

# A CULTURAL TIPPING POINT



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As a college wrestling champion and straight ally, Hudson Taylor wore an HRC sticker on his headgear in competition. He founded the organization Athlete Ally to encourage athletes, coaches, parents, fans and other members of the sports community to respect all individuals involved in sports, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.



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We're in the midst of a cultural revolution in the way Americans perceive lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. The idea that gay people could get married or that we'd see positive portrayals of our families in the media was unthinkable just decades ago. Yet at the same time, "that's so gay" is a common schoolyard epithet and LGBT people lack even basic legal protections in many places.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The **top 10 anti-LGBT groups have triple the budgets** of pro-LGBT rights groups – \$337 million to \$94 million.
- **Prominent Republicans** like Laura Bush, Dick Cheney, Ted Olson, Cindy McCain and Mike Bloomberg are supporters of marriage for same-sex couples.
- Half the country, according to Gallup's annual survey on the issue, **accepts homosexuality on moral grounds**. While the numbers have improved, there's still a long way to go.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO AND HOW HRC CAN HELP:

- Stay informed about LGBT issues so you can educate your friends and family. Become a fan of HRC on Facebook and stay up-to-date. [www.facebook.com/HumanRightsCampaign](http://www.facebook.com/HumanRightsCampaign)
- Stand up to anti-LGBT language and sentiment whenever you hear it. HRC's "Call It Out" campaign exposes homophobia and transphobia as well as promotes civil discourse. [www.hrc.org/CallItOut](http://www.hrc.org/CallItOut)
- Understand and track our opponents and help spread the word about their lies. HRC is working to stop the so-called National Organization for Marriage through our NOM Exposed project. [www.NOMExposed.org](http://www.NOMExposed.org)

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