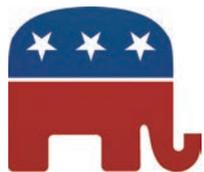


PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE REVIEW

Election 2016 by Topic



Democratic



Hillary Clinton



Bernie Sanders



Ted Cruz



Marco Rubio



Donald Trump

Republican

The 2016 presidential election cycle is in full swing with the field narrowing as we move deep into primary season. This election is significant for several reasons. Differing views on national security, including immigration, the death of Justice Antonin Scalia and the future of the Supreme Court, and the state of the Constitution and our federal system are on the line. The person elected to be our next president will set the course of the nation's future for decades and generations to come. We trust, as did our founders, that the future is in the just hands of Providence, and as such we are to stand on the wall and do our part to remain faithful to that guiding hand no matter which way the winds of change blow. In this edition of *FRONTLINE*, we will try to shine a light on the candidates and what sets them apart from each other as they maneuver their campaigns for your vote.

This is not intended to be a comprehensive review, but it is a brief highlight of what distinguishes each candidate. There are clear differences between both the Democratic and Republican parties as well as the candidates themselves. Whether it's the role of judges in making law, the raising of taxes, or national defense, the differences will make a significant impact on the nation depending on who is ultimately elected. Information is gathered from various sources and presented through the lens of the nation's highest law: the United States Constitution. None of the information provided is intended nor should it be construed as an endorsement of any party or candidate. It is presented to educate and inform our readers, so they can use their God-given discernment and exercise their franchise for the good of the nation. For the sake of space, we have not included candidates in this review who have not received more than ten percent of the vote in the past two primaries (South Carolina and Nevada at time of printing).

THE JUDICIARY

The Constitution, the brilliantly conceived and designed instrument formulated to protect the people from the excesses of government, is under attack and threatened with either substantive or wholesale change within a generation. This is particularly so with the death of Justice Scalia who epitomized the Founders' understanding that the Constitution, not the Supreme Court,

is the Supreme Law of the land, and that the Constitution must be interpreted as it was understood at the time of its writing, not as a changing and evolving document reflecting changes in the culture or reflecting the worldview of the justices. There

will most likely be several justices appointed to lifetime positions on the Court during the next administration. The person we select to make those decisions is key to deciding America's judicial survival as a nation of laws. The key understanding is that what the Supreme Court says is *an opinion, not a law*. As discussed elsewhere, an opinion can be followed *or disregarded*. Americans have in recent years fallen into the false understanding that what the Supreme Court says, is law. **NO!** Only the legislatures can write law. The Court can offer its opinion on it, but the Executive Branch is mandated to carry out the law. When people refer to an opinion as "the law" they do not understand how the Constitution was written or that it was to be a document of checks and balances with co-equal branches.

REPUBLICANS:

Sen. Ted Cruz, recently indicated his choice of justice when describing the legacy of Antonin Scalia. "Scalia ... returned the course [of jurisprudence] to examining the text of the Constitution and the original understanding rather

SHORT LINES

Winston Churchill on Socialism

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings. The inherent virtue of Socialism is the equal sharing of miseries.

House of Commons, October 22, 1945

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than engaging in legislative efforts in the name of a 'Living Constitution.'¹¹ Additionally, **Cruz** is the only candidate with experience at the U.S. Supreme Court, serving as the Solicitor General for Texas for five years, where he successfully defended the unborn, the Texas law on the death penalty over International UN tribunals, and the cross and the Ten Commandments. Prior to that, he had clerked for Chief Justice Rehnquist. On June 26th, **Cruz** said of the Obamacare ruling, "The decision yesterday rewrote Obamacare ... You now have Barack Obama, Kathleen Sebelius [former United States Secretary of Health and Human Services], and six justices responsible for forcing this failed disaster of a law on millions of Americans and simply rewriting the law in a way that is fundamentally contrary to their judicial oaths." In the same interview he said, "This [*OBERGEFELL ET AL. v. HODGES*] radical decision purports to strike down the marriage laws of every state; it has no connection to the United States Constitution ... they are simply making it up. It is lawless, and in doing so they have undermined the fundamental legitimacy of the United States Supreme Court."¹²

Sen. Marco Rubio, after the *Obergefell* (homosexual marriage okay) decision said, "It is the current law. I don't believe any case law is settled law ... Any future Supreme Court can change it And ultimately, I will appoint Supreme Court justices that will interpret the Constitution as originally constructed,"¹³ Later he said, "In essence, if we are ever ordered by a government authority to personally violate and sin — violate God's law and sin — if we're ordered to stop preaching the Gospel, if we're ordered to perform a same-sex marriage as someone presiding over it, we are called to ignore that," **Rubio** said in an interview on Tuesday.¹⁴

Donald Trump, when asked in December 2015 about an appointment to the Supreme Court, mentioned that his sister would be "phenomenal" and "one of the best."¹⁵ His sister, Maryanne Trump Barry of the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, has rejected any "undue burden" on a woman's right to chose even if it meant partial birth abortion or infanticide. As a candidate, **Trump** has given very little indication of whether or not he will appoint another Scalia, Thomas, Ginsberg, or Kagan to the Court. That is concerning for Constitutional conservatives.

DEMOCRATS:

Hillary Clinton, as former State Senator, U.S. Secretary of State (Obama Administration) and wife of former President Bill Clinton, is no stranger to American politics. **Clinton** speaks of "litmus tests" for an appointment to the Court. "I do have a litmus test, I have a bunch of litmus tests, because the next president could get as many as three appointments," the former first lady responded. "It's one of the many reasons why we can't turn the White House over to the Republicans again."¹⁶ Her nominees would be required to support overturning free speech decisions (*Citizens United*), gay rights, abortion rights, and re-defining traditional marriage laws.¹⁷

Sen. Bernie Sanders, a Democratic Socialist Senator from Vermont who is running as a Democrat in this election, focuses his intentions more narrowly on the issue of money in politics and overturning the case of *Citizens United* (2010), which he believes allows the wealthy to buy elections and the government.¹⁸ **Sanders** also sent out this tweet on *Twitter*, "Any Supreme Court nominee of mine will make overturning

Citizens United one of their first decision."¹⁹ Cases before the Court are decided on the language of the Constitution. Presidents, of course, also do not direct which cases are heard next or how they are to be decided. **Sen. Sanders** has also denounced Republicans for threatening to hold up Justice Scalia's replacement, even though he is holding up President Obama's pick to head the FDA.²⁰

NATIONAL DEFENSE/RADICAL ISLAM/IMMIGRATION

REPUBLICANS:

Sen. Ted Cruz has called for a very aggressive, but American approach to dealing with ISIS, Syria, and Iran. In South Carolina, he unveiled an aggressive plan to quickly rebuild the military and defeat Radical Islamic Jihadists.²¹ **Cruz**, along with Senator Jeff Sessions, led the fight against the Gang of Eight Immigration Bill that would have ultimately conveyed citizenship to as many as 30 million illegal immigrants now in the US.²² He has also called for a rejection of any interference with U.S. sovereignty by the U.N. "I spent five and a half years as a Solicitor General of Texas, the lead lawyer for the state, in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, and I went in front of the Supreme Court, and took on the World Court of the United Nations in a case called *Medellin v. Texas*, and we won a historic victory saying the World Court, and the U.N., has no power to bind the United States, and no President of the United States, Republican or Democrat, has the authority to give away our sovereignty."²³ As president, **Cruz** promises to stand with our allies, [especially Israel] defeat the terrorists, repeal Obamacare, and defend "every single word" of the Constitution.²⁴

Sen. Marco Rubio, with regard to ISIS says, "America cannot afford to let a transnational threat like ISIS survive, hold territory, and grow. Containment will not work. The U.S. needs to take the lead on a strategy, in conjunction with our local allies that will destroy ISIS and deprive it and other terror groups of safe havens. This will require a larger number of American troops on the ground, working with the Kurds, Sunni tribes, and other partners."²⁵ "The conflict is not just about ISIS, either: ISIS is only the most prominent manifestation of radical Islam, an ideology bent on destroying the West and eradicating its values. In this clash of civilizations, either we win, or they win."²⁶

According to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Council President Chris Crane, "Sen. **Rubio** never reached out to us. He surrounded himself with big business and amnesty groups, most of which were more interested in cheap labor and their own political agendas, and had no real

concern for the welfare of immigrants, public safety, or the security of our nation. This, while he ignored boots-on-the-ground law enforcement officers who work within our broken immigration system every day and know better than any what's needed to fix it. Common sense dictates that law enforcement be at the table when creating a bill like this. I think Sen. **Rubio** knew that, but actively chose to exclude us because of his own personal agenda."²⁷

Donald Trump has made the boldest claims on dealing with our national



Syrians from Ayn al Arab amass at the border with Turkey next to the Turkish village of Dikmetas. Photograph By John Stanmeyer, *National Geographic*



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defense issues. **Trump** has called for a wall across the southern border to be paid for by Mexico and called for a temporary but total ban on Muslims entering the country. He approves of Putin's meddling in the Middle East but affirms our traditional relationship with Israel. Although he has contributed to Israel financially, he has also funded some of its strongest Democratic Party adversaries.

DEMOCRATS:

Hillary Clinton as a candidate has the most national security experience of any other candidate, which should make her a leader in this area. Unfortunately, that experience may be one of her biggest vulnerabilities should she receive her party's nomination. This includes, the dismal record of the Obama administration of "leading from behind," the lingering Benghazi controversy, and the ongoing email/private server scandal where the highest secure information including identification of CIA operatives appeared in unsecure emails.¹⁸ **Clinton's** policies indicate that little will change in the war against ISIS in a Clinton administration.¹⁹

Sen. Bernie Sanders will make closing Guantanamo Bay detention center, or keeping it closed, a main feature of his war on terror. "The mere existence of this camp, and the misguided policies that led to its creation, continues to damage the United States' moral standing in the world, undermines our foreign policy, and fans the flames of terrorism rather than deters it."²⁰ He also voted against the Iraq War. In numerous debates, he has indicated the federal government's priority is domestic, not national defense.

SANCTITY OF LIFE/ABORTION

REPUBLICANS:

Sen. Ted Cruz is for defunding and prosecuting Planned Parenthood,²¹ requiring doctors at abortion clinics to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals,²² and allowing businesses to deny abortion related coverage to employees.²³ **Cruz** "played a leading role in several important cases, including defense of the partial-birth abortion ban, parental consent laws, and prohibiting state funds from going to abortion."²⁴

Sen. Marco Rubio, when asked about the issue of abortion and exceptions said, "This is a difficult question. But when asked to make a decision between two very hard circumstances, I've personally reached the conclusion if I'm going to err, I'm going to err on the side of life. I'll support any legislation that reduces the number of abortions."²⁵ "What I have advocated is that we pass law in this country that says all human life at every stage of its development is worthy of protection."²⁶ Let me give you a bit of settled science that they'll never admit to," **Rubio** said. "The science is settled, it's not even a consensus, it is unanimity, that human life begins at conception."²⁷

Donald Trump "Of all the leading Republican candidates, Donald **Trump's** credentials on the issue of abortion are the most spotty."²⁸ Since he has changed his mind on amnesty, on health care and on abortion, I would just ask, what are the principles by which he will govern?"²⁹ Sometime between 1999 and 2011, **Trump** moved from being "very pro-choice" to

being pro-life "with caveats" (for the mother's life, rape, and incest).³⁰ **Trump** has repeatedly declared that he is pro-life but has not clarified the moral grounding or rationale for his conviction. "That **Trump** could go from supporting third-trimester abortion – something indistinguishable from infanticide. ... to becoming pro-life because of that one experience (a friend's wife had a baby that **Trump** describes as "amazing") is a bit hard to believe and raises legitimate questions regarding the capacity of **Trump** for serious moral reasoning."³¹

DEMOCRATS:

Hillary Clinton's view that abortion is an absolute right of every woman on demand with little to no limitations is well documented and seems to be evolving from that of a privacy concern to one of absolute "positive right" with constitutional guarantee of unfettered access.³²

Sen. Bernie Sanders "has repeatedly received ratings of 100% from NARAL Pro-Choice America. He co-sponsored the Freedom of Choice Act (1993) barring states from restricting the right to terminate a pregnancy before fetal viability or at any time when a termination is necessary to protect the health of a woman." **Sanders** voted numerous times to allow women to travel interstate for abortions, supported permitting federal funding of organizations that conduct abortions, and voted to increase access and funding for family planning for women."³³

ECONOMY/TAXES

REPUBLICANS:

Sen. Ted Cruz denies the idea that our economy is doing great and laments the younger generation "Under Obama, we've had five years of great stagnation, no economic growth, which means one generation, after another, can't find jobs. You know economists are referring to this generation of young people as a 'lost generation.' Obamacare, one of the easiest ways to understand it, it's a massive wealth transfer, from young healthy people to everybody else."³⁴ **Cruz** has pointed to the job killing aspect of Obamacare (part time work vs. 40 hours) and proposes to reduce and shift the federal budget by abolishing five departments of the government – IRS, Departments of Education, Energy, Commerce, Housing and Urban Development (HUD)³⁵ and instead reduce individual taxes and rebuild the military.³⁶

Sen. Marco Rubio opposes raising the minimum wage. "It's a disaster. If you raise the minimum wage, you're going to make people more expensive than a machine. Here's the best way to raise wages. Make America the best place in the world to start a business or expand an existing business."³⁷ Similar to other Republican candidates, he is for lowering taxes, replacing Obamacare, and assisting small businesses as fundamental ways to improve the economy. **Rubio** has advocated balancing the budget and freezing all non-defense spending at 2008 levels.

Donald Trump in 2015 estimated that within a few years our debt would turn us into another Greece and a point of no return.³⁸ **Trump's** solution is a plan to bring back jobs from overseas in great numbers. "The Tax Policy Center analysis estimates that **Trump's** tax plan would cut taxes for everyone. ... But the biggest tax benefit by far would go to the very wealthiest households. ... The analysis estimates that **Trump's** tax plan would increase deficits by at least \$9.5 trillion over a decade and by another \$15 trillion in the second decade. Those figures don't include the interest costs that would be incurred if the government borrowed money to make up the difference. Interest could add several more trillion dollars to the debt."³⁹



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DEMOCRATS:

Hillary Clinton's economic policies target the middle class, promising to secure their economic futures and expand their opportunities through greater access to education and more evenly distributed economic growth.⁴⁰ "In order to achieve strong economic growth, **Clinton** believes that it is important to invest in education and infrastructure, promote small business growth and increase workforce participation, especially for women."⁴¹

Sen. Bernie Sanders: "The main goal of **Bernie's** career in politics has been to address the root causes of economic inequality. He calls for expanding the social safety net, creating more well-paying jobs, and reforming systems that perpetuate inequality such as our broken criminal justice system.⁴² His main appeal to the Millennials, who are often unemployed and heads-over-heels in student debt, is that as a socialist he calls for the rich and the government to pay for such things as student tuition, all healthcare and more. **Sanders** calls for "wealth re-distribution," meaning the poor are entitled to more and it is the rich who have to pay for it.

EDUCATION



REPUBLICANS:

Sen. Ted Cruz says, "We need to repeal Common Core. We need to get the federal government out of the business of dictating educational standards. Education is far too important for it to be governed by unelected bureaucrats in

Washington. It should be at the state level or even better at the local level."⁴³ He proposes in his *Five for Freedom* plan to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education and return the power to the local level.

Sen. Marco Rubio also takes an anti-Common Core stance and proposes a return to vocational/workforce education as an option for students not going a traditional college route. "What's happening is some of these tech companies are taking centers to Canada, because they can get people to go over there instead of here. The ideal scenario is to train Americans to do the work so we don't have to rely on people from abroad." Why did we stop doing vocational education in America, people that can work with their hands; people you can train to do this work while they're still in high school so they can graduate ready to go work?⁴⁴

Donald Trump has called Common Core a disaster and calls for an end to it.⁴⁵ He is for school choice and considers reforms such as school choice, charter schools, vouchers, and opportunity scholarships a positive form of competition.⁴⁶ He is pro local control of education.

DEMOCRATS:

Hillary Clinton believes that starting children in government educational systems earlier on the front end and free college tuition on the back end with a national curriculum in the middle defines the platforms of the candidates on this issue. "Believing that early development is crucial for later success, **Clinton** also plans to expand early learning through a proposal that would give every 4-year-old in America access to high-quality preschool education."⁴⁷ "While **Clinton** still straddles the fence on Common Core, the fact that she

has one foot on the other side of this issue is extremely telling."⁴⁸ When her husband won the White House in 1992, she was working with Marc Tucker who spelled out how to nationalize and control by the elite all education in America – and in essence spelled out the plan for the current Common Core mandates.⁴⁹ (For further information, order *The Long War*, by Donna Hearne. See details on page 17.)

Sen. Bernie Sanders said, "A college degree today is the equivalent of what a high school degree was 50 years ago. What we said 50 years ago is that every kid in this country should be able to get a high school education regardless of the income of their family. I think we have to say that is true for everybody going to college. I pay for my program through a tax on Wall Street speculation, which will not only make public colleges and universities tuition-free ..." ⁵⁰ "In testimony at the Vermont State House in February 2014, **Bernie** said, "We must do away with the archaic notion that education begins at 4 or 5 years old."⁵¹ "While **Bernie** has neither outright endorsed nor opposed the Common Core, he voted in early 2015 against an anti-Common Core amendment that would 'prohibit the federal government from *mandating, incentivizing, or coercing* states' into adopting Common Core or any other standards. This indicates that **Sanders** opposes a repeal of the Common Core standards."⁵²

GUNS

REPUBLICANS:

Sen. Ted Cruz has led the fight to protect rights under the Second Amendment by authoring a brief on behalf of 31 states for the right to keep and bear arms and arguing against excessive gun restrictions before the U.S. Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller* decision. **Cruz** was awarded the NRA's 2010 Carter-Knight Freedom Fund Award.

Sen. Marco Rubio seeks to balance any restrictions on that right with keeping firearms out of the hands of criminals. "Like the rest of our Constitution, I believe the Second Amendment is a cornerstone of our democracy. I believe the right to bear arms is a constitutionally-protected right. The right of citizens to defend themselves by bearing arms is a fundamental human right that should be protected."⁵³ **Rubio** has received a score of B+ from the NRA for his pro-gun rights policies in 2010.

Donald Trump, in his CPAC speech, sounded many themes popular with Republican conservatives. "I am pro-life," he said. "I am against gun control." In a policy statement released on his campaign website, he calls for





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protecting our second amendment rights and creating a national right to carry. In his book, “The America We Deserve,” **Trump** indicated he was generally opposed to gun control but supported a ban on certain rifles and waiting periods to purchase guns.

DEMOCRATS:

Hillary Clinton has an evolving position on gun rights. As a candidate for the Senate in 2000, she advocated gun strict control but backed off that in 2008 when she took on Obama for president.⁵⁴ More recently, **Clinton** said she would tighten gun regulations on sales using legislation and executive power.⁵⁵

Sen. Bernie Sanders is taking a position on the Second Amendment that aims to straddle both gun rights and gun control, with protections tailored to needs. **Sanders** says that guns in locales where hunting is a way of life, and in states where gang violence is a way of life, are two completely different cultures, and laws need to take both into consideration.⁵⁶ **Sanders** received an “F” grade from the NRA and his overall positions on the Second Amendment are described as “all over the place.”⁵⁷

HEALTH CARE

REPUBLICANS:

Sen. Ted Cruz has challenged voters to look at action not words when it comes to challenging Obamacare. **Cruz**, in his historic filibuster against Obamacare, “played a leading role, along with outside conservative groups, in pushing House Republicans to take a harder line. House Republicans on Friday passed a bill without funding for Obamacare, exactly as **Cruz** wanted.”⁵⁸

Sen. Marco Rubio wants to fully repeal Obamacare and replace it with a consumer centered health reform. His votes in congress have been to repeal the law and its components such as the medical device tax, restrictions on patient centered care and other tax provisions.

Donald Trump has vowed to end Obamacare but has been inconsistent with his intentions on how to do so. In less than a week, **Trump** made two different statements on two networks regarding his views on the mandates contained in the law.⁵⁹ **Trump** has repeatedly stated that “everyone in the U.S. will be taken care of,” but has not spelled out how.

DEMOCRATS:

Hillary Clinton considers health care a basic human right and promises to defend the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and build on it by cracking down on prescription costs and holding drug companies accountable to invest in research and not profits, and to protect women’s access to health care.⁶⁰ On January 27, 2016, **Clinton** identified her failure to pass healthcare reform in the 1990’s as her greatest political regret.⁶¹

Sen. Bernie Sanders also wants to increase healthcare coverage with a focus on providing it free of cost. In spite of countries such as Great Britain and Canada spend less on health care and provide less care, less innovation, and longer wait times, **Sanders** promotes “Medicare for all.”⁶² He also favors removing Medicare’s cost-sharing components (co-pays, deductibles, premiums) even though the program is running a debt of trillions of dollars.⁶³



MARRIAGE

REPUBLICANS:

Sen. Ted Cruz has consistently been a leading Republican opponent of same-sex marriage. Following the June 2015 U.S. Supreme Court opinion on marriage, **Cruz** called the ruling “some of the darkest 24 hours in our nation’s history.”⁶⁴ **Cruz** described the ongoing shift toward legal recognition for gay couples as an “unrelenting assault on traditional marriage,” and castigated judges

who have struck down prohibitions for “ignoring their oaths, ignoring the Constitution and legislating from the bench.”⁶⁵

Sen. Marco Rubio said, “There is no federal constitutional right to same sex marriage. There isn’t such a right. You have to have a ridiculous reading of the U.S. Constitution to reach the conclusion that people have a right to marry someone of the same sex.” “I believe, as do a significant percentage of Americans, that the institution of marriage, an institution that existed before government, that existed before laws, that institution should remain in our laws recognized as the union of one man and one woman.”⁶⁶

Personally, **Rubio** says he believes marriage is between a man and a woman. Holding a nuanced position on Indiana’s Religious Freedom Restoration Act, **Rubio** believes some kinds of businesses, like wedding photography, should be allowed to turn away gay customers, and others, like hotels, should not.⁶⁷

Donald Trump, on the issue of marriage and same sex partnerships, seems to be evolving his position as he has with gun rights, abortion, and health care. In 2013 **Trump** said his views were not just evolving but changing rapidly.⁶⁸ **Trump’s** disagreement with the courts decision legalizing gay marriage throughout the country was not on moral grounds but rather Constitutional; saying that he believed the states should make the change, not the Supreme Court.

DEMOCRATS:

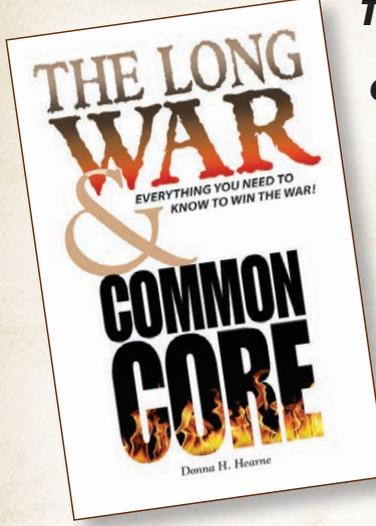
Hillary Clinton has evolving beliefs on this issue. In 2013 she officially came out in support of same-sex marriage after having opposed it for years. As late as the turn of the millennium, in 2000, **Clinton** said, “Marriage has got historic, religious and moral content that goes back to the beginning of time, and I think a marriage is as a marriage has always been, between a man and a woman.”⁶⁹ In 2013 **Clinton** said, “LGBT Americans are our colleagues, our teachers, our soldiers, our friends, our loved ones. And they are full and equal citizens, and they deserve the rights of citizenship. That includes marriage. That’s why I support marriage for lesbian and gay couples. I support it personally and as a matter of policy and law, embedded in a broader effort to advance equality and opportunity for LGBT Americans and all Americans.”⁷⁰

Sen. Bernie Sanders has been a long time supporter of LGBT rights. In 1983, as Mayor of Burlington, Vermont, he supported the city’s first ever Pride Parade. Later, U.S. Congressman **Sanders** voted against “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” (1993) and President Clinton’s “Defense of Marriage Act” (1996). **Sen. Sanders**, who still considers there to be much work to do in this area, hailed the landmark Supreme Court decisions in 2013 and 2015 which struck down DOMA and recognized same-sex marriage is a right in all 50 states, calling the decisions a “victory for same-sex couples across our country.”⁷¹

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