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

**Cruz: NO**

When asked about same-sex marriage and defying Supreme Court: “The parties to a case cannot ignore a direct judicial order, but it does not mean that those who are not parties to a case are bound by a judicial order.” He continued: “These judges and justices are disregarding their oaths.”

-- Ted Cruz interview, NPR, June 29, 2015

<http://www.npr.org/about-npr/418600824/complete-transcript-senator-ted-cruz-interview-with-npr-news>

“Those who are not parties to the suit are not bound by it,” the Texas Republican told NPR News’ Steve Inskeep in an interview published on Monday. Since only suits against the states of Ohio, Tennessee, Michigan and Kentucky were specifically considered in the Supreme Court’s Obergefell v. Hodges decision, which was handed down last Friday, Cruz — a former Supreme Court clerk — believes that other states with gay marriage bans need not comply, absent a judicial order. “[O]n a great many issues, others have largely acquiesced, even if they were not parties to the case,” the 2016 presidential contender added, “but there’s no legal obligation to acquiesce to anything other than a court judgement.”

-- Ted Cruz: States should ignore gay-marriage ruling, Politico, June 29, 2015 <http://www.politico.com/story/2015/06/ted-cruz-gay-marriage-ruling-reaction-npr-interview-119559>

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

**Cruz: YES**

Sadly, the political reaction from the leaders of my party is all too predictable. They will pretend to be incensed, and then plan to do absolutely nothing. That is unacceptable. On the substantive front, I have already introduced a constitutional amendment to preserve the authority of elected state legislatures to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman, and also legislation stripping the federal courts of jurisdiction over legal assaults on marriage.

-- Ted Cruz, Constitutional Remedies to a Lawless Supreme Court, National Review, June 26, 2015 <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/420409/ted-cruz-supreme-court-constitutional-amendment>

Cruz has signed The Presidential Marriage Pledge from the National Organization for Marriage [https://marriagepledge.com/uploads/signed\\_pledge\\_cruz.pdf](https://marriagepledge.com/uploads/signed_pledge_cruz.pdf)

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## 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.

-- The Presidential Marriage Pledge, National Organization for Marriage <https://marriagepledge.com/>

### **3. PERSONALLY SUPPORT and have attended homosexual “weddings”?**

**Cruz: NO?**

HH: Well, having put it into context, now I want to ask the question that was asked of Senator Rubio yesterday. If you had a loved one or a friend getting married in a same sex wedding, would you attend it? TC: Well, I will tell you, I haven't faced that circumstance. I have not had a loved one go to a, have a gay wedding. You know, at the end of the day, what the media tries to twist the question of marriage into is they try to twist it into a battle of emotions and personalities. And they try to make it say, so for example, you know, they routinely say well, gosh, any conservative must hate people who are gay. And as you know, that has nothing to do with the operative legal question. And listen, I'm a Christian, and the Scripture commands us to love everyone, and to love everyone, and all of us are sinners. But the legal question, I'm a

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Constitutionalist. And under the Constitution, from the beginning of this country, marriage has been a question for the states. It has been a question for elected legislatures in each of the 50 states. And what we've seen in recent years from the left is the federal government and unelected federal judges imposing their own policy preferences to tear down the marriage laws of the states. And so if someone is running for public office, it is perfectly legitimate to ask them their views on whether they're willing to defend the Constitution, which leaves marriage to the states, or whether they want to impose their own extreme policy views like so many on the left are doing, like Barack Obama does, like Hillary Clinton does. That's what we would be doing.

-- Ted Cruz on the Hugh Hewitt radio show, April 16, 2015 <http://www.hughhewitt.com/senator-ted-cruz-on-iran-deal-etc/>

#### **4. OPPOSE requiring private business owners to support "LGBT" behavior?**

**Cruz: YES**

In 2013, Senator Ted Cruz voted no on S. 815, the "Employment Non-Discrimination Act," which would make it a federal crime for private employers to not hire homosexuals and bisexuals ("sexual orientation") and transsexuals ("gender identity"):

##### SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

7) GENDER IDENTITY.—The term "gender identity" means the gender-related identity, appearance, or mannerisms or other gender-related characteristics of an individual, with or without regard to the individual's designated sex at birth.

(10) SEXUAL ORIENTATION.—The term "sexual orientation" means homosexuality, heterosexuality, or bisexuality.

-- Bill Text, S.815 - Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2013 <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/815/text>

-- November 07, 2013 Roll call number 232 in the Senate Question On Passage of the Bill S. 815 Bill: S. 815: ENDA bil <https://www.opencongress.org/vote/2013/s/232>

"The decision whether or not to make sexual orientation a protected legal class is a choice best left to the states, and elected legislatures in all 50 states have reached different conclusions on that question. A one-size-fits-all federal statutory right, which would invite abusive lawsuits and which contains insufficient protections for religious liberties, is the wrong approach."

-- Senator Ted Cruz, Statement on ENDA, November 7, 2013 [http://www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=press\\_release&id=612](http://www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=612)

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz also weighed in on the issue earlier this month. "Any attempt to bar an individual from public service based on a personal religious conviction is contrary to the liberties guaranteed us under our constitution and should be emphatically opposed," Cruz said in a statement. "It is encouraging to see so many Texans standing up to defend their religious freedoms in light of the misguided proposal put forth

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by the local city council.”

-- Debate Over LGBT Ordinance Roils San Antonio, Texas Tribune, August 26, 2013 <http://www.texastribune.org/2013/08/26/san-antonio-divided-over-proposed-lgbt-non-discrim/>

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

**Cruz: NO**

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) said Monday that the military’s moves to include transgender soldiers in its ranks had shifted its focus away from its core mission. The military will soon allow transgender soldiers to serve, noted Cruz. “How about having the military focusing on hunting down and killing the bad guys...instead of treating it as this crucible for social justice innovations. We’ve lost sight of what their job is and that’s what we need to get back to.” Cruz asked at a stop at a restaurant here. The Texas Republican was asked about Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, a controversial policy that excluded gays from military service that ended in 2011. A man here noted that it ended under the Obama administration and wondered what would happen if Cruz were elected president. Cruz said he would “listen to the expert judgment of the generals and admirals” on the current situation and that military policy should follow what is needed for “good order and discipline” and not social issues. “We shouldn’t view the military as a cauldron for social experiments,” Cruz said. Cruz, who is courting evangelical voters, spoke about a religious liberty rally he held in Des Moines in August. That event included an appearance by an Air Force senior master sergeant who said he was relieved of duty because of his religious views on marriage; Cruz said it was a “disturbing story.” The military in June announced it would allow transgender soldiers to serve openly starting in 2016. Last month President Obama nominated Eric Fanning to serve as Army Secretary. If confirmed, he would be the first openly gay civilian secretary of a branch of the armed forces.

-- Ted Cruz: The military shouldn’t be a ‘cauldron for social experiments,’ Washington post, October 12, 2015 <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2015/10/12/ted-cruz-the-military-shouldnt-be-a-cauldron-for-social-experiments/>

Morale in the U.S. military has “plummeted” in recent years because President Barack Obama “doesn’t support our soldiers,” won’t even name the enemy “radical Islamic terrorism,” and is “more interested in promoting homosexuality in the military” than in “defeating our enemy,” said Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas). During a conference call with Bishop E.W. Jackson of the National Emergency Coalition (NEC), Senator Cruz said, “You look at the military and one of the things we’ve seen is morale in the military under the Obama administration has plummeted, and it has plummeted because you have a commander-in-chief that doesn’t support our soldiers and sailors and airmen and Marines.” “You have a commander-in-chief that doesn’t stand up against our enemies, that won’t even acknowledge or say the words ‘radical Islamic terrorism,’” said Cruz. “And you have a commander-in-chief that treats the military as a cauldron for social experimentation.” “He’s more interested in promoting homosexuality in the military than he is in defeating our enemy,” said the senator. “So, for example,” he added, “the military is now focused on trying to promote transgender soldiers. The role of the military is not to be some left-wing social experiment.” “The reason we have the brave men and women who sign up as servicemen and women to defend this nation is to stand for our values, to protect our safety

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and security, to protect innocent men and women, and to stand up and defeat our enemies,” said Cruz. In conclusion, he said, “I would stop the shameless politicizing of our military to push a left-wing agenda that is contrary to the values and contrary to who we are as an American people and a nation founded on Judeo-Christian values.”

-- Cruz: Obama ‘More Interested in Promoting Homosexuality in the Military Than He Is in Defeating Our Enemy,’ CNS News, December 9, 2015 <http://www.cnsnews.com/blog/michael-w-chapman/cruz-obama-more-interested-promoting-homosexuality-military-he-defeating-our>

## **6. OPPOSE establishing or expanding pro-”LGBT” “hate crime” laws?**

**Cruz: YES?**

If you look at other nations that have gone down the road towards gay marriage, that’s the next step of where it gets enforced. And it gets enforced against Christian pastors who decline to perform gay marriages, who speak out and preach biblical truths on marriage, and that has been defined elsewhere as hate speech, as inconsistent with the enlightened view of government. And I think there is no doubt that the advocates who are driving this effort in the United States want to see us end up in that same place.

-- Ted Cruz on The Brody File, CBN News, July 19, 2013

<http://www.rightwingwatch.org/content/ted-cruz-warns-gay-marriage-will-lead-hate-speech-laws-america-brink-collapse>

David Brody: “One of the next battles in this culture war could indeed be right there in the pulpit. Are we going through a potential period or could we very well soon go through a period where pastors are hauled off to jail for a hate crime because they are speaking for traditional marriage?” Senator Ted Cruz: “I think that is a real risk and you and I have both pointed to that risk in the past and some in the media ridicule that threat saying there is no danger of the government coming after pastors. That is the usual response.” Senator Ted Cruz: “The specter of government trying to determine if what pastors preach from the pulpit meets with the policy views or political correctness of the governing authorities, that prospect is real and happening now.” Senator Ted Cruz: “When you subpoena one pastor, you subpoena every pastor. If government has the power to force the pulpit to knuckle under, if government has the power to insist that pastors hand over their sermons for government approval then we’ve lost the very first freedom that begins our bill of rights. We’ve lost the freedom that this country was built on. That’s what this fight is and I very much hope that this serves as a wake-up call to Christians, to people of faith, I hope it serves as a wake-up call to pastors to speak out and make abundantly clear that we will not give up our religious liberty. We will not go quietly into the night but we will stand and fight for principles that are right and true and will speak the truth and the pastors of this country will not be muzzled.

-- Ted Cruz Tells Brody File: “Real Risk” Of Pastors Being Jailed For Preaching Against Homosexuality,” CBN News, October 17, 2014

<http://www1.cbn.com/thebrodyfile/archive/2014/10/17/ted-cruz-tells-brody-file-real-risk-of-pastors-being>

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**7. SUPPORT the transsexual, cross-dressing “rights” agenda in schools?****Cruz: NO**

GOP presidential hopeful Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) spoke out Thursday on the growing debate over transgender policies for school facilities including restrooms and lockers, specifically the push for kids to use facilities consistent with their “gender identity.” “The federal government is going after school districts, trying to force them to let boys shower with little girls,” Cruz said on the conservative radio show “Louder With Crowder.” “Now listen: I’m the father of two daughters, and the idea that the federal government is coming in saying that boys, with all the God-given equipment of boys, can be in the shower room with junior high girls – this is lunacy! “And I bet you there are a whole lot of parents – particularly parents of daughters – that are not eager to have the federal government saying ‘Guess what? Your daughter has to shower with a boy, if he wants to be in there,’” he continued. Cruz later added, “You know, the funny thing is, my five-year-old knows there’s a difference between boys and girls, and yet modern Leftists can’t figure that out.” Cruz’s references to the federal government’s involvement in this issue likely allude to the Obama administration’s legal support for transgender students in two recent cases.

-- Cruz on ‘Lunacy’ of Transgender Policies: ‘My 5-Year-Old Knows There’s a Difference Between Boys and Girls,’ CNS News, November 23, 2015 <http://cnsnews.com/news/article/lauretta-brown/cruz-lunacy-transgender-policies-my-5-year-old-knows-theres-difference>

Ted Cruz told supporters on Wednesday that allowing a transgender student to use a faculty restroom amounts to “inflicting” the student on teachers but is a better alternative than “sticking him in the shower with the teenage girls.” At a campaign stop in Spirit Lake, Iowa, Cruz blasted the Department of Education for “trying to force a junior high to let a teenage boy shower with the teenage girls.” He often cites this on campaign stops as an example of federal overreach. Amid a pause and an audible “oh my” from someone in the crowd, Cruz continued, “Look, my five-year-old daughter, Catherine - she knows the difference between boys and girls.” Cruz asked the audience how they would feel if their local school board allowed such an incident to happen.

-- Cruz: Better to ‘Inflict’ a Transgender Student on Teachers Than Teens, NBC News, January 6, 2016 <http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2016-election/cruz-better-inflict-transgender-student-teachers-teens-n491611>

**8. OPPOSE government support of “Gay Pride” or “LGBT Pride” events?****Cruz: YES**

At least twice while serving as Dallas’ mayor, Republican Tom Leppert marched in Dallas’ gay pride parade. Opponent Ted Cruz has hammered Leppert for joining the marches, which prompted a question to Cruz that he sidestepped during Wednesday’s debate. Moderator: Are you saying Mayor Leppert is in favor of gay marriage? Cruz: What I am saying is that when a mayor of a city chooses twice to march in a parade celebrating gay pride, that’s a statement - and it’s not a statement I agree with.

-- Republican candidate debate coverage, KERA News, February 22, 2012 <http://keranews.org/post/craig-james-being-gay-choice>

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## 9. PROHIBIT parents from obtaining professional counseling for their sexually-confused children?

**Cruz: NO?**

Given Ted Cruz's broad support for parental rights and his public opposition to the "LGBT" agenda, along with his lack of opposition to a state party platform vote in favor of reparative therapy for minors, Cruz likely disagrees with the notion of prohibiting parents from obtaining this counseling for their hurting children:

The Texas Republican Party would endorse psychological treatment that seeks to turn gay people straight under a new platform partly aimed at rebuking laws in California and New Jersey that ban so-called "reparative therapy" on minors. A push to include the new anti-gay language survived a key vote late Thursday in Fort Worth at the Texas Republican Convention where, across the street, tea party star U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz fired up attendees at a rally to defend marriage as between a man and a woman. Under the new proposed plank, the Texas GOP will "recognize the legitimacy and efficacy of counseling, which offers reparative therapy and treatment for those patients seeking healing and wholeness from their homosexual lifestyle." Cruz ducked a question about his state party's platform on gays, saying he would leave it up to the "grass roots at the convention."

-- Texas GOP Takes Aim at Bans on 'Reparative Therapy' for Gay Minors, NBC News, June 6, 2014

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/texas-gop-takes-aim-bans-reparative-therapy-gay-minors-n124506>

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

**Cruz: NO**

"I'm a constitutionalist. And the state has the power to pass their own laws. As the father of daughters, I'm not terribly excited about men being able to go alone into a bathroom with my daughters. And I think that's a perfectly reasonable determination for the people to make."

-- "Ted Cruz defends anti-LGBT North Carolina law," MSNBC Town Hall, April 14, 2016 <http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/ted-cruz-defends-anti-lgbt-north-carolina-law>

"Most people know this intuitively. As you know, my daughters are 5 and 8. My 5-year-old knows the difference between boys and girls. You've got the Obama education department suing to try to force junior highs to let teenage boys shower with teenage girls. That's crazy. That's not a reasonable position, it is simply crazy and the idea that grown men would be allowed alone in a bathroom with little girls -- you don't need to be a behavioral psychologist to realize bad things can happen, and any prudent person wouldn't allow that. And it is only the lunacy of political correctness -- ESPN fired Curt Schilling for making the rather obvious point that we shouldn't allow grown adult men strangers alone in a bathroom with little girls -- that's a point anyone who is rational should understand."

-- Ted Cruz on the Glenn Beck Program, April 21, 2016 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQIsUNyi8F8>

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“Donald Trump is no different from politically correct leftist elites. Today, he joined them in calling for grown men to be allowed to use little girls’ public restrooms. As the dad of young daughters, I dread what this will mean for our daughters – and for our sisters and our wives. It is a reckless policy that will endanger our loved ones. Yet Donald stands up for this irresponsible policy while at the same time caving in on defending individual freedoms and religious liberty. He has succumbed to the Left’s agenda, which is to force Americans to leave God out of public life while paying lip service to false tolerance. This is not real tolerance. The Left wants to force its belief system onto Americans across the country and silence people of faith in the public square. Unsurprisingly, Donald Trump is all too eager to join them. This simply confirms that the same man who favored partial-birth abortion and still supports public funding for Planned Parenthood will sacrifice principle on the altar of political correctness. Trump will not defeat political correctness. Today he bowed to it.”

-- “Ted Cruz on Trump’s Bathroom Comments: ‘No Different from Politically Correct Leftist Elites,’” Breitbart.com, April 21, 2016

[http://www.breitbart.com/2016-presidential-race/2016/04/21/cruz\\_trump\\_transgender\\_bathroom\\_bill\\_politically\\_correct\\_leftist\\_elites/](http://www.breitbart.com/2016-presidential-race/2016/04/21/cruz_trump_transgender_bathroom_bill_politically_correct_leftist_elites/)