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Speaker 1 00:01

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Jimmy Carper 00:25

The following program contains language or images of a frank or sensitive nature, which may be considered objectionable by some listener discretion is advised. 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 here 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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[Music] 01:56

I am what I am and I deal my own deck sometimes.

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Speaker 2 03:11

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

S Speaker 3 03:22
I'm over that song.

S Speaker 2 03:23
Okay. I mean, Scott and I have been talking about months for like changing the theme song for After Hours. And well, when you count on stop for anything again. No, you never get nothing. That's the one. Yeah, hey. Yeah, we were trying to figure out which parts of Jimmy's music I hated earlier. And well, that's one of them. This here is After Hur and I am Eric Deutsch.

S Speaker 3 03:45
I'm Michael Crawford Cooper.

S Speaker 2 03:47
Thank you. And what's today today is,


S Speaker 3 03:50
The 13th. And after Pearl Jam's performance at North Texas.


S Speaker 2 03:56
And the very same day that Michael Jackson cancelled his tour because he's addicted to painkillers. And the day after we found out that River Phoenix did die of cocaine, heroin overdose.


S Speaker 3 04:08
Was there any doubt?


M Michael Crawford 04:10
Well, I had some doubt, I had held out some hope that he will be pure. What we have on the show tonight is well, quite frankly, you you guys don't seem to believe us when we keep telling you that the right wing hates us and they're out to destroy us. So we're going to let you hear it in their own words, we're going to be running part two of a five part documentary called In Jesus's Name. This particular part deals a lot with the anti gay rights ordinance in Oregon, and


what how it deals with how much the Christian right hates us and how they plan on destroying us. We're also going to be playing excerpts from Spare Ass Annie, which is a collaboration between William Burroughs and the disposable heroes of hip hoprosy.


 Speaker 3 04:51
Hi, Sara.


 Speaker 2 04:53
Sara D just came in she's bearing chocolate. It's the truth. We're gonna have lots and lots of cool music from,


 Speaker 3 05:03
Pearl Jam.

 Speaker 2 05:04
The Pet Shop Boys.

 Speaker 3 05:05
Nirvana.

 Speaker 2 05:06
U2.

 Speaker 3 05:09
Soulfire.

 Speaker 2 05:12
Goo Goo Doll.

 Speaker 3 05:13
Googoo Dolls. Oh, Bob Mould. Don't forget that.

S**Speaker 2 05:16**

Oh yeah, Bob Mould. We're gonna be playing a lot of cuts from this new compilation called No Alternative which is to, Ted's been put out by the Red Hot Organization which did Red Hot and Blue and Red Hot and Dance. And the whole thing is to raise money for AIDS education and social services. But first we're gonna go to the new Pet Shop Boys single, it's called Go West and it's a remake of a song by the Village People.

S**Speaker 4 05:54**

Hello, this is Pat Robertson for the no special rights committee. Homosexuals are on the march in Oregon to get special rights. But one group in Oregon is defending Christian values against this assault. The no special rights committee that oh special rights committee has filed an initiative to stop the homosexual agenda, but they need your help.

S**Speaker 5 06:16**

If you had a chance to sign the OCA petition, we're trying to stop government promotion of homosexuality in the state of Oregon.

S**Speaker 6 06:24**

The Word of God says that homosexuality is an abomination and a detestable act. And I just want to have it on record that when Judgment Day comes, don't say we didn't warn you.

S**Speaker 7 06:40**

We'll drag your out of town with a baseball bat. OTA is number one.

S**Speaker 8 06:46**

Guess your gay pride parade is a call to action. Homosexuals in Oregon face a statewide petition that they say would restrict their rights. The Oregon Citizens Alliance is just weeks away from turning in thousands of signatures to put the issue on the statewide ballot. Today's parade drew thousands who are up for the battle.

S**Speaker 9 07:13**

Gays and lesbians have been walking all week trying to gain ground and stopping hate. Today they all took steps to foster diversity and fight discrimination.

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Speaker 6 07:22

In May 1991, the Oregon Citizens Alliance filed an initiative to amend the Oregon State Constitution to declare homosexuality abnormal and perverse. After a protracted political and legal struggle. The OCA managed to obtain over 115,000 valid signatures, placing Measure 9 on the November 1992 ballot. Oregon voters would be deciding whether to prohibit all governments in Oregon from promoting, encouraging, or facilitating homosexuality, along with pedophilia, sadism and masochism. The measure would also mandate that all levels of government including public education systems must assist in setting a standard for Oregon's youth, which recognizes that these behaviors are abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse. The Oregon Citizens Alliance is an independent political organization, but it has close ties to national Christian right groups and local fundamentalist churches. In 1988, they sponsored a successful statewide initiative that rescinded a governor's executive order banning discrimination on the basis of sexual preference. Since then, the Oregon Citizens Alliance has assigned itself point man in a cultural war with gay rights activists. Scott Lively is the communications director of the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

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Speaker 11 08:45

We're responding to an aggressive political agenda being forwarded by the homosexual community.

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Speaker 12 08:52

For three or four decades, the homosexual community has been growing in expertise, experience, influence.

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Speaker 10 08:58

Lon Mabon, director of the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

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Speaker 12 09:02

They are now putting forth a national and international effort to establish their goals. We chose to go on the offensive.

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Speaker 14 09:11

I believe that the Oregon Citizens Alliance attack on gay and lesbian rights is really a barometer of how well we're doing.

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Speaker 6 09:18

Donna Redwing, Executive Director of the lesbian community project in Portland, Oregon.

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Speaker 14 09:18

But I think people have to be clear that the rights that gay and lesbian people have acquired over the last few years are only the right to be free from discrimination in areas like employment and housing and public accommodation. Those are not special rights. Those are the rights that should be accorded every citizen of this country.

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Speaker 12 09:46

Human Rights Commission, which are paid for by taxpayer dollars have arbitrarily established homosexuality as a minority and treat it as such.

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Speaker 10 09:54

Lon Mabon, Oregon Citizens Alliance.

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Speaker 13 09:57

Anybody that opposes homosexuality, for whatever reason, that would be classified in the law as discrimination, that's special. The OCA appears to say we want to discriminate against people on the basis of their sexual orientation.

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Speaker 6 10:11

Paul Aru, United Methodist minister in Polk County, Oregon.

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Speaker 15 10:15

And we don't want any law to protect them from that discrimination. We have a right to discriminate.

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Speaker 16 10:21


They think it is a special right for gays and lesbians and bisexuals to be free from harassment, discrimination, and employment in housing and public accommodation.

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Speaker 10 10:31


Lois Van Leer, Corvallis, lesbian activist and United Church of Christ pastor.


 Speaker 16 10:36
Every other minority is included in protected class. Gays and lesbians and the only ones that are not in there. And why is that?


 Speaker 5 10:42
Trying to stop government promotion of homosexuality in the state of Oregon.

 Speaker 10 10:46
The Oregon Citizens Alliance gathering signatures for their statewide initiative in June 1992.

 Speaker 5 10:53
The homosexuals, now what this does is this gives them special status based on their homosexual behavior.

 Speaker 17 11:01
What they're trying to do is scare people into thinking that they may lose their job to a lesbian or gay person,

 Speaker 10 11:07
Kathleen Saadat, Portland lesbian and civil rights activist.

 Speaker 17 11:10
I don't think most lesbians or gay people are even interested in affirmative action for lesbian and gays. They're interested in not being discriminated against, which is a different kind of thing. The whole idea of no special rights, sometimes I laugh at it, because I would say sometimes, yeah, we all want special rights. We want those special rights that used to belong only to white men, property. We all want equality in this system, and they're seeing equality as special rights.

 Speaker 10 11:37
Charles Hinkle, ACLU attorney addresses 12,000 people on October 4, 1992, at a Portland rally opposing ballot Measure 9.

 Speaker 10 11:45



Speaker 18 11:45

In most parts of Oregon today it is legal to fire or to refuse to rent an apartment to a gay or lesbian person. And there is nothing special about a law that says you cannot do that. So the talk about special rights is the OCA's biggest lie.



Speaker 16 12:03

It's easy to lie in 15,20 and 32, second sound bites. It takes a lot longer to tell the truth.



Speaker 11 12:07

There's a case in Minnesota in which a young woman was fined \$6,000.



Speaker 6 12:13

Scott Lively of the Oregon Citizens Alliance.



Speaker 11 12:16

Because she refused to accept a lesbian roommate in her two bedroom dormitory room on campus.



Speaker 18 12:22

Well, the actual facts, of course, are far more complex involving breach of contract. But the bottom line is that when the Human Rights Commission looked into it, they ruled that the discrimination law does not apply to roommates. There was no fine, nobody was compelled to live with anybody. It was all a falsehood.



Speaker 19 12:39

Homosexuals perpetrate between the third and a half of all reported child molestation.



Speaker 6 12:46

From the soundtrack of Dangerous Behavior, a videotape released by the Oregon Citizens Alliance.



Speaker 19 12:51

A convicted homosexual child sex offender average is 150 victims, compared to 20 victims per heterosexual offender.

S Speaker 6 13:01

One of the leading experts on child sexual abuse is Dr. Nicholas Groth, founder and Director of Forensic Mental Health Associates, and former director of the sex offenders program for the Connecticut Department of Corrections. He has been working with sex offenders for over 20 years.

S Speaker 20 13:17

I was working with what were considered in Massachusetts and Connecticut, the most dangerous of the sexual offenders, those who are habitual offenders, those who pose risk of harm to their victims and so forth. And yet, in 26 years and 3,000 cases, we never find a single case where it was a gay adult molesting a pre-adolescent boy.

S Speaker 21 13:38

I work with children, I work in a special ed room.

S Speaker 6 13:41

Jackie Mote is a teacher in Grants Pass, Oregon.

S Speaker 21 13:44

And I work with these kids who have to deal with all this stuff, and most of it is heterosexual men and their own family.

S Speaker 19 13:51

10% of San Francisco's homeless lives involve homosexual sadomasochism.

S Speaker 6 13:56

Oregon Citizens Alliance video, Dangerous Behavior,

S Speaker 19 13:59

A study called Murder, Violence and Sexuality was released in 1987. This study found that homosexual sex is disproportionately violent when compared to heterosexual sex, gay on gay violence is the third leading health problem.

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Speaker 18 14:17

The source for those statistics are articles written by Paul Cameron, a totally discredited psychologist who was forced to resign from the American Psychological Association. He's been censured by every other professional group he's involved in. He's been accused by fraud by two federal courts all because of his continuing unethical behavior in distorting and misrepresenting the scientific data he throws around. The OCA knows that he is not a credible source, but he's the only one they can find to support their views.

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Speaker 16 14:49

Their material is full of quotes that's not referenced. And we've researched it, none of these people are quote, modern. They're all pre, let's say 1973, in terms of the psychologists that they mentioned.

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Speaker 10 15:00

Lois Van Leer, Corvallis Human Rights Coalition.

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Speaker 16 15:03

1973 is when the American Psychological Association decided that homosexuality was no longer considered an illness. But here they have these quotes. It says past president of the American Psychological Association. Past President was in the 60s, but you'd think that he just finished serving his term.

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Speaker 14 15:19

There's kind of a voyeuristic component to the Oregon Citizens Alliance,

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Speaker 6 15:23

Donna RedWing lesbian community project.

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Speaker 14 15:26

In fact, I've learned more about peculiar sexual activities, from the OCA's rhetoric than I've ever learned in the gay and lesbian community.

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Speaker 12 15:36

That centers around taking a reproductive organ, or organ

that centers around taking a reproductive organ, off-- organ.



Speaker 6 15:38

Lon Mabon, Oregon Citizens Alliance.



Speaker 12 15:41

And coupling it with a, another function of the body that is known to be unhealthy, known to carry diseases, known to carry bacteria, and so forth. It is flat out 100% unnatural.



Speaker 11 15:57

There's a high school in the Washington County School District,



Speaker 6 16:00

Scott Lively, Oregon Citizens Alliance.



Speaker 11 16:02

In which the teachers all came out to their students and now there are, there are young people that are acting out homosexual behavior in the hallways.



Speaker 22 16:09

What we'll really get down to is their sexual behavior.



Speaker 6 16:12

Phillip Ramsdell, Oregon Citizens Alliance.



Speaker 22 16:15

Rimming and fisting. All we have to go down is the San Francisco hospital and find out all the injuries and all the intestitude that they've got, intestine infection and everything else. The kind of thing they like to get into is conducive to spreading diseases because they have to have more and more because really what homosexuality and homosexual sex is is an addiction.



Speaker 23 16:33

They see us only as one dimensional people.

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Speaker 10 16:35

Linda Shirley, Portland lesbian activist, and community radio producer.

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Speaker 23 16:39

All we do is have sex.

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Speaker 24 16:41

They portray us as people who are seen in a stereotypical way.

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Speaker 6 16:45

Karuna Neustadt is a Jewish lesbian living in Corvallis.

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Speaker 24 16:48

And it's very similar, I think, to what happened in Germany, when the Nazis would portray the Jews as money grubbing and the head of the banking conspiracies and had big noses and their heads were shaped a certain way. And it makes the people in that group into a caricature. That's what's happening here with the OCA is that they're trying to portray us as others so that people will think of us as less human and maybe feel less about discriminating against us.

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Speaker 16 17:17

The last thing I heard before I went to sleep two nights ago was my partner saying, God, I hope we don't all end up in the camps.

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Speaker 10 17:23

Lois Van Leer has been Karuna Neustadt's partner for 11 years.

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Speaker 16 17:27

Both of us are first generation in this country. Most of her family was lost in the concentration camps in Germany. A lot of my family was lost, but not as much as hers.



S Speaker 24 17:37

Hitler did not just up and start carting Jews and homosexuals and Gypsies off to the concentration camps one Monday morning. I mean, he spent years setting the stage there through increasingly repressive legislation. First, the Jews had to wear stars and then the Jews couldn't hire household help. And then the Jews couldn't do this. And then the Jews couldn't do that. People were being prepared to accept greater and greater repressive measures and atrocities against people.

S Speaker 13 18:11

The first opposition of the Nazi Party was against homosexuals.

S Speaker 10 18:14

Paul Aru, United Methodist pastor.

S Speaker 13 18:17

It came after the homosexuals, the mentally ill, then the Jews, the labor unions, the communists, the Catholics, and finally the Protestants when you start discriminating against any one group in society, where does this end?

S Speaker 11 18:36

The facts and the figures show that this community is not being discriminated against.

S Speaker 10 18:40

Scott Lively, Oregon Citizens Alliance.

S Speaker 11 18:43

The Wall Street Journal has shown that this community has an average income 72% higher than the average American and that 49% of this community is professionals and management positions.

S Speaker 12 18:52

They travel more,

S Speaker 10 18:54



Lon Mabon, Oregon Citizens Alliance.



Speaker 12 18:57

have cruises more and have hold positions of responsibility more than than the average person.



Speaker 16 19:01

And they're putting all this stuff out about how we have so much money. That's what the Nazis put out about the Jews. That how quote, well educated that we are. That's what the Nazis said about the Jews.



Speaker 17 19:09

They believe us to be vulnerable. They believe that the rest of society will turn its backs on us.



Speaker 10 19:14

Kathleen Sadat.



Speaker 17 19:15

It's really important to watch what they're doing. It's worse than the McCarthy era in some ways, because they're taking not just people's jobs, but they're encouraging the violent element in our society to physically attack people by their attitude.



Speaker 16 19:32

Instead of fringe groups that jump on the Oregon Citizens Alliance bandwagon that frightened me,




Speaker 6 19:37


Lois Van Leer is a founding member of After 8, a gay lesbian and bisexual education and advocacy group in Corvallis.




Speaker 16 19:45


When you start to see all the hate groups that are starting to appear and be visible because the Oregon Citizens Alliance said hatred's okay. If you look at statistics statewide and nationwide, violence against gays and lesbians is an unprecedented high.


 Speaker 6 19:59
In January 1992, After 8 received a barrage of telephone death threats.


 [Together] 20:05
America kill a fag. You guys are dead. OCA rules by the way you piece of--

 Speaker 25 20:14
Why does everyone have to call us Nazis and KKK?


 [Music] 20:18
Loretta Neet, Oregon Citizens Alliance.

 Speaker 25 20:24
We have renounced, denounced all of those groups and yet who is it that gets their car windows smashed down?

 Speaker 26 20:29
No that's a lie for the homosexual. Don't support discrimination, don't sign.

 Speaker 10 20:33
The Oregon Citizens Alliance gathering petition signatures.

 Speaker 26 20:37
This is the homosexuals. I'm not for them.

 Speaker 27 20:44
Oh, it's assault. Good arrest me, where's the pigs at?

 Speaker 12 20:48

Of course we are all familiar with the tactics of the militant homosexuals.

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Speaker 10 20:53

Lon Mabon, Oregon Citizens Alliance.

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Speaker 12 20:55

As they also work to keep the initiative off the ballot, vandalism, intimidation, harassment, assault, slander or a constant hindrance.

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Speaker 16 21:04

Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor talks a lot about the irony of the fact that people like the Nazis and people, you know, in my opinion, like the OCA, are blaming the victim and saying that we are responsible for bringing this upon ourselves.

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Speaker 10 21:17

Lois Van Leer.

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Speaker 16 21:18

So the OCA said if we stayed in our closets and behaved ourselves, then they wouldn't need this legislation. As long as we hide and deny who we are. It's okay.

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Speaker 13 21:25

Part of the blame has to fall on some groups like ACT UP and Queer Nation. When they put a sticker on their face that says queer we're here we're queer get used to it. They're almost promoting or pushing to get a response. I mean, what do they expect? You know, it seems almost like they want to promote violence so that they have something to point to.

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Speaker 4 21:49

Four people two of the members of a white supremacist group were arraigned today on charges they set a fire that killed two Salem residents. And this fire last month killed Hattie Mae Cohen, Brian Mock. Both were homosexual. Messages of hate toward Catholics and gays lined the walls of a Catholic Church in Hillsboro this morning. The news aid, Pat Dorris reports vandals deface the inside of the church. And it appears related to Measure 9, the anti gay rights initiative.

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Speaker 16 22:21

The American Citizens Alliance is why do you have to come out? Why do you have to do this? Well, what I want to say to them is you made me visible because of your distortions and your lies, I have to come out and I have to say, hey, you know me, I'm your minister. I'm your youth advisor. I'm your neighbor. I'm your client. I'm your relative. I'm not those laws.

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Speaker 28 22:39

People don't understand. They just want gay and lesbians to just be quiet to just sit down and be quiet and not say anything.

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Speaker 6 22:47

Alise Self co-founded the Grants Pass chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays two years after her daughter came out to her as a lesbian.

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Speaker 28 22:55

Fine, we'll tolerate you if you're just over here, and don't ever let us know who you really are. And that is not freedom.

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Speaker 15 23:02

Gays and lesbians are finally enjoying visibility for the first time sort of in the modern era in Europe until the Nazis came into power. And then boom, basically, all the history, all the research that had been done was taken by the Nazis and burned. And I see the struggle of gay and lesbian rights is the struggle for visibility. But what's happening is we're finally attaining some visibility. And groups like the Oregon Citizens Alliance want to make sure that we are never visible that not only are we not visible now, but there'll be no trace of us. We've already been in this movie. It's called Nazi Germany. It's called the Holocaust.

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Speaker 28 23:33

If ballot Measure 9 passes, my husband and I have talked about this frequently. He says we'll move. I said we'll wait and see if it goes to the court. And I don't know frankly, with the climate in this country where to move.

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Speaker 6 23:53

While the mission nine campaign was catapulting Oregon into the national spotlight, it was not the only state with this battle was raging, less virulent anti gay initiative campaigns were also being waged in Colorado and the cities of Tampa, Florida and Portland, Maine. Oregon Citizens

Alliance's Lon Mabon.

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Speaker 12 24:12

OCA, without boasting, is probably two or three years ahead of the most advanced grassroots organizations in the nation. Since Measure 9 has started, we've gotten calls from Portland, Maine, Florida, Bisbee, Arizona, and everything from Wichita to Cincinnati. We are probably send out 500 or so packets to other organizations and activists around the nation. You know, so we've we've helped a lot of folks.

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Speaker 6 24:38

In 1992, the Oregon Citizens Alliance became the Oregon affiliate of Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition.

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Speaker 12 24:44

The Christian coalition had their second annual road to victory, a conference in Virginia Beach just a few weeks ago. Here they had President Bush and Bill Bennett and Oliver North, and they had me share a workshop on this issue about gay rights and how to oppose it. There was about 1,500 people there and we had over 600 of the 1500 in our one workshop.

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Speaker 16 25:09

Oregon's a test case, the whole nation is watching, people better wake up.

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Speaker 29 25:13

Yes, we disagreed with President Bush. But we stand with him for the freedom to choose religious schools

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Speaker 10 25:20

Pat Buchanan at the 1992 Republican National Convention.

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Speaker 29 25:24

And we stand with him against the amoral idea that gay and lesbian couples should have the same standing in law as married men and women. We stand with President Bush, we stand with President Bush, the right to life and for voluntary prayer in the public schools.





[Music] 25:45

Streets and we are body, body.



Speaker 10 25:58

They're chanting against a measure that would change Oregon's constitution. As a matter of law, it would list homosexuality as abnormal, perverse, a dangerous change toward intolerance speakers say.



Speaker 30 26:11

Toward the end of the campaign in Portland practically every other car had a no one nine bumper sticker of one kind or another or lots of lawn signs.



Speaker 6 26:20

Becky Capoferri is a Portland lesbian and union organizer.



Speaker 30 26:23

But I drove out to talk to some steel workers in the dowels. And as I drove out of the city, you just saw less and less and less of that. And by the time I got to the steel mill, I was scared. My car was covered with many many no nine stickers. And when I pulled on the steel mill, I felt so intimidated by them that when I got to the parking spot, I backed my car and I didn't have the strength that day to park the car with its rear end out.



Speaker 17 26:52

I spoke to Eugene.



Speaker 10 26:53

Kathleen Saadat, Portland human rights activist.



Speaker 17 26:56

It was dark and I saw a truck with a yes on 9. I was alone. And I worried about my personal safety



Speaker 16 27:05

Woman in Dallas had her house spray painted

Woman in bands, had her house spray painted.

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Speaker 10 27:07

Lois Van Leer, Corvallis, Human Rights Coalition.

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Speaker 32 27:11

Police arrived at 7:15 in the morning, so have you seen the side of your house? And she said no. And she walked out in 20 feet by 15 feet sprayed on her side of her house for the words vote yes on 9, two lesbians live here.

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Speaker 17 27:24

We afraid we don't know who to trust. We don't know who not to trust. We just keep going along because we know we have to go along. We have to keep moving. We cannot stop because it is our lives.

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Speaker 23 27:36

To wake up every day and see who you are being debated.

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Speaker 10 27:39

Linda Shirley.

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Speaker 23 27:40

Whether or not you're human, whether or not you're a birth defect, whether or not you have a right to non negotiable civil human rights. It's an awful thing for us to live with.

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Speaker 16 27:49

I think that the Christian right wants to be at war in this country and they will stop at nothing. And as long as they can objectify us, lie about us, and distort us, they don't have to deal with the pain that we face every day from their lies and slander.

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Speaker 31 28:01

It's a big gaping wound that's been slashed at our sites in this state

S Speaker 6 28:05

Jim Celt is a doctor in Grants Pass in Southern Oregon. A few weeks before the election, he and his wife Elise and their lesbian daughter, Jennifer, were featured in a front page newspaper article in the Grants Pass career, which portrayed their families happy, loving and normal. The Celts were among the most vocal Measure 9 opponents in their community.

S Speaker 31 28:25

I walk down the halls in the hospital and I have people look at me like they would like for me to die. And those are the kind of looks I have never gotten before. That's the kind of climate this has created.

S Speaker 32 28:36

The, the extreme left, the New World Order, the New Age people, the environmentalists, the peaceniks, and all those people want to push their values down my throat, and I have to live under their rules and regulations. I'm not going to do that. You see.

S Speaker 10 28:49

OCA supporters picketing the Grants Pass career because it, like every other major newspaper in Oregon has come out strongly against Measure 9.

S Speaker 32 28:57

And of course, we're doing the same thing. We're pushing our moral values on them, and they don't like it either. So it has to be a split.

S Speaker 33 29:03

You don't think it's any way that we could all come together and try to live in this world together and find some kind of compromise?

S Speaker 32 29:08

Yes, there is. The compromise is going to be you come on our side, because we're not coming on there.

S Speaker 5 29:13

I believe that there is just one agenda for all citizens, and that is the agenda of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That is why. That is why I vote with you. No on 9. And I believe that

Oregon's bill of rights should not discriminate against any of its citizens. And that's why I vote with you. No on 9!

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Speaker 23 29:39

Everybody's taking off the bandwagon for lesbian gay rights.

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Speaker 10 29:42

Linda Shirley.

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Speaker 23 29:43

The unions, the Catholic Church, the Jews, the hospitals, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Medical Association. No one has ever taken a stand on this stuff before.

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Speaker 10 29:58

Election night, November 3, In 1992.

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Speaker 34 30:13

Now the numbers that we have at this moment with 30% of the vote in show us at 57% to 43%. We are declaring that we have won this measure that no on 9 has won this measure.

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Speaker 10 30:34

The following week ballot Measure 8, the 1988 anti gay initiative is overturned by the Oregon Court of Appeals, bolstering the narrow margin of victory over measure 9.

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Speaker 23 30:42

43% of Oregonians think that lesbians and gays are unnatural, perverse and abnormal.

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Speaker 10 30:43


Linda Shirley.


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Speaker 23 30:46


And should be denied and what I consider to be non negotiable, fundamental constitutional

rights.


 **Speaker 17** 30:57
You don't know who those people are.

 **Speaker 23** 30:58
Kathleen Saadat.

 **Speaker 17** 30:59
You don't know if it's the sales clerk in your local grocery store, you don't know if it's a cab driver that may be taking you downtown who harbors what cannot be like a secret malice.


 **Speaker 12** 31:10
We took on almost every politician in the state.

 **Speaker 6** 31:13
Lon Mabon, Oregon Citizens Alliance.

 **Speaker 12** 31:15
Every association, you know, down to the Library Association marching in the streets with that type of effort against us, for us to get 44% in the face of that is a tremendous effort.

 **Speaker 24** 31:28
In some ways. I think that Measure 9 has backfired for the OCA,

 **Speaker 10** 31:33
Karuna Neustadt, Corvallis Human Rights Coalition.

 **Speaker 24** 31:36
Because many people have come out, people I know who a year ago would never have dreamed of coming out at work or coming out.

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Speaker 23 31:45

The rule about lesbians and gays involved. But there are a lot of just regular people whose political analysis was really very simple. This is Ron.

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Speaker 10 31:53

Linda Shirley, KB)O radio's dyke behind the mic.

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Speaker 23 31:56

Literally housewives and and real estate agents and school teachers. And they took an incredible amount of risk to take a stand on something that they didn't have to take a stand on. But they really understood how important this was and how wrong it was.

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Speaker 34 32:11

Groups like the OCA and other far right extremists can tell the lies they do because they are filling in the void of the truth of our lives created by our own voicelessness. I am asking you to let people know us ,to let your families, your coworkers, your neighbors, your friends, know us as gay men and lesbians and bisexuals get to them before the OCA does. Can you say victory.

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Speaker 35 32:49

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[Music] 33:19

looked in your eyes as I turned back to you is Mila oh that will make it through and nothing is the zoning is where the survivors after the storm. Nothing is clear yet something is weird.