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If you support the agenda of the LGBT movement as it exists today, if you consider yourself to be in favor of same-sex marriage and gays in the military, you need to watch this video, because it is the future of your movement.



The **Cato Institute**, a libertarian think tank, hosted a symposium last week called, "Is There a Place for Gay People in Conservatism and Conservative Politics?" Speaking were **Nick Herbert**, an openly gay conservative British M.P., **Maggie Gallagher** of the National Organization for Marriage, and conservative gay blogger, **Andrew Sullivan**. In a sense, I feel utterly defeated admitting this – because I am *not* conservative, and because I consider my queerness to be the essential reason why – but I think that the alignment of the struggle for the rights of sexual minorities with other peace and social justice movements (anti-military, labor, the poor, prisoners, homeless, women) – an alignment that has existed at least since the late Sixties and the Stonewall era – is coming to an end.

The American LGBT movement has thrown itself wholesale behind the argument Sullivan makes in his book, *Virtually Normal* (which is basically that homosexuals want to be and will be normal if they are allowed honest access to civilizing institutions such as marriage and the church and the military, that they are only derelicts because they are excluded from the kind of whole lives that can come from participation in such institutions). It's not hard to see how this happened; it's a moving, persuasive argument which offers to salve the wounds most of us have from being shut out of our birth families and shamed and discriminated against in so many ways all our lives. It's a powerfully logical argument. I will even say that it is an argument I respect. But Sullivan's world of respectable homosexuals is not a world I want to help create. (I don't mean to single out Sullivan; there are lots of other gay conservatives who have become prominent spokespeople for LGBT rights in the last few years. **Dan Savage** for instance.)

I've blogged many times before about my mixed feelings regarding Andrew Sullivan. This Cato Institute talk and Q&A is quintessential Sullivan. Those who love him will find him eloquent and moving, and those who hate him will probably find him to be a sanctimonious boor. I think he's both. And I think he's a gifted writer, thinker, and debater whose political convictions come from rigorous thought and deep compassion.

The video is long, so get a snack and a cup of coffee and resist the urge to fast-forward through it. The details are important. And how often do you get to see Andrew Sullivan and Maggie Gallagher face off in person?


Even though the conservative turn which the LGBT movement has taken irritates me to my very core, the American history nerd in me loves watching it happen because I think it is a kind of genuine political realignment that happens only every few generations. This is the future of homosexuality in America; get used to it.

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Maggie Gallagher seem to puzzle me,one her near psychotic obsession of preventing gays being happy and miserable with marriage. I wonder with that money,time and energy that she wasted on could've put to better used for her (if her marriage was trouble) such as a tummy-tuck,botox injections that probably would keep her husband from being tempted by some young 23 year-old female secretary or even male for that matter. Though The other puzzle me about her was when she said something She's against gay marriage because of her religious "beliefs". Saying That Gay marriage is not "real" marriage.So by her logic anybody that choose not to have religious ceremony and have a civil ceremony doesn't count as a "real" marriage. One of the question I would asked her is that what would she do if one of her sons cane up to her and said "Mom,I'm gay" Would she support her son and maybe change her view about gay marriage or would be she still digging her heals on that or even worse.Would she also be okay with called her "marriage" a civil union as matter of law and She still cling on to religious context of it as she choose to for that sake of bragging rights just like those Soccer Moms having a "My Child on the Honor Roll" Sticker to hide all of the other problems. I try hating her but I could only feel sorry for her that she has to waste time and enegy to control everything in this world to avoid being vularable and insecure about herself and her place in life. My advice to her, See a shrink and talk about all about her myraid of unresolved issues (if any) and worried about her own life and be happy for what she has not what she doesn't have etc. Don't waste on time on that.



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