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Withers: NOM has gay support but refuses to talk about it

By James Withers, contributing editor, 365Gay Blog 03.10.2010 9:08am EST



Remember a few weeks back when Maggie Gallagher, president of the National Organization for Marriage, and blogger Andrew Sullivan went toe to toe at a Cato Institute seminar? The organization's president said out gays and lesbians would be for it. She declined to name names at the time, but we thought it would be a great story/interview. Gays and lesbians working for NOM, an organization fighting hard against gay marriage? Who wouldn't want to write about that? After some emails and a phone call to NOM's press person, who was polite and professional, Gallagher "declined to comment."

I'm not one to tell the other side how to sell its ideas, but if I were her the gays and lesbians allegedly working for NOM would be playing point. Can you think of a more effective photo-op against gay marriage than gays standing shoulder to shoulder with Gallagher?

Gallagher could have simply been forgetful with the truth when discussing the deep ties NOM has with LGBT peoples, but no need to take it there. Last week the folk over at Box Turtle pointed to at least one gay guy who agrees with the group. His name is David Benkof, a/k/a David Bianco, and from Box Turtle's account it's understandable why NOM hasn't picked him as their spokes-gay-guy. He has trouble quoting people accurately....and other "issues" (yeah, I'm being polite).

Well if you are reading this Ms. Gallagher, the offer remains. We'll gladly talk to you and your gay fans.

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matt87,

"Believe it or not the anti-gay rights gays are out there."

Well, DUH! You may be too young to remember Roy Cohn. Maybe even Larry Craig. But THIS was just 2 days ago right here on this site:

<http://www.365gay.com/news/calif-state-senator-says-hes-gay-after-dui-arrest/>

Closeted gay people are our own worst enemies. They take it out on those courageous enough to live honest, loving lives so they, themselves, won't have to admit their 'awful truth'. Effing hypocrites.

Alex_Parrish Said: March 10th, 2010 at 10:10 am

Folks — Gallagher claimed that they had "out" GLBT people working for them. A revelation that there were closed-cases there would be non-news, but the thought that "out" gay folks who work for NOM would be news indeed. If those folks are "out" they should have no problem having their name and presence known. Frankly, I cannot imagine a scenario where an "out" GLBT person would be working for NOM — even a Log Cabin Republican.

Let's be candid here: Gallagher is undoubtedly lying and her failure to cite examples means that she has been caught in the lie. This has nothing to do with the closeted or the 'Larry Craigs' of this world; they are another case altogether.