

WHERE THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES STAND

An analysis of the candidates' questionnaires on issues of concern to the GLBT community

KEY + SUPPORT - OPPOSE	Biden	Clinton	Dodd	Edwards	Kucinich	Obama	Richardson
Federal Recognition of State-Level Same-Sex Unions ¹ Supports recognition by the federal government of a state's legal recognition of same-sex couples for purposes of federal benefits and tax treatment	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ENDA Supports passage of a federal bill prohibiting job discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hate Crimes Supports passage of a federal bill that gives authority to the federal government to investigate and prosecute violent crimes motivated by bias against the victim because of their sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or disability	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Same-Sex Marriage Supports allowing civil marriage rights for same-sex couples	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Civil Unions Supports civil unions for same-sex couples	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Federal Benefits for Same-Sex Couples Supports extending federal benefits, rights, privileges and responsibilities to same-sex couples and their children provided the partnership meets certain federal standards of commitment and mutuality of interest	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Coverage Under the FMLA Supports expansion of the Family and Medical Leave Act to cover domestic partners and their children	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Access to Survivor Benefits Supports paying survivor benefits to the same-sex partners of gay and lesbian people	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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Equal Tax Treatment for Same-Sex Couples Supports fair and equal tax treatment of same-sex couples on the same basis as married couples	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Domestic Partner Benefits for Federal Employees Supports domestic partner coverage of health insurance and other employee benefits for gay and lesbian employees of the civilian federal workforce	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Adoption Opposes bans on adoption based solely on sexual orientation	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Immigration Supports the Uniting American Families Act, which would allow an American citizen to petition for immigration sponsorship for a same-sex partner	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Supports repeal of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Funding for HIV/AIDS Supports funding for the Ryan White Care Act to provide access to life-saving treatment and care for more than half a million low-income Americans with HIV/AIDS Supports passage of federal legislation that would allow states the option to provide Medicaid coverage to low-income, HIV positive Americans Supports increased funding for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and research	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Comprehensive Sex Education Supports passage of the Responsible Education About Life Act that would create a federal grant program to channel money to states that choose to teach comprehensive and age-appropriate sex education for America’s students that includes science-based prevention methods	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

¹ This position would override Section 3 of the so-called “Defense of Marriage Act,” which provides that for federal purposes, “The word ‘marriage’ means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word ‘spouse’ refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife.” 1 U.S.C. § 7