
Subject: Re: Why did you vote for Obama?
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Mon, 08 Dec 2008 13:51:18 GMT
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cheesesoda wrote on Mon, 08 December 2008 14:44 This is getting to be a stupid discussion.

The fact here is simple: pawky is wrong about thinking it's proper to legislate morality. If you don't like what the world has to offer, shield yourself and your future children. Don't force the government to shield mine or me. Hell, don't force the government to OPPRESS others because you want to be shielded.

If you're going to go off of Christ's teachings to love one another and treat each other with respect, you're going to want to realize what you're actually doing. Christ hung around prostitutes and tax collectors. He was far from someone who judged others, yet here you are judging others, and I thought you were supposed to be MORE like Christ.

Nobody's saying that you can't have your morals and beliefs. In fact, we all need a set of morals. Those who don't are sociopaths, and they're dangerous, but just because people don't have Christian values doesn't mean they should be punished for it. I find it funny that heterosexual sociopaths can marry, but homosexuals can't. If the issue is morality, shouldn't someone with NO morals be oppressed instead of someone with a different set of morals?

From what I skimmed of pawky's posts, it seems to me he thinks that children will be indoctrinated and private individuals/organizations will be punished for having preferences. That's just not the case of the majority. Sure, just like there are radical conservative Christians, there are liberals to counter that with thrice the stupidity. Still, that's not the case for the majority of either side. Most people just want to live their lives. Most people have no intention of wearing everything about them on their sleeves. Nobody should look to the minority of ANY group and base their assumptions off of that.

Just the other day, I received an email from a conservative Christian email newsletter (someone must have signed me up, I know I sure as Hell wouldn't have). It was all about protecting CHRISTIANS from homosexuals and their supporters for their PERSECUTION of CHRISTIANS. It cited one email where a radical idiot was being threatening. It was such disgusting propaganda that I immediately deleted the email. I'm sure it's still in gmail's trash, if anyone wants a copy of it.

I'm certainly no relativist, I don't believe that every set of morals is "correct". I believe there to be absolutes. However, I don't feel that any of these morals should be legislated. The only laws on the books should be to limit the scope of government and to maximize the rights for everyone. Heterosexual Christians don't have the right to not be offended, nor do they have the right to oppress. However, homosexuals HAVE been given the right to pursue happiness, just as heterosexuals have.

I very much agree with you Jake. Morality should not be legislated, it should be chosen. I used to believe that morality should be forced upon people, but it's really something that one must dictate for one's own self.
