

Children of Liberty LGBTQ+ Rights

Answer The COL!

The Children of Liberty

- ✓ Recognize the inherent right of all individuals to live as they please; and,
- ✓ Support full legal rights and equality for all LGBTQ+ individuals in commerce, at work, at school, and before the law.

Social-Political Philosophy

The Children of Liberty clearly recognize the natural right of individual liberty. Each person, according to personal nature and desire, should be allowed to pursue happiness. No person should be denied equality of opportunity based on another's bias or self-expression.

The COL does recognize that individual liberty may be limited if the state has a compelling interest or the individual liberty infringes on another's life, liberty, property, or equality. While adherence to social norms and customs often is seen by the community as the "right thing to do," society's customs do NOT constitute a compelling state interest.

Define the Issue

1. The LGBTQ+ community has suffered and continues to suffer from inequality, legal restrictions, and abuse.
2. The government often has wrongly asserted a state interest to control and abuse the LGBTQ+ community.
3. The courts have begun to overturn laws and restrictions placed upon the LGBTQ+ community.

What Needs To Be Done?

On Privacy

The government should NEVER regulate or attempt to control private, sexual behavior except regarding consent. Consent is required. Therefore, the government may set conduct limits regarding children, animals, the dead, and the incapacitated.

On Birth Certificates

The government has one state interest in biological sexual identification on birth certificates. A birth record may help law enforcement in identifying the living or the dead. If biological sexual identification should change, the birth record should show the change. Birth certificates, at this time, must show biological sexual identification.

On Commerce

No individual shall be denied equal access to commercial enterprises that are open to the public.

On Employment

As the courts have held, gender identity and sexual preference are covered under the legal description of “sex” in employment discrimination. The COL agrees that everyone should have the same job opportunities.

The COL is not opposed to non-gender specific employee dress codes.

On Marriage

The government does NOT have a compelling interest in marriage. Marriage is a religious or civil act that symbolizes commitment. The government does, however, have an interest in child welfare and custody and the regulation of property. Therefore the Children of Liberty propose the following.

1. The government will no longer issue a “marriage license.”
2. The government will issue contracts between two or more individuals for the division of property, inheritance, and the custody of children born in the contract. The contract will be a form with selection options overseen by a government attorney.

On Bathrooms

Individuals have been using public bathrooms for thousands of years without apparent issue. Why is this an issue now? The COL believe the issue is largely manufactured as a fear-based tactic to aid in campaign fundraising and politics and is not a pressing concern. We will address the issue, regardless.

While parents have legitimate concerns regarding the safety of their children, there is no evidence to suggest that the LGBTQ+ community poses an increased risk. In fact, the greatest risk posed to children is male pedophiles in male restrooms. What legislation can protect our boys from this threat?

Social norms and conventions have seemingly worked and will continue to work. If norms begin to fail, the public and private sector can respond with different bathroom design with private stalls for all and public sinks.

Government is not the solution to all problems.

On Schools

Private schools may do what private schools will. Public schools, however, must be inclusive as possible.

The school must not tolerate the bullying of LGBTQ+ students. Teachers and administrators should never through language or action impair a LGBTQ+ student’s right to an education.

While a fraction of a percent of the student body may find the current gender bathrooms a challenge, school administration and teachers find bathrooms problematic for a different reason. Bad behavior finds its way into the bathrooms, from smoking, to drug use, fights, sex, cheating, and vandalism.

The Children of Liberty propose that the national government form a “blue ribbon commission” of architects, school administrators and teachers, and sociologists to formulate a bathroom design that can meet the needs of all.