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You know, one of the things that has kept this group a little bit late is the fact that I've talked to some of the organizers back in the organizing area. It is a much larger crowd than they were anticipating. And that has slowed things down considerably.

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I understand they're walking very slowly down the street. The weather is cloudy here in Washington today. There is some chance of rain, but it doesn't seem to have deterred anybody from coming to Washington and from participating in the march. They're all out there. They're moving down the street. Now. Some people toward the back of the Capitol Mall where the rally side is have told us that they can see people coming so they'll be here before very long. First of all, though, we were going to go to the kickoff rally from this morning that was sponsored by the people of color caucus. And so Heskey from WBI, New York is bringing us that report. So good afternoon,

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Lucia. You're right, there was a kickoff rally beginning not quite nine, but shortly thereafter, that was organized by the people of color caucus. And if it's alright with you, I'd just like to read a paragraph from the statement about why they organize this. And it says we have been invisible in our communities of color and within the lesbian and gay community for too long. We will not accept second class citizenship anymore. However, we cannot establish ourselves until we are organized and powerful till we are an organized and powerful voice in both communities. By working and playing together here in Washington this week, we can build the foundation for that organization and empowerment. This was part of this statement that was written by the people of color caucus, and that is indeed what they did. They were an organized and powerful voice. This morning. There were several 1000 People gathered starting at about 830 this morning. And when I left the site at about noon, there were probably close to 100,000 people down there. The first person that spoke this morning was a Buffy Dunker, who is an 82 year old lesbian who came out 10 years ago, and she's from Boston, Massachusetts.

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I'm a clear old Yankee.

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come here from the land of the Puritans to speak loud and clear for 1000s of old queer women. There aren't a lot of us that are out fighting for our rights. Because when we were growing up, we didn't even have a word, a name, to define who we are. And it was clearly dangerous then to be out. Maybe some of you younger women back home, you might find an attractive old woman and bring her out. That's what happened to me 10 years ago.

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Oh, people have a lot of what all of us need and can use experience and perspective and the confidence to use our knowledge. We know that we can make things happen, especially if we are angry enough. We've lived through a lot a depression, and two terrible world wars and Korea, and Vietnam. And we've been instrumental in making changes like Stonewall and women's lib and lesbians lib. We know that energy and action and good strategy are necessary to get what we want. We have to act with persistent, unrelenting pressure. The forces of repression are strong. But that force just sits there resisting, rare and irresistible force. And today we can show it

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someday there won't have to be any more closeted or lesbians. We hear now have the power, the ability and the energy to change the culture that we've been living in to make it more open, more sensitive and caring, more fanatical about justice and liberty and food and shelter for everyone.

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US gays and lesbians have something more, more of it, I guess than the ordinary heterosexual population, especially the straight men, we're creative. We have been for centuries even farther back than that. at all, we are artists, painters, sculptors, designers, architects, writers, poets, novelists, journalists, were musicians, composers, conductors, performance, dancers and actors and playwrights and directors, and of course, especially creative in our personal relationships, which is now even more necessary to discover ways of loving in the face of the danger of AIDS. So let us today as we march, feel our power, imagination, our courage, and our ability to change ourselves and the world around us.



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March is officially beginning for walking up 17th Street, heading toward E. And in the front, we have the people with AIDS coalition and a host of dignitaries that



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and as we continue down 17th Street, the organizers of the march are telling the press, Move back, move back, let the people in the frontline move forward. Let the people in the wheelchairs move forward here the way and people along the side are screaming and cheering, the marches on and you look back and you see blocks and blocks of people. This is quite a day for the gay movement.



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Not all, not always jubilant today. A large contingent of people with placards and banners Jesus said repent or perish. Jesus says God is angry with the wicked every day we pay event. These are the anti March March.



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Go now to a report from David McCartney from Portland, Oregon. He covered the veterans ceremony which also took place at nine o'clock this morning the same time as the people of color rallied. Why don't we go to that report right now with David McCartney.



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Lesbian and Gay veterans and their friends gathered for a brief ceremony this morning at Arlington National Cemetery honoring the 1000s of homosexuals who have served in the military. The wreath laying ceremony attracted about 100 spectators. One of the organizers was Leonard mantle of edge, who successfully challenged the US Air Force in a widely publicized anti discrimination suit in 1975. Matt Lovett said the ceremony represented an important step



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represents that we have served that we we love and we gaze we have made this country what it is. And we're recognizing that today we're recognizing the gays and lesbians who have died in the past for this country. And I never thought I'd hear the army century say lesbian, gay athletes, more veterans. It was wonderful. And we've done it.



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Did you anticipate any difficult difficulties with this?

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Not at all, because Dr. Frank Kaminey 1980 had a battle with the Army here and he got us a right arm, our constitutional rights era.

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There's just an untold number of veterans who could be considered gay lesbian, who, for reasons that are forced by the Defense Department cannot be public. You were the first to publicly acknowledge your homosexuality and test the Whitney Air Force in 1975, I believe. military has begun to make progress and has not made enough progress or is making any progress.

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Not nearly enough progress at all. But what is happening is more and more people who are now in positions of command in the military, or the young kids out of the 60s to college graduates and they simply ignore these old laws. You know, when you spend hundreds of 1000s of dollars to train and educate a person to be enough Back to a military person, and then you throw them out because they're lesbian or gay, it's a waste of money, and they understand this. And then they just simply ignore the law. So it's in the ranks, things have changed. But you still, we still have a lot of brown shoe in the, in the military and on the brown shirt leaves, it's gonna change. It's gonna be hard, but we've got to battle.

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But do you anticipate going to the media future over the next decade, perhaps

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this is the best of all times, and the worst of all times, all at the same time. So, you know, three years ago, I thought that I really thought that we'd be going back in the closet, because of a is out of fear. And I was worried about that. But I was one of the ones arrested at the White House in June, and half of the people there were young I had, and I thought I would know every activist therapy because I've been in the movement for 12 years, but half of them were young, I didn't know who they were. I was so proud. Because AIDS has made us have the best and worst of times.

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And we're back here live on the Washington Mall. The wind has just dropped dramatically and equally dramatically. Bad god of the marchers has reached about halfway toward us, we can see a whole wall. Marchers covering the entire width of the mall. They're moving toward us.

And I expect in a few minutes, the entire mall will be packed.



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It's it's truly incredible. I'm standing on a chair now at the broadcast booth here, and vicious people. You can see them almost as far back as the Washington Monument. And that's a long way. Think about the length of that mall from the Capitol all the way to the Washington Monument. It's an incredible crowd. It's colorful, I can see batteries coming up. I can see some sort of, I can't quite tell what it is if someone is carrying way in the back is very, very tall. as tall as the trees are.



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Incredible Lucia, there is a wall of lesbian and gay people the likes of which I have never seen in my many years of involvement in the community and it's just breathtaking.



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Okay, we're going to be drilling down to a report from Sue Husky from web AI. Take it away.



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Hi, this isn't housekeeping web API. We thought for a nice lead in to the afternoon's rally that we would feature a poem by Pat Parker black lesbian, gay activists for over 25 years. Definitely appropriate way to lead in Stephanie's program.



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I'm going to read a poem that I wrote when we had an idiot in the state of California called the brakes who is trying to shut us down. Boots are being polished. trumpeters clean their horns, chains and locks forged. The Crusade has begun. Once again flags of Christ are unfurled and the dawn and cries of soul saviors sing apocalyptic on airwaves. Citizens good citizens all parade into voting booths and in self righteous sanctity X away our right to life. I do not believe at some that the vote is an end. I fear even more. It is just a beginning. So I must make assessment. Look to you and ask Where will you be when they come? They will not come a mob rolling through the streets but quickly and quietly move into our homes to remove the evil the queerness the faggotry from their midst. They will not come close. Dan Brown and swastikas are bearing chest heavy with gleaming crosses the time and need for such Rousses are over. They will come in business suits to buy your homes and bring bodies to fill your jobs. They will come and robes to rehabilitate and white coats to subjugate and where will you be when they come? Where will we all be when they come and they will come? They will come because we are defined as opposite perverse, and we are perverse. Every time we watched a queer hassled in the streets and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we lied about the boyfriend or girlfriend at Coffee Break. It was an act of perversion. Every time we heard I don't mind gays. But why must they be blatant and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every

time we let a lesbian mother lose our child and did not feel the court rooms. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let straights make out in our bars while we couldn't touch because of them or it was an act of perversion. Every time we put on the proper clothes to go to a family wedding and left our lovers at home, it was an act of perversion. Every time we heard who I go to bed with, it's my personal choice. It's personal, not political and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let straight relatives bury our dead and push our lovers away, it was an act of perversion, and they will come for the perverts. And it won't matter if you're a homosexual, not a faggot, lesbian, not gay, not queer. It will matter if you own your own business have a good job or an SSI. It won't matter if you're a black Chicano, Native American, Asian or white. It won't matter if you're from New York or Los Angeles, Galveston or Sioux Falls. It won't matter if you're a bunch of them not into roles, monogamous, non monogamous. It won't matter if you're a Catholic, Baptist atheists Jewish, MCC, they will come they will come to the cities and to the land, to your front rooms and in your closets. They will come for the perverts and where will you be when they come? Thank you very much.

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That was Pat Parker, black lesbian poet, who was speaking at this morning rally organized by the people of color caucus. My name is Susan husky. I'm with web AI in New York.

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And I'm Lucia Chapelle. Susan has just joined us in the broadcast booth without Ross from Philadelphia. We are hustling now to get under a plastic tarp because it's just beginning to rain here on the mall. As the crowd fills in the banner is now believed banner is now in the front of the mall. Behind that is a group of chairs for the people with AIDS, who need to sit now that they've walked and activity is going on on the stage. They're getting ready to start to rally along we're moving equipment around it's just it's incredible here.

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And there are 1000s 10s of 1000s of people coming into the ball. It's an amazing sight. And for those of you who aren't here today, all we can say is we wish you could we hope that you're able to get a sense of the emotion and the power and the commitment of lesbians and gay men from today's broadcast.

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Geraldo Rivera. This, humanity has finally reached the front fence. And I think the impact of this arrival has finally hit here. And certainly to us and to the camera people up on the on that platform there. It's just a small drizzle, it

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will pass. I think it will pass to the clouds back behind the Washington Monument. Lighter than the clouds directly overhead us, which are quite dark right now. You might hear a lot of

the clouds directly overhead us, which are quite dark right now. You might hear a lot of scraping around and hustling around here. As we shuffle to get our things, make sure that all of our equipment stays dry. We know that the rally is going to start just in a very few minutes.

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I'll tell you one thing that's rather appropriate. This is the background on the main speakers is a song by Chris Williamson called waterfall waterfall, exactly the water spilling over. It's not thrilling over here, but there's a great deal of emotion, a great power, a great deal of commitment. That is definitely what's spilling over here today.

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You know, the image of water has often been used as a symbol for spirit and there is certainly a great deal of spirit in this crowd today. People are running, people are dancing. People are milling around. There are mounted police behind and there are the marshes and demonstrators in front. All kinds of people I wish I could describe incredible numbers of colors and sizes and shapes. Little kids with funny hair and older people. It's an amazing crowd.

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We just got word that the rally is going to begin in five minutes. A great deal of activity.

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They're going to be starting with stock and I understand the rally right at Lea Delaria and Bruce Hopkins are going to be starting out.

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Robin Tyler the feminist common Robin Tyler is the producer for the first hour of the rally As Alex Dobkin is going to be followed by Dan Bradley. Dan Bradley was a member of the Carter administration and he is now a person with AIDS. He's going to be speaking and he'll be followed by the Washington sisters gospel trio from Washington.

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And also feature today will be Barbara Smith and Eleanor Smeal. She opposed to and who else we have in the list here, Jesse Jackson,

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Holly near Whoopi Goldberg I got to see Whoopi Goldberg when I first arrived it was



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great Robin Tyler of course in New York Gay Men's Chorus and Pat Norman Kaos Berg Steve Hall.



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The Reverend elder Troy Perry, the founder of the universal fellowship of Metropolitan Community churches is going to be speaking later on



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in the San Francisco feminist percussion group system boom and



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I think that's Robin Tyler on the stage leading the chance for love or for life. We're not going back.



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And welcome to the National march on Washington DC for gay and lesbian rights.



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I'm Bruce Hopkins.



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We're glad to see you. We are your first hour of this rally. We'd like to apologize for being your MCs. We asked Ron and Nancy to do it. They couldn't make it. It was rise naptime. A lot of us have been worried about what exactly Ron is going to be doing now that he can't be president

anymore. We've all been worried about it. And I have an announcement to make. Ronald Reagan has been hired as the new spokesperson for the United Negro College Fund. Because he fits the slogan so well, a mind is a terrible thing to waste.

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Because now you also have to consider you also have to consider Nancy's position here. You know, for almost the past eight years, she's had a very difficult job, because you have to keep in mind that waste is a terrible thing to mind.

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Please, welcome to the stage before mother, a women's music and a leader in the lesbian community. A huge round of applause, please for.

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Well, welcome to

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DC.

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It's the gay town this weekend. And we're all thrilled to be here. This is fabulous. I just want to remind you that history history teaches that liberation struggles in this country are only successful when non violent civil disobedience. Civil disobedience is incorporated as an integral and ongoing part of the tactics. And that's what we're going to do here. The end of today will not be the end of us coming together to give strength to our voice Tuesday, there will be a nonviolent civil disobedience at the Supreme Court.

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As I told you earlier, my name is Bruce Hopkins and I am as queer as the day is long. Please, no pity. You'll discover as you get to know me that homosexuality is the least of my problems. For those of you who don't know me, gee, I'm kind of surprised. I am relatively famous. I've even been reviewed by the national press i i have been called. I've been described as being far cheaper and more entertaining than an S seminar. And I was once described as being one of the treasures of the gay community. I am quick to point out to you that both of these statements could also be used to describe tuna noodle casserole. I grew up in it We're a small town I grew up in Dallas, Dallas, Pennsylvania. No one from Dallas, Pennsylvania has ever been heard of. There are no famous people from Little League. But when I was in the ninth grade, I decided to change all that. They was on the day that Sumner Wiley punched me in the eye and

called me a sissy. On that day, I vowed that, someday they'll all be a gentleman who is a former attorney from Washington, and who spent some time in the Carter administration and was in fact, the first gentleman to come out publicly in the New York Times while he was a member of the Carter administration. He is now here to speak on behalf of PW A's Would you please welcome Dan Bradley.



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Where's Ali?



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Welcome to march on Washington. It's just an incredible I wish that each of you in the audience could be here on the stage to see this incredible crowd that's assembled today. And it's a great privilege and an honor for me to be a part of the marshal in Washington. As a proud gay man and as a person with age. I join with you in this remarkable testament of our strength of our resolve, and and our character. The Founding Fathers and the founding mothers assembled in Philadelphia 200 years ago, to proclaim a new government for a new country. And today, we assemble here in the nation's capitol, to proclaim for ourselves and to the nation that has lesbian and gay Americans. We share rightfully and equally in our nation's promise of equality, opportunity in individual rights. We all need to be reminded, there was only a few years ago, at Stonewall in New York City, that our common struggle took a new direction. After decades of oppression and bigotry, the gay civil rights movement has now touched every community in America. Today, as gay Americans, we can truly say there is no turning back.



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As we assemble in Washington day, and as we participate in this historical March, we're all aware of the tragic reality of the AIDS epidemic. All of us have been touched by the death of a lover, or a close friend. Countless 1000s of us have already died. And countless more of us. Nastase illnesses, suffer suffering and death at a time for not all President fails to provide leadership. And in a time when our government does too little and too late. The gay and lesbian community has provided leadership funds in organizations to fight this threat to our very lives. We are now leading the fight against AIDS. And we're giving support compassion, and love to those of us who are ill. Shortly my friends, the events surrounding this march on Washington will be over. All of us will return to our respective homes and our jobs, lovers in our daily lives. But as we leave Washington, we do so with renewed commitment, and a renewed determination to continue the march that began that Stonewall in the March that brings us to Washington today. And I'd like to close on a very personal note. To Tuesday of this week, I had the opportunity to have breakfast with a good friend of mine who's a journalist in Miami, Florida, Joe McCoy. And the purpose was getting together because I've asked Joe to write my obituary. And I submit that all of us should pause it sometimes are alive and reflect on our lives. So far we would like to be in our obituary. John was nervous and I was a little nervous and he says, Dan, what are you most proud of? And I paused for a moment or two. In St. Joe's you're right obituary. Just simply say that in 1982, and Washington DC, I finally after a lifetime of oppression, that I finally had the resolve had the courage. Loud and clear and gay, and I'm proud. I'm gay, and I'm proud. Thank you very much.



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Performing romanovski and Philips, a little bit later this hour 10% review. Jigna Puzo is going to speak. Lots of things to come, folks. Reverend Jesse Jackson, Whoopi Goldberg, stay with us. This is just the beginning of what is an incredibly exciting day. The hosts for the first hour of the rally, Leah de Leiria and Bruce Hopkins



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she is our word for the day boys and girls. She she's a word you can use whenever you're really surprised by something like Oh say if you were a straight man and went into a singles bar and met a very beautiful woman and took her home. And then when the very beautiful woman took off all of her clothes, you discovered that the very beautiful woman was really a man. Well, if you were the straight man, you'd probably go Sheesh. She is spelled J S C H E E, S, C H. J. She she's one of those words, that sounds the same whether you pronounce it backwards or forwards, like Otto, or Pennsylvania. But it doesn't work if you try to say Mr. Bruce backwards because what you end up with is E curb refsum. And who wants to end up with that? Sheesh. I'd like to talk to you a little bit today, boys and girls about fear. Fear is something you should never worry about. As one of my neighbors, who later went on to become President of the United States once said, The only thing we have to fear is fear itself. He's dead now. But I remember one time when Mr. Bruce was afraid, he was the first time I ever went to a leather bar. Now, you must remember this was many years ago when if you went to a leather bar, it was still there. Actually, it was many years ago when if you went to a leather bar, it meant you were serious about it. Well, I was very much afraid I was standing outside the bar, standing outside the bar watching all these ominous looking numbers go in and out. And finally, I summon my courage. I went inside. And I walked around nervously listening to conversations. Finally, I realized that if I was going to continue going to leather bars, there were two things I had to learn about fast opera and cooking. So you see, you should never be afraid boys and girls. Now.



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My name is Barbara Smith, I'm proud to tell you that I am an African American, a woman. I was born into a working class family in 1946. And I am a lesbian. With only five minutes, I will be leaving a whole lot out. And I'd love to tell you I did cut some pieces of this just now. So maybe if DCN gay community news wants it. I'll send it to them. And you can read the whole thing some other day. But with only five minutes I will be leaving a whole lot out. But there are three things I need to talk to you about today. Number one is the issue of homophobia and the black community. Number two is a problem of racism and our lesbian and gay movement. And number three is to address the question of our freedom and how to get it. My life as an activist began when I was a teenager in the black civil rights movement of the 1960s growing up in Cleveland, Ohio. I am I am grateful to come from the race of people who have defined the parameters of struggle against oppression in this country. Yet there are some black people who With denied my right to be respected, to raise my children to keep my job to have equal access to housing, to be free from verbal harassment and from violent physical attack, who in short, would deny my right to exist, because I am a black person who is also a lesbian. I want to take this opportunity to deliver a message to my people, to African Americans all across this

country. It is time for us to throw out once and for all, or old tired attitudes about lesbians and gay men. It is time for all of us to stand up completely for justice for freedom. Homosexuality is NOT a white disease. And AIDS is not even a white gay male disease. Not when 25% of people with AIDS are black. And 14% of people with AIDS are Hispanic, and 50% 52% of all women with AIDS are black. And 80% of all the pediatric cases are babies and children of color. Homosexuality is NOT what is breaking up the black family. Homophobia is



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my black gay brothers and my black lesbian sisters are members of black families, both the ones we were born into and the ones we create, quiet as it's kept. We have always been here in the black community. And long before that, and the Motherland on the African continent. We have always been here and we will always be here. Langston Hughes has been here. James Baldwin has been here. Bayard Rustin has been here. Our Bruce Nugent has been here. Jackie Moms Mabley has been here. Lorraine Hansberry has been here. Mabel Hampton has been here. And Ellen shockwave has been here. Pat Parker has been here. Audrey Lord has been here. And if you don't know who these people are, please go out tomorrow morning and find out because they are just a few of our black lesbian and gay ancestors, elders and warriors. I'm not raising this challenge because black people are more homophobic than anybody else. In fact, I believe we may be less. And because of our position in this society more individually tolerant of differences in diversity. It is just that as members of a racially oppressed group, trying to survive in the poisonous and racist climate of the Reagan years, we cannot afford to be divided from each other. We cannot afford to lose any of our strengths, our gifts and our capacity to love for us as black lesbians and gays nothing devastates us more than being cut cold by our own. The second challenge I have to deliver as to the white members of the lesbian and gay movement, I challenge you to grapple seriously with the reality of racism, and to understand the disastrous impact it has upon the lives of people of color, including lesbians and gay men of color. Again, since I came out in 1974, I have seen great progress in the lesbian, gay and especially the feminist movements, and our ability to bridge our differences and in our capacity to build fierce and effective coalition's, but we still have a long, long way to go. This country's racial history is far too complex for me to analyze, or even to describe, and all of his ramifications here. But there are two things I would like you to think about. First, you cannot only work on the issue of racism inside the lesbian and gay movement. You have got to challenge and eradicate racial and also sexual and economic oppression and the society as a whole. We have got to apply our unique capacity to laws and to work tirelessly for justice to every single struggle against oppression and exploitation in this country and on the entire globe. I heard some very beaut something very beautiful yesterday at our National Coalition of Black lesbians and gays meeting of which I am a board member or Executive Director for named McCoy, who is also an ordained minister in the Metropolitan Community Church told us that when the Reverend Alan Bozak and the Reverend Bishop Tutu had the opportunity to meet with members of the American lesbian and gay movement and to learn about our struggle As each of these men said, You must continue your work. As these black leaders against apartheid in South Africa, who live under constant state and host terrorism, simply because of the color of their skin can support our movement, I think we can support dance. The second thing you must understand is that principled white people do not walk against racism in order to be politically correct, or to do a favor for people of color. You all have got to do this in order to save yourselves. Building viable and lasting coalition's brings me to my last topic which is free, and how to get it. As a radical and a member of this country's left, I have never been satisfied with the goal of merely acquiring gay and lesbian rights. A strategy that relies solely upon passing laws, or security executive orders, or begging the straight world for grudging, grudging

tolerance is much too limited, is totally unacceptable. What I am marching for and for what we should all be marching for is not mere rights, but genuine liberation, for freedom. In order to achieve that degree of freedom, this very system will have to be transformed. We will need to build a new society where a viable basis for actually abolishing homophobia, sexism, racism, anti semitism, ageism, and all the other isms exists because we have abolished the fundamental economically employ oppose any quality of capitalism. Ultimately, our freedom is not going to come issuing from any of these Marvel buildings, and Washington DC, although we must continue to push the system for reforms at the very same time we worked for revolutionary change. Marches like this one, movements like this one are built from the ground up are built because of day in day out grassroots activism. I want to end by honoring the people who have sustained me and kept me alive to do this work. Those people are all of you. But especially my doubly and triply courageous gay brothers and lesbian Sisters of color. There are a lot of people should who should be up here speaking to you today who are not here. And unfortunately, one reason we are not up here and all of our diversity as speakers is that that as hard as people of color have worked in coalition to build today's March, we ultimately did not have the autonomy and the power to determine as equal partners, the marches agenda, there's a lot of frustration and always being tokens. It is impossible for me to speak for all of us as people of color. But I can honor all of us, American Indians, Asian Americans, Latinos, East Indians, Palestinians, Africans, Pacific Islanders, aborigines and many, many more lesbians and gay men of color. We have so much to be proud of. And although it usually goes unacknowledged, we have transformed every social and political movement we have touched. We abroad, this country's painful and absolutely necessary dialogue about what it means to be of color and female and poor and queer to a much higher level. We have left our mark on this part of the 20th century. Today, we have left an indelible mark on history. Thank you. Thank you.



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I want you to savor this next moment. I have the task of telling you that the official count of the lesbian and gay rights march the official count is



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let me mention also that in 1979 March crowd estimate was 250,000 people and it turned out that one of the march organizers heard to DC Police say there must be a quarter of a million faggots out there. And the official DC police estimate that they gave to the Washington Post was 25,000. Brian do it from Cleveland, one of the many people let's meet again broadcasters from around the country participating in this. He's going to try to get an official interview with an official DC police spokesperson so we will see what's going on with the crowd. I can tell you that there are more than 25,000 people here at least I can say that

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the DC police have a reputation for low balling the figure in the face that tall, familiar, considerably larger figure.

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Today, I'm proud lesbian, let

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me tell you.

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Today we gather not only as Californians or Texans, New Yorkers or Nebraskans, we say we assemble here not merely as political clubs, local community organizations or national organizations. This day was born not solely from the spirit of Stonewall, but from the struggles of Birmingham and Selma and Little Rock. And today, we're not only the defiant sisters and brothers of Harvey Milk, were the proud sons and daughters of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King. Today 500,000 strong we are our nation.

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Today we sing a song of freedom. We project the voice of freedom forward beyond ourselves, to the youth of today and to the generations of tomorrow. And yes, we are here to warn, make no mistake about it. Our patience has been exhausted. We are discriminated against in jobs, and housing and public accommodations were felons in 22 states, the Supreme Court has declared that we have no right to privacy. Were hounded by violence against our persons barred from worshipping in some churches, our children are tried to be taken from us. We are discriminated against in prisons. If that isn't second class citizenship, I don't know what is. Our

basic human dignity is that issue and we've just upped the ante. Beginning on Tuesday, at our demonstration at the Supreme Court, we must pledge to sit down and non violent disobedience and every city and every state legislature that dares to legislate bigotry.

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Beyond that, we vow to spend our dollars, our votes and our nights in jail to make the violence and the injustice that stops our lives vivid to our nation. Beginning today, we have one simple message for the Reagan administration. It's gotta be simple if it's for the Reagan administration. Very simple Repeat after me. No more delays.

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more delays on AIDS treatments. No more delays on AIDS research. delays on AIDS discrimination. No more delays on equal justice for lesbians and gay men. No more delays. How many must die for this administration to wake off

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other groups of Americans have gathered here before us to speak of the dream. To them I say, if the dream is to become a reality, it must be shared. We have each one of us a piece of the dream. If we permit it to be postponed, if we permit it to be compromised or splintered. We do so at our mutual peril. lesbians and gay men number 25 million in this country. We will come to campaigns and crusades and coalition's in sisterhood and brotherhood and we will sit at the table as equals

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where nobody's nasty little secret anymore

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Finally, take a deep breath look around and you'll never look back. What feels so good about this weekend is freedom. It is important for America to see us but it's equally important for us to see each other. We have generated in this place today an atmosphere charged with freedom. Let us seize it. Let us carry it out from this place. Let it be said of this march that it only began in Washington DC

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from here, let it go forward to Boston and Bangor and Phoenix and Topeka and mobiel and Staten Island as Santa Fe.

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Let us pledge to each other today. Let us pledge to each other today that ours will be a watch that will not end with the passage of a lesbian and gay rights bill. Ours is a watch that will not end with the passage of an Equal Rights Amendment. Ours is a watch that will not even end with the cure for AIDS. Ours is a watch that must be vigilant for as long as ignorance can bully for as long as justice is frail Thank you God bless

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people people people people here is Whoopi Goldberg.

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Right makes you want to play football, you know. Thank you, hello. I'm here with a message. It is not a message to the American people per se. But it is a message that affects you all and me very deeply. There are children who are walking around with apes. They are eight and seven year olds. There are five and four year olds and people They are making it tough for them to have the little bit of life they do. And I am appealing to you to show these kids how to live with dignity. I'm begging you. Because you see why you're sitting. Sometimes you'll be thinking, Oh, what have I done with my life? You've had a life. You've had 20 or 30 or 40 years, these kids have had four and five. I have a question that maybe somebody can give me an answer to when those children's houses were burned down in Florida. Mr. Reagan, did you send them a letter of condolence? Did you tell them what happened to them was wrong? And that is not the American way. Mr. Reagan, did you explain to these kids that sometimes ignorant people act in such a way that it's frightening? That Mr. Reagan, you tell them that you are so going to support them and live with them through this? Because that's what America does for its own? I don't think so. I want to show why. I mean, if we're supposed to be all American looking out for each other, then why hasn't the president United States said to these kids, I'm behind you. I am your president too.

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When you have your sin and I would like you to scream the words how long? How long is it going to take? Before people get smart, educated people, not just people with no education. We're not talking about illiterate people. We're talking about senators and congressmen and the fucking presidents

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now I am I can't believe there's like 500,000 people here. Would you do me a favor please? Because I'm going to be working on Tuesday or dead? No, they won't kill me off till after the

because I'm going to be working on Tuesday. or dead? NO, they won't kill me on till after the movie. Would you all 500,000 of you. I just want to hear how long is going to sound when you scream it at Mr. Regan on three please would you do that for me 123.

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Well, I can tell

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you,

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when they see you, and they hear you, when they see the faces of the children who are going to be inspired by you. I can only believe it won't be that long. I don't believe that people who walk around and talk about Christian brotherhood, or have problems with certain kinds of lifestyles will ever be able to look at a child again and say, Oh yeah, you're six you must be gay. I don't think that they'll be able to do that. As long as you and me and all those guys up there behind the cameras and all the people who are watching scream how long? Go in peace. Go and live. My love. Good night.

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I have a report here from that morning show. It appears that on Friday, October 9, a TWA Flight from Los Angeles was delayed for one hour in St. Louis to be disinfected because of the presence of 30 gay people Well who had been on that flight, and we're on their way to the March here in Washington. Now we just caught the tail end of that report. But we have here feed from the morning stage. So let's go to that.

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Was disinfected blankets and pillows were removed. There were no one PW A's on the flight not that it would have mattered. A flight attendant called the St. Louis daily to complain that they were forewarned and given gloves to wear some concern St. Louis folks are calling you all to action. They want you to send your ticket receipts and let TW know TWA know that you flew TWA and that you're gay. They want you to boycott TWA until it changes its policies they want you to let people know that you're gay if you're flying TWA on your return flight put it in their faces in their faces. We're not backing down this is garbage just kind of garbage is happening all over



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this morning what's happening right now in case you just tuned in you're listening to Pacific is live broadcast from Washington DC here at the March for gay and lesbian rights.