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The Gay Agenda video warns that the gay rights movement is waging an aggressive nationwide offensive aimed at every segment of society to quote forced the acceptance and approval of the chosen homosexual lifestyle and quote, because of its wide distribution by the Christian right, as well as as having been broadcast on television on pat robertson's widely viewed 700 Club,



Brian Bradley 00:25

what I'm most afraid of are the consequences of violence for people and Northrop. We've seen it in Oregon, we've seen it in Colorado, we've seen it in the context of the military issue is a direct result of this kind of hate rhetoric and propaganda gay men and lesbians are being beaten up and killed.



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The Gay and Lesbian emergency media campaign has further plans to produce short video tapes for use by community groups, public service announcements for radio and television, and a feature length documentary about anti gay ballot initiatives in Oregon and Colorado, in Washington, ombre Weiland, for this way out.



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This is true, as you could tell you, I guess there's no Miller, author of out in the world gay and lesbian live from Buenos itis to Bangkok. He's also the author of in search of gay America,



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in search of gay America, I kind of looked at gay and lesbian lives and lifestyles throughout the US went to a lot of small towns and rural areas and spent a lot of time in the South and Midwest, which was all quite interesting. But obviously, I was interviewing people in my own language. And it's my own culture, even though obviously, in a lot of ways, urban gay culture and small town culture have a lot not in common. But going into places like Japan and Egypt and Thailand, Argentina, was really a challenge in so many respects, just because you'd have to get to know the culture first. There were the language barriers in a country like Egypt. While there is lots of sex between men, for example, no one would consider themselves gay. And that was one of



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the things that really impressed me about the book is how many cultures don't really have a sense of gay identity that we're right



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here. Yeah. And that was one of the major things that I found if one could sort of make a big division in the world that was between cultures with a Western sense of gay and lesbian identity, and cultures where that just didn't exist. And we didn't divide the world into gay and straight the way we do here. And that was certainly true. In Egypt. It was true in Thailand, and Hong Kong and Japan, to a lesser extent,



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it's acceptable to have gay sex, but you don't name yourself as gay and you don't live with your lover, you get married, and you have kids and you carry on the family and you have your gay affairs on the side, right.



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And in some cultures, that's more or less acceptable. But certainly in a country like Egypt, as long as you married and you know, did what you were supposed to, it's rather fine to do it off on the side. Now, unfortunately, women don't benefit from this system at all. Because society like Egypt is extremely patriarchal women don't have economic freedom. They don't have the social mobility of society like Egypt, two women could never rent an apartment together, or even go to the movies together. Someone told me that I should have called my book desperately seeking a lesbian in Cairo. You had a very difficult time, I had a really hard time in some of these non western cultures finding lesbians to interview. And for example, in Egypt, the one woman I met who called herself a lesbian, told me that she was having a sexual relationship with her sister. And my reaction to this was, wait a minute, is she talking about sisterhood. And it turned out, she was a university student and her sister was, I think, 19 or 20. So we're dealing with consenting adults, but you know, in this country, we do call it incest. I don't know how typical this woman was of lesbians in Egypt. But on reflection as surprising or shocking as it seemed, at first, the more thought about it, it kind of made sense, because in a society where two women couldn't rent an apartment together, couldn't go out to a movie or a

restaurant together. If you were attracted to other women, sort of the only space if you want to say where you could do that would be within the family circle, or it could be your best friend or something, but you just didn't have the options that men had. The family



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really governs the lives of gay and lesbian people in lots of other countries where the needs of the family are put above their own. They don't have a sense of an individual right to happiness or pursuit of happiness as we do



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here. Absolutely. And I think you only see that changing in a country like Japan, for example, as the country gets more affluent, and as there is more Western influence for better or worse, pressure to marry while it's still strong and it's stronger for women than for men even it is breaking down a bit people are marrying and a little bit older ages than in the past. So there is kind of sort of a window of opportunity I tried to argue, in which people who are attracted to members of the same sex couldn't establish lesbian or gay relationships. In Japan, I met some lesbian couples who never married. I mean, there's beginning to be ever so slowly the emergence of kind of a western style, gay or lesbian identity. I mean, in Japan, homosexuality, for example, was always viewed as a hobby. That's a word they use as Japanese word called Schumi, you know, something you kind of did on the side, but I don't think women had much of a chance to do much on the side.



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Well, there's a whole range of cultures in this book, everything from ones where it's punishable by death, or life imprisonment to Denmark, where gay and lesbian couples are allowed to register and marry. How did you choose which countries you were going to explore?



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I wanted to de emphasize Western Europe for one thing, I figured a lot had been written about gay life in Western Europe, but Denmark because it was the one country where gay marriage was legal. I decided I wanted to go there. But the idea was to try to hit every continent, every culture, well, different religious and political systems as much as possible. Well, that was



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the other thing that intrigued me was religion, because it seemed to me that when you were talking about Thailand, for example, and other countries where Buddhism was the predominant religion, there was much more of an acceptance and toleration of various kinds of ways of living, because they hadn't been influenced by Christianity or by missionaries in quite the same way.



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Yeah, I mean, it's interesting to Thailand, which probably has some of the most relaxed attitudes towards sex, whether homosexual or heterosexual is the one country in Southeast Asia that was never colonized by anyone. And Japan, of course, was never colonized either. Although, in trying to catch up with the West, at the end of the 19th and 20th century, it certainly took on a lot of Western values and tried to kind of hide its past in which there was lots of gay relationships among samurai and that kind of thing. But there were a lot of different reasons why I went to places I went to I wanted to look at Eastern Europe after the fall of communism, and see how that it affected gays and lesbians. So I went to Czechoslovakia and I went to the former East Germany after unification. And then I took a look at South Africa during the period in which apartheid was being dismantled and went to Argentina and Uruguay, partially because they're Latin countries, but also because they'd had really harsh and really anti gay fascistic military regimes in the 1970s 80s. And then I went to Australia because it's kind of like the United States in a lot of ways. It just sort of provided some nice balance. So I tried to go to as many different kinds of places as possible and Egypt I went to just because the Arab world is particularly interesting, and it's interesting because there seems to be so much male homosexuality. I think I actually achieved a good mix of different countries and cultures or at least I hope I did.



Speaker 27 08:07

We will rejoin Josie cantos yours travels with author Neil Miller out in the world next time I'm this way out



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here and there. whistling a song not care certainly is fine. The world is the world is my love world is small.



Speaker 27 08:50

Thanks for tuning into this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week. Cindy Freedman, Brian newness, Bert Weiland and Josie guitar, Gio contributed program material. Thanks also to Mom Oh, gay radio Pacifica network news and Rose Gordon, Bill McHenry, the flirtations and Michael Feinstein performed some of the music you heard and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music. This route is brought to you each week by a staff of community volunteers and is sustained by financial support from the community audio cassettes of this way our programs are available by mail individually or by subscription. Write to us for more information or with any comments, suggestions or questions you might have. Or just to let us know you're out there listening right to this right out first off his box 38327 Los Angeles, California 90038. And please be sure to include the call letters of this station. For all of us at this way out. Thank you for listening on W USB Stony Brook, two xx, Canberra and WR UW Cleveland, among many others, and for supporting this community radio station, and we know you'll stay tuned



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open the gates up. Hey screw Did you miss me? Jimmy? I see that you found a new friend. Warden come down here. Here's me. Hello. Goes I'm back home in Huntsville. Again



Speaker 17 10:44

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Tailor Made shirts with them long at all it's gonna cost is 10 years of my life.



Jimmy Carper 11:12

Oh yeah. To find programs here at KPFT the PRISM program and dreams and echoes. Hi, I'm Jimmy and you are listening to after hours a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM World Radio for the people as a continuation Oh, oh and very important. Before that you heard Elton John, with his live and Australia album. Doing don't let the sun go down on me one of my all time favorite versions of that song. And we are happy to pray to play Elton John openly gay Elton John. After hours. Last week, we started an interview with Brian Bradley who interviewed Lee Marsters Pat Hall and Duncan Allen, a man in his 50s a woman in her 60s and a man in his 70s talking about gay life, before Stonewall, and what it was like to live with police raids and with everybody you knew, living in the closet. So let's get back and finish that up. And after that, Diane and the gang. We'll be back with some more goodies.



Brian Bradley 12:49

We're back with our guests tonight. Pat, excuse me, Pat Hall, Duncan Allen and Lee Marsters and, Pat, you were before we went to the break, was going to tell us about some of the limitations you feel your straight peers have, I believe you turn them,



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well, they the biggest problem that a lot of women have if they are straight. They are so restricted by their lives. Their husbands, particularly in my age group. Now some of the younger women are out being executive. At my age, very few women went to college. There

were very few that went to college. Very few women executives, but these women are housewives, grandmothers. They don't know what to do with their life. There's nothing more beautiful than walking around in a grocery store and seeing them. You asked me if I'm put upon as a gay? No, because I agree with with Lee. I'm still out there doing something. Now unfortunately, I don't do as much as I used to. But I'm still active. My house sometimes it was like it had revolving doors. There was always someone calling say, did you know such and such about it? So I think that Mike Lee says if as the older gay person if you want to take yourself out, you can. Now sometimes we may not understand the young issues. But like I told you before we went on, we've all been there. You all haven't been where we are, but we've been where you are. And we just raised a lot of hell.

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Brian Bradley 14:26

Right about it. One of the questions or notes that I had written down here was, I was going to ask how to compare yesteryear with today. Is it significantly different overall? Or do you find is just the same old thing is new again. You know, what would be the biggest difference you think in from when you were in your 20s and today with just general climate politics or whatever? Well, you could

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duck growing up in the 50s Even you wouldn't have dared I, in my opinion, you would not have dared to declare yourself a homosexual

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off course I wouldn't be. But so I remember one time that Mickey Leland had no opponent. So he was using all his funds, and he had a big banquet downtown. And they said that Lee, we want you to come now, we don't consider you a senior citizen. But it was what they all said they they were tremendous numbers of black people in the banquet thing. And those people brought me Ellis, Mickey Leland, all those said, we're here today, because you were there yesterday. And that's the way I feel about the gay movement. I think what we've done has been enough that it will never go back the way was it? I think we were brought forward and at this point, they just say, Okay, you guys, are you do it? I'm tired. I will stay in my garden.

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Brian Bradley 16:03

I think that's, I think that's right and proper, with the caveat that the ones that do it today are never dismissive of watts when in the past, whether we agree or disagree with it, because I don't think we can ever fully appreciate it. Because we can't understand it. Because we certainly can't live it, you can only tell us about it. And we can take it in our minds, and

hopefully some portion of our hearts, but we really can't understand. Do you see things that we call political activity or activism and such? Do you see things that just very greatly disturbed you? Or are you encouraged by Yeah, well, tell us about that leave?



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Oh, queer nation and trying to out shoot later. That made me very angry. I think that is very, is that right? Absolutely. And one thing I really am pleased with, I can every time you see Clinton now, she really does stand right there with him. He seemed to that. He's, and that whole outing is blanked out. I think that, Oh,



Brian Bradley 17:07

I think they were myself as someone of a different age. And here I am in favor of outing in very few instances. If you have a gay or lesbian in a position of power, or in a position to make policy, and that person is deliberately making bad policy, hurtful policy to people, then I think they deserve it. But I have no evidence to say it's Shalida has done nothing but a fabulous job. And if she chooses to, you know, toward gays and lesbians, and if she chooses to be less quiet than I am, or someone else with her sexual identity or whatever, I think she's entitled,



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she should get out Jesse Helms.



Brian Bradley 17:44

God, please don't out here, man. I'll get married tomorrow and join the church.



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I truthfully do not think anyone has the right I don't think I have the right to speak for the young gays. I don't think I have the right to go and say, Aha, did you know he's gay? Did you know I don't think I have that. Right. And I think outing is violating that person's personal rights. I do not think anybody has that.



Brian Bradley 18:11

It's a very contentious subject.



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I'm very pleased that he's getting a lot of flack on this, but I believe he will certainly get it done. It'll be a little slower. Maybe then, like, we want yesterday. But the gays in the in the he has

defending gays in the military. I served four years in the Navy, and it was it was loaded with command all through the

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Brian Bradley 18:36

Navy. Do you have any reason to think it's any different today? No, it's

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not? Certainly not.

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Brian Bradley 18:41

And did you do your job? And did you do it? Well, yeah, I

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don't know how we won the war. deck off, sir. We did a good job. And I thought, God, I was no more experienced than I've had and we won the war.

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Brian Bradley 18:56

Don't you find it interesting? Or I do at least that you have all the most readily equipped army in the world, supposedly the most gung ho men and women, the strongest people, they are so threatened by nothing more than our recognition. You know, if they are what is going to defend this country against the worst of tyrannies, and they're frightened of us that either says more about us than we realize, or less about them. I think

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they have a real problem with their own sexuality. I think

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that's where it all stems from because they don't want somebody running back so that we Yes, we did. The other thing that I think and I need to put it in there on that, if they would just go to the medical profession, they're so worried about taking a shower with him. What are they gonna worry about that doctor and then nurses in there?

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Brian Bradley 19:50

That's a very good point. I've spent quite a few years work in the medical profession and this



week I was interviewed by someone in the media. Let's just say I don't want to closely identify this person. necessarily a straight man who said that he had a child that had a very grave and serious medical problem that required intensive care, and even surgery, this child eventually died. But their physician they learned was a gay man. And they said that they kept him. And they even kept him as their child's of physicians just limited to that, after the fact that they learned that he had AIDS, not because they felt sorry for him, not because they didn't want to do the wrong thing. But because he was the best doctor. And that doctor has since then passed away from AIDS. And you know, and I think of the great loss that's there. Oh, yeah, we are so talented in so good in so many ways. And we never give ourselves credit for that. We're always harping on the bad like you say, taking yourself out of the picture, because somebody might have criticized your you may not



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think they're good apples and bad actors in both sides of the stream. I mean,



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of course, the freighters thing, but the healing professions are filled with gays obviously, as far as the arts, all the arts, teaching. I mean, I've taught for a total of 10 years in three different universities, and community colleges. And it's amazing, if highly significant minority of the faculty and every institution I've taught has been gay, from the administration on down. And the same thing is true, of course, in a lot of areas of American life, like publishing



Brian Bradley 21:24

talk, my jobs at MD Anderson, and there's 1000 people who work there, and I can't get the queers out of my hair,



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they're everywhere. Now, probably a good 25% conservatively.



Brian Bradley 21:35

Now, did you have a greater span of time to give some perspective on things? How important do y'all think it is for persons to become comfortable at a young age and declare themselves? Do you think that we would really advance forward with very little effort if people knew who we were and what our numbers really were?



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I think that if you take the terrible fear of being gay, who out of the out of the society, if that can happen? Let people declare themselves whether they feel comfortable? Yeah, that may be

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Brian Bradley 22:16

Now that can you mentioned earlier about being in San Francisco and you had gay and lesbian police officers police in the gay and lesbian community and that simpatico was there and such. And the job was just done, you know, that police officer expected the citizens to act in a manner in which the straight officers would have expected the straight citizenry to act. But somehow, what's missing? There is that was a bit of a get out. Do you think it's more preferable or realistic to expect gay people to somehow ghettoize themselves? Or do you think we're more toward being more you know, homogenous in society? I remember I've experienced the ghettoization at times, and I've disliked it, but also it provides a great deal of comfort and security. And let's face it, sometimes we get tired of all this crap, we want to be bar sales, or



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a lot of straight people.



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I think I might have a great ideal go for society. I think we need to teach the nature of human sexuality in elementary school on up and tell kids is okay, you know, a lot of you are going to turn out to be people who like their own sex, and it's not a sickness. It's generally congenital. And it's not a lifestyle choice as the right wingers would like us to believe. How think that the only that way over a long period, as Pat was saying, we can't be too impatient can change really occur. We've got to have a much more realistic assessment of human nature in our society, which is gonna take a long time, a lot of education. And we're not gonna have any help from people like Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell out there preaching their vitriolic inanities, in my opinion, showing their



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insecurities. And I say I don't want to appear like feminists are please

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Brian Bradley 23:58

pack Go ahead. That's a great thing.



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But I mean, I hear with all you males I used to want to, but I think that when a man has a son and quits worrying about whether he's going to be the best football player and worries about whether that son is going to be happy and have a productive life, because that's where a lot of the steam I happen to have a gay brother also. And I'm gonna tell you fathers do terrible things

to their sons, their daughters too, but they in trying to think this is what makes a man. Well, to me, what makes a man is the same that makes a woman is they are an individual, they are a person. That's right, but until you can remove that stigma from the Father, thinking that his son must be the strongest, biggest, bravest thing. I think that's one of the main goals. So, women we don't count you see, we we always had to dance together.

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Brian Bradley 24:58

So would you think that It would be more preferable to inevitably reach the point in which our sexual identity is really not important. You know, not important as such a strong identifier opposite, that it's not the first thing that people think about. We know



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that Christianity, I mean, it's, that's what puts a lot of people bound up within themselves. I don't even know what their sexuality is.



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Judeo Christian, it's pretty tough. I disagree with you on one thing about me being gay being a congenital thing. I am absolutely very much in the 14th line of thinking. And in my in my case, I had, I did not have a male role model. I did not. I did not have one. And you know, that's all cast by the time you're six or seven years old. And then later in life, we became very, very close and understood each other. But if I'd had a father right there with me, and being a good friend to me at being a father to me, I've probably been straight.



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I had all that.

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Brian Bradley 26:19

Yeah. Did you have siblings? Lee? Yeah. Did they turn out to be homosexual? Oh, no, we split Lee's theory right there.



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Now, I was the first child. I was. So you are I was the first child. My father was very envious of me. Because my mother, he was very immature. And my mother spent too much time with me. And he kind of shoved me away. And so that was it.



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I came up to my parents when I turned 30. And I took it was a great act of bravery. I thought, I thought I'm really going to be honest with you. I can't stand living this. Why? Because I love my parents, and they love me. They think I'm this wonderful person, successful and educated and all this crap. But they don't know that I'm a queer. So I've got to tell it. So I got very drunk with him when I was visiting from New York, and blurted out that I was a homosexual. They just laughed. I said, That's inappropriate. You can't laugh at this. It's very serious. They said, Son, we noticed that you were six years old. Yeah, just killed me. I could not believe

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Brian Bradley 27:17

when I was like, 11 years old, I made my mother sit down at the kitchen table and we never had serious stuff like that. We were such friends. You know, I said, You've got to sit down. I am going to tell you something is going to kill you. And that's in the as I'm blabbering. She says what you're gay. No matter what, since you were wearing diapers. And that was really I mean, I tried to make it an issue she was never really an issue. Tell Tell us what happened to you?

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Well, I told you I was I've been loving in love with women since I was 14. And let's say you know like any normal American at 14 You start experience insects. So I went with boys but I had sex with girls. So then as I told you as I liked Duncan, I was in a nice College on your mind was an all female Baptist College. And I sort of got expelled also.

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Brian Bradley 28:21

Common dragon when were you expelled,

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played the game as much as i Good.

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My lovers, parents found out about us and they pulled her out of school. So I went after so we couldn't be out after 1030 at night. So anyway. I had to go through the shock treatments. Because my folks then of course, I had gone to the barbershop and cut my hair like a boys you know, I've done all those normal things you do when you're in love with a woman they say you can't be in love with the woman. So I thought I was a boy. So anyway, I went through the shock treatments. My folks, I ended up you know, I cut out the guilt complex, I get married. Do all the normal things according to my folks. So like I told you, I was in my late 30s When I came out in gay live. And I mean to tell you, they thought I'd forgotten all about that. You know, I'd covered it from them. 100% Yeah. You had to lay your covered years. Nobody knew except those that we want.

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Brian Bradley 29:27

Y'all happy now. Oh, you sound very happy. You seem to like yourself. You seem to like yourself a lot. What do you find your daily activities are today and what are you what are your obstacles that you that you face today is What damn like you may not have nothing to look forward to. And now



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I'm retired and I was up early this morning and I got out to the farmers market and got a wonderful, wonderful vegetables. I got back and then I have a lot of work to do and by guide to how to beat friends at two o'clock for a coffee. We do that pre rego friends over ones available and that kind of thing and just keep going. But I don't go much out at night. I kind of like to be at home and have

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Brian Bradley 30:14

you out at night. Pretty frankly,



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not very often.

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Brian Bradley 30:17

It's not real real late, but you're out. Oh, no, no. But I



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like to have friends I've learned to cook. Lee's got to be a good cook. When did you learn to cook? Well, my grandparents are good cook. My grandmother's are good cooks. My mother was a great cook, and my wife was a good cook. But after we got a divorce, I realized that you'd have to get married again. Or learn to cook. So I learned to cook. It was easier. Hmm.

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Brian Bradley 30:44

What do you what do you do you find yourself being as involved in say, in the decision making process with politics and community things? Or have you reached a point? Did you find yourself just not doing it? And if so, one? Well,



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I'm here, though I'm not a precinct election judge anymore. I'm very tired. But I still keep my

finger in the pie and I'm working on the next mayor. And is that going to be? Well, I, I am going to be talking to George graininess, okay, and that kind of thing. But I don't want to do too much of that. I like to have my time at home and at work in my garden and their friends in and



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one of the things, and it's something that I think is going to have to come about. We have managed quite capably, but I do know other women and other men, that when they got to their senior years, and we're here, we're talking about a subject, like Social Security, and there are those that can no longer support themselves. Now, that's going to be a big issue, I think, with the more of you that are out, because rest overs don't want you believe me, they don't want you.



Brian Bradley 32:08

I know that with the AIDS games, there's only one in town that will take AIDS patients under duress, practically. So



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I think things need to be done. Not from my standpoint, because my crusading days are over. But I'm still marching I guess is the way it is.



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I like to add row that's where you put it. Well,



Brian Bradley 32:27


Duncan, are you still working as you





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are. And I think it's very important to be politically active. I've gotten much more so in my 50s actually delegates and state Democratic Convention, getting elected out of a very, very heterosexual precinct down by the Astrodome where I lived at the time and got elected as an openly gay delegate to a convention. Thought that was very important, gotten very active in the political, GLPC, the Political Caucus, motherboard of that. And I just think that those things are keep on young really, I think this kind of cost of activism, even though it's not. I mean, I don't really always prove when ACT UP does, you know, always get out there with them. But I have supported most of what Queer Nation did. But I think a lot of the behind the scenes thing like things things like what the caucus does, and actually working for candidates I worked for the Clinton as much as I could work for and Richards when she ran it very happy with both elections, obviously, I think Glen is gonna be the one of the finest presidents we ever had. I


read a lot of things about him and by him and the man is brilliant. He really is it's so great to have a president who can write and speak a complete sentence. He didn't really know you know, those are those are welds. The steel failed over


 **Speaker 17** 33:37  
was his wife. Well, she's


 **Brian Bradley** 33:39  
probably more intelligent.

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I doubt it, but she's certainly highly intelligent.

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Oh, did you see the January here? Was it she had hair all over her face? She was just working. She looked like a normal woman.

 **Brian Bradley** 33:53  
Do you feel I think a lot of gay and lesbian youth especially feel particularly responsible for fostering change. Dr. Oz and I know you have been actively involved in your in our life and writing your history and preparing us for hours. Do you Do you still feel the same level of responsibility to do those things that are of a political nature than you may have in the past? Or are you just rightly taken what you've learned and that's maybe Oh, no a good time to

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sit back. When you're dead,

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I'm not very active in GLPC anymore but I Sir read the Asher either BS every once in a while. Too many of you're too comfortable or too comfortable. Get out there. Let's get to voter registration.

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I think apathy is rampant in the gay community. I really do. I think they're happy. The level of

voter registration is pathetic. You know, the level of voting is pathetic.



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Okay, let's just take down here for Gay Pride Week. We were down here at the Gay Pride. Now, I didn't work with Tony John and a bunch of them all that way because I just had surgery. But I'm down there with voter registration. Now these are the gay floats. We registered off of those gay floats, almost 200 people that were not registered voters home to gay floats in the gay pride



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says volumes, doesn't it now?



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Well, it's very beginning to easy first we got we got the whole thing going where they had tables and people registering every gay bar and the grocery stores and we were wrestling 1000s and 1000s. And until they got wise to us, we were elected literally electing the courthouse. Because those are low ballot as Susan loves bouncing river collecting off the judges, tonic sub the straights got hold. They started doing



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I don't know that it's good to mention now. But do you remember what we got Frank man out and got Elena Tansley. Yeah, that was a real coup. That was the first block vote. I mean,



Brian Bradley 36:06

it's a little bit like the you know, the poor man who becomes very wealthy and raises a child in comfort in that child, in some instances, maybe oftentimes has no idea or conception how to be responsible. And I and I don't want this to be an indictment or blanket indictment of gay youth necessarily, but I just don't think they can appreciate how hard it was for you folks to get here where you're at today. And that brings me to perhaps maybe our last question, and I'll ask God to comment on this. I feel that we have great reason to be very concerned with the tactics of the Religious Right. and their supporters at this point. They all say this is something newly insidious, or is this just the same old broken record being played again? Do we really have that much more to fear from these people? Today, Duncan might be one of Starbucks.



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So I think that they're infiltrating their venom now into school board races, into lower level races where they can actually do some real damage. They're not starting out at the presidential level of the governor's level. They're working from the bottom up. highly organized. They have



networks, they have computer networks, they have lots of money. They have telephone networks, hence the swamp this flood of calls to the White House on the gays in the military. Those people are organized now to the nth degree. It's frightening. It's almost Gestapo like It's scary. It's Sunday



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we will overcome. But we have to be very diligent and keep our registrations up and vote. Right. Exactly. Very much. And then you have people like the cat Z, the county, we haven't got a friend in the county that wishes score