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[I] [Introduction] 00:08

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S Speaker 1 00:25

Okay, are we over that song yet? Anybody? Can we take a vote?

S Speaker 2 00:30

I'm over that song.

S Speaker 1 00:31

Okay. I mean, Scott and I have been talking about muds for like changing the theme song for After Hours and well, when you count on Scott for anything he had no, you're never getting none.

S Speaker 2 00:40

Yeah, here's your new theme song, bitch.

S Speaker 3 00:47

Are we on? We're on a this is Jewel. Merry Christmas. Did you get everything you wanted? This is After Hours. And I'm here with Jimmy Carper.

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Speaker 4 00:56

Yes.

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Speaker 3 00:57

And we're going to be here to amuse you and bemuse you and to play some carols are away and to talk to some friends in the community.

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Speaker 4 01:08

Well, you sound a little you sound different tonight. What's the deal?

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Speaker 3 01:12

I am, I'm telling them kissing the wrong women out there is what the deal is. Somebody had something. It wasn't cooties. But I do have a little froggy voice. And if you hear something that sounds like that horn that goes off while they're chasing foxes in England, that's gonna be me. I found that if I really concentrate, I can get most of my words audible. So we'll be trying to do some of that. And I'm waiting for I'm waiting for the piece of limousine stones tonight. You have a copy of what is it? Feel?

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Speaker 4 01:46

The jingle cat jingle? Yes, I have it.

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Speaker 3 01:49

The Rage is all the rage out there.

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Speaker 4 01:53

Of course. Guess who gave it to me?

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Speaker 3 01:55

I think it would probably be Robert Apolo Latimer acts, the war friend, our friend in in the outside world out there.

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Speaker 4 02:02



Speaker 4 02:02

Got it in the mail this week. And you've played it already last night on Esoteric Adventures, and I can't wait to play it. Play it here.



Speaker 3 02:09

Polo, the founder and chief executive officer of Robert Foundation [unintelligible] Project. Yes, that's going on in town, and recently put out a movie. And you know, I might even spend a few minutes telling you a little bit that movie. It'd be a little kind of kind of ego trip for me since I'm in it.



Speaker 4 02:27

Yeah, well, hey, but it's good.



Speaker 3 02:29

It's for a good cause. And I think that we should talk about it just a few minutes. But I'm gonna let Jimmy play us some Christmas carols. Two years ago, when I did my first Christmas show. They were playing an album that I want you to know. I sat in these chairs and wet my pants. I laughed so hard, listening to these carols. And I have talked to people all day long. If you can imagine that. And told them actually all week long and told them that we were going to be doing a lot from that album. The newest indie album.



Speaker 4 03:01

We are. Well I'm not going to start off with it though. I you know, I don't want to. I don't want to scare people.



Speaker 3 03:06

And I cannot wait for the cat. I'm sorry. Jingle cats. I cannot. It's like the dogs that sing, do Jingle Bells.



Speaker 4 03:16

Yeah, we've got cats.



Speaker 3 03:17

We got cats.

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Speaker 4 03:18

Great. We'll be doing that set.

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Speaker 3 03:20

I think they did something on hardcopy the other night, cutting edge news? Oh, yeah. And I caught a piece of it. The next day and I just had. I just started, I had to have a copy. And Robert, I mean Polos sent us a copy. And I'd like to take some calls tonight. We have a veterans group here that's kind of getting started and wanting to grow some more wanting to connect with community, wanting to let some of you vets know there is a group in the Houston that you can participate in and let you know some of their goals. And then we'll be talking about some of my pet peeves.

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Speaker 4 03:58

That can be fun and can last for months.

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Speaker 3 04:00

I'm full of them. And you know what, I think since you know kind of when I'm down here, I'm kind of in charge about what I say on the air. Believe it or not, nobody sits over me and tells me what to say.

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Speaker 4 04:11

That's right folks.

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Speaker 3 04:12

I have a few things that I'd like to say that I'm grateful for this year. And you don't have to turn the radio off because I'm going to throw them at you when you least expect it all through the evening. And I'm going to give you some ideas of things I'd like to do on the radio show next year. See we get some callbacks on what you people think about it I was telling Jimmy earlier I'm gonna have a live KKK report you know so keep up with the KKK. They'll call in every week talk for talk to us from out there to 2:25 I believe it is in Red Bluff out there somewhere, and give us the KKK reports. We can stay abreast of our local organizations and clubs. And there'll be other oddities and we'll what I want tonight is people give me a call and tell me what you think of these possible additions to our radio show in the future.

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Speaker 4 05:02

Good idea. And that number is 5265738, Jam KPFT.

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Speaker 3 05:10

And in the meantime, I'm gonna let you play what? Okay,

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Speaker 4 05:13

we're going to start out slow with one of the all time classics that you hear men's and women's choruses do at Christmas time. And this is, by in particular, the Seattle men's chorus. It's called Christmas Comes Anew.

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Speaker 3 05:37

Why do I love those roaches?

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Speaker 4 05:39

Oh, that was the roaches with Winter Wonderland and that wonderful little New York kind of

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Speaker 3 05:44

That is just so cool.

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Speaker 4 05:46

And before that, we we had Seattle Men's Chorus doing Christmas Comes Anew and we went right into We Wish You a Merry Christmas because we do right here at After Hours.

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Speaker 3 05:56

We do, we do, we do. We got some real interesting people that have come in tonight. I'll tell you a little bit about it. We're gonna go to a song and then we're going to bring them on. This is a Texas gay veterans group. Let me see if I'm want to make sure I'd say right here. Texas Gay Veterans of Houston, a new chapter of a national organization we've got some people here have talked to us about what they think is going on in the government today and how there's no talk, don't tell policy really what it really means. A lot of us out there, we hear this stuff we hear we were told what the media what the government wants us to hear. Now maybe we can hear what it what the what it really means behind what they tell us. These guys have been in the service. And for one reason or another, I have decided that the service is no longer for them. I think I think I've heard one of them was removed from the service like myself, and I have a certain affinity for vet groups around this country. Because you know, in heart and in spirit, I really should be standing alongside these vets. But many, many years ago, I decided that that I was going to put this behind me. And I spend my time in more local community stuff, rather than, I could have been on the national March to Washington if I had wanted to.

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Speaker 4 07:31

That's right.

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Speaker 3 07:32

But I like to stay more local at home. So now that we have a local group, you know, I've been talking to one of the people who really involved in it, Charles Moody, and I've been talking with him and he's been kind of whispering in my ear about what's going on. Sounds exciting. And I've been thinking about participating in this local Texas Veterans Group. But tonight we're going to have a couple of men. A couple of people, who going to talk to us about that. I don't know if you've seen the Houston Voice. Houston Voice, new and revamped beautiful.

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Speaker 4 08:05

Absolutely beautiful.

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Speaker 3 08:06

It's gorgeous. I like the colors.

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Speaker 4 08:08

It's nice to see Houston on the application.

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Speaker 3 08:10

That's right. And I like the colors. Yeah, I like looking down and being able to spy it from across the walkway when I'm going into Kroger's Oh, there it is the voice in blue.

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Speaker 4 08:20

Yeah, in green, red and green or I like all these different colors.

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Speaker 3 08:24

I'm particularly-- and I'll take my personal shot. I'm particularly impressed at their choice of editor this time I see. Sherry Sherry is doing the editing. And I remember talking to Sherry just before that's shared our bone folks. And I remember talking to Sherry just before this

happened, and I think she had something in the wind and she was beginning to be excited and I'm really really glad for her I am to say just my personal moment, thanking the gods, whomever they be.

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Speaker 4 09:00

Well I remember when she first came to Houston.

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Speaker 3 09:03

She had been struggling a long time and she's got those kids and yes, she has really pulled it off.

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Speaker 4 09:08

--with with Buddy Johnston and me at After Hours one of her first assignments when she got back to Houston and I have been really impressed with her ever since and not just because she wrote it very nice article but but because I like her writing and and anytime you know both sides of the story and you read an article that's written by Sherry, both sides are representative.

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Speaker 3 09:28

That's right. And that's one of the things that makes Sherry very, very special and we should appreciate all the more is that she doesn't write her stuff slanted. She does cover both sides because you can't understand an issue enough to make a decision about it unless you understand both sides. I don't care what the issue is. You need to see both. Absolutely. Anyway, I wanted to take that moment and do a little Sherry patting, uh, scary if you're out there. I love you and I I really have a lot of respect and admiration for you.

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Speaker 4 09:59

And have you seen her in those leather pants?

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Speaker 3 10:01

Girl, I, I've watched her walk away from me through that big huge parking lot out. Hi everyone. Oh, caught ya. But um, I'm always liking those little. Those little lesbian women walking across the parking lot is okay. Okay. Oh, wow. But the, get those knives out of your bag where like, if you haven't seen the cover or the front page of The Voice, there's a large article that Sherry did about the local veterans group for you enlisting support from their community trying to get people involved. And it's a pretty long article. And it has a lot of good information in it. Things that make you think, and I'm hoping that we can talk about some of this stuff and make you

think even more. We're gonna go to a song while I get them all in here, maybe a few minutes. But I'm going to get them all in here and sitting around the table and make sure I have their names in order correctly.

 Speaker 4 10:57

Okay, well, we're going to new gay artist. His name is Richard Audd. A-U-D-D.

 Speaker 3 11:11

Odd.

 Speaker 4 11:11

Yeah. And he is the conductor and performer and engineer for the East Pacific Symphony, which is electronic music. He does it all. Oh, cool. So he calls himself the east. Eastern

 Speaker 3 11:21

Speaking of electronic music. Yeah. One of our brothers sisters. was the first person to design a synthesizer in case you haven't know there's a little tidbit of interest. Oh, yeah. Are you younger listeners out there? That's right. That's right. And it was we was it was I know his name when he changed. Wendy Carlos, it was Walter Carlos/

 Speaker 4 11:44

Walter Carlos. He did the Moog stuff.

 Speaker 3 11:47

The person who designed the first synthesizer for so for any of you music buffs out there. There are people out there making strides and first and putting their--

 Speaker 4 11:57

That's right. A transgender role.

 Speaker 3 11:58

That's right. And I have the I have the album that Wendy Carlos put out. The first album after the operation and it is wonderful. It's called Moonscapes. Oh, and it's wonderful. We need to bring it in and share that just kind of FYI for your information out there.

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Speaker 4 12:15

So we're gonna go to Richard Audd, and his version of the Bells of Christmas. Is that it? Yes. Okay, you're back.

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Speaker 3 12:42

You're back. Oh, gosh. Yes. I don't have my earphones. So I can't hear you out there. Thanks for that cue. We're back. Sitting with me in the studio, I have a couple of gorgeous man, actually. I mean, you guys are out there wondering where all the gorgeous men are there. Three of them are sitting here. That'll help your group. And they're here to talk about the reorganization pretty much of the Texas Veterans Group continuation continuation. David, you're gonna have to help me Oh, Casio Casio, I should know that I wear a Casio. And this is L Paul Morris. And Lee Mansrek..

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Speaker 5 13:26

Pretty close. Mansrek.

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Speaker 3 13:27

Mansrek. I got too many letters in there. Okay, and they're here to talk to us about the Texas gay veterans group. And some of the things that we've talked about here at After Hours in the past have been Clinton's political policies and the Don't Ask Don't Tell policies. And these men live that policy, eat that policy and read that policy. Because it is it is very important in their lives, that these things be corrected? Because some? Well, let me let me ask you, what do you find wrong with the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy? David? Lee.

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Speaker 6 14:16

Let me answer that because I used to be a personnel officer. And so I had to. Actually, I let me ask that because I used to be a personnel officer. And I'm well acquainted with the regulations that have to do with being homosexual in the service. The key thing is that it doesn't really make for a significant change, unless you consider the fact that they're no longer asking recruits about their orientation. As far as anything else is concerned, the regulations are basically unchanged. And unfortunately, it's basically left up to the commander now whether or not they're going to be enforced. And I think anytime you have that kind of directive going out from the Pentagon, there's always going to be quite a few different interpretations. So actually, I look for a period of relative chaos, to occur with regard to the new policy until the Pentagon decides to come down with something that's far more concrete and narrow than what they put out.

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Speaker 3 15:18

So what you're seeing is that, what's wrong with this is that nothing has changed, except that they don't ask you on your paperwork.

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Speaker 6 15:26

Essentially. And in fact, Senator Sam Nunn, has said on several occasions that he would actually like to codify into federal law, several of the aspects of the regulations and were this to occur, it would be a very significant setback for gay rights within both military but also within civilian society as well.

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Speaker 3 15:53

Well, tell us tell us what's right about this. Is there anything right about this policy?

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Speaker 6 15:58

Well, I think what's right about it is that it's kind of like a crack in the door, so to speak, there's a little bit of light shining through. Certainly anyone who desires to serve their country can now go into the military without having to hassle about explaining what their sexual preferences or is not. And this is very important. I think that we need to we need this start and that's what it is,

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Speaker 3 16:27

What kind of policy would have been preferable in your opinion? All of you have been in the service, living through that closeted lifestyle. What would have been an acceptable policy for you, to make your military life more comfortable?

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Speaker 7 16:46

Well, I think whatever rules apply to heterosexual should apply to us. If sodomy is illegal for us, and sodomy should be illegal for them. That is, that's not special rights. That's just that's equal rights period. The UCMJ is clearly clearly states what is, you know, on offense for, you know, for like sodomy and stuff like that. If it's gonna apply to us, then it needs to apply them as well. Under this new, don't ask, don't tell, when Sam Nunn codified this into law, he specifically wrote that those aspects of the UCMJ that are frequently applied to us like the sodomy law will not and does not have to apply to heterosexual.

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Speaker 3 17:33

Which right there in one sentence is, is discrimination. It does not have to apply to one group, that something is going to apply to another group. That is just discrimination. How do you think this man stands up here and is able to utter these things out of his own mouth, blatant discrimination?

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Speaker 5 17:52

Well, it's very interesting. The 1986 Supreme Court of Georgia versus Hardwick caused a lot of consternation in the gay community because the Supreme Court held that it was legal for Georgia to criminalize sodomy. The, the interesting thing about that case is that it went up before the Supreme Court without there having been a, an attempt to try it, or have Hardwick come to trial in Georgia. And so the question of application of sodomy to both heterosexual and homosexual relationships never actually surfaced and had it surfaced in all probability, that decision would have been distinctly different. It was a close decision, it was five to four and one of the Supreme Court justices actually changed his vote. At the last moment, this is something that's extremely rare in Supreme Court history. But word of it did leak out. And instead of being five to four to strike down the Georgia law, it was five to four to Holden.

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Speaker 7 19:04

You mentioned something about Hardwick what's interesting is justice Potter Stewart was on the bench at the time. And he has frequently said since then, that was the biggest mistake of his career while he sat on the bench, is he voted in favor of upholding Haedwick versus Georgia.

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Speaker 3 19:20

Right? Well, just by the flip of a coin sometimes. So, so you guys, this stuff is going down there

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Speaker 6 19:30

I might make a mistake right now. And again, one of our things about our group is that we can be diverse in opinion sometimes, and yet we still are committed to positive change in improving the situation we have now, to have a system that is no discrimination as opposed to discrimination, which still continues today. And one thing that a Democratic president can do is appoint justices to the Supreme Court who can last way beyond his term? And hopefully one who will say upon his retirement, that he didn't make a mistake.

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Speaker 3 20:09

Right? Boy, wouldn't it be nice.

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Speaker 6 20:11

And again, that is one thing better than a conservative president who appoints people has quote unquote, family values. That is really a hate policy. Right.

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Speaker 3 20:23

That will certainly be the legacy of the Nixon--

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Speaker 6 20:26

Nixon years. [Unintelligible] Administration. But we're very lucky that Quinn's first appointment was Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

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Speaker 3 20:33

I was impressed.

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Speaker 6 20:34

And a lot of people don't realize it. She used to be the chief justice for the Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia. And recently, her successor, Judge Abner Mikva wrote a very, very, very supportive decision on gay rights in a case of a, I believe it was an Annapolis Midshipman, who, who was reinstated and his words were just wonderful, just wonderful to read.

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Speaker 3 21:05

You know, you brought that up. But that's something that has perplexed me to know in court after court after court after court, who are the governing I mean, the deciders of right and wrong in this country have said this is unconstitutional. How can we still be I mean, how can our president and, and 10 people stand around a table and sign this into, you know, into effect when court after court around the country? And I don't mean one or two, I'm talking about 15 or 20 different cases around the country that law, the courts have said this is unconstitutional? How can they sit and sign this into effect?

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Speaker 6 21:45

One of the things I think is important to realize is that we want a two term Democratic president, he needs to be reelected. And right now, the problem with gays in the military will haunt him on his reelection. But he does know that the courts, and I think we're in consensus that the courts are where it's at. And that is why I'm in favor of waiting for the courts. There's a lot of things that can be done to influence that. But as long as every time a judgeship that can be appointed, is appointed by someone in favor of positive rights, then there's one more person there to vote in our behalf. As long as the system of government is judicial, executive and legislative, you need that check with judicial branch to carry it forward.

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Speaker 5 22:44

Actually, I want to add something to what you said about so many courts rendering favorable decisions. A lot of people don't realize that there are a significant number of courts that are

DECISIONS. A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT THERE ARE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF COURTS THAT ARE ALSO RENDERING UNFAVORABLE DECISIONS. AND IN THE FEDERAL COURTS, WE HAVE THREE LEVELS, WE HAVE THE DISTRICT COURT, THE APPELLATE COURTS, AND THEN THE SUPREME COURT. WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS THAT AS THE CASES WORK THROUGH THE SYSTEM, YOU HAVE 10 DIFFERENT CIRCUITS IN THE UNITED STATES. AND WHEN A CASE PRECEDENT IS SET IN ONE CIRCUIT, AS HAPPENED WITH KEITH MEINHOLD OUT IN THE 10TH CIRCUIT, THAT LAW WILL APPLY TO THAT CIRCUIT, THOSE STATES, I BELIEVE IT'S WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND CALIFORNIA AND HAWAII AND ALASKA. WHEN ANOTHER CIRCUIT, THOUGH, HAS ANOTHER CASE COMING THROUGH THAT REACHES PERHAPS A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION OF THE LAW OR A DIFFERENT OUTCOME. AND IT GOES ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE CIRCUIT COURT LEVEL AT THAT POINT, THAT'S WHEN THE SUPREME COURT IS MOST LIKELY TO INTERVENE TO BRING THE DIFFERENT CIRCUITS INTO CONFORMITY. I ACTUALLY THINK THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THIS WHOLE ISSUE MAY NEVER REACH THE SUPREME COURT, BECAUSE IT IS IN FACT POSSIBLE FOR THE CIRCUITS INDEPENDENTLY OF EACH OTHER TO REACH ESSENTIALLY THE SAME INTERPRETATION OF THE LAW. AND THAT CAN IN FACT, BECOME THE LAW OF LAND WITHOUT THE ISSUE EVER GOING BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT. HOWEVER, IF THERE'S DISSENSION BETWEEN THE CIRCUITS, THEN YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE THE SUPREME COURT STEP IN. AND THAT'S WHY IN MEINHOLD'S INSTANCE, EVERYONE THOUGHT THAT WHAT THE SUPREME COURT DID WAS KIND OF LIKE A SETBACK, BUT IT REALLY WASN'T. THEY JUST SIMPLY SAID, THE INJUNCTIONS GOING TO HOLD FOR MINE HOME, BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO HOLD FOR THE REST OF THE UNITED STATES, THE OTHER NINE CIRCUITS, IF YOU WILL. AND IN FACT, THEY SENT THE MATTER BACK TO THE 10TH CIRCUIT APPELLATE COURT WITH THE EXPRESS ORDER TO BRING TO TRIAL THE MATTER OF THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE INJUNCTION APPLIED NATIONWIDE, THAT THE DISTRICT JUDGE HAD HAD ENTERED. AND, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THAT MATTER HAS NOW GONE TO TRIAL AT THE CIRCUIT COURT LEVEL AND THAT'S RATHER A USUAL TO TAP IN SO QUICKLY.

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Speaker 7 25:03

I want to mention something about Supreme Court. I'm not as optimistic as these guys are. Frankly, we there's three justices on the court right now that we have no idea how they're going to vote. In the end, if this was put right on their plate, and they have to decide the constitutionality. We have no idea how Souter would vote how Kennedy would vote and O'Connor would vote, and they are considered the swing votes. And we just have no idea. They could very easily say, sorry, we find this constitutional disband. And we're looking at years and years and years of them--

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Speaker 3 25:38

--sitting on that core.

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Speaker 7 25:39

That's right. So this could go either way. Let's make let's make that perfectly clear. There's no guarantees, and we are having a, like we said, we are having a tremendous amount of support at the appellate level. But that doesn't mean the Supreme Court is going to agree in the end. That's, that's that is a fact.

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Speaker 6 25:59

I think that brings up an excellent point is what our group, one of the focuses our of our group

is of that of education.

 **Speaker 3 26:06**

That's what I was gonna ask you.

 **Speaker 6 26:07**

And we can have some impact being canvassing and educating congressman, but just bringing the issue to light so that when when people vote for an issue, or they write letters to someone that this thing is brought up. And not everyone's going to say it the same way. But the general consensus is positive. The consensus of the nation, that there's no gay way to shoot, there's no gay way to kill people. When you're up on the on the battle line, you're defending your nation. And that's all that really matters.

 **Speaker 5 26:53**

You know, from a purely military perspective, I've often thought rather odd that the military would automatically by regulation cut out 10% of its manpower resources, saying that we can't have them simply because they're gay. I mean, any military commander who cuts himself off from manpower resources is essentially cutting his nose off to spite his face.

 **Speaker 6 27:15**

And 10% of his best troops.

 **Speaker 3 27:17**

That's right. Intelligent, most creative troops.

 **Speaker 7 27:20**

And we and we know, during Desert Storm, there was at least 50 people that they know of, were being investigated prior to the war starting their investigations put on hold, in most cases sent to Saudi Arabia or wherever, and then come back and then their investigation started. We know at least 50 people that we can document.

 **Speaker 5 27:42**

That has happened with every major crisis and war since World War Two.