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## Political Attacks on Gays Will Continue

by Michael in New York on 7/16/2004 10:09:00 PM

Right wing radicals make clear **they're going to fight tooth and nail** to roll back the modest advances on rights that gays and lesbians have achieved at the state level. And of course they're winning at the state level, when you look at the flurry of laws that have passed in the last year and the lack of moral leadership by the left, true conservatives, the truly religious or just decent folk.

The sad item buried deep in the story: Kerry's office didn't return calls asking whether he supports or opposes attempts to deny gays equal marriage rights at the state level. Surely they were ready for that question? But he has no good answer because he's been so wishy-washy on the issue.

**NOTE FROM JOHN:** Kerry's response should be simple. It's none of the federal government's business what state governments do within the realm of their own jurisdiction. This isn't a nanny state. That applies all the more when talking about marriage, which has traditionally been a state issue - the president has no business sticking his nose in. If George Bush truly believed in states' rights he'd let states attend to their own business and only get involved when an issue becomes a federal matter. As for why Kerry gave an opinion on the Massachusetts state constitutional amendment? He's still the Senator from Massachusetts so it was appropriate for him to comment on politics in his own home state.



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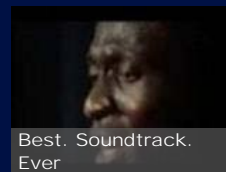
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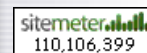
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