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Subject: Re: Why did you vote for Obama?

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Tue, 09 Dec 2008 01:17:37 GMT

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Jecht wrote on Mon, 08 December 2008 07:16 I'm still against Gay marriage, but not against Gay rights. In my personal opinion (this is why I'm not a politician), I believe marriage stems from religion and is separate.

Marriage was going on before anyone was keeping proper written records. So you can guess that, and your guess would be no worse than mine, but one thing we can say for certain is that it was no religion that's practiced today in any major capacity, because Christianity, Judaism etc do not predate written records.

Jecht wrote on Mon, 08 December 2008 07:16 I'll just be content for now to let politicians interpret what they see fit is a right granted by the constitution. I'll let scientists hash out whether it's a choice or biological.

I'm no scientist either, yet it seems blindingly obvious that homosexuality is not a choice. Don't ask me though... ask a gay person.

As for the rest of your post, if the only religious activity going on were friendly, inclusive local services, then atheists like me would have no complaint to make about religion. My objection to Christianity is not just that I find it very difficult to believe (even as a child, and like I said it was "taught" to me with the same certainty as what was being taught in, say, physics), it's that it contains moral teachings that I find absolutely appalling. See: vicarious redemption, inheritance of punishment, the ghastly idea that one can be punished for an eternity after death, etc.

Still, no matter how primitive and barbaric I find this stuff to be, you are very welcome to believe it as long as you leave other people alone. Sadly religion can never be trusted to do this, and until it does you can't fault me for supporting the cause of secularism. In other words, freedom of religion - no problem - just remember freedom from religion too. It has no place interfering with other peoples' lives, as it does everywhere, all the time.

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