

WHY ARE HOMOSEXUAL AMERICAN CITIZENS

PICKETING THE WHITE HOUSE ?

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To Protest:

I. Total Exclusion of Homosexual American Citizens from Federal Employment

Regardless of training, background, competence, deportment, demeanor, on-the-job conduct, or any other relevant or possibly relevant factor, homosexuals are excluded from Federal Civil Service employment. This exclusion is clearly unjustified, unwise, harmful to the national interest, and immoral.

Private, consensual, out-of-office-hours sexual behavior on the part of adults is never properly relevant to any employment, public or private.

That the government's policies on this question are unnecessary and unwarrantedly discriminatory is shown by the fact that (as the inevitable result of the inherent ineffectiveness of any possible screening procedures) there are a quarter-million homosexuals currently in the Federal Civil Service, without any ill effect.

II. The Totally Exclusionary, and Harshly Punitive Policies of the Armed Services Toward Homosexual American Citizens

(a) Without regard for the quality, length, and merit of their service, homosexuals found in the Armed Forces are given unalterable less-than-fully-honorable discharges, which are permanently ruinous in future life. If you don't want a man, let him go, but don't destroy the remainder of his life in the process. Our Armed Services do.

(b) Our Armed Forces rigorously exclude all homosexuals from service, on the basis of allegations that homosexuals are unfit for military service — allegations disproven by the present presence of a quarter-million homosexuals in the Armed Forces, by the fact that over a million homosexuals served well and honorably in World War II, and by the fact that other countries do not exclude homosexuals, all with no ill effect.

(c) Military regulations dealing with homosexual citizens are worded in offensive and insulting language. Under our system, the government does not have the right to use language which is derogatory, defamatory, or insulting to any class or group of its citizens.

III. Denial of Security Clearances to All Homosexual American Citizens, as a Group or Class, Without Individual Consideration

Despite popular American folklore to the contrary, most homosexuals are no poorer security risks than most heterosexuals, and are fully as loyal, and as stable and reliable. EVERY American citizen — homosexual American citizens included — has the right to be judged and dealt with upon his own merits as an individual, and not to be penalized because of the weaknesses of some other individual. Our government does not so judge and deal with its homosexual citizens.

Despite the continuing presence, over many years, of hundreds of thousands of homosexuals with Secret, Top Secret, and equivalent clearances, there has been NOT ONE publicized American case of disclosure of secret information, in which disclosure