

It's the gay marriage, stupid

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For the past 70 years or so conservatives have resisted the demands for equal rights and equal dignity by blacks, women, and gays. In every election they pay the price. And now their opposition to marriage equality is causing them to lose young voters by 2 to 1 and it's not helping with professional suburbanites. It's a long-term project to change those impressions, but Republicans had better get started.

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