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SPEAKERS

Charles Law

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minorities in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts,

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Connecticut,

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Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey is a guy by his name out there.

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estimate if the police estimated approximately 250,000 Then there's got to be

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I'm from Topeka, Kansas. And I hope that this will bring to the attention of the entire nation and particularly our legislators that we're here and we're here to stay.

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I'm from the Gay Liberation Front at Kent State University in Canton, Ohio. And we're here because we want to see a movement for gay rights take root.



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I'm from Florida, where we're pushing for the legislation on the era we need federal legislation to protect gates.



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The National march on Washington for lesbian and gay rights is a milestone in our fight for freedom for today for the first time we have all come together



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Randy?



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They said the famous people won't come in to Washington today. Then open that god damn door she said. Imagine imagine a march on Washington without Jane and Tom. Imagine yourselves men, loving men, loving women, loving women. Revolutionary is



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from Cincinnati, I've been living there for three years, my heart still in Philadelphia, but I'm marching with the Cincinnati crowd. And I totally and fully and wholeheartedly endorse the five demands that have been published that you know, this marches for, you know, the repeal of homophobic laws, the passage of gay and lesbian anti discrimination laws and protection of gay children and child custody cases. All those things like wholeheartedly support it. And I think that we're showing our power and our numbers, and I think this will affect our nation. Nations view of gay and lesbian people will see that we're a force that has to be contended with.



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We are not talking about politics. This is not a movement from the waist down. We're talking about all right.



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Don't care about street and I don't care about



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Washington.

nothing God be sweeter than Divine is nothing God be fine



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she tried it out for only one day. She'd find out what fun it is to be gay. But it's that she saw our civil rights and David Brower cheese



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Charles Law 08:55

day I believe in having no wind to the mountain top of America. I believe that Harvey Milk had gone to the top of the mountain of discrimination. He had gone to the top of the mountain of oppression. He had gone to the top of the mountain of psychological and societal debasement. And I believe that Harvey Milk to the top of that mountain looked down on Wichita looked down on Kansas City. Look down on Dade County. Look down on Oklahoma. Look down on Seattle. Look down on Texas look down on the Supreme Court in the Congress. And I believe that Harvey Milk saw gay people were one day before free and equal citizens in this country. And it is our responsibility to come out of the wilderness, not to wander in the end and linger in the wilderness, the wilderness of despair but to come out and realize the dream realize the promised land and gather our strength, our fortitude, our creativity, our initiative and our hope and go into that promised land of dignity, pride and respect



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Thank you. Thank you. That was really Taylor's I wish I knew how it feels to be free. I never thought that I would ever see anything like this. And I'm I would cry if I were if I were the type



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to talk to you about love. That's why we're here isn't it? May I remind you that love is against the law. That love as we know it is a criminal activity. That lovemaking involves illegal acts. We are here because we have committed them and we enjoy them enormously.



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We are an army of lovers. That is a fearful thing. We are the only minority group also that you can join overnight



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in the twinkling of an eye in fact



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we who have committed the crime of loving we are freedom with more risks than servitude ever offered. We dared to no pleasure. May I say pleasure again. I don't think it's been mentioned much today. We had guts enough to love. They tried to cover this with guilt, shame, dishonor. They made it as awful for us as they could. But it was wonderful. It is getting more wonderful. Fellow criminals. Never forget your nights and the days of you're fighting for their freedom. Remember this experience. It is the tenderest finest moment of our lives. And in the clamor for our civil rights. Always remember that they never granted them nor withdrew them, they only stole them. And remember most of all, that we have so much more to give them than they have ever taken from us. We have been places we have known things, scenes suffered, feared, felt experienced ecstasy, hell wonder all through our illegal acts. They have brought us the full richness of the human experience. Our freedom finally, when they understand it, it last is theirs. So keep loving, keep making love. And soon there will be enough. Thank you



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I'm from Boston, Massachusetts. And I think this this March has brought a lot of people together and this place at this time and I think that they should go home and spread the news and spread the energy that they've shared here at home and start bringing it into this states.



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I'm from Putney Vermont. I think after this March what we gotta do is keep organizing in our towns keep the local networking together.



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We just need more of the same.



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We've got to keep out here and let people know we're here



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Rob, we're



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from Youngstown, Ohio, and we're just looking for basic human rights. There's no other

questions to be answered.



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There's people here from Anchorage, Fairbanks, Barrow, Valdez, Juneau, Kodiak, all over Alaska



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I'm from South Nyack, New York and I, I really hope that this will bring people together and it has so it gets some kind of grassroots gay and lesbian movements throughout the nation



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I'm from Bismarck, North Dakota and I'm out here marching with these people because we show them that we're everywhere.



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Gotta move and Tony.



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I'm Greg from Los Angeles.



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I'm loving Tyler, and I'm from West Hollywood.



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Hi, I'm Steve from San Francisco.



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My name is Rick. I'm from Denver,



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and Phoenix. I'm from Sonoma County. My name is Betty and I'm from Oakland.



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My name is Dan, I live in Barstow, California.



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And I'm from San Francisco.



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My name is Evan and I'm from San Francisco to and I live there in the Bay Area my whole life.



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I'm Jen from Australia.



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My name is Frank, and I'm from Anderson which is in Chester County.



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This is Blue from Sacramento.



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But my name is Tom. I'm living in LA now.



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This is Reverend Troy Perry. And I'm from West Hollywood, California.



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My name is Torie Osborne and I currently live in San Francisco.



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This is Rick I live in Minneapolis. When I approached Troy Perry, I thought that while a train was going across Mid America, it would be a good chance to reach out to the grassroots people that

could not participate in Washington so that we could kind of do the Roosevelt tour and stop and speak to people across the country who could not participate in that way do outreach into all kinds of cities. And so I think that's what the train is about it's definitely a Freedom Train where if gay people and lesbians can't get to us we're getting to them

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everybody

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think it's been wonderful the sense of something moving through moving through the country and the the responses in every city and people throwing flowers when we stopped off in Fort Wayne and and people getting up at six o'clock at five o'clock four o'clock bed to get up and salt lady like to get the OG that at six, Utah and partly it's just a sense of of momentum of sharing with other people like yourself, but having to combat real life.

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I think game people would choose to disperse, disperse.

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We've all been involved in those incidents where people straight people wouldn't sit next to us and they got in the car and what's the The wonderful to me is that by and large the conductors and the mayor de and so forth had been on our side. I mean, last night we saw the maitre d or the conductor put on Washington gay March of Washington button.

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My name is Jessica and I work for the railroad 29 years 29 too long, but his best trip I had,

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and the maitre d was willing to get in a fist fight for our right to not be discriminated against. And to watch those little battles being fought within this space, this enclosed space is wonderful. And I just feel like I mean, as an as a media event as a happening, I think it's terrific

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think the major difference, like between gay people, and straight people is that they have a different history. Their history is a lot different. And that that is and my feeling the only difference there is between gays and straights. Is there a difference in history? Gay people

don't have a culture as like that black people have they don't have the that support that other other cultures, the Jewish people, black people have a certain background, they have a culture that gives them a certain amount of support. Gay people don't have that. And that's what we're in the process of building now. That's why like the march in Washington is like a part of that is a part of our culture.



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Well, you haven't seen America, have you seen Ogden, Utah at 6am in the morning?



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Well, who they're supposed to be somebody on the tracks are here.



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My name is Reverend Robert L. Harris. Harris. This my right my right, my right. You have already laid on the tracks. Yes,



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the this is a religious state. They appreciate me doing something like this. You have no rights. You have no rights. The owner on the right you have is a turn to the Lord.



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The Lord with you.



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Your hairs that you have often. And this is



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the power of God.



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You are just trading the good name of Jesus Christ. The Lord, the Lord is talking to you through me.



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REPENT of your sin. The power of God is a guest



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This is a recording. This is a.



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To take everybody from Utah has come out to welcome us. We know this is a rough state for gay people. On our way to Washington, as you know, and even though some of you who are here now can't go, we really appreciate you coming out. It's important that all over the country this weekend, the gay men and women stand up. And we live our society wherever we're at, realize and know that we're not taking the back seat of the bus or the train anymore



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for one thing gay people have had to endure all kinds of intimidation, growing up. And we think that gay people have seen seen bigotry, hatred, discrimination from all levels of life. From beginning as early childhood and through all this experience, we've come out of it with an awareness and an appreciation of freedom for everyone, and for the right of every person to do and then their life exactly as they wish to do. And I think that because of this experience, give people a special. I think people



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are wonderful in general, I find the real, more aware of the problems of other minorities, but compassionate I'm seeing right now is a pretty new thing, where the men and women of the gay community are getting together better learning. Learning and we can't afford to be divided.



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Washington is just one thing that we're doing. This is an ongoing movement, and we're gonna make sure that the 10% to 12% of little boys and little girls that are gonna grow up to be gays and lesbians are not going to be called Sissy and queer and faggot and die, because



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because we are going to save our children, we have been, we have been discriminated against in parallel institutions and mental institutions. And science has taught you sick, that religion has taught you, your sinful, and today is never gonna happen again. Because we are no longer

victims. We are the largest minority of people in the United States. And we are survivors now, and we are going to tell them that we are not victims anymore

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I think I think gay is better because we are freer. I think we're stronger because we have to be, I think we're more tolerant of divergent opinions and lifestyles, I think. I think we're willing to give people a lot more room to grow and be who they need to be than other people are.

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I'm originally from Canada. And I was up there visiting in the summer, and the trees were beautiful. I've never seen in the north, the Canadian north or the United States north, the trees that survived the winter come up. And they're so much more beautiful than the trees that just stay in the sun all the time to me, because they they're more rugged, and they're more hardy. And I was lecturing at a college once and somebody said, But Robin, we just want to be to show them. We've engaged want to show them because it was good as they are. And I said you're not as good as they are. You are better than you oppressors. I'm gonna take us straight to the precipice, but I'm specifically talking about the ones that have

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I grew up in a small community.

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Well, you know,

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I have lived long enough to know that there is never enough, you better because when you when you come through enormous struggle, and survive that struggle, you have a kind of strength and a kind of courage, and a humor that surpasses anything that doesn't come out of people who don't struggle.

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As I move around our community, I find over and over again, that our people are creative, just you're on the train. These last few days, we've traveled along, just listening to some of the comments that have been made. Even when little things have gone wrong. People have always had something to say.

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We'll work hard there, Tim. That's our code. Yeah, MacArthur team. There was somebody back in Denver, it was on the platform yesterday, and they want to dump it out and separate the car. They were just joking, of course.



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People have always had something to say. And it's always been very creative. And I'm just thankful that our people are as creative as they are.



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So we're very lucky as gays and lesbians to have to struggle right now, because this is a very isolated period of time, where the nuclear family lives in the suburbs feel isolated, feels cut off, doesn't feel connected. And all of a sudden, we've survived the oppression, we're connected. And so we are different, we're actually more fortunate. And I'm really, really happy that I was born a lesbian. The people



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in Chicago have tried to put together a rally understand that they got permission for us to use Daley Plaza Chicago.



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We thank you all for coming. And we want to welcome especially the 100 or so folks who have come to Chicago on the freedom train on the way to the national market.



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It's just great to be in the Windy City. We're delighted to be with you and to be sharing with you and talking about gay rights. Sunday 100,000 gay males and lesbians and outs supporters will be marching in Washington DC, not asking but demanding that the federal government once and for all changes the laws pertaining to The rights of 22 million of its citizens, we say to you, we are going to have our rights. We are your children, we're not going away, we're going to keep moving until we're treated like every other citizen in this country. That's where we're



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gays and lesbians from all over this country from the most repressed and repressive, even states in this country have dared to come out of the closet, and dare to meet this chain and finally step out of the open and say to everybody, the closet, them for prison, and not for privacy, that we are no longer going to be victims, that we are survivors, that we are no longer asking for straight tolerant. I don't like to use the word straight because of heterosexuals are

straight with crooked but if we're gay them or both, but anyway. We're no longer asking for trade tolerance or understanding. We are the largest minority of people in the United States, and we are demanding our civil rights.

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What makes us a little bit different than straight people is that we chose to be this way. And we really had a fight to make it for us to be this way we didn't, it wasn't thrown at us and said, you have to do this. We did it because we wanted to, we knew what we wanted.

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The openness of gay people, to straight people to third world people. There's a lot more caring and sharing a lot more showing of feelings and emotions. And it's one thing I think one of the highest qualities of gay people is their willingness to speak out, to be out there in the world and to make a difference.

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This is a vacation that I'm always gonna remember, it's been the best vacation I've ever had. And I thought it would just be history making thing to be able to go march on Washington and show the world that who we are that we are people and we're tired of being abused and put down and hidden.

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And I'm sure without any doubt without any question, that we're going to have the biggest gathering of gay people in America in American history, and it will be representative of the entire spectrum of the gay population racially and sexually and that it's going to be a really great happening here. But it's really the foundation of some of the beginning of the new national movement

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this time I would like to announce the winner from this and Dr. Linda blue

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let's get a few words from Linda.

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The hardest thing on this trip has been not to be as pretty as the girls



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ladies and gentlemen you have selected for your Mr. Am trash the one and only ug girlfriend



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I said it took me nikecourt the biz and lots of trashing around and one drink and one woman's face and I got it finally



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thank you thank you and we love you love each other. Tonight everybody we'll see in the car



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cash they ran out of everything but orange juice. Nobody ordered orange juice accords beers, and the guy behind me lady would happen. They met us in every town but in order to make the clouds look bigger, these guys would get off the train and come and meet us and look like there was a town coming to meet us



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anywhere we went these guys stepped up and yelled at us. Like never heard of before.



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Name is



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Give a rousing Happy days are here.