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By James Withers, contributing editor, 365Gay Blog 02.18.2010 9:24am EST



Here is the thing that bothers me about fundies. I have no issue if they get all leery about gays and lesbians (I have the same feeling about Yankee fans); however, they must give up their penchant for creative talking on gay topics.

Take New Hampshire state Rep. Nancy Elliott. Last week when the Judiciary Committee was looking at a bill that would repeal the state's same sex marriage law (Granite State pols put the kibosh on those efforts), Elliott said two things. She claimed fifth graders were being taught how to get their sex on, and described anal sex in a way that made it clear she had no idea what she was yapping about.

Elliott had to recant her charge yesterday.

"I would like to apologize to the Judiciary Committee, the Nashua public schools and its employees and the speaker as well as anyone else affected by what I said," Elliott said in a prepared statement "I will try much harder in the future to verify fully my statement."

Oh wait, it gets better. Lying girl said this sex primer was going on in Nashua's public schools. Do you think she picked up the phone and called the school district? What about calling the cops? Do you even need an answer?

And while we are on the topic on people who are forgetful with the truth, Maggie Gallagher and Andrew Sullivan went at it yesterday at a Cato Institute panel. Gallagher said her organization, the National Organization for Marriage, had out gay members working for it. When Sullivan pressed for their names, she clammed up. Gays and lesbians working for NOM?! Really!? Ms. Gallagher here is a challenge. 365Gay wants to interview these folk. Give us a call and lets set it up.

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Will Bowden Said: February 18th, 2010 at 9:35 am

Mr. Withers,

Sorry to be the one to say this, but if Gays can work for Republicans I have little doubt that there are self-haters out there that could work for NOM.

Victor Said: February 18th, 2010 at 10:22 am

Will: There's a big difference between being a policy conservative and being offended that you have to give up all your other beliefs because you happen to fall in love with members of the same gender and working for an organization who's sole purpose is to deny you your rights.

I'm a screaming liberal, and let me tell you if we were in some bizzaro world where the parties were Dems and Libertarians, and the Dems were the anti gay ones I wouldn't be marching in the street for the party that wants to privatize social security. It just wouldn't happen. I feel very strongly that being put in that position would have a profoundly negative impact on my own sense of self. Gays are not required to think structured government is good and big business is evil. We aren't required to be against the war, we are not required to think progressive tax structures are a good thing. We are individual people, and some of the conservatives among us might even be brave enough to think they can do some good from within the enemy lines. Some queer Repubes are self-haters. I've met these people, and it's a sad state of affairs. Some queer Repubes are just stalwart enough to live inside enemy lines and try to change the conversation from within. Like it or not if we want our rights we need these people. They may not make a huge impact right now, but as we gain more and more of our rights and it becomes apparent that the American people are over discriminating against us, we need to have voices the Republicans can relate to ready to speak up and be counted.