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Salt Lake City's gay community is not as large as some other cities, but their pride parades are well-attended.

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What's the 'gayest' U.S. city? Not necessarily the most gay friendly

By **Stephanie Siek**, CNN

(CNN) - Salt Lake City, Utah, is known for breathtaking mountain scenery, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the 2002 Winter Olympics.

But today it was also named the Gayest City in America by **The Advocate** magazine.

The Advocate ranked cities according to its own admittedly nonscientific criteria, including the number of gay and lesbian bookstores, elected officials who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, and some edgier metrics like the number of International Mr. Leather competition semifinalists and the presence of nude yoga classes. This year's list intended to examine cities that are outside the usual orbit of San Francisco, Boston, Miami and New York, and came up with several surprises - Grand Rapids, Michigan, Knoxville, Tennessee. Even Little Rock, Arkansas, ranked 11 out of 15.

Salt Lake City LGBTQ advocates were pleasantly surprised by the rankings.

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"Well, you know, we're all very proud of our community here, and we've done a lot of growing and empowering of each other and our allies in the community," said Valerie Larabee, the executive director of the [Utah Pride Center](#), but "we probably wouldn't have a higher ranking if the homework was done ... We don't have naked yoga, or at least none of us know about it."

(For the record: The Advocate counted one nude yoga class there, and one Mr. Leather semifinalist, too.)

According to 2010 Census data analyzed by UCLA's [Williams Institute](#), **15.36 out of every 1,000 households in Salt Lake City are headed by a same-sex couple**. Salt Lake City ranks 81st out of 1,415 cities nationwide in its number of same-sex couples per capita.

The same analysis found that [Little Rock had 7.51 gay or lesbian couples](#) for every 1,000 households, ranking it 392nd.

Salt Lake City was ranked higher than several cities many would presume to be gay-friendlier, like Denver, Austin, and Atlanta. But Larabee said that Salt Lake's top ranking shouldn't overshadow the discrimination and lack of acceptance that many LGBTQ Utahns still face.

"I appreciate that there's some humor in the selections, in the indices that were used, but we shouldn't kid ourselves," Larabee said. "We, like many of these communities, still have some issues that need to be addressed. While we have a thriving community here, we're united because we have to be."

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Randi Romo heads the [Center for Artistic Revolution](#) in Little Rock, which serves as the state's LGBTQ organization. She was also bemused by the city's inclusion.

"Little Rock can be friendly, but we still have a lot of the religious right wing rhetoric that feeds into everything," Romo said. "Arkansas is one of the only states in the nation that doesn't have a civil rights commission that can receive and adjudicate civil rights complaints. There are no local or state ordinances to protect [LGBTQ people] against discrimination."

Here are the [top 15 "gayest" cities, as ranked by The Advocate](#):

15. Denver, Colorado
14. Long Beach, California
13. Austin, Texas
12. Portland, Oregon
11. Little Rock, Arkansas
10. Grand Rapids, Michigan
9. Atlanta, Georgia
8. Knoxville, Tennessee
7. St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota
6. Ann Arbor, Michigan
5. Seattle, Washington
4. Fort Lauderdale, Florida
3. Cambridge, Massachusetts
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1. Salt Lake City, Utah

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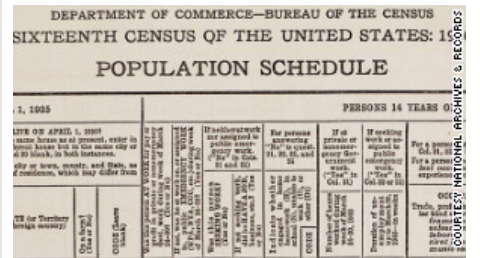
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Dad

Who really gives a crap. Find a deserted island and stay there. We don't need your immorality here in the USA.

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Patrick Wallace

Oh, dad. If you're so upset get on a boat and sail away. We're here to stay. Best get over it. There's nothing your angry words can do about it.

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Jojo

Oh Daddy, you sad, lonely soul. Jesus wouldn't approve of that kind of talk!

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Ian

thats soooo gay

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Jonathan Aaron

Tell me, is this one single nude yoga class, strictly gay and lesbian? And if so, what percentage of the population attends? Cause if this is one of the criteria, I'm sure thousands of cities in America have much more nude yoga classes than Salt Lake City. Wouldn't that make them Gayer? Oh and one Mr. Leather Semifinalist, doesn't he just represent the whole city. Shouldn't the Finalist's City be Gayer? And The Advocate, do some real research before you talk about my City.

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rick

Gee, you seem to have an inordinate interest in gays and lesbians.

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Jonathan Aaron

Hw so?

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Lenn

Gotta love it when it's ok to smoke a pole but frown on you for smoking a cigarette. God forbid you smoke a joint!

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rick

wow. "smoke a pole". how incredibly clever

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How can you smoke a polish person?

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Benny

pretty much a useless reply and post system cnn.

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Benny

4. I am an American Baptist and in my opinion, from the sad social state of our country, with its enormous population, it's obvious that we do not apply separation of church and state nearly enough.

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Benny

I give up. I had two more sentences (non-deragatory), and cnn will just not post the next one..maybe i will try my last sentence.

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Benny

test2--maybe they will let this thru--good job cnn-NOT!

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Benny

2. They were able to see beyond their own individual biases, and understood they needed to protect differing religions from oppressing one another in their new country (including ways that they had been oppressed).

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Benny

This will have to be in parts because CNN is doing some kind of filtering on my reply to JPAYNE

1. Just because a religious reference appears on a building doesn't mean the fairest decision was made that put it there. True that the founding fathers were mostly Christians. But lucky for us, as a group, they were also fairly bright.

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Benny

test

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Berkeleydude

I think the Christians who oppose gay relationships are just miserable and they want everyone else to be too.

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Yeyp6598

ima christian not miserable you cant make a dog a cat.

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Gaylord Perry

Who cares about gay people or gay pride, I am sick of these people getting all the attention. Its called the DOWN LOW people, lets keep it that way.

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ed pokorski

IAGREE!!!!

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pdk

Down Low, as in The Rock You Crawled Out From Under?

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b

If religious fundies would stop making an issue out of it, it'd stop being newsworthy.

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Caged Songbird

Exactly. Most of us prefer to live a quiet life, not really bringing too much attention to ourselves. My partner and I pay taxes, work, raise my kids, and pay our bills. We do not wander around the streets half-naked, nor do we have rainbows tattooed on our foreheads. I appreciate the activism geared toward making straight people understand that we are really no different from them, and making sure that our rights are as protected as anyone else's. Having been fired for not being straight (yes, it still happens, but is hard to prove), I truly appreciate the safeguarding of our rights. I do not, however, appreciate the in-your-face protests and parades. I also do not appreciate people telling me that I am going to hell. So, until we can find some happy medium somewhere, things will continue to be as they are. It is truly too bad that a lot of relatively intelligent people choose to focus on who is sleeping with whom. *shakes her head* Truly sad.

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rick

caged songbird: apparently, some people just want to hate

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m00nsuit

Caged Songbird's approach sounds like a good one. Just focus on being you, proud but not trying to jam it into others' faces. Most people want to be known as people first, not what makes them different than everyone else. Good luck with things.

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rick

"I am sick of these people getting all the attention"

Is this how you get attention Gay-Lord?

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JPAYNE

I have read most of these posts and I find it amazing just how many people here do not know or understand the history of the country they live in. The MAJORITY of the founding fathers held seminary degrees and most of them went to church. MOST of them including GOD in their speeches to this country. Separation of church and state did NOT mean you should take religion/christianity out of government or schools. It meant that the government could not dictate your religious beliefs or choices. Wake up America!!! This country was founded on christian principles and that is why we put "In God we Trust" on every piece of money and we USE to have the ten commandments in every court house and government building. If you REALLY want to know the truth about this country and it's christian background and what the founding fathers had to say about GOD, then go to wallbuilders.com and read! You can also search for their speeches in the library of congress!!! If you are really going to post here about these subjects, please do the research and know what you are talking about. God has placed a hedge of protection over this country for over 235 years, like none other in the history of this world and this is why this country has been so blessed and prosperous!!! If we as a nation continue down this road of denying God and his principles, that hedge of protection will soon be removed!!!

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Josh

Actually the founding fathers were fleeing religious oppression of England. Most of them were deists who didn't jive with organized religion. They're rather similar to the gays and other groups who are trying to avoid the religious oppression of the Christian American Theocracy.

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JPAYNE

Josh

The founding fathers fled England because they could not practice freedom of religion. They were being forced to practice one religion over another. If you read the declaration of independence and do the research on our founding fathers, you will see they were very christian oriented and believed in God. I just don't understand why this is such a hard concept to believe for most people. Below is an example of just ONE of the MANY references that our founding fathers made in reference to GOD. MOST of the founding fathers considered themselves to be Christians!!! Do the research and you will SEE

Benjamin Rush

Signer of the Declaration of Independence

"My only hope of salvation is in the infinite, transcendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of His Son upon the cross. Nothing but His blood will wash away my sins. I rely exclusively upon it. Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly!"

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ed pokorski

Avoid it??? Their causing it !!!

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Nick

So JPAYNE, explain the Treaty of Tripoli Article 11 below is the excerpt from that treaty.

"As the Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion, —as it has in itself no character of enmity against the laws, religion, or tranquility, of Mussulmen,—and as the said States never entered into any war or act of hostility against any Mahometan nation, it is declared by the parties that no pretext arising from religious opinions shall ever produce an interruption of the harmony existing between the two countries."

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JPAYNE

I guess they didn't post my reply to you as it might have been too long... You can find the answer to your question below: I encourage you to read this and do other research as well...

<http://www.wallbuilders.com/libissuesarticles.asp?id=125>

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DJ

Practice what you preach and educate yourself on what the Bible actually says: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rita-nakashima-brock-ph-d/judge-walker-and-the-bibl_b_682595.html
Stop using religion to justify hatred. God does not hate. In fact his son spent the majority of his life with the social rejects of his time. Maybe you should follow his example?

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rick

"God has placed a hedge of protection over this country for over 235 years, like none other in the history of this world and this is why this country has been so blessed and prosperous!!! If we as a nation continue down this road of denying God and his principles, that hedge of protection will soon be removed!!!"

jpayne: a statement that is unprovable and an empty proxy threat. You sure do make a good point. Now, boy, go home and get your shinebox

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Quinn

FYI - if you take the time to click on and read an article about the gayest cities in America, then claim that gay is being 'shoved down your throat', you might be a bigot, but you're definitely an idiot.

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Quinn

oops - I meant AN idiot.

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ebo202

Fear mongering? The majority of people don't seem interested. The only group that does is the special interest group... I don't click the links, I don't watch the stories. It doesn't affect me, I don't care. As for you, sounds like you're buying into it pretty well.

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ebo

I got no problem with LGBT people, but "gay being shoved down your throat" is absolutely true. Given the fact that they represent only a small portion of our population, they dominate headlines and political and social debates. Being gay is no longer a movement, it's what's popular. Once the public decides LGBT issues are old news, it will go the way of AIDS ribbons, Starvation in Africa, and a plethora of other critical issues that are no longer popular... They will just go away. The suffering of those affected will continue, but they are out of sight, out of mind.

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Quinn

The only reason gay issue dominate political debates is because of the anti-gay bigotry and fear mongering being used by religious leaders and politicians to excite their base to raise money and get votes. It's the oldest play in the book and it works every time.

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BENDOVER

FU

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ed pokorski

Quinn, Try reading more than one article on "GAY PRIDE" Newspapers around the US take pride in selling perversion!!!

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Aaron

I know what the gayest US city is. Its the one where they shove their "lifestyle" down your throat and put on stupid liberal bumper stickers to show everyone, and shock them as well, that, "hey, look at me, I'm so gay!" The gayest US city is the one where the gays try to out do each other with attention getting behavior.

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Techie

original post vanished: being "out" is new to gays, they are just running around excited. They are like a teenager who starts swearing in public for the first time yelling obscenities at random and an inappropriate times. Give them time they will grow out of it.

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Quinn

Straights have been shoving their "lifestyle" down our throats since the dawn of time. It's called living your life. Try it sometime.

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Brian

Oh, Aaron. It's nice to know that no matter how much progress we as a civilization make, there will always be people who get mad they can't feel special or privileged anymore by the oppression of others. Sorry, booboo, you're just another sad straight white dude. Deal with it.

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ed pokorski

I guess Brian likes the weirdos and is willing to lay down backwards for them!!!!

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ed pokorski
Hbw trueAaron!!!

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Techie

This articles makes gay people sound like they are 20 year old boys looking for a nudie bar. Maybe the gay community should just have civil unions...Gays can play house, go to nude yoga, and grow a bit socially, find out who their are outside the "nude yoga" and leatherman contests.

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rick

perhaps everyone should have civil unions. if a church wants to "bless" it (or not) it is their business. the church thing would be entirely ceremonial. the civil unions are what controls legally

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fiskennann

I could have sworn it was Flerre, SD where the legislature is.

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lamboman17

then do something here tell me . do you or your partner have a child . and i dont mean adopted niether . this is what i mean the plumbing is not correct with male to male as female to female . and plus if you were trying to do gods will then why are you going against the way he made in the first place . man to woman . this is natural then if i were to ask to see a child then this would make it possible if you believe in god then why are you going against his word . read the bible marriage is with one man to one woman . this kind of relationship god will bless .anything other then that does not have his blessing

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Casey

lamboman17 – You do not get to speak for God. If God gives two people of the same gender a love, who are you to say it is wrong? As for procreation, does God withhold his blessing from sterile h e t e r o s e x u a l couples because they cannot have children?

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4ngharad
amen!

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ed pokorski

I think I read somewhere that God said ,"Go forth and multiply" and not to go forth and get AIDS.....

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rick

ed: you're confusing god with Bronze Age shepherders

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howlyn

I'm sorry, but you truly are a moron.

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Casey

Why do you say that I am a moron?

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Paulwisc

howlyn is replying to lamboman17, not you, Casey.

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Spartan8

I agree. lamboman17 does not speak for God.

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Observer

lamboman17,

Gays and lesbians can reproduce. Take a basic biology class.

The "one man and one woman" theme is true, but s-xual orientation of them is now IRRELEVANT.

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b

Please explain why the Bible is anymore a valid distributor of morals than any other religious text. The Bible is full of crap that would be condemned by today's societal standards. You pick one element that some bigot wrote back in the dark ages and ignore all the other crap the Bible says. Seriously, stop looking at your beliefs as being superior to everyone else's, stop fearing the act of questioning your own belief structure – and OPEN your eyes.

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Mitt Romney

Read your Bible, moron...or can you read ?

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b

Haha. I like how instead of answering the question, you just call me a moron and ignore the facts. Anyways, I have read the Bible. Have you? Cause if you think there aren't a ton of horrible things in the Bible that you selectively ignore in order to justify your religious beliefs, you are the moron. Greg, nice try, but you haven't really made an argument...

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Greg

today's societal standards are crap. The Bible is truth.

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Spangler

No state requires couples to prove they are able and willing to reproduce in order to obtain a marriage license. Also, virtually all marriages in the Bible involve polygamy, incest and/or treating women and children as property. Solomon (author of Proverbs) had 700 wives and 300 concubines.

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ed pokorski

How did Solomon have time to write with all those wives and concubines???

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pdk

I am a lesbian in a 13 year marriage with my lesbian wife. we have two children. our plumbing works just fine,

thank you very much. our children are beautiful and happy and well adjusted. Your god doesnt seem to take issue with anything about our way our life.

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Yepyep6598
burn in hell bytch

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DJ
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rita-nakashima-brock-ph-d/judge-walker-and-the-bibl_b_682595.html

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rick
Awfully pompous speaking for god, lambro

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Carole Clarke
No way – the gayest city in this country is Washington DC. They just don't talk about it!

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felicia
i agree I was looking at the ranking like ok, w here is Washington?

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ed pokorski
TRUE!! They have been screwing us for a long time now !!!!

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Casey
lamboman17 – We are all God's children, I am a gay man, and through many years of prayer and an informed reading of Scripture, I understand that God made me gay and loves me as I am. He gave me a beautiful love with my partner of 10 years, and every day I work my hardest to do His will.

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howlyn
Amen!

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lamboman17
you can argue and argue with some people on this issue . but think about it .if you live in darkness then you cant see the truth . but if you seek to know the truth with a honest sincere heart god can open your understanding and place you in the light were truthis and the right way

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howlyn
Are you a high school graduate?

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b
lol, and you happen to be the one that knows the truth? who decides that, you? come on... get over yourself...

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Greg

b you are just as dogmatic as the Christians, the other way though. Who gives you sole right to determine what is truth?

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b

Greg, I am not dogmatic. I don't really understand your POV. I am not the one that is claiming that people should live according to my lifestyle standards. My claim is that if they want to live a certain way, and that their actions don't have consequences on others, then it's none of my business. If that is somehow dogmatic, I guess I am misunderstanding the idea. Instead, self-righteous religious whack jobs are the ones who are trying to dictate everyone else's morals by using their holy book – perhaps they'd feel more comfortable living in a society similar to control under the Taliban, because they choose to forget that the USA is not a theocracy.

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Paulwisc

You are clearly too ignorant to know any truth. Sorry.

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NamCbtVet

This going to confuse the GOP, they thought Utah was a lock-in for their candidate.

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pogojo

it is a lock, Utah is very conservitive. They will never vote Dem.

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Greg

Shows what you know, Romney supported gay marriage in MA and signed the bill; thats why evangelicals and ultraconservatives hate him as well as other reasons.

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lamboman17

god cares what there gender is the more wrongs you have then less rights the more rights then less wrongs this is not rocket science here . the plumbing is not correct with two men as also with two women god knowed what he was doing in the first place why try to change that .

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rick

"god cares what there gender is the more wrongs you have then less rights the more rights then less wrongs this is not rocket science here . the plumbing is not correct with two men as also with two women god knowed what he was doing in the first place why try to change that ."

huh?

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Casey

The Bible does not conderm h o m o s e x u a l i t y when it is put in historical and cultural context and read using reason, as Jesus did.

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Yepyep6598

@CASEY The Bible does not conderm c h i l d m o l e s t a t i o n when it is put in historical and cultural context and read using reason. You see how that works.

jj

It's an odd listing. Not by numbers, but some sort of perception of 'gayest'? I'd guess my current city, Atlanta, has more than some of the cities listed above it. And my hippie haven of the 60's isn't even listed. Provincetown is tiny, yet has the highest gay percentage, by zip code, than any other locale.

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lamboman17

if you are a christian then you are not a sinner . that old life of sin is supposed to be in the past . if you are borned again you are a new person . old things are passed away . behold all things have become new in ones life . its not that we hate sinners .we all have come short of the glory of god . but god expect us to uphold rightieusness . and to reject sin . and also we as christians supposed to reprove them . if you really love someone you will tell them the truth even if it hurts them in their hearts . thats what ministers are for . to try to bring people to the light and come out of darkness

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howlyn

Perhaps you've had a stroke. Have you been doing those daily cognitive exercises as prescribed?

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rick

wow.

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beepboop

Why wasn't San Francisco on here?

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jersey

I wish all of the talk about gay people would just go away. Children are starving, children are being abducted and raped, innocent people are murdered for no reason, our youth have formed gangs and kill for fun. All of the energy spent discussing gay people would be better spent solving real issues. Think about it – you have a problem because 2 people love each other, is that really a problem? Who cares what their gender is? I don't waste time thinking about it. I usually have a gay couple at my holiday dinners. I don't love them more or less than anyone else. They are just people, good people. Re-focus your anti-gay energy on solving a problem that is a real problem and maybe you can save some kids while you're at it.

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Paulwisc

So are you claiming that if you stop discussing gays all those problem will miraculously be cleared away? Doesn't sound at all logical to me.

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Quinn

It's easy to understand why a person would want all the world's problems to just go away. But even if you don't know about them, that doesn't mean they're still not there. I guess that's why people drink.

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Martina

Surprised that LA is not on the list, unless it was lumped with the "usual orbit." I'm not gay but I'm happy if this country becomes more tolerant.

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gera

I am sorry to disappoint Christians here, but the fact of the matter is that the newborns in the spirit are actually very few in the US. The churches may be full but only a handful do what the Jesus Lord said, love your God with all your heart then love

your neighbor as yourself. I am not talking accepting sin but rather let's have compassion and show in our daily lives the light and salt that we are to the world. We must hate the sin but not the sinner (we all are sinners!!!)

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Zanny the Nanny

I'm glad I don't live in any of the cities in the list

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Observer

Yep. Just fantasize that you don't have any where you live. lol.

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pdk

they're glad you don't live there, too! look out for the gay people standing next to you in line at the grocery store...you'll recognize them easily...er, wait...no, actually you won't. just don't let any of them touch you! or breathe on you. and definitely don't smile at any of them...that's where the real danger lies. In making friends with them and realizing that they are equal to you in humanity.

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lamboman17

you say this nation is not a christian nation .and the founding fathers despised christianity . well if it was not a christian nation then .then how much less is it to this day now . how much more corruption is there in this nation then when it begin and by the way if you are correct on this then guess what . (that is the very problem then) if this nation was more a christian nation then we would have more blessing coming from god he would heal our land if we would repent for the sins that people has committed . god then would hear us and not turn away his ear from us . i dont know about you but i would rather have blessings then be curced .

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Pete

Actually, we considered the Brits who were running the show for a while pretty corrupt. McCarthyism was pretty bad. Nixon was kind of a low point. Don't act like it's been a steady slide downhill, history definitely supports the ups and downs argument. The only reason so many people think we're rushing headlong into the apocalypse is because Fox News tells them to think that.

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howlyn

You write so well for a pre-schooler!

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rick

i don't need the blessings from your bronze age comic book.

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James

USA is not a "Christian Nation". The Founding Fathers were deists who despised Christianity, and feared it would become intertwined with politics. Looks like their fears have come true.

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Emperor Palapatine

Yep your right.You now have a muslim president encouraging Islam shoved down our throats.All congress and senators,democrats and republicians care about is pleasing china and getting hundred dollar bills in their pockets.

people need to wake up,impeach congress,senate and the president,and start making everything here.Not in china,taiwan,korea,hongkong,mexico or wherever else.

Execute order 66

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Paulwisc

Come on, you could at least try to make sense.

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lamboman17

take note the usa was more a christian lead nation .but now in these days they have excepted the abominated lifestyles that not only was but still is against nature they have in ways turned there back on god and excepted darkness rather then light . they that walk in the night stumble . but they that walk in the light are upright . they may screen my comment and not post . but they that support wrongful acts are as guilty as them that do it . he that looketh on a woman tolust after her hath comitted adultery with her already in his heart he that has a heart to steal or kill but cant because of some hinderence still is wrong in his heart .and if people support wrong even tho they may not do it is still wrong .

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Aaron

You know...300 years ago Someone said something as offensive and ignorant a statement about slaves....

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Intrigued

I believe you are quoting a book that described how the daughters of Lot, brother of Abraham (the father of Judaism,Christianity and Islam) successfully got their father drunk and made love to him And you are suggesting that we take morality lessons from this book?

Oh, and you should run your comments through a spell/grammar check.

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freedog

if you would have kept reading there is a moral to that story...it's about the consequences of being IMMORAL.

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EndTheHate

@freedog

If you want to quote the Bible at least read it first.

"This is the sin of Sodom; she and her suburbs had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not help or encourage the poor and needy. They were arrogant and this was abominable in God's eyes." Ezekiel 16:48-49

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pogojo

Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Jude 1:7

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Observer

pogojo,

"Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh".

That could apply to heteros too, so it is ~~IRRELEVANT~~. Try again.

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pogojo

So God destroyed sodem and gamorra because of lots kids?

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Yepyp6598

@Intriged Shut Your FUKKING MOUTH you dont talk to a christian in that manner maybe that is the way you talked to that CRACKWHORE mother of yours.

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howlyn

You are either masturbating while you write, or getting it from behind. Which is it?

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pensimmon

For heaven's sake! No-one can teach you to be "gay" . You just are or you aren't. Kids are just being taught to be tolerant. Obviously some people here missed that class. Also, this nation was not founded on Christianity- in fact Abraham Lincoln refused to say what he believed – as did others in the early days. Too bad some people now can't be as intelligent and well informed. Don't like gay marriage – okay – DON'T do it- live and let live – let other people live their own lives in peace without your constant harassment.

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PennStatePedo

We live in a fools paradise. There is no freedom in the fascist USA – a polyglot nation comprised of every other nation's refuse. Land of the freak – home of depraved. USA! USA! USA!

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dalis

So leave.

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freedog

Canada...just head north, you'll run right into it.

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Frank

....Seems to me I read where Salt Lake City has one of the highest LGBT teenage homeless rates in the country. Maybe that wasn't part of their ranking criteria. Hello...?

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Lopez

ANYONE WHO REJECT THAT USA IS NOT A CHRISTIAN COUNTRY SHOULD BE SENTENCED TO DEATH! This is idiotic changing our history to please the Jews, Muslims, Hindus and atheists!!!!

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Observer

Speaking of idiotic, where is God, Jesus, or Christ mentioned in the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution, including the preamble that explains why it was created?

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Lopez

Read it clearly and you will see. Too bad only uneducated idiots says that America is secular !!!

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Observer

Lopez,

Speaking of uneducated idiots, what was the answer?

Where is God, Jesus, or Christ mentioned in the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution, including the preamble that explains why it was created?

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Keith Totherow

Well, since you asked, God is mentioned twice, in the first two sentences of the Declaration of Independence (which you obviously have not read). I just read the first two sentences just now and am posting this. Read more.

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Observer

Keith,

Who is Nature's God? Why is nature capitalized to make it part of a proper name?

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Keith Totherow

Did you see the first two sentences I posted? They aren't showing up on my computer. I have refreshed and refreshed. Wonder why? In answer to your question, Nature's God is Israel's God, your God, and my God. The Creator who created us and Nature. I can't answer why they chose to capitalize Nature, unless they sought to give it more prominence, like when we capitalize Mother Nature.

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jj

My god IS Nature. And no, that is not a joke. And it's just as valid as whatever you believe in. (and no wars are fought over which Nature is the right one...)

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pogojo

Men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Our creator is not the government

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Observer

pogojo,

"Men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Our creator is not the government"

Notice that it purposely DID NOT say "God". These mostly-Christian founders made a point to leave GOD out and use more generic terms to recognize a variety of religions and feelings. Smart people.

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Matt

The U.S. government is somewhat secular, but our culture is coming from Christian roots (Such as our holidays and culture) due to 80% Christians living in the U.S.

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Apostle John

The U.S. is a Christian Country because Jesus was born here.
He also die here some people say.

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pensimmon

This country has freedom of religion- always has. We can believe whatever we like. Many of us do no swallow the crap put out by organized religion and CHOOSE to live a moral and decent life being tolerant of

one another and accepting of differences. Don't like it? Go somewhere else. This country was not founded on Christianity, even if you wish it was.

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Observer

Keith Totherow,

So did the Christians who "formed" our nation go blank and forget God's name or did they try to be generic to incorporate other religious beliefs into our nation?

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rick

"ANYONE WHO REJECT THAT USA IS NOT A CHRISTIAN COUNTRY SHOULD BE SENTENCED TO DEATH!"

You reject the idea that the USA is not a Christian Nation.

Therefore, you should be sentenced to death.

Pendejo

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Jeanette L

USA WILL NO LONGER BE A CHRISTIAN COUNTRY *** UNTIL*** Christmas Day, Good Friday & Easter Sunday are no longer federal, state and flag days. "In God We Trust" is no longer national motto and on currency, Public schools stay open on Christmas / Easter week and we get Non-Christian president!!!!!!

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Lopez

AMEN! I'm waiting for responses from those who says it's "not" a Christian nation.....

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lara

Easter is actually originally PAGAN. Christians adopted it into their own religion.

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Matt

Easter = Jesus rose from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion on Good Friday. Even though I'm not Christian, Easter is not a pagan holiday.

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Paulwisc

No, that was all made up by the Catholic Church. They co-opted a pagan holiday, just as they did for Christmas. They just conveniently declared that Christ died about the time of the already-established pagan holiday. They did the same for Christmas. In fact, the whole nativity scenario was made up long after Christ and his apostles were dead, and then attributed to some of the apostles. It was all done to convince the Jews that Christ was their Messiah. But that's a long-standing biblical tradition - make something up and then attribute it to a long-dead (or mythical) revered figure.

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Bostoncreme

Stop trolling dude get a life, world is much wonderful out there than spreading hate all day long.

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Joel

Gotta run for the night. LGBT folks from Salt Lake City to Tinyville, Maine, stay strong. You have allies and friends.

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Joel supporter

Thanks for your lucid and amusing posts...and for staying up long enough to explain implicitly the legal concept of "separation of church and state."

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borisjimbo

Does Rick Santorum know this?

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cambridge

Cambridge? I didn't know we are 3rd 😊 I know we definitely are alcoholic and homeless friendly.

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socabron

it's all the massive corridor between the tute and the pain... sure dont miss it this time of year...

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Jeremy G

I don't believe this article for one second. Don't get me wrong, I am not saying what the dictator in Iran said about not having gays, but I think they are trying to say there are lots of gays in Mormon country. Not accurate.

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dalis

Accurate.

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Deann

This country was founded on Christianity. Why is the government taking it away because it "offends" others? If it offends you so much, live somewhere else! The government needs to stop making laws to support the morons that don't like how this country was founded. Our fore fathers are rolling over in their graves! I am so disgusted with the way this country is run! Get rid of the whole damn lot (Congress, Senate, AND president) and start over! Get people in Congress, Senate, and presidency that actually care about the country instead of seeing how much the American people will continue to pay them when they don't deserve it!

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Deann

After thought.....If I don't do my job, I get fired. They don't do theirs? They get hired another term! WTH!

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Joel

Taking away our Christianity? Funny, my family and I can still go to church, and nobody's come to my door to pick up our Bibles. Or do you mean they're taking away your ability to force everyone else to act like they're Christian?

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Steveo

No they are forcing the gay lifestyle on us and our children and as Christians it is sickening. Now they are talking about teaching this in our schools come on enough is enough. It's not ok at all.

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Joel

You're right, they are forcing the gay lifestyle on us. Why, just the other day, someone forced me to start dating guys! (Oh, wait, nobody did that.) Someone told my son that he should like other boys. (Oh, wait, nobody did that either.) Hmm.. I guess I'm not seeing it.

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Steveo

Ok so when Rosie Odonnell came on HBO family the other day said its ok for family to be a man and a man a women and a women and when kids here this crap you think its ok? Not! it is a form of false teaching which is a form of forcing it down our throats you see it now?

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Joel

Someone's forcing you to agree with Rosie O'Donnell? Look, if you're not gay, then don't fall in love with another guy. I managed to avoid it. It wasn't that difficult.

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Observer

Steveo,

Having two parents to love a child is almost better than having just one.

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Steveo

So your ok when your child goes to school and they start teaching them this?

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Joel

Why wouldn't I be okay with that? I'm already teaching them that at home. But it's a moot point, because nobody is teaching them that at school. They're just not condemning it when it comes up.

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Observer

Steveo,

Children are taught that a household can consist of other than one father and one mother. There are many households with children raised by single parents, both or one grandparent, aunts, uncles, etc. Get serious.

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Steveo

They are about to they are discussing it was in the paper today. As a Christian I have a problem with this but I am wasting my time because you don't know the true values of Christianity and I don't think you want to know. However I hope he will change you someday.

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Joel

My Master commanded me to love my neighbor as I love myself, and that I will be judged upon that which I do to the least. If those aren't Christian values, I'd like to know now, because those are really hard to live up to.

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ME

@Steveo

Saying its ok for a man like a man or a women to like a women is not forcing anything on anyone- its about teaching people to be tolerant and not ugly angry human beings

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Observer

Steveo,

Speaking of being a Christian, why aren't you dealing with a MUCH BIGGER problem? The Bible says that people who divorce and remarry are committing adultery. Since there are FAR FAR MORE Christian adulterers than there are total number of gays, why aren't you advocating law changes to prevent remarrying? That is far more likely to affect your kids.

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Observer

Deann,

These same predominantly Christian forefathers had the nearly unique opportunity to form a completely new government. These smart men decided that the BEST possible government would be one where church and state are separated.

OOps.

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Oman

This country wasn't founded on Christianity. The colonies were founded by religious immigrants. However, the country was founded by capitalists who wanted to secure their property and liberty from an oppressive government. The country was founded on the basis of the first amendment which says that you christians need to STAY THE HECK OUT OF OUR LIVES!

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Duce

A country that is founded on Christianity you say....thats a fascinating statement in itself seeing as how it was established at the conclusion of a war. And the lawmakers have never accepted any religion as being consistent within the gov't nor has it recognized any religion as being one of its functioning factors for decision making. You apparently failed history class and government economics

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Taylor

"the United States is in no way founded on the christian religion- treaty of tripoly George Washington.

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Taylor

mistake...john adams. sorry

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rick

This country was also founded on slavery. If that is alright, there is a coffee colored girl down the block who i would like to go all Thomas Jefferson on

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Joel

Mbst of the time, the idyllic "past" that some people long for never really existed. LGBT people are not going back in the closet. Our country has changed before, it will change again. Mght as well get used to it.

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Observer

Polls showing Americans are getting used to it. More than 50% now support gay marriage.

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Joel

Things are moving in an encouraging direction, that's for certain.

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Steveo

50% who answered the polls maybe but not 50% of the people. This is sick

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Observer

Steveo,

You apparently are clueless as to the math and statistical theory behind polls. Please read more.

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T5Y

Maybe for the people who support gay marriage, but what about the people who don't? Ignorant comment and embarrassing at best.

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Joel

For the people who don't? Well, I'd suggest you get used to the idea, because I'd wager that the tide is rising and I doubt there's much you can do about it.

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T5Y

Then I'll call you a bigot for straight people because you can't seem to accept the way nature made us.

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Joel

Nature didn't make us to sit behind a desk all day, either. Or at least that's what my cardiologist tells me. And yet...

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ya no

t5y: Same for those that didn't support slavery, equal rights, child labor etc. Adapt or perish. The definition of 'liberal' according to Encarta; "tolerant of different views and standards of behavior in others". Seems an honorable perspective to me.

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Observer

T5Y,

"Maybe for the people who support gay marriage, but what about the people who don't?"

Speaking of ignorant and embarrassing, those who don't are losing, just like the bigots who supported slavery and discrimination against women lost.

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ya no

steveo: Excellent. And you got your statistics from? Will we ever become objective, or is it some nonsensical hope I entertain?

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T5Y

I hope gays will always stay a minority, no need for articles about backwards people.

Observer

There will always be articles on backward people. Just look at all the ignorant bigots there are.

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Oman

You do know that gays have been around since before christianity was invented, right?

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Juls

So true. The amount of ignorance in some of the comments above is shocking. Life is too short. Live and let live (and love!)

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Alexander

\$20 says that if a Christian magazine released a "20 most Christian cities" report, CNN wouldn't even feature it on their site. Bigots.

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Joel

... And?

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Observer

Alexander,

CNN story of December 20, 2010:

10 most religious cities as listed by Men's Health:

CITY RANKING (out of 400)

Little Rock 15
Charlotte 118
Birmingham 10
Portland 174
Jacksonville 80
Indianapolis 29
Wichita 94
Oklahoma City 50
Greensboro 85
Colorado Springs 175

Keep your money. It would be like taking advantage of children.

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Deann

Totally agree!

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doofus

what's the Q stand for?

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Jeanette L

It's such a blessing living in the U.S. because it's a wonderful Christian religious country 😊

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Culebra

I honestly can't tell if you're being a troll or not.
If you are being a troll, then I applaud you on your sarcasm

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Howard

You have to hand it to those Utahans. They know how to outdo their neighbors: Best snow in the world (thanks to the "Ski Utah" campaign)...2002 Winter Olympics, some of the most scenic and unique national parks, and now, Salt Lake, the gayest city. Bravo!

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Meho

Non-Christians should not be allowed to live in America

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SFStr8guy

Spoken like the truly ignorant! Thanks for removing all doubt about your intelligence level!

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Deann

Talk about ignorance! This country was founded on Christianity! If you don't like leave! Want freedom of speech? Fine. But shame on the government for letting go of what our founding forefathers and mothers left to come to start a new country! Now we are so "free" that our "freedoms" are not there because "I want my own way" people are out there. Go the hell away! GIVE US OUR FREEDOM BACK! THAT is what our men and women are fighting for!

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Joel

This country was founded as an agrarian aristocracy where only land-owning gentlemen could vote and human beings were owned as slaves. The founders achieved some marvelous things, but they were neither saints nor prophets, and their words were not holy scripture. The world changes. The nation must change with it or it will fall to dust.

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Observer

Meho,

Only truly native people should live in America.

What American Indian tribe are you part of?

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Mr. Boffo

You do realize there are no "Native" Americans? Current Anthro theory has them coming over from Asia so guess what? The "Native American" is also an immigrant. They just got here first. And by the way – new research shows Europeans immigrating at about the same time. Many now think the Euros were the start of the Clovis culture.

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Joel

[citation needed], Mr. Boffo.

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Emperor Palapatine

I am native american. I was born here 😊

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I remain nameless

And who are you to judge your fellow man?

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I remain nameless

This country was founded on FREEDOM OF RELIGION. Move to Russia if you don't like it here.

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Deann

Nuf said!

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Mike

It's unchristian to hold an opinion like this. I guess you should also be leaving.

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Deann

This country WAS founded on CHRISTIANITY! That's why they came here! Read the REAL history books that you were brought up on in school! Now we are not allowed to do what we believe in public because we might offend but everyone else can? Please!

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Observer

Deann,

Read some history books. Key founding fathers like Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Paine were NOT Christians. Dream on.

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Taylor

deanne. you are wrong. the founding fathers were secularists...which is why the country is a secular country. and it wasnt founded on christianity. ' the United States is in no way founded on the christian religion' treaty of tripoly.

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Joel

Troll is trolling.

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guidoed

They do! They are known as terrorist (aka islamic).

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Deann

No, I am a Christian. I think they should be allowed to be here. However, keep your mouth shut. If you don't like it, then leave. Our lawmakers that we "vote in" should stay with how this country was founded.

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T5Y

I totally agree Deann, right on and God Bless.

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Taylor

The United states was in no way founded on the christian religion. treaty of tripoly- george washington.

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Taylor

mistakejohn adams.

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sk madison

Great... You just created 60 million more illegal immigrants... Hbw would you fix that?

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freedog

the same pit as the others

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Kris

Did you even bother to read the article? Such ignorant people who just spout nonsense rather than reading the article. It states they were examining cities OUTSIDE of the usual including San Fransico! Why don't you just sit there and BE stupid rather than open your mouth and confirm it!

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noolibs

Prove it...

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SFStr8guy

Noolibs.....spoken like a truly ignorant animal. Before you pass judgement on San Francisco, perhaps you should get out of your doublewide trailer and visit this great country of ours! San Francisco is a World class city where tolerance for ALL (not just LGBTQ) is honored. We have one of the highest education levels per capita in the US. Our economy and industries have kept this country from going completly down the tubes. (Just an FYI, since I'm sure you aren't aware....Silicon Valley is a stone throw from SF.) Perhaps you should THINK before you speak!

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JLEC

SF econmy saved the country.....I see you have one of them medical marijuana cards they hand out like candy up there in Norcal

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BENDOVER

U ignrant FuKK I'll kik ur @\$ keep talkin bout my dblwide. It' s pis hds like u that mks us so angry bout Hb Mb s.

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noolibs

Just lies from cnn...

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