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SPEAKERS

Brian Nunes, Greg Gordon, Jimmy Carper



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Okay, well, just to wrap that up a little bit, what happened was there was a police report and it was basically the police said, Exactly, the police said we didn't do it. The police said that any action that was taken was not only justified, justified it was, what were the words I don't have the words in front of me. So not only were the police actions justified, it was completely called for everything was appropriate, the behavior was appropriate. That was a word used. Also, the mayor came out and said that after only seeing the police report, so what we're going to talk about next is the TSU hearings, Jean Harrington, Ray Hill, actually Raheel did most of this. Thank you, Ray. By the way, we love you. Sometimes we tease you to death, but it's true. We do love you and respect you immensely. Ray Hill re wrote that note, I wrote these notes. I wrote these notes from Susan Palmer, the gay lesbian activist of the century because she told me to say that that's amazing. Palmer Thank you, Jamie. Susan Palmer, activist extraordinaire. Love you, honey. Okay. Yeah, lots of important stuff here. Re call this meeting. It's a citizens review panel. I'm not sure exactly what it's called. They met at tsu, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at 9am Until Gosh, some god awful time like six or 7pm, eight, maybe. There were I believe there were nine people on the actual committee and the committee can I mean, yeah, let me try again. The committee members included Jean Harrington, three people from the Gay Lesbian Political Caucus, one of them in nice Parker, and I'm not sure who the two other people were. Anybody knows they can certainly call me and tell me. Nancy Bunin from the clock rate foundation. Norm Thompson, I think Nora might have been from the GPA shakes. I really don't know. Susan Donovan from she's a president of Texas, ACLU. Greg Latin, the lawyers, National Lawyers Guild, Clyde Williams, one of my favorite lawyers, Greater Houston Bar Association for human rights. And there were those were the Committee of the council members, actually the panel hearing the testimony, and they were there to ask questions. They're going to do something with their findings. God only knows what they're going to do something with them. And it's up to us to tell them what to do with them. So we need to make sure that their findings get spoken up about you know, we can't let this incident die down or else it will happen again, mark my words, dine Williams Saturday. What is the 12? September 12. Mark my words we have to talk about this early. It's going to happen again.



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Right, exactly. We have to keep keep people in touch with it.



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Okay, I've got some information here. There's a lot of quotes. There's a lot of things I want to talk about. So if I could ask Jimmy Carper to have some music ready because I'm really really tired of talking just momentarily cool. He's got some already cut. He's so on top of things. Okay, just to go over these notes a little bit. 11 people gave their eyewitness reports. I didn't write that down Susan. But I'm guessing you did. So it says that Captain Dale Brown of the Houston Police Department said that okay, let me let me go back. Let me go back. What happened is the march took place from down fan and we were led down into the entrance way of Gate Four of the astronomic. The entrance way of Gate Four as a back gate. This is at dusk. There is it's kind of cigar shaped so the only entrance is the entrance. The only entrance and exit is the entrance and exit which we entered into this area. The only way to get out of there is to go back from whence we came. And there are two or three different streets we could go on the most direct route would take us around the Astrodome just around the main outside of the Astrodome to where all our cars were parked in what I lovingly referred to as the holding pen which is supposed to be called the free speech zone as if we don't have free speech anywhere in the world. We have to be locked up in this little free speech. So needless to say, at the time that we arrived at this it was dusk seven maybe eight. I really don't know couldn't tell you at eight o'clock. There were police Okay, let me tell you how many police there were there were about there was helicopters. There were 40 to 50 mounted cavalry police officers, police officers on horses 40 to 50 of them. Let me repeat that again. 150 police officers total 46 buses that were there. I'm talking big school buses buses to haul back protesters away. That's right. Before we even done anything wrong, you know, and I'm saying they were prepared that not only were they prepared, we were set up



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based on the buses didn't get there at the clinic defense to pick up the people who were obstructing the doorways until after, after they'd been removed and satisfied. And I



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watched those operational rescue lands across people being taken away. They were taken away very politely in slings



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and given an opportunity not resist. I tried people in this field were not given an opportunity to not resist they were charged by officers on they were running away as far as fast as they could. They were beaten and chased down.



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Okay, Nancy Buchanan, who I'm helping, I'm saying her name, right. I'm just gonna call her Nancy. From now on, we're gonna know who she is. She's from the clock read Foundation. She said that the clock rate Foundation had observed 14 demonstrations during the RNC. And this is a quote, by and large HPD acted appropriately during the entire convention. That is, however, nothing I have even ever observed, prepared me for what I saw that night. And then she, you know, call for a full scale investigation and something to be done about this information. We have all this information, and nobody's willing to hear it. nobody's willing to do take any action on it do anything important about it. Sheila Jackson Lee was at the sang. She came probably for about an hour. So read the newspaper. But she was there. I'll give her that she was there. Vince Ryan sent an emissary. Not to say that we don't love Vince Ryan. But he sent a representative at least Sheila Jackson Lee Shut up in person for at least, you know, an hour or so. And she did speak and she said that I quote. I see the need and I'm going to put in brackets here for justice because she was talking about justice. I see the need for justice for the August 17 events. And then she went on to talk about how Tsu was a really appropriate price place to have this council because of the history that goes with Thurgood Marshall School of Law and Thurgood Marshall. Okay, let's see lots lots more important, though good stuff. Okay, let's see. Let's see. An ACLU neutral observer. There was a straight husband and wife couple that were there. And the guy said, I don't I don't know his name, frankly. He said that HPD tries to justify their assault on the marchers. By overestimating the size of the protest. They kept saying there was over 2000 people there. They kept trying to tell us to leave and wouldn't let us that's his quote. Kelly Martino also got up and spoke at this event. And he said that he he called this an institutional hate crime. There was a lawyer who went over the police report of the investor police investigation, and the lawyer friend found 14 inaccuracies. 14 things that wrong in the police report about about the incident. Like I said, pages and pages of notes I have on this. This is just ridiculous week. Supposedly the police gave us a warning to disperse. I was there I was in the very front. They gave us no such warning. Josh Wells was kind of a coordinator during this. During this he was a coordinator for the ACTA, RNC national and he's from LA. And Josh was talked to by a police I think it was a sergeant or so sergeant came up to Josh and said, Josh, get your people out. And I didn't say Josh, he said, You're gonna have to get your people out of here. There's there's things brewing, you know, tell your people to disperse, just said, that is not my job. That is your job as a police officer to give us an official warning or not to the guy never did. Josh then took his microphone and said, the police are telling us we have to go. And over the megaphone thing he had a bullhorn, he was telling people well, if we have a crowd of even 1500 people, one bullhorn in the very front, which is to say the back of the demonstration, visually at this point, right up next to the gate. That's not going to get people moving. There was a die in about 50 women were laying down passively in front of the police officers. It was ridiculous. As you can tell, it was pretty emotional was pretty emotional for me. And I have pages of notes on this. And I'm trying to think of something that particularly that I could tell you that would be really important for you to hear, did



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not hear someone to say or read somewhere like maybe the voice that one man quoted an officer who said while he was running him down to another officer who was also running him down, that they had to stop because the lights were on and they meant the lights of the cameras.



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And what what happened was they were they had just grabbed a young man, this was on channel 13. Nightline, Ted Koppel. Well, that's



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what it was. Yeah,



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this is Ted couples, Nightline. They have a camera. From Channel 13 got a photo of a police running down a young person throwing them facedown in the grass under a tree and starting to kick him and one officer says to the other officer, very loud, very distinguished a bowl said, Don't kick them when the lights are on, don't kick them when the lights are on. And that footage, we still have that footage. We have it on tape. We've heard it over and over again. The police have tried to tell us that it's a voice from the crowd to be profound. It's a number of us were standing right near that when that happened. And saw the police officer they know which police officer said it if you're out there listening, we know who you are. They have his badge number and his name. So we do know that that was a police officer, my



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idea of the attitude of the officers there was we can do what we want, as long as we don't get caught.



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Michael Davidson, who's from ACT UP Seattle, he's the legal coordinator for the entire national RNC March. And he had set up with two separate meetings with HPD after the march and basically both were cancelled by HPD. And the term they used was it was unnecessary. Let's see. We we talked about the police report that they had on it the police a Paul Molins from coordination Houston said, talking about the HPD report it in no way address brutality or homophobia, and it had no way justifies police action. Also the HP there's a number of inaccuracy eights HPD said that the uniforms were the normal uniforms. They had their soft hats on the whole time. And yet we have video of them in riot gear with helmets. So it's ridiculous. And I saw him getting out the riot gear when I was there. I mean, they were in riot gear, a lot of them HPD said we had more than 2000 people there. We have, we have pictures, we have videos. It was incredible. It was just incredible. If anybody out there listening was there, you're certainly welcome to give us a call. We do have somebody here that can answer the phones,



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amazing, dramatic for people to it was to be beaten by the authority you're supposed to trust. And and, and you know, we



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talked about coordination talked about what we were going to do before this happened. We talked about whether or not we were going to be working with the system, because of the parade per minutes of the way they had it set up they had it set up where the only one organization, any organization at any given time, during the entire thing could have a parade permit one day. And the RNC got first choice, of course, no course. So the only reason we got to have this March legally and we were going to do it anyway, frankly. But the only reason that we got to do this legally. And we did it within the rules of the law, we did it with working with a system, we let them give us a parade route, which obviously led us into a dead end street they couldn't get out of that hadn't mounted police officers surrounding the entrances and barricades 40 barricades up and down that entrance way. But we decided we were going to work with a system we were going to trust the police to do was right. And that's very hard to think right now



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I know people will feel really good because they were really supportive and some police had been



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the police have been wonderful even to queer nation . The police have been good for the past year for the past year, we've worked a really wonderful relationship with the system. And it's difficult for me to say that because I want to work with the system. But when the system will not work with us, it makes us angry. And we can only take that stuff, get my meaning for so long. You know, it just balls you blows you up with anger. And it's important to know what you can do about it. And then I'm telling you right now what you can do about it is to talk about it. Talk about it with your friends, talk about it with your family, talk about it with the people you care about talk about it where you spend your money in a grocery store, we'll say this again and again and again, throughout the entire, you know, lifetime of after hours. Spend queer money, queer places, and with the queer name on it or lesbian, gay or bi or transgender or whatever particular label you want to put on it. Let them know who you are.



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Exactly. We're going to take a short break here and let people know what station this is in a couple of local PSAs I imagine it's about one o'clock and in about 15 minutes we're gonna go to break



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this way out and want to give you one more time there radio stations, phone numbers five to six 4000 No, five to something KPFT five to six KPFT that's 5738 Call us and talk to us information. It is 90.1 on your FM dial this is



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after hours. You can make it happen for five to 65738 and pledge your support to your favorite Community Radio. Station KPFT 90.1 FM, this is it your chance to cast your ballot phone in your vote rally to the cause. Become a member of KPFT Pacifica radio in Houston radio with vision, call 5265738 and pledge your support



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now. People whose lives have been touched by HIV AIDS are invited to come together for club Carvill. 90 to a free event sponsored by 10 local HIV service providers. Club carnival 92 will be held on Sunday September 13. from 11am until 3pm at the Metropolitan multiservice Center at 1475. West grey, free food and carnival style games will be provided for the HIV AIDS infected individuals and their family and friends. Local jazz band Sebastian Whitaker and the creators will provide live entertainment. individuals interested in volunteering at this event should call 6236796 sponsors of this event include AIDS Foundation, Houston, others bearing community service Foundation, body positive critical care America, home nutritional services IV team, NAACP, national medical care and the PWA coalition of Houston club carnival 92 is not a fundraiser for any of its sponsors. Via



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ads forever and our mind answers to ghostly images on our television as around our minds and our televisions. Shoes and spin



Jimmy Carper 16:56

and that was Nona Hendryx doing through the wire from her skin diver album, and before that was the disposable heroes of hypocrisy doing language of violence. And let's see here nope, okay,



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let's not do that.



Jimmy Carper 17:23

Let's not do that. Actually, what it's time for for this way out. It certainly is.



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In the 10 We're stalling.



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20 I'm hearing it defined by Republicans but not taking into account who I am.



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Judges have said that it is inconceivable that enlightened human rights legislation does not include sexual orientation as prohibited grounds of discrimination. Members



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of the court scout the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, the Harvey Milk lesbian and gay Democratic Club and the San Francisco School Board asking individuals and city governments to take their money out of the Bank of America.



Greg Gordon 18:28

Welcome to this way, the International lesbian and gay radio magazine. You should Chappelle was out of town this week. And I'm Greg Gordon, with stories about the fuss over family comedians under court protection and boycotting piggybacking banks. All that and more because you discovered this way out.



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See different news wrap



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a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending August 29 1990 to two unofficial newspapers distributed to US military personnel. The Army times and the Air Force Times ran editorials this week calling for repeal of the Pentagon's ban on service by gays and lesbians. Their position was that discrimination based on sexual orientation is quote, no more legitimate than that based on race, gender or religion, and quote, these are two of the same publications that a year ago refuse to run paid ads praising gay and lesbian personnel serving in the Gulf War.



Brian Nunes 19:44

The two organizations battling over Colorado's proposed constitutional amendments to repeal and prevent lesbian and gay rights legislation have issued financial information under the state disclosure laws. The amendment supporters, Colorado for family values raised about \$135,000

as of June 30. For the same reporting period, the pro gay and lesbian equal protection campaign had raised about \$220,000. A Denver Post News poll in mid August a 501. registered voters found 54% will vote against the measure 36% will support it and 10% were undecided.



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The anti gay and lesbian rights law in Springfield, Oregon will not be challenged in November. activists were unable to collect enough signatures to put a repeal initiative on the ballot measure itself was passed as a ballot initiative earlier this year, and a similar statewide anti rights measure will be up for a vote in Oregon this November.



Brian Nunes 20:47

Opposition to lesbian and gay rights is unifying conservative groups in Cincinnati, Ohio. an anti discrimination Bill has been proposed there, and a new coalition hopes to counter it with a proposal to prevent the passage of any city laws relating to sexual orientation, anti abortion, anti pornography, church and African American rights groups united by so called Pro Family Concerns met together for the first time in late July, but we're already declaring themselves a movement. They're applying to field candidates and make endorsements in 1993. City council elections.



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California homophobe Lou Shelton's traditional values coalition apparently doesn't value fair political practices. The organization has been hit with the maximum \$2,000 fine for campaign violations. The California Fair Political Practices Commission zapped the TVC for contributing \$6,000 to the unsuccessful effort to repeal San Francisco's domestic partners ordinance. The contribution was made in the form of a cashier's check. Even though California campaign law requires all contributions of \$100 or more to be made by means of a written instrument that includes the name of the donor.



Brian Nunes 22:01

The British based Lesbian and Gay Christian group has formed a committee to investigate the growing movement of so called ex gay and lesbian Christians. Richard Kircher, General Secretary of the group said such alleged reform organizations take advantage of a large number of vulnerable and confused people. One such group calling itself the true freedom trust is even distributing leaflets in local churches with the claim that it can cure lesbians and gay men. The new committee says it will look into these and similar claims and will publish its findings.



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Gay baiting is alive and well and local US elections in Kansas primary race for a Democratic nomination for the US Senate. Fred Phelps claimed his opponent, Gloria Odell, was a lesbian. Odell was twice as many votes as Phelps however, carrying 102 of 105 counties. Odell said she

Odeh won twice as many votes as Phelps however, carrying 103 of 105 counties, Odeh said she chose not to respond to Phelps during the primary campaign because she didn't want to dignify his tactics, but she did comment in August. The fact that I am a heterosexual woman is not an issue she said. It's a tactic used to divert voter attention. She called on her Republican opponent incumbent Bob Dole to pledge to conduct a clean campaign. In Charleston,

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Brian Nunes 23:20

West Virginia. Democratic State Senate candidate Terry Hart invented the queer conspiracy against his campaign. Without supplying any specifics, he told a worse service that people in pink socks were working to harm his campaign. He later clarified that he meant guys who sleep together. The West Virginia democratic executive committee office was flooded with complaints

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and open lesbian in Fort Lauderdale, Florida has been awarded a license to provide foster care. Civil rights activists hope the licensing will help challenge the controversial Florida State law prohibiting adoptions by gays and lesbians. That law makes no reference to foster parenting. But conservative politicians were quick to lodge complaints with the state's Department of Health and rehabilitative services. licensee Sharon McCracken, who once lived in foster homes herself and now directs an AIDS Counseling Center hopes to provide foster care to HIV infected infants.

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Brian Nunes 24:21

Florida's Education Standards Commission expanded its code of conduct for teachers, requiring them to protect gay and lesbian students from abuse and discrimination. The Code of Conduct does not carry the same weight as regulation. However,

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gays and lesbians at Elmira College in New York have lost a friend with the dismissal of Chaplin Lee Griffith Griffith believes he was let go for his open disagreements with administrators, including a critical letter in the school paper after President Thomas Meyer failed to sign a faculty proposed policy banning discrimination against gays and lesbians. School All Administrators say Griffith wouldn't follow the college's plans.

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Brian Nunes 25:04

A University of Wisconsin bookstore employee believes she was fired because she's a lesbian. Louis Corcoran has filed a complaint with the medicine Equal Opportunities Commission, alleging the store have violated Wisconsin's anti discrimination law. She says management told her she was being fired as part of an effort to change the bookstores image, the 10% society. The campus is lesbian and gay organization has organized a boycott of the bookstore.



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George's Emory University is searching for a director for its new office of lesbian, gay and bisexual life. The office was created in response to an incident last year when two male students were harassed after holding hands and kissing in a dormitory. The director will serve as a liaison between gay and lesbian students and the school administration.



Brian Nunes 25:54

And finally, pioneering us gay rights activist and radical theory Harry hay has a wealth of experiences behind him at age 80. But it's never too late for something new. In Italy, when the Rome Game News reviewed Stuart Timmons his biography The Trouble with Harry Hey, they nominated her for sainthood, portrayed him wearing sackcloth and a halo and urged readers to direct their bedtime prayers to him. Contrary to Hazon principle of brotherhood, some have taken the beatification seriously, at least to the point of wearing lavender on pink T shirts. Hey says of his elevation by Rome. It's a bit like being cast in the Pasolini film.



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Brian Nunes 26:49

as rap is compiled and written by Cindy Friedman, this way,



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and I'm Cindy Friedman.



Greg Gordon 26:59

This past weekend in San Francisco, a group of about 100 ATM card and checkbook burning protesters gathered in front of the Castro area branch of the Bank of America. A coalition of groups has called for a nationwide boycott of the bank, following its announcement that it would resume charitable funding of the Boy Scouts of America. The bank had halted such funding because of the scouts policy of discrimination against gays and lesbians. But in late August, it reversed that policy. Craig nuts has more on this story.



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Members of the queer scouts the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. The Harvey Milk lesbian and gay Democratic Club and the San Francisco School Board are asking individuals and city governments to take their money out of the Bank of America. The group

said they will maintain their boycott until the Bank of America once again as soon as its previous position of not funding the Boy Scouts. John Wood, the founder of queer scouts, since the Bank of America reversed its decision under financial and political pressure,



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they allegedly were losing too much money. And unfortunately, they believe I think this myth about traditional family values that Republicans and religious right have been espousing for the last few months. And also I think that the scouts have a history of discrimination not just against lesbians and gays but also against people of color and women and people who do not believe in God.



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But Doug McDonald, the executive director for the Scouts of Santa Clara County, says that the young scouts are just learning about their sexuality. He says that to have gay leaders or gay scouts who have come to terms with their sexuality around could be detrimental.



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Remember that we're talking about boys that are 789 1011 years old. And what are parents of scouts tell us overwhelmingly, is that the leadership role model should not include about homosexuals.



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National Boy Scout official have announced that Scout membership in the San Francisco Bay Area has dropped off sharply. Much of the drop is attributed to the banning of scouting activities during school hours by the San Francisco Unified School District and the Alum Rock School District in San Jose. In an effort to reach inner city children. The scouts have been operating in non traditional in school programs that depended upon access to schools, but discuss traditional programs. Cubs, Boy Scouts and explorers have dropped off as well. In Berkeley, at least one scout troop and one cub pack have taken a stand against the scouts national policy. They say they would be acting against their community to do otherwise. I'm pregnant.



Greg Gordon 29:34

The Republican Party's version of family values came under attack by gays and lesbians and members of the National Organization for Women. Less than a week after the party's convention in Houston, Texas. A group of about 50 protesters gathered in Lafayette Park directly across the street from the White House front gate. Susan Carter was there I'm Denise Schramm



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with the National Organization for Women considers people like herself unwed with children as President Bush's worst nightmare. I'm here today



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to voice my support for choice and my opposition to George Bush and his archaic, outdated, white affluent male ideology on family values. I am with George Bush fears. I am a single parent. 15 years ago I made my choice. Seven years ago I made another one. Five years ago I made another one but they were my choices to make.



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Schramm says that she resents the idea of someone in the White House dictating what she can and cannot do with her body. The coalition of human rights groups say they are fighting for their rights and the well being of their families. Jeanette forray is a young feminist activist when I was 18



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years old, I had to leave my home. And since then, I've supported myself, I have had to depend on the public health care system for my medical care. Like many other women, I could not afford health insurance in this country. Women who need to use public health care no longer have the same choices as women who can afford private doctors. Because of George Bush and his Supreme Court and the gag rule. We are not even allowed to hear what choices we might be able to make.



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The whole debate stems from opposing views on choice and family values. The issue of family values played a significant role during the Republican National Convention. During speeches given by Barbara Bush and Marilyn Quayle, the role of women as the caregivers in the family was in the forefront, staying at home as the nurturer of children as the role for women and working as the role for men. Jim Smith, Director of Government Relations for the Christian life Commission says the problems with liberals is that they aren't willing to accept models of family values. He says that Dan Quayle is a tackle Murphy Brown was on target. Murphy Brown is a sitcom character who had a child out of wedlock. Smith says that this type of promotion of family value is inappropriate.



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How can anybody reject the notion that what is best for a kid is to have a mom and a dad. I think that's all Dan Quayle said. And I think what he said was, to the extent that society encourages something outside of that model, it hurts children, and it ultimately hurts our

society because the family is the bedrock of our society, and a dysfunctional family creates a dysfunctional society. And what we have today is a dysfunctional society because of a lot of dysfunctional families.



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Mandy Carter, Southies, organizer for the gay and lesbian group human rights campaign fund, takes offense at what she calls the Bush administration's parental like control.



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I'm a lesbian. So I'm sort of trying to figure out in terms of do they mean like, you know, mother, father, daughter, I mean, there's a whole segment of the lesbian and gay community, nearly 25 million of us we have our perception of what family value is to little f, adopting children or having a domestic partner. So when I hear this family value, I'm hearing it defined by Republicans but not taking into account who I am or what I perceive to be family value. I don't agree with



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it. Now when human rights groups say they will fight House push and Quayle from the White House, about 10 protesters were arrested for rallying directly outside the gates of the White House, while repeating the chant that bush and Quayle must go with their anti choice and anti gay views. I'm Susan Carter in Washington.