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## **1. SAY that all 50 states must support homosexual “marriages”**

**Kasich: YES**

Gov. John Kasich’s administration took a similar position. “The governor has always believed in the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman, but our nation’s highest court has spoken and we must respect its decision,” said Kasich spokesman Rob Nichols.

-- Attorney General Mike DeWine, Gov. John Kasich acknowledge gay marriage ruling is law in Ohio, The Plain Dealer, June 26, 2015

[http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/06/attorney\\_general\\_mike\\_dewine\\_g.html](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/06/attorney_general_mike_dewine_g.html)

Kasich stated, [relevant remarks begin around 1:15] “Well, you know, my sense is when you’re a government employee, or you’re [an] elected official, I mean, I think you’ve got to abide by the ruling of the court. I don’t — I favor traditional marriage, Ohio actually had, in its constitution, a traditional marriage, but the court overruled it and said no. And I’ve been willing to accept it.”

-- Kasich: ‘I favor traditional marriage,’ but ‘you’ve got to abide by the ruling of the court,’ Breitbart.com, September 8, 2015.

<http://www.breitbart.com/video/2015/09/08/kasich-i-favor-traditional-marriage-but-youve-got-to-abide-by-the-ruling-of-the-court/>

## **2. OPPOSE constitutional amendment protecting states’ rights to define marriage**

**Kasich: YES?**

In the wake of the court’s 5-4 Friday ruling striking down not only a ban on same-sex marriage in Ohio and 12 other states, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas – a GOP presidential candidate -- called for a constitutional amendment allowing voters to recall Supreme Court justices. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, another Republican presidential candidate, urged adoption of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution allowing states to define marriage as they wished. By contrast, Kasich said “we need to take a deep breath,” adding “the Supreme Court has ruled. It’s the law of the land and we’ll abide by it.”

-- Gov. John Kasich says ‘it’s time to move on’ from same-sex marriage ruling, The Columbus Dispatch, June 28, 2015 <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/06/28/john-kasich-face-the-nation.html>

“If I see discrimination in anything, like I said earlier, I’m willing to do what I can,” Kasich said. “Whether it’s executive order or legislation. That’s fine with me. As for marriage equality - let me be clear I’m for traditional marriage but I’ve been to my first gay wedding. A friend of mine is gay and got married. I went home and said to my wife, we’ve been invited to Steve’s wedding and you know, said this is going to be unusual for us. She said, well I’m going. Are you going? And I went. And I had a great time. And there was great champagne.” The student pressed back, “I don’t think that’s enough for you to say you’ve been to a gay wedding.” “Well, we’re not changing any laws,” Kasich told him. “We’re not changing. We’re not going to allow discrimination on this.”

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-- Tales From the Trail: Kasich Challenged by College Student on Gay Marriage, NBCNews.com, February 16, 2016 <http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2016-election/tales-trail-kasich-challenged-college-student-gay-marriage-n519616>

Kasich has not signed The Presidential Marriage Pledge from the National Organization for Marriage <https://marriagepledge.com/>

## The Presidential Marriage Pledge

I, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge to the American people that if elected President, I will:

One, support a federal constitutional amendment that protects marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

Two, oppose and work to overturn any Supreme Court decision that illegitimately finds a constitutional “right” to the redefinition of marriage. This includes nominating to the U.S. Supreme Court and federal bench judges who are committed to restraint and applying the original meaning of the Constitution, and appointing an attorney general similarly committed.

Three, conduct a review of regulatory, administrative and executive actions taken by the current Administration that have the effect of undermining marriage and work to restore our policies to be consistent with the proper understanding of marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Consistent with this, prevent the promotion of a redefined version of marriage in public schools and other government entities.

Four, support the First Amendment Defense Act and other legislation that recognizes the right of organizations and individuals to act in the public square consistent with their belief that marriage is the union of one man and one woman without fear of retaliation from the government.

Five, direct the Department of Justice to investigate, document and publicize cases of Americans who have been harassed or threatened for exercising key civil rights to organize, to speak, to donate or to vote for marriage and to propose new protections, if needed.

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### **3. HAS ATTENDED or would attend homosexual “wedding”**

**Kasich: YES**

When asked if he would attend a same-sex wedding — Kasich is opposed to gay and lesbian nuptials — he said his friend just invited him to one and he and his wife are planning to go. “I went home and I said to my wife, ‘my friend’s getting married. What do you think? You wanna go?’ She goes, ‘Oh, I’m absolutely going.’ I called him today and said, ‘Hey, just let me know what time it is,’” Kasich said. “My friend knows how I feel about the issue, but I’m not here to have a war with him. I care about my friend, and so it’s pretty simple for me.”

-- Ohio’s Kasich plans on attending a gay wedding, CNN.com, April 19, 2015

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/18/politics/john-kasich-president-2016-consideration/>

“Well, look, I’m an old-fashioned person here, and I happen to believe in traditional marriage. But I’ve also said the court has ruled ... and I said we’ll accept it,” the 63-year-old Kasich argued. “And guess what, I just went to a wedding of a friend of mine who happens to be gay. Because somebody doesn’t think the way I do, doesn’t mean that I can’t care about them or can’t love them.”

-- Ohio Gov. John Kasich at GOP Debate: I Went to a Gay Wedding, Christian Post, August 7, 2015

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/ohio-gov-john-kasich-at-gop-debate-i-went-to-a-gay-wedding-142482/>

### **4. SUPPORT requiring private business owners to support “LGBT” behavior**

**Kasich: YES**

CONTEXT: The Mississippi state law of April 2016 protects the “sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions” of individuals and entities and prohibits any penalties for not partnering or participating, in any way, with homosexuality, bisexuality, or transsexuality. [Text of HB 1523](#)

Republican presidential candidate John Kasich asked Monday night “what the hell” was happening in the United States that a state would allow businesses to deny service to people who are gay or transgender, as a law Mississippi’s governor signed last week permits. “I read about this thing they did in Mississippi, where apparently you can deny somebody service because they’re gay?” Kasich said during a town hall televised on CNN, where appeared with his wife and twin 16-year-old daughters. “What the hell are we doing in this country? I mean, look, I may not appreciate a certain lifestyle or even approve of it, but I can -- it doesn’t mean I’ve got to go write a law and try to figure out how to have another wedge issue.” But in much of Ohio, the state where he serves as governor, businesses are legally permitted to refuse service to gay or transgender people. While some cities and counties in Ohio prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, no similar statewide protection exists there.

-- “John Kasich on Refusing Service to LGBT People: ‘What the Hell Are We Doing in This Country?’”, ABC News, April 12, 2016

<https://gma.yahoo.com/john-kasich-refusing-lgbt-people-hell-doing-country-121200550--abc-news-topstories.html>

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-- “John Kasich: I would not have signed transgender restroom bill,” CBS News, Face The Nation, April 9, 2016

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/john-kasich-i-would-not-have-signed-transgender-restroom-bill-2016-election/>

11. Would you renew the 2007 executive order that no one can be fired from or denied a state job on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity? Do you support legislation passed by the Ohio House that would outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation?

KASICH: Yes.

-- Questions for Gubernatorial Candidates, The Columbus Dispatch, August 15, 2010 [https://web.archive.org/web/20110127190308/http://www.dispatchpolitics.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/08/15/copy/answers.html?sid=101](https://web.archive.org/web/20110127190308/http://www.dispatchpolitics.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/08/15/copy/answers.html?sid=101)

Gov. John Kasich signed an executive order yesterday setting an anti-discrimination policy for state-government employment and announced the retirement of a cabinet appointee after two weeks on the job. Kasich said in his campaign that he would continue a 2007 order from former Gov. Ted Strickland that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, but Kasich’s order leaves out

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-- Kasich alters order on work rights, The Columbus Dispatch, January 22, 2011

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2011/01/22/kasich-alters-order-on-work-rights.html>

But the student wanted to know how a President Kasich would handle nationwide marriage equality, and if he would oppose discrimination against LGBT people and enshrine such protections in the law. “If I see discrimination in anything, like I said earlier, I’m willing to do what I can,” Kasich said. “Whether it’s executive order or legislation. That’s fine with me. As for marriage equality — let me be clear I’m for traditional marriage but I’ve been to my first gay wedding. A friend of mine is gay and got married. ... And I went. And I had a great time. And there was great champagne.”

-- ‘Moderate’ John Kasich Dodges Gay Student’s Question on LGBT Protections, The Advocate, February 17, 2016

<http://www.advocate.com/election/2016/2/17/john-kasich-vs-student-msu-stance-marriage-equality>

“I think frankly, our churches should not be forced to do anything that’s not consistent with them. But if you’re a cupcake maker and somebody wants a cupcake, make them a cupcake,” CNN quoted Kasich as saying. “Let’s not have a big lawsuit or argument over all this stuff — move on. The next thing, you know, they might be saying, if you’re divorced you shouldn’t get a cupcake.”

-- John Kasich Tells Christian Bakers Who Refuse Gay Wedding to ‘Move On,’ ‘Make Them a Cupcake,’ Christian Post, February 24, 2016

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/john-kasich-christian-bakers-gay-wedding-move-on-make-them-a-cupcake-158585/>

HEWITT: Governor Kasich, back to religious liberty. You’ve been a little bit less emphatic. You’ve said, same-sex couple approaches a cupcake maker, sell them a cupcake. Can we trust you as much on religious liberty as the rest of these people?

KASICH: Well, you know, of course. I mean, if -- look, I was involved in just being a pioneer in a new church. Religious institutions should be able to practice the religion that they believe in. No question and no doubt about it. Now, in regard to same-sex marriage, I don’t favor it. I’ve always favored traditional marriage, but, look, the court has ruled and I’ve moved on. And what I’ve said, Hugh, is that, look, where does it end? If you’re in the business of selling things, if you’re not going to sell to somebody you don’t agree with, OK, today I’m not going to sell to somebody who’s gay, and tomorrow maybe I won’t sell to somebody who’s divorced. I mean, if you’re in the business of commerce, conduct commerce. That’s my view. And if you don’t agree with their lifestyle, say a prayer for them when they leave and hope they change their behavior. But when it comes to the religious institutions, they are in inviolate in my mind, and I would fight for those religious institutions.

-- The CNN-Telemundo Republican debate transcript, annotated, Washington Post, February 25, 2016

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/02/25/the-cnntelemundo-republican-debate-transcript-annotated/>

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## **5. SUPPORT open homosexuality and transsexuality in the U.S. military**

**Kasich: NO?**

Kasich: Don't Ask, Don't Tell Is A "Great Policy" On Hardball With Chris Matthews in January 1999, when asked if an LGBT person should be allowed in the military, John Kasich said, "Yeah, I do. Sure, I do... But in terms of the military, you know, we've got don't 'Don't ask, don't tell...'. The president developed that with the Congress. I think it's—it's a great policy." [Hardball With Chris Matthews, CNBC News Transcripts, 1/26/99]

Kasich Said Republicans Shouldn't Support LGBT People In Military; It Would Make GOP "Be Mush." When asked on Crossfire in 2000 why the GOP didn't support LGBT people in the military, Kasich said that "we're inclusive, but we don't want to be mush... I mean, I think we've had enough of mush for the last eight years....look, on gays in the military, we have 'don't ask, don't tell.' We think it's the best policy." [Crossfire, CNN, 8/1/00] -- John Kasich Republican Facts, Human Rights Campaign, 2015 <http://www.hrc.org/2016RepublicanFacts/john-kasich>

## **6. SUPPORT establishing or expanding pro-"LGBT" "hate crime" laws**

**Kasich: ?**

There is no public record of John Kasich's policy regarding pro-"LGBT" "hate crime" laws.

## **7. SUPPORT the transsexual, cross-dressing "rights" agenda in schools**

**Kasich: YES?**

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Guest-hosting The O'Reilly Factor in 2006, Kasich said of a California proposal to teach about the contributions of the LGBT community in schools: "They're going to teach this in a book. I mean, what are they doing here... I'll tell you something. It never ceases to amaze me. I love to come to California, but when I study this stuff, it never ceases to amaze me." [The O'Reilly Factor, Fox News, 5/12/06]

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## **8. SUPPORT "Gay Pride" or "LGBT Pride" events**

**Kasich: ?**

There is no public record of John Kasich's policy on "Gay Pride" or "LGBT Pride" events.

## **9. PROHIBIT parents from obtaining professional counseling for their sexual-confused children**

**Kasich: ?**

Republican hopeful John Kasich answered a question about "conversion therapy" at a campaign event in Troy, New York, today by instead switching the topic to gay marriage and anti-discrimination laws, irritating his questioner, who said she didn't ask about "gay marriage and wedding cakes."

-- "John Kasich Dodges Question on 'Conversion Therapy'", ABC News, April 11, 2016

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/john-kasich-dodges-question-conversion-therapy/story?id=38318657>

There is no other record of Kasich's policy on parents' ability to obtain professional reparative therapy for a child with same-sex attraction.

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## **10. SUPPORT permitting biological men in women’s restrooms?**

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