48.15)

Man on street (01.56.53.00)
The adverse impact of the gay community on our children, our schools, and the quality of life in our communities-- is revealed in this video, it's free for anybody who wants to show it to their friends.

Dougie (01.57.05.00)
Take as many as you want--

Lon Mabon (01.57.07.15)
We distributed well over 10,000 videos that are still out there and being circulated. It was very effective for us. We showed them at house meetings and different county meetings, churches that wanted to see it, Rotary Clubs and Kiwanis Clubs.

(01.57.22.18)

“Doctor” in film
--rubbing human feces on your skin, or rolling around on the floor in feces, something called mud-rolling --

(01.57.28.10)

Suzanne Pharr
The video was entirely focused on evil, sickness, disease, perversion; and the fact that it is only a behavior and a choice , so if we did not want to do this, we could become good people.

(01.57.45.15)

Charles Hinkle
It's like going to the topless bars and seeing the old men sticking their dollar bills in the G-strings, and saying "this is typical heterosexual dating patterns".

(01.57.45.15)

College Woman
That's one of the reasons this could possibly pass-- there are a lot of people who don't know anyone who's homosexual, and they see this kind of a video and they think "oh gosh, they're overrunning Oregon!"

(01.58.01.10)

College Boy
It's scary to think that one or two states could set a precedent for a nation—but it's happening now, the eyes of the nation are on us.

[November 1]

(01.58.20.10)

Rabbi 1

We are a nation of differences. Our nation is unique for its acceptance of differences, we cherish the right to be different. That is why I vote with you, No on 9!

(01.58.34.15)

Rabbi 2

My name is Rabbi Joshua Stamfer of Congregation A-Shalom-

Sister

My name is Sister Cathleen Stouffel-

Father Jim

My name is Father Jim Galluzzo from St. Matthew's church in Hillsboro-

(01.58.43.00)

Rev. Gary

I'm pastor of Metropolitan Community church, and I'm a gay man-

(01.58.47.00)

Daryll

I believe that there is just one agenda for all citizens, and that is the agenda of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that is why I vote with you, No on 9!

(01.59.02 .00)

Punch

I am a moderate, mainstream Republican and I've just returned from Romania as the United States Ambassador, and I've seen what happens when you lose your human rights. That is why I vote with you, No on 9 !

[November 2]

(01.59.23.00)

Suzanne Pharr, voice-over

So it's the day before the election, and here we are at this extraordinary time where all kinds of people have come out in solidarity in opposition to 9, more than probably any state ever has on a single issue. Yet there's still that little tremor of fear--

(01.59.42.00)

Singers singing

Freedom is coming, oh yes I know--

(01.59.51.20)

Mother on march

I'm tired of hearing these terrible things being said about my son, and my friends and my family. It has to stop, that's why I'm here.

[November 3, Election Day]

(02.00.19.00)

Blond Man

I definitely voted against it. My father escaped from Nazi Germany, and this is how it begins.

(02.00.25.03)

Old Woman

No, and for many reasons.

(02.00.28.20)

Young Woman

No on 9 because of the discrimination that it causes.

(02.00.32.10)

Another blond man

I voted yes because I don't believe in special rights, period.

(02.00.35.06)

Woman in red

I voted Yes on 9 myself, because I don't want to see the homosexuals teaching in schools.

(02.00.44.10)

Bearded man

I voted yes on 9, and why? Mainly because I see my kids growing up in the schools-- and if I hear somebody tell my kid , my boy that is, it's okay to suck cock, I'm going to kill the son of a bitch.

(02.01.02.10)

Old man

We are humans, not dogs.

(02.01.04.20)

Another man

I voted no, basically because I don't even think it belongs on the ballot.

[No on 9, Election Night]

(02.01.13.00)

TV News, voice-over

Live from KATU, channel 2 news, the '92 vote. Welcome to the'92 vote, we'll take a break from the network to bring you local reaction the early returns--

[Women voted no on 9 by a margin of 2 to 1]

[OCA Victory party]

(02.01.50.20)

President Bush, voice from television

-- and our entire administration will work closely with his team to ensure the smooth transition of power. There is important work to be done and America must always come first --

[People between the ages of 30-44 were the largest group voting yes on 9.]

(02.02.05.20)

Lon Mabon

I don't know what the end result will be. We still might win by one vote.

(02.02.11.00)

Bill Clinton-voice from television

-- most of all, to bring our people together as never before --

(02.02.17.00)

Crowd

No on 9! No on 9!

[By age, people over 60 were the largest group against 9.]

(02.02.23.00)

Scott Seibert

Great early returns!

[Catholics voted no on 9 by a margin of 2 to 1.]

(02.02.42.5)

Suzanne Pharr

Are you declaring our race?

(02.02.44.25)

Woman off-camera

This is it, this is the moment we've all been waiting for-

(02.02:49.10)

Peggy Norman

I'm going to tell you some results. We're winning tonight in Benton County, in Clackamas County, in Klamath County, in Coos County, in Deschutes County, in Jackson County, in Lane County, Marion County, Polk County, Wasco and Yamhill !! I say to them, "Look at THIS crowd," let them put this crowd in their OCA video next time! Let your faces be seen!

(02.03.46.00)

Lon Mabon on television

We will come back in two years and fix some of the easy targets.

Newscaster

Specifically, how would the language be different in a future Ballot Measure?

Lon Mabon on television

We'd take out the words abnormal and perverse, and the pedophilia aspect.

[Measure 9 passed in 21 of Oregon's 36 counties.]

(02.04.05.15)

Scott Lively

And we will eventually succeed. This is too important to let lay.

(02.04.10.08)

Lon Mabon

It looks like the Colorado law will pass. It may just be the difference in the states. And maybe Idaho and Washington will be more receptive.

[The final tally: No on 9: 57%, Yes on 9: 43%]

(02.04.24.15)

Crowd on television newscast

2, 4, 6, 8, Colorado wants to hate!

(02.04.30.00)

Newscaster

A political surprise tonight in Colorado. Amendment 2, the anti-gay referendum has passed. Denver's Mayor Wellington Webb and Governor Romer have joined the hundreds of homosexuals and their supporters in an impromptu protest march to the capital steps.

[Amendment 2 passed with 54% of the vote.]

(02.04.53.20)

Newscaster

Poles had indicated that Amendment 2 would be soundly defeated. Yet today a majority of Colorado voters elected to deny legal protections from discrimination.

[Within one month of the election, anti-gay violence in Colorado increased 275%]

(02.05.03.10)

Donna Red Wing

I think Amendment 2 is much more dangerous than Measure 9, simply because it will win.

(02.05.12 .00)

Donna (on stage)

We have a victory tonight, but I need to ask you, what have we won? There's no tangible thing that we can hold in our hands or our hearts to say "this is what we've won, this is what we've gained. We have held ground.

(02.05.32.10)

Kathleen Saadat

To be able to advance a human rights agenda. To be able to talk about the rights of everyone, to have constitutional amendment that says we are all in the human race, and nobody can make laws to take us out--that's where we need to go. And we can't get there if we put all our efforts into simply fighting the OCA. Who's in control then? We're responding to their agenda. What's our agenda?

(02.05.59.15)

Lon Mabon

We are trying to get on the ballot through this year, in 33 different locations. We're going to go to communities where we know we're strong, to build our base.

[Grants Pass]

(02.06.12.00)

(Lon, continued)

Our goal is to build Citizen Alliances in all 3 northwestern states--Washington, Idaho and Oregon. We may branch out and do 5 or 6 more, we may eventually get to all the states in the nation.

[Olympia. Washington]

(02.06.26 .20)

(Lon, continued)

And we won't stop getting and gaining financial strength until we have returned every institution in this state, and in this country, back to a moral base.

(02.06.38.00)

Man in audience

I'm wondering what is your view about whether or not the Colorado success will be overturned by the courts?

(02.06.47.10)

Lon Mabon

No matter how you word an initiative, the battle will be fought in the courts. And we need to be prepared with an organization that can actually recall some judges. Believe me, when we first started the OCA we had only 2 or 3 people-- and now we're starting to elect school board members, and running people for County Commission, and so forth.

(02.07.10. 00)

Donna Red Wing

I think the most important thing we can do in these campaigns is tell the truth about ourselves, and tell the truth about the religious right.

(02.07.16.20)

Scott Seibert

You can send them statistics, you can put out glossy fliers, snazzy buttons and put up billboards-- and it's not going to change what they feel inside . But you stand at their door and say, "Hi Dad, guess what, I'm a homosexual."

(02.07.33.20)

Elise Self

I can no longer sit by and not say anything and watch these things happen. That's been spurred on because I have a gay daughter and I care about her, and I will fight for her life. And at the same time I'm fighting for a lot of people's lives, including my own; and a lot of people's rights, including my own.

(02.07.56.10)

Kathleen Saadat

You have to find the way to talk to people, and that makes things possible. You know, I'm 52 years old, I've seen a lot of change in the world, I grew up in the 40's. I sat in balconies with one light bulb, and this is where all the "coloreds" or "niggers" sat. That's changed. I have to believe that change is possible in more ways than one.

(02.08.25.00)

(Kathleen on stage)

All right, let's just do it. Let's get out there and start today, to talk to other people about the changes that need to be made, let's take the risks. The question is "what did I do today to make that difference? Where did I reach my hand out, who did I touch? Who did I let touch me, to help make that difference?" We can, we will, we must! Thank you.

(02.08.53.00)

Singers singing

Freedom is coming, freedom is coming, freedom is coming, oh yes I know--

Text on screen:

[Within 18 months of the election, referendums were filed in 10 other states to prohibit civil rights protections for homosexuals, and the O.C.A. passed 23 local measures in Oregon.

The battle continued in 1994 and 2000 in Oregon, when 2 statewide anti-gay measures were narrowly defeated, and again in 2004, when voters approved a ban on gay marriage.

In 1996 the U.S. Supreme Court judged Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2 unconstitutional, and "inexplicable by anything by animus toward the class that it affects."

In 2007 the Oregon legislature passed a domestic partnership law and a ban on discrimination against homosexuals. Referendums to repeal both were immediately filed.]

(02.09.57.00)

(Credits roll)

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