



## Gays and Conservatives: The Cato Forum

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The libertarian Cato Institute today hosted a forum on the topic "[Is There a Place for Gay People in Conservatism and Conservative Politics?](#)," featuring Nick Herbert, MP, the British Conservative Party's openly gay Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs. Responses to Herbert's remarks (an affirmative reply to the above question) were provided by Andrew Sullivan, a supporter of President Obama who detests the Republican Party, and anti-gay activist Maggie Gallagher, who opposes any conservatism that might grant gay people the freedom to legally marry and thus equal liberty under the law.

Rick Sincere has [blogged](#) a richly detailed account, which I highly recommend. It's well worth reading.

**More.** I see that over at Positive Liberty, Jason Kuznicki also has [blogged](#) his views of the event (as a libertarian, he's skeptical of the proposition). While Dan Blatt at the proudly conservative and pro-Republican Gay Patriot site [takes umbrage](#) at the absence of an actual gay American conservative on the panel.