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Gay Marriage Talking Points

---- The President has long opposed gay marriage based on his belief that the institution of marriage should be reserved for unions between one man and one woman.

---- The President strongly believes that gay and lesbian individuals should not be subject to unfair discrimination, which is why he has endorsed legislation outlawing discrimination against gays and lesbians in the workplace. But he does not believe that the federal government should promote gay marriages.

[If asked about domestic partnerships or providing federal benefits to partners in gay and lesbian partnerships---]

---- These decisions are best left to state and local governments and private institutions. But since the President does not believe that the federal government should recognize gay marriage, he does not believe it is appropriate for federal resources to be devoted to providing spousal benefits to partners in gay and lesbian relationships.

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