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I am what I am I am special creation so come to give me the all the Ovation it's more that I want little pride in my and it's not up laid lies not worth a damn to you can say



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I am what I am I don't want grades I don't want this at all. Bang my own drum something is



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pretty



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bangle things from a different angle. God life is a sham till you can shout out



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I need no excuses. I do my own deck. Sometimes he says no. No deposit down till you can shout out



Jimmy Carper 02:39

Whoa it must be Saturday night at midnight because you're listening to after hours. A continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news interviews and music gear for gay and lesbian people. Just as Gloria Gaynor says in this song, it's time to open up your closets we at after hours urge everyone to come out of their closets. By our definition that means standing up for yourself and taking responsibility for your own life. But if you feel that you can't come out right now because of your age, your job or whatever reason. That's okay, we're here for you too. So sit back relax and enjoy this week's edition of after hours



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I am what I am and I do my own deck sometimes



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to do. Shout



Scott Lewis 04:13

Out Hello and welcome to after hours, a continuing tradition on KPFT. Houston. This is Scott Lewis here tonight and not with my normal co host. The always exciting. Brian Bradley. But tonight I have the always exciting Michael Crawford.



Michael Crawford 05:21

Well, I hope I'm at least as exciting as Brian Bradley.



Scott Lewis 05:24

Why? Because of the age difference because he's 15 years older than you



Michael Crawford 05:27

more like 25 Oh, where are



Scott Lewis 05:31

those cats when you need them? Anyway, Brian is Brian was on vacation to Mexico this week, which he didn't actually end up going. But that's why he couldn't be here. So tonight, we are we have what do we have planned tonight, Michael? Of course, we have the queer music zone

from 12 to 1230. With with the always effervescent. Yes, she is Jimmy Jimmy Carper. We also tonight what we're going to be doing we, from 1230 to 115. We are going to have a political roundtable discussion and talk about the fact that now that we have former Governor Clinton and now President Elect Bill Clinton. Yay. Now that we've got these guys up there, what do we expect from them? What do we want? What do we think's reasonable? And what do we predict is going to happen? Four years from now? What do we think it's going to see accomplished and we've got a lot of people here we're gonna have a big round table discussion, and talk about all these issues from about 1230 Until about 130. This way out, which is normally from 115 to 145. Wasn't in Jimmy's box this week, and wasn't in Jimmy's box this week. That's the only thing that wasn't in Jimmy's box this week is this way out. And it finally found its way out. From one, probably about 130 to 145. We're going to have Chris Dorman here from the Gay Lesbian switchboard, who is going to be here to discuss the upcoming auction to raise money for the switchboard so you can find out what kind of goodies they're going to have. So you can do all of your Christmas shopping and support the switchboard because they are there for people to have the opportunity to know what is going on in this community. And then from 145 until three, Michael and I will discuss events, issues, news, have the husband hunt, play a little music, talk about a new celebrity gay cabaret in town and talk about the first anniversary of the Q Patrol among other issues. So now I'm going to turn it over to Jimmy to do the Q Patrol to the Jimmy, did you ever do the Q Patrol? Or Jimmy? Did you ever do anyone on the Q Patrol? Well, I

J Jimmy Carper 07:49
don't know. I haven't met them all.

S Scott Lewis 07:52
But you've probably done them.

J Jimmy Carper 07:53
I see.

S Scott Lewis 07:55
What do you plan tonight on the quarter music zone?

J Jimmy Carper 07:57
What do you believe it's something here you are you gonna do a political roundtable discussion? And I've got all fun stuff to do. It's all fun music.

S Scott Lewis 08:06
You know what we'll play some political music during and after the roundtable. Okay, because I

feel like having fun right now because I'm missing the Dead or Alive concert and heaven.

J Jimmy Carper 08:15

Oh, and I didn't bring any dead or alive for you.

S Scott Lewis 08:18

Well, you know what that makes you you're a little bit of both. I'm a little bit of both and you're a lot of one

J Jimmy Carper 08:28

little bit rock and roll.

S Scott Lewis 08:30

I'm gonna rock and roll on out of here and talk to you after the queer music sounds.

J Jimmy Carper 08:34

Okay, it's Jimmy with the queer music zone Q MC. And like I said, I've got lots of fun stuff tonight kind of off the wall stuff stuff you might not have even heard even here. So coming up first that group that we all know and love pansy division. Yes, that that radical gay GarageBand out of San Francisco. They have done it again. They've sent me a new record that they've got coming out on the 15th and they also tell me that it's going to be available at sound waves I believe right here on Westheimer. So you can get good gay GarageBand music I think it's hot. I'm really really happy about that. They've they've got a redo of one that we've heard before on after hours and I'm going to play it for you and before that it this is kind of semi music tonight. We're going to do fence a towel and then we're going to hear a fan and a black leather jacket. So let's go yeah, in a minute. Since I get it all together here. Push those but yes Push those buttons. Oh yeah, fam and a black leather jacket. That's the new version by pansy division. And then the letter they sent along with the record, they said the records available gonna be available at sound exchange on West timer. So the only place that you're going to be able to get it release date is November 16. So if you like pansy division, that's where it's going to be available. Also, their tape that we play is going to be available in LP and si d come February 1, so I'm looking forward to that too. I want to take a little time out to thank HN PR o Houston, North professionals. It's a social organization of professional people whose membership presently consists of teachers, doctors, designers, managers, and all kinds of other sales professionals. You name it, living primarily in the north Houston area. I was out there tonight and talk to those folks about gay and lesbian radio. And we have a lot of listeners up there. Happy to hear if you want to be a part of that group there. They've got social meetings and all kinds of stuff going on. Got a number here of 8217126 sets Easton, North professionals, social organization of professional people. And that's out in the 1960 area or just anywhere in north of Houston. Great bunch of fun people really enjoyed it, guys, thanks. Coming up next on QM Z.

Queer music zone is dos follow bi Oh yes, you've heard them here before. We've played a little things from there, they do these these little definitions that we've done here and there. I'm gonna play quite a few little things. The first one is called Kate and Ethel. And it's a take off on Katharine Hepburn and Ethel Merman doing surf songs think it's pretty funny. Then we have Francine and Betsy get excited about politics and then the privacy song and it's got a couple of all those favorite definitions thrown in there. So I think you're gonna enjoy this. Here we go



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let's go surfing now everybody's learning how come on a safari with sheets.



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excitations. He's sending me



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goodbye vibrations. Good good. Good. Good bye bye all could be California oh wow



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boys



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wait for me waiting for a smiling face on wall membrane.



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Oh, my head stray



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and we'll have our daddy picks the paper job definition mutual orgasm. My husband and I just choose not to have it. We have always been with all state we think it's a good company. Oh, those mutual of orgasm people we don't like them. Their show is way too violent that what's it called? Wild Kingdom with Marlin Perkins. He and Jim are always wrestling those animals to the ground. We just believe we're in good hands with that other company.



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Hi, Francine. Hi, Betsy. Did you read the paper today? No, it didn't. Oh,



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Every time I read about George Bush raising taxes it just makes your job



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got a cigarette, got a cigarette, got a cigarette, got a cigarette, got a cigarette



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My business is never been yours. It's my closet. I'll open the doors. If I want to run naked through Woodland Park Zoo, it's my business. Besides, don't ask you.



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My priest is a woman. My dentist is gay. We have socialist tendencies. We like it that way. My body's a shrine, and the choices are mine. So don't push us down or will rise up and say



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it's my business. It's never been yours. It's my closet. I'll open the doors. If I want to run naked through Woodland Park Zoo. It's my business Besides, who asked you?



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Now Peggy, dates men, and leases. A dyke in some ways, we're different. But mostly,



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we're different. But that doesn't matter because difference is God.



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Yes. Let's say you're a homosexual or lesbian. And you're living well if you're in Seattle, it's like you know Broadway Capitol Hill if you're in New York, it's like you know, he's village San Francisco everywhere. And, and you say to yourself one day you'd like to move to the suburbs, and live in a cul de sac? Well, heck, that's your right you can you can rise up and and leave your get ghetto.



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My business that's never been yours. And my closet. I love doors, and I want to run naked through woodland parks. My business decides to ask you it's my business my private Oh, yeah,



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definition. Masturbation. Oh, yes. Here we are. Oh, oh. Oh. Oh. Oh, sure. i That's the when they put that. No, that's not Oh, I know what I Oh, shoot. I rings a bell. But I can't quite put my finger on it.



Jimmy Carper 18:25

Well, I guess she can't just quite put her finger on it. That was those fallopia You'll be hearing more of them. And you are listening to the QM z where music zone right here on after hours. That continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM QM z this week and every week is dedicated to those who men and women on our streets tonight, patrolling the Q Patrol. Thanks, guys. Thanks, women. We appreciate it. And in case you didn't know they are always looking for help. They always need new people out there helping to patrol and the streets of Montrose are a lot safer because of cute patrol. So if you got time on Friday and Saturday night, give them a call. We'll be talking more about that later. Now last on the QM z is song many of you know it's the homecoming queen Scotty Gunn? Yes, but it's not the version yet. You're used to know we have a new version by the flirtations from there live out on the road version. And I think we ought to get right to it



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was going to be pretty free flowing. I hope you don't want it to become like the rice thing where we are. And we're on just sitting around a big Well, it's not a round table. We've already had a political discussion about that. And people have gotten upset and people at the table have fought over who gets the head and stuff. So, and of course, of course, the fingers wagging now because I've said we're fighting over the head. And I'm of course I'm talking about crawfish, Jimmy, because it is crawfish season. So we're talking about sucking the heads out of crawfish. Anyway, we're sitting around a rectangular table having a political discussion, or we're getting ready to with people that are here representing various activist groups that represent issues of gay rights, AIDS, issues, and women's issues. Paul Mullins, who is a member of act up and queer nation, Nicola Thompson, who is a member of WAC, Terry Richardson, who's with act up in Queer Nation, Gene Harrington, who's a professor at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Tiffany Isabel who's with act up she's what she's with a whack, and she's very proudly a dyke and Pauline value, how close did I come not not very close, but no cigar. She's with WAC. Donna Rafferty is here with wac and Taló Weinstein is here with wac. Yes, the



Michael Crawford 21:26

studio has been overrun with wack women, and we love



Scott Lewis 21:29

it. I want to start off by talking about I want to start off talking about the fact that I think we're all pretty happy with the recent elections. We've all worked. I'm sure everybody at this table worked very long and very hard to see that Bill Clinton and Al Gore were elected to get into the White House for various reasons that are important to us around this table, be a gay rights, be it women's rights, be it health issues be aids issues. Let's start off by talking a little bit about why we're glad that Bill Clinton and Al Gore in office and what we think that our prayers are how we think our particular concerns are going to be better with him handling them as opposed to George Bush, why don't you start, Paul?



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Well, I'll start off by saying, first of all, that Bill Clinton being elected to the presidency is a very important part of the solution. But I don't by any means think it's the whole solution. We have to recognize that the President, the former leader of the nation, is not going to have all the power necessary to make the changes that need to be made in this country. at the grassroots level, the Republican Party, though it may have lost the presidential election, George Bush may be about to be out of office. at the grassroots level, conservative conservative activists and Republicans are gaining more power, organizing more and coming to more victories than they have been in, say, the past 10 years at the grassroots level at the local and state level. We saw this with the victory of I believe proposition two in Colorado, where they essentially took away the rights of gays and lesbians in that state and overturned local ordinances that had been passed and cities such as a boulder or Denver. And I think that this conservative grassroots movement that seems to be gaining strength is something that we're going to have to focus very intently on, because they are going to be one of the main forces defining the political agenda as far as gays and lesbians go and the 90s. And we're going to have to deal with them. And Bill Clinton being President is is not in a lot of cases, I think, going to help us a whole lot with that struggle against those forces.



Scott Lewis 24:04

Pulling you are shaking your head. Do you agree that the conservative right that was so powerful in the Republican Convention, is going to now focus their energies on Bill Clinton and pulling him to the right, or do you think they're going to just concentrate on rejuvenating their own party? I've said the Republicans, the GOP people that I've run into, are just overwhelmed that George Bush lost. I've seen Republican Women in tears over Scotch on the rocks, because Bill Clinton won it is the ruin. It is the ruinous, you know of our country, because because Bill Clinton has won and they have no chance. Did they have a chance are they going to try?



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I don't think they're going to try and they're going to try on a multitude of different fronts. The clinics for one Houston defending choice clinics, it's obvious that they have not given up. It's obvious that their writing campaign has done definitely affected the local level. I think Paul hits the nail on the head when he talks about the grassroots effort the write in candidacy, or the write in votes from the religious right, I think more than ever, we have to keep our guard up, I

think more than ever, we have to continue the work, because they are the Religious Right. And those George Bush type of people are going to continue to impact our life, try to hurt our as a group of individuals, and it's not going to stop. The political Republican Party is licking their wounds at this point. And they're trying to disassociate themselves with the right. It's not going to stop Jerry Falwell, there's millions of dollars in debt, he's not going to stop, we can't stop. And my fear is that we may have gained a bit of a victory. But there's still a lot more work that needs to be done. Clinton won't do it by himself. I think he's inviting us to the table. And I would hope that his invitation includes more than just placating that his invitation includes listening to what our agenda is. As a woman, I certainly have a whole lot of concerns as a gay woman, a lesbian woman, I have even more concerns.

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Michael Crawford 26:13

I agree with Pauline and having reservations about Bill Clinton. And maybe I'm more skeptical than most people about Clinton. But from my perspective, Clinton is not that pro queer, he has stated he is not in favor of a positive affirming affirmation of what he calls the homosexual lifestyle. Just having Bill Clinton elected is not an end, in an end in and of itself, it's just the beginning. I think what we do need to talk about and we do need to discuss is how we're going to ensure that Bill Clinton fulfilled the promises that he's made to gay activist and to AIDS activist, and it goes beyond those to give us the things that we want and need.

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Well, I feel like I need to speak out in defense of Bill Clinton. I mean, we all just bought our brains out to have him win. Let's give him a break, the president sets the tone for the country. And I'm proud of the steps Bill's taking this week, saying when he gets in there, the gays are going to be in the military, he's going to lift the ban, he's stuck by that he's been tough, and set the new ethics standards. And I think he's going to make the whole country feel better. That's all we can really ask for from him. But let's all send him a Christmas card, you know, pictures and closed of us in our lovers. And let's tell him, we love Him, we support him and won't vote against him if he doesn't vote for us.

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I think that Michael hit the nail on the head. But when he said that, the problem is, I think for us, the progressive community. The problem is how we work with an administration who presumably is Pro, at least our philosophy to ensure that that philosophy is carried out. We've been very effective for the last 12 years, in voicing our displeasure at administrations that have been extremely hostile, and in sensitive, and how we change gears is going to be it's going to be interesting, and I think it's going to indicate how successful we are because we really have to change mindset. Now, we're not marching on the White House, on a president who never heard us, we're supposed to be at least in the White House with a president that wants to hear us and how we react in this new role is, is I think is going to measure how how much our issues are successful.

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Michael Crawford 28:34

Terry, as a member of act up and AIDS activist organization, what do you want from Bill Clinton? What do you think access physicians should be in terms of working with Bill Clinton or confronting Bill Clinton to ensure that he does what needs to be done about AIDS?

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Well, I think, to that, that we need to let him have a little bit of time to see what he's going to do. I think the first thing we need to do is keep very close watch of the the aid czar that he's talked about that he's going to appoint early on, and hopefully, you know, in the first few days of his administration. He he has looked at the ACT UP has a list of about 30 points that that the demands that they've made on the administration, and Bill Clinton has been very receptive to a lot of those suggestions. And I think we need to just check them off. And I don't think we need to give him a lot of time. Because people living with AIDS don't have a lot of time. But I think we're gonna see some positive things early on, and then we just, we just have to keep up with it.

 Scott Lewis 29:44

Would you agree that we are, no matter what he does? We're so much better off. I've heard that, you know, no matter what happens, we've got to be better off than we were the last 12 years.

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I'm sure. No doubt about

 Michael Crawford 29:59

it. If nothing else, we'll have a president with the bet you'll get the good haircut. And

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I guess I'm getting a bit impatient. I spoke with my mother who's 82 years old today. And she said, Pauline, one step at a time. Bush, excuse me, Clinton has certainly invited us. And yet I find that I'm getting tired, and fight, tired of fighting the homophobia, I'm tired of fighting the remarks. I'm tired of always having to explain why and how come and why can I just go into the closet and stay there quietly and live my life, I want more, I want an acknowledgement of who I am as a person. And that seems slow and coming. So I, I guess the message that I would like to get to Clinton is that I am a little bit impatient. I want him to take a proactive stance. I believe he's on his way to doing that. But hurry up bill been waiting a long time.

 Scott Lewis 31:00

You're impatient. But yet the first, the first issue that has confronted Bill Clinton, this week

since the election, the big issue that's been in the paper is his overturning of the military ban on gays and lesbians. He made that promise during the campaign that he wanted to overturn that ban. And it has become a real big issue with this court case this last week where the Navy officer has been reinstated. The first homosexual to be reinstated into the military. And he has come out and said, I don't think America has a person to waste. I said that this is something that I want to do. I'm going to get these people, these military advisors to discuss with me the best way to do it. And I'm going to do it, does that give you some confidence that that the promises he made? are ones that he's going to keep? Or do you just maintain this wait and see attitude with every issue?

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Michael Crawford 31:54

For me? I mean, initially, when he was campaigning, he said, I will overturn the military's ban on queers in the military. But after he was elected, he started talking about consulting with the military brass. And you know, just yet another panel and yet another study, and quite frankly, I am over studies, I am over panels. I mean, either you are against it, or you're not. He says he's going to do it he should do it's something you can do on this very first day in office. And I for one, feel that we should not give him a lot of time to wait.

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I don't think he's backtracking on that. I, I think there's a lot of misconception out there about about when he's talking about consulting with different people and having you know, a committee for this. He can he can put his signature on a piece of paper that lifts the ban on lesbians and gays in the military. But, you know, just from a practical aspect, you know, having that policy instituted and and administered. You know, he has consulted with people, but I don't think that that means that he's any less committed to that at all. I haven't gotten that impression.

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Scott Lewis 33:03

Do you think it's possibly because one report I saw on an on a news station, discussed the possibility of him allowing all people that had been discharged from the military to, for this reason to be honorably reinstated, the possibility of possible compensation for time that they've lost, and the possibility for compensation, for hardship and so forth. So is this what the consulting is about? Because I haven't heard anything about studies? What I heard from Clinton was there's already been a study, and we don't need another. Is this what the consulting is about? And

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that's my impression. I didn't hear him say there was going to form a committee. He said he was going to talk with the heads of the the arm service branches, which I would assume he would do whatever the executive order will was, was going to do with the answers. So I agree with Terry, that I don't think he's back down. But I think he's, there are some practical things that you have to to look at. And he said he was going to look at

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Scott Lewis 34:11

where do you think he stands? As far as adding sexual orientation to the 1964 Civil Rights Act? Do you think that that's something we would see in four or even eight years of a Clinton Gore administration would



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sign the bill if it was passed? It has to pass.

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Scott Lewis 34:29

And do you think that could happen in the next 48 years?



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I don't think it can. I would, I would like it to but I don't think there was sufficient votes to



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I think when he lifts the ban on gays in the military, and I believe he's going to do it. I think that a lot of people are imagining he's waffling on this, maybe because people have accused him of waffling time and again and maybe he's not waffling I expect him to lift the ban. When he does that the tone is going to be set for the legislation that's going to be passed in the country. So it's a really an portant thing to happen. And it's up to us to keep after our congressman, obviously, I mean, if we're going to change the civil rights and then one



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more positive thing happened today, a Republican administration in the state of Massachusetts Governor William weld, two of his top officials publicly came out today. One is the Department of Commerce head or something, they're their superintendents, or whatever their titles are of over 30,000 people that in and of itself is another statement, obviously, they sell comfortable coming out in an environment that generally isn't very conducive to our health, for them to take a stand. Now, whether or not that is because Bill's in office and more supportive. Maybe we need to get away from our invisibility, and to be out there even more. And if as people continue to do this, as people begin to understand that we are human beings, like anybody else out there, perhaps we'll get more of a flavoring of it's okay, we do want diversity, we do want inclusion. And that is definitely the platform that Clinton put out there. And that's the one that made me work doubly hard to make sure that he got elected.

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Scott Lewis 36:20



SCOTT LEWIS 36:20

Let's talk about our health and Clinton's platform on health care what it means to gays and lesbians, what it means to women. We've recently seen President Bush's gag order overturned. Do you think first of all, Clinton has the potential of several Supreme Court appointments during his administration? And certainly we we would hope that these are going to be pro choice voices that he's going to put



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out for the sake of the world they have to be



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he's been pretty clear about that. Now



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you