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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        this morning by simply signing in with the clerk. And she will
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          Now, one other point. Is Ms. Pachter, the attorney
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          MR. BURNS: She is not here right now, Your Honor.
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        the question that I asked her yesterday, of 5:00 p.m. on
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        that's a thought rolling around in the back of my mind. And
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           MR. THOMPSON: Very well.
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           THE COURT: All right. I believe we are ready to
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     continue the testimony of Ms. Cott.
           MR. BOUTROUS: That's correct, Your Honor.
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           THE COURT: Very well. Would you bring her forward.
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           MR. BOUTROUS: Ms. Cott.
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     called as a witness for the Plaintiffs herein, having been
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     previously duly sworn, was examined and testified further as
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                                                                                   Q. Could you give me your views, as an expert in the history
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     follows:
           THE COURT: And as you come to the stand, Ms. Cott,
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                                                                                   Mr. Cooper in his opening statement.
     let me remind you, you are still under oath. Do you understand
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           THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor.
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           THE COURT: All right. Fine. The oath you took
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                                                                                   I mean from the point of view of the state that sets up and
     yesterday applies to this testimony, as it did yesterday.
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           You may proceed, Mr. Boutrous.
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           MR. BOUTROUS: Thank you, Your Honor.
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                                                                                   our country, I would certainly agree that this is one of the
     BY MR. BOUTROUS:
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     Q. Good morning, Professor Cott.
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     A. Good morning, Mr. Boutrous.
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           MR. BOUTROUS: Your Honor, before I proceed with the
                                                                                   yesterday, it rather reminded me of the story about the seven
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     examination, one exhibit issue. I have conferred with
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                                                                                   blind men and the elephant, in that each of them is feeling the
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     Mr. Thompson, and the proponents do not have any objections to
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COTT - DIRECT EXAMINATION / BOUTROUS the select group of exhibits that were relied upon by Professor 1 Cott in her testimony. So I would move that they be admitted 2 into evidence. 3 4 THE COURT: Let's see. Those are exhibit numbers --5 MR. BOUTROUS: I could list them off for the Court, if that would be helpful. In fact, I have a list. THE COURT: All right. Why don't you just hand that 7 list up to the court clerk. 8 9 MR. BOUTROUS: Yes. THE COURT: And we'll take care of it. 10 (Plaintiffs' Exhibits 1308, 1309, 1314, 1316, 1317, 11 12 1319, 1322, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, 1328, 1334, 1335, 1746, 1750, received in evidence.) 13 MR. BOUTROUS: Thank you, Your Honor. 14 15 Your Honor, I would like to publish to the screen another demonstrative I created out of the transcript of 16 Mr. Cooper's opening. And I have labeled it, "Proponents' 17 18 Position 2." If we could publish that, please. (Document displayed) 19 20 BY MR. BOUTROUS: 21 Q. Professor Cott, I have displayed on the screen one of Mr. Cooper's statements yesterday about the purpose of 22 23 marriage. And I will read it for the record. Mr. Cooper said 24 that:

"The purpose of the institution of marriage,

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COTT - DIRECT EXAMINATION / BOUTROUS 221 says, oh, this animal is just like a snake.

That is, marriage has many purposes. It is, as I mentioned yesterday, a capacious, complex institution. And the state's interest in having sexual activity between men and women channeled into stable unions is one of the purposes of marriage.

But I think that the larger understanding of marriage, from the state's point of view, and the larger purpose would put an emphasis on the household formation that marriage founds, and the stability of that household formation, its contribution to social order, to economic benefit, to governance.

And I emphasize this because, as I said at the outside, it's important to recognize the extent to which marriage has been an institution of governance in our history. Q. Let me ask you about that.

When you say "governance," how is marriage an instrument of governance, when it's a union between two people?

How does that contribute to governance?

20 A. Looking at this historically, what I'm emphasizing here in 21 using that word is the regulatory purpose of marriage from the 22 state's point of view. 23

And long ago marriage had an important political governance purpose. It set up men as heads of households who would be responsible economically for their spouses and for any

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COTT - DIRECT EXAMINATION / BOUTROUS 222 of their dependents, whether those were biological children, adopted children, stepchildren, slaves, apprentices, et cetera.

But the point of establishing marriage and giving certain benefits to it was to ensure that the sovereign would be able to govern the amorphous, large, variable population in smaller subunits which were households.

Now, that political governance purpose of marriage today is -- has shifted rather dramatically, because we no longer assume that a single head of household governs everyone below it. We have a much more individualized distribution of political power in our population, particularly since 1920, when women got the right to vote.

However, still today, the purpose of the state in licensing and incentivizing marriage is to create stable households in which the adults who reside there and are committed to one another by their own consents will support one another as well as their dependents.

18 The institution of marriage has always been at least 19 as much about supporting adults as it has been about supporting 20 minors, children, as the proponents tend to emphasize the 21 child's side.

Q. Has the ability or willingness to procreate ever been a 22

23 litmus test or a test of any kind in terms of the validity of a

24 marriage in the United States during our history?

25 A. No.

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A. Yes. This function is not at all as vigorous as it used to be in the longer past, when there was a much stricter line of moral judgment between heterosexual couples who were marrie and those who were not married, if they were engaging in sexual activity.

Certainly, the line between legitimacy and illegitimacy for any child born of a heterosexual couple was the line of marriage/nonmarriage.

And that was a very important function of -particularly among the propertied, because of the lines of inheritance that would flow through legitimate children, and only problematically, or much less so, through so-called illegitimate children.

Now, today, in the 20th century, the tendency has been to remove that bright line in terms of the child's just desserts.

17 However, I believe it is still true in our family 18 courts that the marital family's children has the presumption 19 of all benefits that should flow to children; whereas, the 20 unmarried couple's children has to prove their -- that they deserve these inheritance rights and other benefits of their 21 parents. 22

Q. Yesterday you spoke about the social meaning of marriage. Does the legitimately factor in a broader sense have

any connection to the social meaning of marriage, as it's

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Q. And has -- as a historical matter, have there been -- has it been recognized that there are other benefits, aside from child-rearing benefits from marriage?

A. Most definitely, from the point of view of the state as well as the point of view of the individuals who join it.

There has never been a requirement that a couple produce children in order to have a valid marriage. Of course, people beyond procreative age have always been allowed to marry. And known sterility or barrenness in a woman has never been a reason not to allow a marriage.

In fact, it's a surprise to many people to learn that George Washington, who is often called the father of our country, was sterile, and was known to be sterile because he was in a second marriage to a woman who had had children. And after George Washington and she married, they had no children.

This was an advantage, in many people's minds, 16 because he couldn't establish a hereditary monarchy when he 18 became president.

19 But this is just a rather striking example of the 20 extent to which procreative ability has never been a 21 qualification for marriage. Nor has it been a ground -- the

lack of same has never been a ground for divorce. 22

23 Q. Now, as a historical matter, has there been a function of

24 marriage, a purpose of marriage, that -- in terms of

legitimating children?

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developed in our history?

2 A. Yes. 3

Q. Could you describe in what way.

A. I think I would just say that the fact that the state is involved in granting these kinds of benefits and legitimacy to the marital family tends to lend a prestige, a status to that institution that no informal marriage has ever approximated.

MR. BOUTROUS: I would like to, Your Honor, display what I have labeled, "Proponents' Position 3," which is another statement taken from Mr. Cooper's opening statement, as a demonstrative, with the Court's permission.

THE COURT: Very well.

MR. BOUTROUS: Thank you, Your Honor.

(Document displayed.)

BY MR. BOUTROUS:

Q. Now, here, Professor Cott, I'll read this for the record. 16

Mr. Cooper said that:

18 "Across history and customs marriage is fundamentally a pro-child institution

20 between a man and a woman. Marriage aims to 21

meet the child's need to be emotionally, morally practically and legally affiliated

22 23 with the woman and man whose sexual union

24 brought the child into the world."

25 In your view, from a historical perspective, is that

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- a correct and complete description of the purposes of marriage? 1
- A. No. I think it's a very partial description. 2 3
 - Q. And why is it only a partial description?

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A. Well, as I look at the history, I see very little evidence that state authorities considered marriage from the point of view of its pro-child, particularly it's pro-biological-child advantages.

It's not that those advantages were absent. Not at all. But, rather, that the purpose of the state, as I began to say before, and the incentives given to marriage were much broader than this, in the aim to create stable and enduring unions between couples, and so that they would support one another, whether or not they had children, and that they would support the broad range of their dependents. Biological children, but others.

In the longer history of the United States, what we now call blended families and often think of as a contemporary innovation, such families were extremely common in the past because of early death and remarriage.

And many, many families in the past, that were maritally based, included in them, among their dependents, stepchildren, nieces and nephews whose parents might be absent or dead, maiden aunts, unmarried sisters, aged parents.

And the establishment of marital unions and the expectation that the head of household -- or in the 20th

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And that was, as I mentioned yesterday, in dynamic tension with the extent to which marriage -- a marriage once formed is a zone of liberty for the partners within it. That, by the way, is the emphasis toward which, I think, modern marriage has gone.

But on the restrictive examples, there are several I could mention. And the most plentiful are restrictions that as many as 41 states and territories had for significant periods of their history on marriage between a white person and a person of color.

I use that phrase because while these laws originated in the colonies in the 17th century, with bars on marriage between whites and so-called negroes or mulattos, there were also bars in some states as early as the 17th century on marriage between whites and Indians.

And these bars, nullifications, criminalizations -different states treated it differently -- they -- these kinds of restrictions multiplied after the Civil War when emancipated slaves could now marry.

And while the slavery regime had controlled these marriages to a great extent -- there were laws in the antebellum era -- nonetheless, after 1865 these laws multiplied

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- century, as we moved toward the later 20th century, both heads 1 of household -- would be responsible for these dependents, has 2 been an extremely central, I would say, purpose of the state's 3
- incentivizing of the marriage institution.
- 5 Q. Does marriage today serve any purposes beyond the purposes
- that it served at the founding of our country?
- 7 A. I think that the purposes it serves today one can find
- 8 roots of these through the past. But the emphasis has shifted,
- 9 I think, in which purposes are more salient and which now have 10 less emphasis.
- Q. The -- yesterday we talked about the history of marriage 11
- as it related to slavery. I would like to ask you some 12
- questions, now, going back to that general topic concerning 13
- whether marriage laws in this country have always given members 14 15
 - of the population equal access to the institution of marriage.
- Have marriage laws always treated citizens and other 16
- members of the population equally and fairly in this country? 17
- 18 A. No. I would say they have not.
- Q. In addition to the restrictions on slaves marrying, do 19
- 20 other restrictions come to mind?
- 21 A. Yes. And I think these are more directly relevant than
- 22 the slave example, which I used simply to illustrate starkly
- how marriage is -- being able to marry is a sign that one has 23
- 24 the basic civil rights and ability to consent.
- 25 But the restrictions on marriage that have played

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across the country. And in California and other western states where there was considerable in migration of people from Asia, there were many laws with strange descriptive categories -- I say "strange" from our contemporary point of view -- of Asian ethnic or so-called racial groups, including Malays,

Mongolians, Canacas, and, of course, Chinese and Japanese.

The marriage laws of California and Oregon, and a number of other western states, prohibited marriages between whites and persons of those descriptions.

Now, these laws, of course, did not prevent any particular white or any particular Asian person from marrying totally. But they did prevent a white person who fell in love with an Asian from marrying that person. And, therefore, it was a limitation on partner. It was a limitation on choice.

And I want to add that legislators, in passing these laws, of course, hoped to reduce the number of them, of such relationships, preventing the marriages. They wanted to reduce the number of such relationships, since they could not end in marriage.

- 20 Q. Let me stop you and ask you about that.
- 21 Yeah.
- 22 Q. How did legislators and others who advocated these
- 23 restrictions how did they justify their fairness and legitimacy
- 24 in enacting them?
- 25 A. I'll answer that, but if I could just finish my previous

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COTT - DIRECT EXAMINATION / BOUTROUS 230 sentence, please. 1 2 Q. Sure. 3 MR. BOUTROUS: Your Honor. 4 THE COURT: Well, it's handy to throw in a question now and then, Ms. Cott. 5 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Perhaps I was being too 6 7 long-winded. The point I wanted to make, really, was legislators 8 9 knew these relationships were occurring. They simply did not want to give them the imprimatur of valid marriage. They 10 wanted to make these relationships a second class sort of 11 relationship, a sort of disfavored sort of relationship, and 12 mark them that way by not giving them the full name and 13 14 benefits of marriage. BY MR. BOUTROUS: 15 16 Q. And, given that, how did they at the same time justify them to the people of the United States as necessary and 17 legitimate laws and restrictions? 18 A. Well, they were usually justified as only natural that 19 these laws were fulfilling God's plan that the races not mix. 20 That these were obvious, and how could anyone object? 21 They were highly defended as absolutely within 22 23 nature's and God's plan, that certain marriages were right and 24 other marriages were obviously not right.

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A. Yes. This is a complicated history. I'll try to be
     There were a series of laws passed by Congress, from
the 1880s on, to exclude Chinese laborers from entering the
United States. Laborers were the great bulk of those who
wanted to immigrate. However, at the time exclusion laws were
passed, there were at least a hundred thousand or more Chinese
men resident in the United States, who stayed. And there was
the question of how they could find marriage partners, since
there were very, very few Chinese women.
     And, as I said, around the same time, many western
states where most of these men lived passed laws preventing
Chinese from marrying whites.
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Now, that would seem to destine these Chinese men to bachelorhood, which many of them stayed in. However, of course, there were states where there were not Asian-white

However, added to that, in 1907, as part of an immigration law, the federal government made a statement which became law that American women, native-born American citizens, upon marrying foreign men, or aliens in the language of immigration law, upon marrying aliens would lose their own American citizenship.

I have to go into this. But this is another kind of restriction placed through marriage policy, in this case not

COTT - DIRECT EXAMINATION / BOUTROUS 231 enacting the changes themselves, were citing -- were rhetorically citing larger and higher reasons for their existence.

And the legislators, while they, of course, were

MR. BOUTROUS: Your Honor, I would like to publish one more statement from Mr. Cooper's opening, which I'm calling, "Proponents' Position number 4." With the Court's permission.

THE COURT: Very well. MR. BOUTROUS: Thank you. (Document displayed.) BY MR. BOUTROUS:

12 Q. So, Professor Cott, in his opening statement Mr. Cooper declared that: 13

14 "Racial restrictions were never a 15 definitional feature of the institution of marriage.' 16

In your expert view as a historian, does that 17 18 statement accurately reflect our history?

A. No. I think it's inaccurate. 19

20 Q. Now, these restrictions, the racial restrictions, as you 21 mention, were not limited to black and white citizens. I think

22 you mentioned Asians.

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Were there any particular restrictions that related 23 24 to Asian-Americans and Chinese-Americans, or people from those

areas who had -- were living here?

COTT - DIRECT EXAMINATION / BOUTROUS law, because, of course, only the states really have the power to pass laws in marriage.

But this federal policy said that any American woman who married a foreigner would have to take his citizenship, and would lose her American citizenship, even if she was descended from the Mayflower.

Now, that was bad enough. But in the case of a woman marrying a German, let's say, if he wanted to become an American citizen, he could. He could go through the naturalization process. He could become an American citizen. And she could, as his spouse, also become an American citizen. He was no longer an alien.

But Chinese were regarded as aliens ineligible to citizenship. That is, not only did the U.S. exclude Chinese, and later Japanese and many other Asians, but they prevented those here from ever becoming citizens by naturalization.

Q. Was that a label that -- the phrase you just used, a label that was actually used, "aliens ineligible for citizenship"?

A. Yes. I believe, in fact, the State of California invented 20 that phrase in order to designate those who could not own

21 property in California without naming them racially. It was a 22 way to designate exactly which group was meant, without a

23 specifically racial designation.

24 And so if I can just finish that train of thought. 25

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COTT - DIRECT EXAMINATION / BOUTROUS 234 lose her American citizenship, but would never be able to regain it unless he died. Or, I think, if she divorced him she could apply for naturalization.

Now, that what seems in retrospect amazing restriction on American women's citizenship rights because of who they married, was actually very strongly fought in the 1920s, once women got the right to vote. And it was lifted by a federal act. It was changed in the '20s. Except, that the particular extra punishment for American women who married aliens ineligible to citizenship remained. And it was partially lifted for a very small group in the late '30s, but not really entirely lifted until the U.S. became an ally of China in World War II, and the seemliness of the great restrictions on Chinese citizenship and naturalization came to

- 14 seem not very -- not very smart in terms of international 15
- alliances and relationships. 16
- Q. As a historical matter, the institution of marriage has 17
- generally been regulated by states? 18
- 19 A. That is right.

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- Q. And so was it unusual for the federal government to weigh 20
- in on marriage the way it did regarding Chinese and Asians in 21
- the acts you described? 22
- 23 A. Well, of course, the federal government has the power over
- 24 immigration and naturalization and matters of national
- 25 citizenship.

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And a very great move in this direction was taken, of course, in the New Deal, when in the '30s the whole question of citizenship was amplified, and matters of social -- social sufficiency, economic sufficiency, were seen as part of citizenship. Not only the political right to vote.

And so in the major benefits that were designed and implemented through the Social Security Act, for instance, there was a marital advantage built in, a very distinct marital 10 advantage for those who were married couples as compared to 11 either single individuals or unmarried couples.

And since then, with the expansion of federal policies, et cetera, in the 20th century, the federal government has tended to use the institution of marriage and the marriage-based family as the conduit for benefits of many sorts.

- 17 Q. Do you, as a historian, see any parallels between the
- restrictions relating to race in our history in the institution 18
- 19 of marriage, and the restrictions that now exist in California
- 20 concerning individuals of the same gender who wish to marry the
- 21 person of their choosing?
- A. Yes, I do see parallels. 22
- Q. Could you explain to me, as a historical matter, what 23
- 24 parallels you see.
- 25 A. I think that the most direct parallel is that the

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And in setting this policy into the 1907 Immigration Act, it seems to me, this is one of these cases where the federal government wasn't really very circumspect in looking at how this would have an impact on people, and, really, whether it had the power to do so.

Because the law rendered numbers of women stateless. The United States government had no power to say, well, this woman is married to a Russian, a -- after the Bolshevik Revolution, the USSR did not follow the policy that an American -- that a woman would take her husband's citizenship.

So a woman who married somebody from the USSR in 1919, would be stateless. She would have lost her American citizenship, and she would not have gained citizenship in the

And there were all sorts of anomalies as a result, and it was -- I think I can say, in retrospect, it was an extremely misguided policy in many ways. But it was an expression of policy that had a tremendous impact on marriage.

Q. Are you aware of any more recent examples in our history, 19 20 where the federal government has inserted itself into the

- 21 marriage relationships in this country?
- A. Yes. 22
- 23 Q. Could you give me an example.
- 24 A. I think the major area where this has been the case is
- with respect to channeling benefits to Americans through the

COTT - DIRECT EXAMINATION / BOUTROUS 237 racially-restrictive laws prevented individuals from having complete choice on whom they married, in a way that designated some groups as less worthy than other groups, and some marriages as less worthy than other marriages.

And it, as part of the same effort, the same direction, it meant that the informal unions between couples who made that choice would have less honor, less status, fewer benefits, and so on.

- 9 Q. Now, at some point, the racial restrictions and the limits 10 on marrying persons across color lines were abolished, correct? 11
 - A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And when -- when that happened, were alarms sounded in the 13 populace regarding what might happen to the institution of 14 marriage?
 - A. Yes. These --
- Q. Could you describe how people reacted, and the kind of 16 arguments that were made at the time. 17
- A. Yes. Of course, these were state laws. And the shifts 18
- and change in them, both the passage of them and the removal of 19 20 them, there were a lot of cycles.

There was a big burst of these laws being passed in 1913, for instance. Even though one might think they were being seen to be overly restrictive, they recurred through American history.

In fact, it's quite striking that even though the

COTT - DIRECT EXAMINATION / BOUTROUS 238 U.S. Supreme Court, in 1923, first named the right to marry as a fundamental right, the very next year, in 1924, Virginia passed the most restrictive law in the nation about whites and blacks marrying.

Now, there has always been -- just by the same token that these laws were defended as naturally-based and God's plan just being put into positive law, the efforts to undo them met extreme alarm among those who thought these laws were correct.

And while the question of the constitutionality of these laws could have come before the U.S. Supreme Court earlier than the Supreme Court did decide on that question, because this was thought to be such a hot-button issue and be such a matter of controversy, the U.S. Supreme Court approached it extremely cautiously, and did not take it -- although, they could have taken a case in 1955, which would have brought this issue before the nation, they waited until the case that was decided in 1967, which came from Virginia and from that extremely restrictive law passed in 1924.

So, yes, there have -- all along that history was -the subject was extremely controversial, and the people who supported such laws saw these as very important definitional features of who could and should marry, and who could not and should not.

24 Q. Did proponents of those laws argue that the abolition of 25 them would ruin the institution of marriage?

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- 1 ever involved the state, the government, dictating the roles of
- 2 spouses?

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- 3 A. Yes, indeed.
- Q. Could you tell -- was there -- is there a term for that 4
- 5 role that the state played?
 - A. Well, marriage traditionally in the United States came
- 7 from the common law. And the common law included a doctrine
- 8 that was called "coverture" that described what marital roles
- 9 and duties were.
- 10 Q. Why was it called "coverture"?
- 11 A. Well, this is a word from the Norman French, but it has to
- 12 do with the fact that upon marriage the wife was covered, in
- 13 effect, by her husband's legal and economic identity. And
- 14 she -- she lost her independent legal and economic
- 15 individuality. Certainly not her personality, we know that
- from literature. But she lost her legal and economic 16
- individuality, which is really why Jane Doe became Mrs. John 17
- Smith. She no longer had her legal individuality as Jane Doe. 18
- 19 Q. How did society and the states justify that doctrine that
- took away a woman's individuality and individual status, in 20
- essence, once they became married? 21
- 22 A. Well, this was the marital bargain to which both spouses
- 23 consented. And it was a reciprocal bargain in which the
- 24 husband had certain very important and -- very important
- 25 obligations that were enforced by the state.

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- A. I don't know whether the word "ruin" was used. But,
- 2 certainly, they assumed that should couples across the color
- line be admitted to marriage, that the institution would be 3
- degraded, that their own marriages would somehow be devalued.
- 5 Q. And, as a historical matter, in your view, were they
- correct or incorrect in those assumptions? 7
- A. I think they were incorrect.
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9 A. Well, there has been no evidence that the institution of 10 marriage has been become less popular because -- or less valued by people or by the state, even though couples needn't -- white 11 people can marry whoever they want. So that it doesn't seem, 12 to me, to have been borne out in the history. 13

And I might also mention that even to date, the proportion of marriages that are across the color line in the United States remains rather small.

It tripled in its percentage between -- I think, in the 1960s, it was about 2 percent of marriages were across the color line. And by the end of the 20th century, about 6 percent of marriages were across the color line.

21 Now, while that is a tripling of those marriages, it's also still a very, very small proportion of those 22

marriages. And that's worth observing in terms of the alarm 23 24 about how the change would affect the institution.

25 Q. Professor Cott, have marriage laws in the United States

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His obligation was to support his wife, provide her with the basic material goods of life, and to do so for their dependents. And her part of the bargain was to serve and obey him, and to lend to him all of her property, and also enable him to take all of her earnings, and represent her in court or in any sort of legal or economic transaction.

And this was a highly-asymmetrical bargain that, to us today, appears to enforce inequality. And I think that judgment isn't unwarranted. But I do want to stress it was not simply domination and submission. It was a mutual bargain, a reciprocal bargain joined by consent.

And it was the state, the common law and then the positive law that adopted the common law, that enforced those terms for the consensual bargain. The couple had to freely consent to it, but the state set the terms.

15 Q. Was it viewed as -- based on assumptions at the time, as 16

sort of a natural division of labor between a man and a woman?

18 A. This asymmetricality had everything to do with the sexual division of labor. Because assumptions were, at the time, that 19

20 men were suited to be providers, were suited for certain sorts 21 of work; whereas, women, the weaker sex, were suited to be

22 dependent, needed a stronger hand to guide them, support them 23 and protect them.

Women's work in the household was also extremely important. And the kinds of work that women did and were

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COTT - DIRECT EXAMINATION / BOUTROUS 242 willing to do were the kinds of work that men would not do, like gardening and milking the cows. This was all very socially conventional.

In other cultures, the sexual division of labor might be quite different, in terms of what was assigned to which sex. But the sexual division of labor underlay the formation of the marital household, and the reason that a man and a woman were seen to be necessary to form a marital household. So that their complementary tasks and duties and talents would be put in synch and would enable the household to survive.

Q. So did the difference in sexes of marital couples have a connection to and explain, at least in part, what -- let me strike that and reframe it.

14 Did the sexual division of labor, does it explain in any manner the sexual differences in marital couples that we've 15 seen through most of our history? 16

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18 Q. Could you just elaborate on that briefly.

19 A. Well, I think that with -- at a time period which extended

20 over a very long period of time, and really until the 20th

21 century, when the sexes were seen as so unsuited to the same

22 type of work, and their -- the work of each sex was seen as so

23 particular to the work of men on the one hand, the work of

24 women on the other, yet both really were seen as crucial to

25 human survival, and particularly to household sufficiency and

COTT - DIRECT EXAMINATION / BOUTROUS 244 to step out of this assignment of spousal roles by gender.

And this did not, however, in any way reduce the spouses' economic responsibility for one another and their bargain to support one another, which had always been reciprocal, though asymmetrical.

So that, currently, spousal roles are gender-neutral, in terms of the states' assignment of them; that both spouses are obligated to support one another, but they are not obligated to do one another with a specific emphasis on one spouse being the provider and the other being the dependent. Q. Do you believe, as an expert, that that move towards gender neutrality in spousal relationships is relevant in terms

13 of the historical development of marriage as it relates to the 14

marriage between individuals of the same gender?

15 A. It does seem to me quite relevant, yes. 16

Q. Why is it relevant?

A. Well, in the many years when the sexual division of labor 17 and this assumption that the marital couple was a -- an 18 19 asymmetrical couple with a provider and a dependent, that was 20 quite consistent with marriage between a man and a woman.

However, the more symmetrical and gender-neutral spousal roles have become in fact, I would say, in the social world and certainly in the law, the more that the marriage between couples of the same sex seems perfectly capable of fulfilling the purposes of marriage.

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flourishing, that this was an extremely important reason, from 1 2 the state's point of view, to credit and create incentives for the formation of marital households where the population could 3

live and be cared for. 5 Q. At some point in our history, did the sexual division of roles of spouses come to an end?

A. Well, in the law, not fully until the 1970s. But that was catching up, I think, with an overall change in the economy and

society toward -- this is with the development of

industrialization, move away from agrarian society, into a society in which work is mechanized, takes place in factories and shops, and so on, that with the direction of social and economic change, as well as change in values about what is appropriate for each of the two sexes to do, the sexual division of labor became far less rigid.

And this was -- certainly, beginning by the late 19th century, but through the 20th century and into our era, the sexual division of labor is no longer necessary for the kinds of work people do in the world.

And particularly after the Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the assignment of spousal roles on the basis of very different proprieties for the sexual division of labor came to seem increasingly archaic. So that in the law in the

1970s, as part of the more widespread Women's Rights 24 revolution, the states, really, by Supreme Court decisions, had COTT - DIRECT EXAMINATION / BOUTROUS 245

And as it stands today, individual couples are certainly free to have gender-asymmetrical roles if they prefer. But that's merely a matter of personal decision. It's not something the state prescribes. The coverture doctrine is dead. It's something up to intimate decision-making.

And the presence in marriage, in valid marriage of a couple of the same sex fulfills all of the historical purposes of marriage that continue into the present day.

Q. When these changes in gender equality within the marital relationship occurred and began to occur, were there people in society who said that that would have a negative impact on the institution of marriage in this country?

A. Most definitely.

Q. Could you give me an overview of the kind of objections 14 15 and concerns that were expressed on those issues.

A. Well, a century ago, or throughout the entire 19th 16 17 century, when this became a controversial issue as certain

18 state laws were passed that edged into reducing the coverture

doctrine in its entirety, tremendous alarms were raised because 19 20 the primacy of the husband as the legal and economic

21 representative of the couple, and the protector and provider 22 for his wife, was seen as absolutely essential to what marriage

23 was. That asymmetry was seen as absolutely essential. 24

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COTT - DIRECT EXAMINATION / BOUTROUS 246 women to have their own property and then their earnings, while these initial forays raised tremendous alarm, they were motivated, really, by concern -- economic concerns about families' economic stability.

They were not, in motivation on the part of the legislators, about women's equality and individuality. In fact, there were lots of assumptions that the model of marriage, provider/dependent, and so on, with all of its implications about different sex roles, that these would persist.

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But over time, and particularly as the Women's Rights movement and the Suffrage movement gained steam, and when we gained the vote -- which was, of course, a very important move towards their legal individuality -- the doctrine of coverture came to seem more and more archaic.

Still, because there were such alarms about it and such resistance to change in this what had been seen as quite an essential characteristic of marriage, it took a very, very long time before this trajectory of the removal of the state from prescribing these rigid spousal roles was completed.

And, in fact, there are instances I could cite -which I won't -- of how it recurred in certain decisions and policies in the early 20th century.

However, I think I'm fairly confident in saying that because of the Supreme Court decisions in the 1970s, that in

COTT - DIRECT EXAMINATION / BOUTROUS 248 a marriage, the direction has been away from governance and toward liberty. Although, both characters still typify the

3 marriage institution as a whole.

4 Q. Do you have a view, based on your historical research and 5 study, as to how those trends bear on the issue of whether individuals of the same gender should have the right to marry? 6 A. It does seem to me that that direction of change leans 7

consistently toward -- toward the appropriateness of allowing same-sex couples to marry.

10 Q. Why is that?

11 A. Because if gender symmetry and equality and the couples' own definition of spousal roles are characteristic of marriage. 12 13 then same-sex couples seem perfectly able to fulfill those 14 roles.

There is no longer an expectation that the man-woman difference need found household, given that the sexual division of labor is no longer so pronounced in our society and isn't, I hope, a founding feature of our economy and how economic benefit is created.

And in all those respects, including the respect in which, importantly, I think, other restrictions on choice of marital partner, other restrictions that seem to have a constitutional question aroused in them, like race, these have been removed.

Of course, the state retains its right to restrict

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- terms of the law, that this quality of marriage has been 1 removed to no apparent damage to the institution. And, in 2
- fact, I think to the benefit of the institution. 3
- Q. Let me ask you, in terms of historical trends in changes 5
 - to the institution of marriage, do you see such trends? Has there been a trend or a trajectory, as marriage has developed
 - and the laws have changed?
 - A. Well, this is never a straight line. I do think there has been an overall direction of change in the way marriage has been defined and understood, and regulated through the states.

And that is toward a greater symmetrical understanding of the two partners' roles in the marriage, greater equality of those two partners, and fewer restrictions on the choice of marital partner.

Therefore, the -- the overall emphasis I mentioned earlier, that certain of the emphases within the purposes of marriage had shifted, in terms of their gravity over time, and I think the shift has been toward reemphasizing the extent to which marriage choice and the zone of privacy and intimacy and familial harmony that marriage ideally should create has been

- 20 21 the emphasis on that as a zone of liberty that it should be
- 22 available to citizens has been more greatly emphasized.
- 23 Whereas, the aspect of marriage as a regulatory and governing
- 24 institution, that -- in which the state is more prescriptive
- about who should and shouldn't marry, and what should go on in

COTT - DIRECT EXAMINATION / BOUTROUS 249 access to marriage, and still does in many other ways which are not controversial.

- 2 3 Q. You were aware -- and I want you to assume that the
- proponents' witness or witnesses have suggested that if the
- 5 state authorizes individuals of the same sex to marry, that
- 6 will damage the institution of marriage and perhaps cause --7
 - well, you were aware of that, correct?
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- 9 Q. Are you, as a historian, based on your study in your book, 10 and in forming your opinions here, are you aware of any basis,
- 11 empirical basis, to conclude that authorizing individuals of
- 12 the same gender to marry would increase the divorce rate? 13
 - A. No. not aware.
- Q. Are you aware of any evidence that would refute that 14 15 assertion?

MR. THOMPSON: Objection, Your Honor. It's not only 16 17 leading, but the witness was asked during her deposition 18 whether she was an expert in the consequences of same-sex 19 marriage. And she said:

> "That seems to me an impossible question to answer."

22 And so, now, she is being asked the question she 23 refused to answer during her deposition, and which is not in 24 her report in any meaningful way.

MR. BOUTROUS: Your Honor, may I -- I'm sorry.

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           THE COURT: Mr. Boutrous.
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           MR. BOUTROUS: I'm sorry. I didn't mean to
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           MR. BOUTROUS: Page 5 of her rebuttal report.
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           THE COURT: But not in the deposition?
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           MR. BOUTROUS: It is in the deposition, on page 199.
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     at least to some degree, in the deposition.
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           MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Your Honor.
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           MR. BOUTROUS: Thank you, Your Honor.
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           THE WITNESS: Could you rephrase the question,
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     BY MR. BOUTROUS:
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     Q. Yes. Are you aware of any evidence, empirical evidence,
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     that bears on the issue of whether a law allowing individuals
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A. My only comment can come from observation of my home state of Massachusetts, which has had same-sex marriage for five

years now. And this is, of course, only a correlation, but

Massachusetts has the lowest divorce rate in the nation. 7 Q. And has it increased since marriage between individuals of 8 the same sex has been recognized?

9 A. No. It has fluctuated but -- around a tenth of a percentage point. But, if anything, the direction has been 10

down rather than up.

12 Q. Thank you.

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To go back to something you mentioned a moment ago, 13 what do you today, based on the collection of events that make 14 15 up our history as a nation, view as the key defining

characteristics of the institution of marriage in the 16

United States? 17

18 A. First, of course, the consent of the two parties, which has been the basis for marriage since the era of the common 19

20 law, the free consent of the two parties.

21 And I'll just add that in the United States, as 22 compared to Europe, for centuries that consent has been

presumed to rest on a love match, not on an arranged marriage. 23

So mutual consent between partners who freely choose

each other, and their commitment to establish a continuing

MR. BOUTROUS: No further questions, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Very well. Mr. Thompson, you may

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MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Your Honor. We have some binders. May we approach the Court and the witness and pass out the binders?

THE COURT: Certainly. You may do so. MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. THOMPSON: 12

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Q. Good morning, Professor.

A. Good morning, Mr. Thompson. 14 15 Q. You don't consider yourself an expert in the history of

marriage in countries outside the United States, correct? 16

17 A. Since I place a fairly high bar on what is expertise, the 18 answer is yes.

Q. So you're not an expert in the history of marriage outside 19

20 the United States?

21 A. Not in my own terms, no.

22 Q. And you are not familiar with the institution of marriage

23 in the most populated countries on the planet, China and India,

24 correct?

25 A. I'm somewhat familiar.

COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 254 COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 256 Q. Well, let's look at what you said in your deposition in Q. Okay. And you volunteered your time because you viewed the lowa case. And that's tab 2 of your witness binder. And I this as an important civil rights issue, correct? 3 would like to direct your attention to page 55, lines 12 A. I volunteered my time because I think it's very important through 14. 4 for historians to contribute to public-policy discussions. 5 A. Page 55 is under tab 2; is that right? 5 Q. I'd like to direct your attention to tab 4 of your binder. Q. Yes. And this is the Alternatives to Marriage Project. It's the 6 6 annual report of 2002. And I'd like to direct your attention 7 A. I see. Oh, I need my reading glasses for this. Which 7 8 8 to page 13. Q. 55. It's in the upper right-hand corner. 9 9 It's the upper right-hand column. It lists donors to 10 10 A. Uh-huh. this organization. And it lists a Nancy cot. Is that you? Q. And in line 12 you were asked: Did you contribute to the Alternatives to Marriage Project? 11 11 A. It's possible. I don't recall. It's possible. 12 "Are you familiar with the institution of 12 marriage in the most populated countries on 13 Q. Okay. Let's turn to page 4 of this report, to the mission 13 14 the planet, China and India?" 14 statement of the Alternatives to Marriage Project. And it And you answered: 15 15 states that: "This organization advocates for equality and "No, not really. I mean, no." 16 16 The consequences of same-sex marriage is an fairness for unmarried people, including 17 17 people who choose not to marry, cannot marry, 18 impossible question to answer. Yes or no? 18 A. You're asking me to say yes or no? 19 or live together before marriage." 19 20 20 And you support that mission, don't you? 21 A. Right. I believe no one predicts the future that 21 A. I do. accurately. 22 22 Q. And in the third sentence of that paragraph it states: 23 Q. And you're not an expert on marriage practices in ancient 23 "We believe that marriage is only one of many 24 Greece, correct? 24 acceptable family forms, and that society 25 A. I am not an expert on that. I am somewhat familiar with 25 should recognize and support healthy COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 255 257 COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON it. relationships in all their diversity." 1 1 2 Q. You think gays and lesbians should have the right to 2 And you support that mission statement, don't you? marry, correct? 3 3 A. I have come to that view from my research and study of the Q. And a polyamorphous family is one in which there are three history of marriage, yes. or more adults who are in the family group; is that correct? A. I don't know. At the time I signed this statement, I had Q. And you feel that you're somewhat between a neutral party 6 7 and an advocate, correct? 7 never heard the term polyamory. 8 A. I would call myself not an advocate, but someone who has 8 Q. Have you heard it since? come to a personal opinion as a result of my historical 9 A. I have heard it since. research and study of this matter of the history of marriage 10 Q. What is your understanding of polyamory? 10 for quite a number of years now. 11 A. My understanding happens to come from an article that was 11 in the Boston Globe about a week ago. And that was, really, my 12 Q. Let's see what you said during your lowa deposition. 12 education on what it is. And, apparently, it's a network of 13 The next page, page 59, top of the page, lines 1 13 people who are in multiple but stable relationships. 14 through 4. You said: 14 15 "So I feel I'm somewhat between a neutral 15 Q. And let's turn to page 6 of this annual report, to the party and an advocate, in that I feel I'm led final bullet point on the page, which reads -- and this was 16 16 by my particular historical expertise to feel 17 written, of course, between the -- before the Supreme Judicial 17 18 that this is the direction." 18 Court of Massachusetts had ruled, so it's a little dated. But Now, you've put in amicus briefs and signed on to 19 19 it said: "Same-sex couples are denied the right to 20 amicus briefs in New York, New Jersey, and Washington State; is 20 21 that correct? 21 marry in every state. Others are also unable A. Historians briefs, that is right. 22 to marry, including those in relationships of 22 Q. And you weren't compensated for your work in those cases, 23 more than two people." 23 24 were you? 24 And, so, is it your understanding and do you support A. I was not. the concept that rights and benefits should be extended to

COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 258 COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 260 This is an interview that you provided with a polyamorphous families? 1 Priscilla Yamin. Do you remember this interview? 2 A. No. 2 3 3 Q. Did you support it at the time when you gave money to this A. Vaguely. 4 organization? 4 Q. Okay. And turning to the fourth page of the interview. Just one paragraph. It's seven line down. Says, "I would also A. I wasn't aware of it. I knew the couple -- the 5 5 heterosexual couple who founded this organization. They had say couples should keep a skeptical stance on marriage." 6 6 started it around the time I was publishing my book. Did you believe that at the time you made that 7 8 And they were mainly interested and their 8 statement? 9 9 organization was started to give credit to those heterosexuals A. I can't really recall. And this -- I never had an opportunity to check the transcript of the interview before she 10 who wanted to live in stable unions without marrying. 10 And I think the right to marry should be accompanied put it up on the Web. So I really can't affirm whether or not 11 11 by an emphasis that one does not have to marry, if one doesn't 12 I said this at the time. 12 want to. And it was from that angle that I supported this 13 Q. Public authorities are very interested in making sure that 13 young heterosexual couple who had been pressured by their 14 as few people as possible are assigned to public sources of 14 families to marry, and they didn't want to enter the 15 funds for their support, correct? Yes or no? 15 institution. 16 A. I think that tends to be the case, yes. 16 Q. Throughout American history, legislatures and courts, in Q. And turning to tab 6 in your binder, this is an 17 17 Affirmation of Family Diversity. It's part of the Alternatives other words the public apparatus in general, has been very, 18 18 to Marriage Project. 19 very interested in making sure that dependent children will be 19 And turning to the third page in your binder, behind 20 20 supported by their parents. Yes or no? A. That has definitely been a motivation of state 21 tab 6, do you see second line that says, "Nancy Cott, History 21 in American Studies, Yale University"? 22 22 authorities, yes. 23 A. It's not in my -- in my binder. No. I see the "View 23 Q. One of the purposes of marriage today is to assign 24 signatures here," but I don't see any names. 24 providers to care for dependents, including children, and to 25 THE COURT: It's not in my binder either, Counsel. 25 limit the public's liability to care for the vulnerable, COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 261 1 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. Well, maybe we can pull that up 1 correct? 2 on a screen. 2 A. Yes. BY MR. THOMPSON: 3 Q. And one of the purposes that marriage has served over this 3 Q. But, regardless, do you recall this document and having country's history is to create stable families, correct? signed on to it? 5 A. Yes. That's fair. Q. Another purpose that marriage has served over this A. I do. 6 7 Q. You do? 7 country's history is to assign providers to care for 8 A. I do. 8 dependents, including the very young, correct? A. Yes. You asked me that already. 9 Q. Okay. And you supported the contents of this documents, 9 Q. And one of the purposes of the institution of marriage is 10 or you wouldn't have signed it? 10 A. Yes. That all healthy families should be supported by 11 to ensure that children are raised by their natural mother and 11 social views, yes. 12 12 father, correct? Q. Okay. And you shared the concern that was referenced at 13 A. No. I wouldn't say that. 13 the end of the first paragraph, "What worries us is the Q. Another one of the purposes that marriage has served over 14 14 15 mistaken notion that marriage is the only acceptable 15 this country's history is to legitimate children, correct? relationship or family structure." You supported that view? A. Yes. But, as I said, that legitimation function is less 16 16 17 important now.

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relationships, yes.

Q. And illegitimate children, too?

A. Exactly, yes. Any results in children.

Q. You talked in your direct about laws prohibiting

interracial marriage. Isn't it true that those laws required

that children of an interracial couple be born out of wedlock?

A. In effect, it created illegitimate sex out of cross-racial

Q. And the laws banning interracial marriage created barriers

Q. And you think couples should keep a skeptical stance on

A. Maybe I did. It's possible I said that somewhere, in

Q. All right. Let's refresh your recollection, turning to

A. I don't think I've ever made that point.

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behind tab 3.

marriage, correct?

COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 262 264 to the establishment of legal ties connecting mother, father A. It is true that there was never a time that a couple could 1 and child, correct? 2 not go to some state and marry across the color line. That's A. I wouldn't say they created barriers to legal ties. They 3 correct. simply did not create legal ties or legal obligations the way 4 Q. And bans on marriage across the color lines were measures designed to maintain white supremacy, correct? 5 that legal marriage did. 5 Q. Now, let's turn to the history of laws prohibiting A. They were never seen so at the time they were passed. 6 6 They were seen so in 1967, but not until then. 7 interracial marriage. 7 8 The first slaves arrived in this country in 1619, 8 Q. Now, I'd like to ask you some questions about the 9 9 importance of marriage to society. 10 10 A. I believe so. In the western world, when you look at any new Q. And the first law banning interracial marriage was in government that has been formed, especially through revolution, 11 11 1691, in Virginia, correct? 12 one of the first things that is done is the formulation of the 12 A. No, that is not correct. 13 marital policy that will accord with this form of government, 13 14 Q. When was the first law banning interracial marriage in the 14 correct? **United States?** 15 THE COURT: First, you confined the witness's 15 A. Well, it wasn't phrased precisely with the word 16 testimony to the United States. Now, you are going abroad. 16 "marriage." But a law was passed in the colonial Chesapeake, MR. THOMPSON: Well, I would be happy to strike all 17 17 in 1667, that punished shameful matches, as they said, between 18 18 of her testimony about anything outside the United States. free white women and negroes. And that -- so "shameful 19 That's fine. I appreciate that, Your Honor. I will 19 matches" were -- those were the words. But it's clear that the focus a little more carefully on the United States. 20 20 intent was to penalize and criminalize marriages. BY MR. THOMPSON: 21 21 22 Q. Now, let's look at the time of the founding of this 22 Q. The institution of marriage in the United States requires 23 country, in 1789, and at the original 13 states. 23 public affirmation, correct? 24 It's true that New York never has had a law 24 A. Public witness, public license, if that's what you mean. 25 prohibiting interracial marriage, correct? 25 Public affirmation. COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 263 265 A. I can't say I know absolutely for sure, but it's very O. Public affirmation? plausible that it has never had one. 2 2 A. The stamp of the state, yes. Q. And Pennsylvania has never had a law prohibiting 3 Q. And as the courts consider whether to redefine marriage so 3 interracial marriage, correct? that it is no longer the union of one man and one woman, you A. Frankly, I don't know this colony by colony. 5 would agree that this is a very important point to mark in the Q. New Jersey has never had a law prohibiting interracial evolution of marriage. Yes or no? 6 A. What is a very important point? 7 marriage, correct? 7 8 A. In the entire state's history? 8 Q. As the courts consider whether to redefine marriage so it 9 Q. Correct. 9 is no longer the union of one man and one woman, you would A. Well, I haven't rechecked every state for the purposes of 10 agree that this is a very important point to mark in the 10 this report, so I can't confirm or disconfirm what you're 11 evolution of marriage, correct? 11 saying about those three states. A. I think it's an important point. 12 12 Q. So you have no idea whether the majority of states at the 13 Q. And although marriage has always been a changing 13 founding of the country did not have a prohibition on institution, and one could point to earlier watersheds, perhaps 14 14 15 interracial marriage? 15 there is none quite so explicit as this particular turning A. That is an irrelevant question, really, because --16 point. Correct? 16 Q. On redirect you can give a speech. It's yes or no now. 17 A. One could argue about that. 17 18 A. Okay. Fine. 18 Q. Well, you remember you gave an interview to NPR after -when the Supreme Judicial Court -- supreme of Massachusetts, 19 Q. So you don't know --19 20 (Simultaneous colloquy.) 20 was poised to rule, do you recall that, in April of 2004? 21 A. I don't know precisely how many of the original 13 21 A. I don't, in fact. 22 Q. All right. Well, I'd like to play you an excerpt from 22 colonies had such laws. Q. Okay. But it's fair to say there was never a uniform 23 that. See if it refreshes your recollection. 23 THE CLERK: Counsel --24 legal prohibition on interracial marriage throughout the 24

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United States, correct?

MR. THOMPSON: We need to switch, I think, the

COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 266 268 monitor. Q. Okay. And do you agree with the statement you made there, 1 which is, "One could point to earlier watersheds, but perhaps 2 THE CLERK: It is switched. What are we playing? Is 3 it an admitted exhibit? none quite so explicit as this particular turning point"? Do 4 MR. THOMPSON: It is not an exhibit. you agree with that statement? A. As I said there, perhaps -- and that was how I responded 5 THE CLERK: Oh, okay. MR. BOUTROUS: Your Honor, before it's played, we to you -- that one could argue about this. But it's arguably a 6 6 would just like to object and ask whether we are going to hear 7 highly-distinctive turning point. 8 the whole interview. And we request that the entire interview 8 Q. As a historian, you do not assume that progress is the 9 be played, as opposed to some excerpt. 9 rule of history, correct? MR. THOMPSON: As the witness has proven, she is very 10 10 A. That's correct. eloquent and wholesome in her answers. I believe it's a Q. Marriage is a very complex institution, correct? 11 11 20-minute interview. But I just want to play it to refresh her 12 A. Indeed. 12 13 Q. There is a long, ongoing series of arguments among 13 14 And on redirect we are happy to give you the link. 14 historians, competing theories about how we find the causes of You can listen to it at the break and play the whole thing on 15 any major phenomenon, correct? 15 redirect, if you like. 16 A. Yes. 16 THE COURT: Let's just see the portion of the 17 Q. Some historians prefer to weight ideas, correct? 17 interview that you are seeking to refresh the witness's 18 18 A. True. 19 recollection with. 19 Q. Others prefer to weight economic factors, correct? MR. BOUTROUS: Your Honor, if I could just add one 20 20 A. Yes. 21 more objection. 21 Q. Some weigh pure contingency of how things occur, correct? 22 This is something that was not disclosed to us and 22 A. Give it more weight, yes. provided to us. That's why I don't have the link. So --23 23 Q. But to you, the most reasonable historical explanation 24 MR. THOMPSON: We --24 gives some weight to all of these factors, so that none of them 25 THE COURT: I see. Well, let's just take this one 25 operates solely on its own, correct? 7 69

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1	step at a time.
2	Mr. Thompson, the portion of the interview that you
3	wish to show to the witness.
4	MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Your Honor. Okay. Now
5	we're, I think, ready to go.
6	(Audio recording played in open court.)
7	THE COURT: We better start at the beginning. Let's
8	start let's start at the beginning, with the volume, so that
9	everybody can hear it, including the witness, most importantly.
10	(Laughter)
11	MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Your Honor.
12	(Audio recording played in open court.)
13	BY MR. THOMPSON:
14	Q. All right. Does that refresh that was you
15	MR. BOUTROUS: I'm going to object. That sounded
16	like a good sentence. I would like to hear that next answer.
17	(Laughter)
18	THE COURT: Counsel, go ahead.
19	BY MR. THOMPSON:
20	Q. Professor, was that you was that your voice that we
21	just played?
22	A. Yes.
23	Q. And did it refresh your recollection that you had done an

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NPR interview?

A. Yes.

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	1	A. Yes.
	2	Q. I'd like to turn your attention to tab 9 in your witness
	3	binder. This is DIX1434. It's a law review article from the
	4	Virginia Law Review, entitled, "We Will Get What We Asked for:
	5	Why Legalizing Gay and Lesbian Marriage Will Not 'Dismantle the
	6	Legal Structure of Gender in Every marriage." And it's
	7	authored by Nancy D. Polikoff. The UVA Law Review is a
	8	well-regarded publication?
	9	A. I can't affirm or disconfirm that. I assume so, but I
	10	don't really know.
	11	Q. And Nancy Polikoff is openly gay and an advocate for gay
	12	rights; is that correct?
	13	A. I don't know.
	14	Q. She is a professor at American University. Do you know
	15	that?
	16	A. I'm not familiar with her.
	17	Q. Okay. I would like to turn your attention to page 1536,
	18	to the second full paragraph, which reads:
	19	"The only argument that has ever tempted me
	20	to support efforts to obtain lesbian and gay
	21	marriage is the contention that marriages
	22	between two men or two women would inherently
	23	transform the institution of marriage for all
	24	people."
	25	Is it true that there are some people who subscribe
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     to the view that Professor Polikoff has articulated?
                                                                                      Q. He taught at Harvard and Yale, so I thought perhaps you
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     A. Certainly, she does, or she thinks there is. I --
                                                                                      had overlapped. But he's now at the University of Saint Louis
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            MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, we would move the
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     admission of DIX1434.
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                                                                                             I would like to direct your attention to page 7 of
            MR. BOUTROUS: Objection, Your Honor. Irrelevant.
                                                                                      this article, to the paragraph -- it's the third full paragraph
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                                                                                      from the bottom. And it reads:
     Written by another person.
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           I don't see what bearing it has. The witness said
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     she was not familiar with either the author or the article.
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                                                                                             insistence that 'marriage' is the proper
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            MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, this goes to our -- one of
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                                                                                             churches and temples) and its insistence that
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     our contentions that we have spoken to before, about
     legislative facts and the Ninth Circuit's ruling in Marshall
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                                                                                             'marriage' can incorporate fertile, same-sex
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     vs. Sawyer, in which they said, "Legislative facts relate to
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     public policy or questions of law."
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                                                                                             opposite-sex couples) is a further testament
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            And the Supreme Court, from Brown vs. Board of
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                                                                                             to this movement's deep-seated desire to
     Education, to Roe vs. Wade, to Grutter, to Lawrence, in every
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                                                                                             challenge the conventional meaning of words
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     one of those big-ticket cases, has looked at precisely these
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     types of law review articles for the truth of the matter
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            And we maintain that all of this evidence, just as
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                                                                                      A. I believe it would amplify the conventional meaning of
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     they wanted to move an entire book into the record, that we are
                                                                                      marriage.
     entitled to put into the record in this court these types of
                                                                                             MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, we would ask the Court to
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     articles and publications that pertain on a key issue, which
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                                                                                      take judicial notice of DIX1020.
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     is: What are the consequences, potentially, of same-sex
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     marriage? And -- yes.
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                                                                                      BY MR. THOMPSON:
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            (Laughter)
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                                                                                      Q. Turning to the next tab in your binder, Professor, which
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271 COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON THE COURT: Well, the court certainly can take 1 judicial notice of what's published in law reviews. And I can 2 certainly do that. 3 This is a law review, however, written by another 5 individual. The witness has stated that she is not familiar with either the article or the author. So I'll certainly take judicial notice of it. It can be included in the record, if 7 8 you like. The record is as it is. 9 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Your Honor. And that's all 10 we're asking for. THE COURT: Fine. 11 MR. THOMPSON: We appreciate that. 12 THE COURT: All right. That's going to be -- we 13 better have it marked. Previously marked? 14 15 MR. THOMPSON: It is marked, yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: As Exhibit --16 MR. THOMPSON: DIX1434. 17 18 THE COURT: 1434. All right. Very well. MR. THOMPSON: And we'd like to turn your attention 19 20 to the next tab, which is DIX1020. And this is an article in 21 the Chapman Journal of Law & Policy. It's dated 2008/9 by a Jeffrey Redding. 22 23 BY MR. THOMPSON:

COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 273 is DIX1033. And this is a book entitled, All of Our Families. 2 New policies for a New Century. Published by the Oxford 3 University Press. That's a pretty prestigious press; is it not? 4 5 A. Yes, it is. Q. And turning to the fourth page of your binder, which is 6 page 1 -- it has "144" at the bottom. Shows that this is an 7 8 article by Judith Stacey, entitled, "Gay and Lesbian Families: 9 Queer Like Us." 10 And Professor Stacey is a professor of sociology at 11 NYU; is that right? A. I know she is a professor of sociology. I'm not sure 12 13 where she teaches right now. Q. She is a supporter of gay and lesbian rights; is that 14 15 right? 16 A. I don't know. 17 Q. Turning to page 155 of this document, she states, at the top of the page, in the first full paragraph: 18 19 "Despite the paucity of mainstream political enthusiasm for legalizing gay marriage, there 20 21 are good reasons to believe that gays and 22 lesbians will eventually win this right and 23 to support their struggle to do so. Legitimizing gay and lesbian marriages would 24 25 promote a democratic pluralist expansion of

Q. Are you familiar with Professor Redding?

A. I have never heard of him.

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1	the meaning, practice, and politics of family	1	Q. And the first full paragraph, the last two sentences read:
2	life in the United States, helping to	2	"When people demand recognition of gay
3	supplant the destructive sanctity of The	3	marriages, they usually mean to demand access
4	Family with respect for diverse and vibrant	4	to an existing good. In fact, they also ask
5	families."	5	for the transformation of that good. For
6	Do you agree with Professor Stacey?	6	there can be no doubt that the recognition of
7	MR. BOUTROUS: Your Honor, I'm going to object again.	7	gay marriages will affect as great a
8	This is just argument from	8	transformation in the nature of marriage as
9	THE COURT: I beg your pardon?	9	that from polygamists to monogamists, or from
10	MR. BOUTROUS: I'm going to object.	10	arranged to unarranged marriage."
11	This is simply argument from an article that does not	11	Do you agree with that statement?
12	have anything to do with Professor Cott.	12	A. I do not.
13	THE COURT: I think it's appropriate for counsel to	13	MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, we ask the Court to take
14	place before the witness propositions that have been factual	14	judicial notice of DIX1444.
15	propositions of this kind, that have been asserted by	15	THE COURT: Very well.
16	individuals who have expressed views on the subject, and ask	16	BY MR. THOMPSON:
17	whether or not she agrees or disagrees with the statement.	17	Q. Professor, I would like you to turn to your next tab in
18	And I think that's what counsel is doing. And I	18	the binder, which is an article by E.J. Graff, entitled,
19	think it's an appropriate form of examination.	19	"Retying the Knot," in The Nation. And it's DIX1445.
20	Very well. Proceed, Mr. Thompson.	20	And do you know E.J. Graff?
21	MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Your Honor. And we'd ask	21	A. I have been acquainted with her, briefly, in the past.
22	the Court to take judicial notice of DIX1033.	22	Q. She is at Brandeis University; is that right?
23	THE COURT: Very well.	23	A. I don't know. I knew her 12, 14 years ago. And it's when
24	BY MR. THOMPSON:	24	she was not as Brandeis. But I don't know where she is now.
25	Q. Professor, turning to the next tab in your binder, which	25	Q. Where was she when you knew her, if you recall?
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1	is tab 12, and this is entitled, "Ethics"	1	A. She was a journalist, trying to write a book.
2	THE COURT: I'm not sure you got an answer to the	2	Q. And turning to the first sentence of this, it says:
3	question with respect to 1033, Mr. Thompson.	3	"The right wing gets it: Same-sex marriage
4	(Laughter)	4	is a breathtakingly subversive idea."
5	BY MR. THOMPSON:	5	Do you agree with that statement?
6	Q. Do you agree with Professor Stacey's position?	6	A. No.
7	A. The sentence that begins, "Legitimizing gay and lesbian	7	MR. THOMPSON: All right. Your Honor, we ask the
8	marriages," is what you are asking about, on page 155?	8	Court to take judicial notice of DIX-1445.
9	Q. Yes. The one that will "supplant the destructive sanctity	9	THE COURT: Very well.
10	of the family."	10	BY MR. THOMPSON:
11	A. This is a statement of her opinion. And I think that it's	11	Q. And E.J. Graft is a supporter of the rights of gays and
12	a plausible line of reasoning, but I it's a prediction. And	12	lesbians, is that correct?
13	so I I'm really rather neutral on it.	13	A. I believe so. I'm not current with her thinking.
14	Q. Okay. Let's turn to tab 12, which is entitled, "Ethics In	14	Q. You don't have any views on what are the factors that have
15	The Public Domain. Essays in the Morality of Law and	15	affected the divorce rate in Massachusetts since same-sex
16	Politics," by Joseph Raz.	16	marriage was legalized, correct?
17	And Professor Raz is a prominent philosopher; is that	17	A. Incorrect.
18	right?	18	Q. All right. Let's look at your deposition page 199. It's
19	A. I really do not know.	19	behind tab one.
20	Q. This was published by the Oxford University Press. Do you	20	And are you there, Professor?
21	see that at the bottom of this first page?	21	THE COURT: This the deposition in Iowa or the
22	A Clarendon Press in Oxford ves	22	denosition here?

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this case, which is behind tab one.

I put it in the witness binder as well, so I was

MR. THOMPSON: Sorry, your Honor. This is the one in

A. Clarendon Press in Oxford, yes.

Let me know when you're there.

Q. And turning your attention to page 23 of this article.

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     behind tab two and the deposition and the deposition in this
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     case is behind tab one.
                                                                                      A. I think that's a very difficult question to answer "yes"
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                                                                                      or "no" without really giving my complete opinion.
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            THE COURT: I beg your pardon. Thank you very much.
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                                                                                      really answer it honestly "yes" or "no."
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           MR. THOMPSON: Yes, your Honor.
                                                                                            MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, we would ask the Court to
     BY MR. THOMPSON:
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     Q. And, Professor, do you see on line five where I asked --
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                                                                                      take judicial notice of DIX-1028.
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     A. I'm sorry. What page?
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                                                                                            THE COURT: Very well. And you were reading from
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     Q. 199.
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     A. 199, okay.
                                                                                            MR. THOMPSON: 327, your Honor.
     Q. On line five I asked you:
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                                                                                            THE COURT: Thank you.
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            "QUESTION: What are the factors that have
                                                                                            MR. THOMPSON: Yes, sir.
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            affected divorce rates in Massachusetts over
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                                                                                      BY MR. THOMPSON:
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            the last five years, in your opinion?"
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                                                                                      Q. Professor, I would like to direct your attention to tab 18
            "Objection. Objection. Calls for
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                                                                                      in your binder, which is DIX-1475. It's an article that
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            speculation. Vague. Beyond the scope of
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            this report."
                                                                                      our expert in this case, David Blankenhorn.
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            "ANSWER: I don't have any views on what are
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            the factors that have affected the divorce
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                                                                                            "I'm a liberal Democrat and I do not favor
            rate in Massachusetts. I raised this in the
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            report mainly because the reports I was
                                                                                            contradictory? To me, they fit together."
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            rebutting seemed to connect frequency of
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            divorce to -- in a group of negative factors
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            affecting current social life, that they
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                                                                                            "Here is my reasoning. I reject homophobia
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            think a same-sex marriage would contribute
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                                                                                            and believe in the equal dignity of gay and
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            further to. And so I mentioned that, not as
                                                                                            lesbian love because I also believe with all
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            a result of the fact that there is same-sex
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                                                                                            mother and father who made her. I believe
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            marriage, but just as a concomitant
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            phenomenon that is worthy of notice."
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                                                                                            that we, as a society, should seek to
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            You gave that testimony?
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     A. I did. I could clarify the difference between what I
                                                                                            institution, marriage, that is specifically
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     responded to you verbally and what is said here, but I can
                                                                                            intended to safeguard that right and make it
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     refrain from that as well.
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                                                                                            real for our children."
                                                                                            Professor, is there any other social institution in
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     Q. I would like to ask you to turn to tab 17 in your binder,
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                                                                                      this country as important to children as marriage?
     which is DIX-1028. It's an article by Monte Stewart entitled
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     "Marriage Facts." And I would like you, Professor, to turn to
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                                                                                      A. I think families are important to children. They do not
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     page 327, the first full paragraph.
                                                                                      have to be marital families. They often are.
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                                                                                            But I can't agree with the approach of Blankenhorn's
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            It says:
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            "A fundamental purpose of marriage then is to
                                                                                      statements here, which imply that the biological link between
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            situate heterosexual passion within a social
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                                                                                      parents and children is a necessary foundation of marriage and
            institution that will, to the largest extent
                                                                                      why it's good for society.
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            practical, assure that the consequences of
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                                                                                      Q. Do you think the biological connection between parents and
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            procreative passion, namely children, begin
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                                                                                      children is irrelevant to the social well-being of children?
            and continue life with adequate private
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                                                                                      A. No. I do not think it's irrelevant.
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            welfare. Although the immediate objects of
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            the protective aspects of this private
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                                                                                      A. I just don't think it's comprehensive in describing what
            welfare purpose are the child, and the often
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                                                                                      is good for children.
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            vulnerable mother, society itself is the
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                                                                                      Q. Now, I asked you whether you thought there was a social
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            ultimate beneficiary."
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                                                                                      institution in this country as important to children as
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            Do you agree that society itself is the ultimate
                                                                                      marriage and you answered, "Well, their families are
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                                                                                           And then if you turn to the second page in the second
     important."
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           Do you consider families a social institution?
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                                                                                     full sentence it says:
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                                                                                           "Approximately one percent of U.S. infants
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     A. Yes, I do.
                                                                                           born in 2004 were conceived through ART."
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     Q. Okay. And I would like to direct your attention back -- I
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     apologize for flipping around, but to tab 16 for a moment,
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                                                                                           Professor, is it your understanding that 99 percent
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     which is from the CDC --
                                                                                     of all children born in the United States are born of -- as a
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           MR. THOMPSON: I should have said, your Honor, I ask
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     that you take judicial notice of DIX-1475.
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            THE COURT: That will be fine.
                                                                                     A. These are not statistics that I've looked into at all.
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           MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, your Honor.
                                                                                           MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, we would ask the Court to
                                                                                     take judicial notice of DIX-1049.
            THE COURT: And I think the same for 1028.
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            MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, your Honor.
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           THE WITNESS: May I ask, Judge Walker --
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                                                                                     BY MR. THOMPSON:
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            THE COURT: All right. I think maybe this would be a
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                                                                                     Q. Professor, turning to tab 19 -- I guess before we get
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                                                                                     there let me ask you: Do you agree population growth is no
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     good time to take a break.
           THE WITNESS: I would like to have a break, please,
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                                                                                     longer necessarily seen as so desirable?
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                                                                                     A. Where?
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     your Honor.
                                                                                     Q. In the United States.
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            THE COURT: That's not a bad idea. I suspect you are
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     not the only one, Professor.
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                                                                                     A. Not as so desirable as it was two centuries ago. Yes,
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                                                                                     that I believe is true.
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           THE WITNESS: Thank you.
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           THE COURT: All right. Sorry for the interruption,
                                                                                     Q. Okay. And directing your attention to the second page
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     counsel. Why don't we take until 10:30 and then we will resume
                                                                                     behind tab 19, this is a document entitled "Low Fertility: Can
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                                                                                     Governments Make a Difference?" by a gentleman who is at the
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     with further cross-examination of this witness.
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           MR. THOMPSON: Thank you.
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                                                                                     United Nations dated April 2, 2004. It's DIX-1046.
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            (Whereupon there was a recess in the proceedings
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                                                                                           And on the second page in the second full paragraph
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            from 10:17 a.m. until 10:40 a.m.)
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                                                                                     it states:
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            THE COURT: Before we begin, and as the witness is
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     coming to the stand, let me advise counsel, we are organizing
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                                                                                           birth rates with the resulting population
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     all of the comments that have been received with respect to
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                                                                                           decline and aging to be a serious crisis,
     broadcasting or webcasting the proceedings. They are in the
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                                                                                           jeopardizing the basic foundations of the
                                                                                           nation and threatening its survival.
     jury room. There are thousands of them. I don't know how to
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     make them part of the record, if we do at all. Some more, of
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     course, are coming in today.
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                                                                                           pensions and healthcare for the elderly, for
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            They are going to be available for your inspection
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                                                                                           example, are all areas of major concern."
     and I appreciate the suggestions you have for how we handle
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                                                                                           Professor, do you know whether it's true that in the
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     them. There are quite a number. So I invite you to inspect
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                                                                                     United States the birth rate is barely at the replacement rate?
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                                                                                     A. I think it's approximately at the replacement rate. But,
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     them and to give your advice as to what we do with them. All
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     right?
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                                                                                     of course, in the United States immigration has always been a
           They are not guite ready, but they'll probably be
                                                                                     great source of our population growth. We have not relied
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     ready, I would imagine, about the time we take our luncheon
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                                                                                     strictly on reproduction.
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     break or you can wait until the end of the day. Whatever your
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Q. Oh. I see.

history.

A. No. Immigration that has been legal.

like it could be right, but I can't confirm.

A. Immigration that has been encouraged and legal through our

Q. Okay. And the birth rate has declined significantly from about 3.5 in the 1960's to about 2.1 today, is that correct?

A. I haven't reviewed these statistics recently. That sounds

MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, we would ask the Court to

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pleasure is.

BY MR. THOMPSON:

All right. Mr. Thompson.

MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, your Honor.

Q. Professor, I would like to direct your attention to tab 16

in your binder. And this is a document from the CDC website

is in the first sentence of the document is -- the shorthand is

from 2004 entitled "Assistive Reproductive Technology," which

COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 286 COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 288 take judicial notice of DIX-1046. 1 beings do not appear as neuter individuals, correct? 1 THE COURT: Very well. 2 2 A. Yes. 3 3 BY MR. THOMPSON: Q. Notions of gender are not constant, but are specific to 4 Q. Professor, I would like to ask you to turn your attention 4 time and place, correct? to tab 20. And this is an interview with Jonathan Rauch. Mr. 5 A. Yes. I think what we attribute to gender specificity 5 Rauch is a prominent supporter of a gay rights, is he not? definitely is changing over time. 6 6 Q. But the gender binary of masculine and feminine is a basic A. I really don't know. 7 8 Q. Okay. We would -- and this is DIX-1035. I would like to 8 classification in human thinking and appears in human usage in 9 9 direct your attention to the third page of this document, and every culture, correct? 10 A. Yes. 10 in particular to the paragraph that's the fourth full paragraph. And it says: 11 Q. We can't really think about human beings without 11 "Marriage is not like voting, something the 12 12 implicitly seeing them in gendered form, correct? government just gives you at the stroke of a 13 13 A. Yes. 14 pen by fiat. Marriage must be a community 14 Q. Now, let's turn to the role of religion and its institution to have its full power, which is 15 relationship to marriage in the United States. 15 to make couples actually closer. It actually 16 You said during direct that civil law has been 16 fortifies and not just ratifies supreme in the United States; do you remember that? 17 17 relationships. Your marriage has to be A. In validating marriages, ves. 18 18 Q. From the founding of the United States to the present day, 19 recognized by your community, your friends, 19 20 your family, your kids' teachers, your 20 assumptions about the importance of marriage and its coworkers, all of the people around you as a 21 21 appropriate form have been deeply implanted in public policy, marriage with all of the expectations and 22 22 correct? A. Yes. 23 social support that goes with that. The law 23 24 can't give you that." 24 Q. Public authorities in the United States expected monogamy 25 Is Mr. Rauch right that the law can't give you the 25 on a Christian model to prevail, correct? 287 289 COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON full power of marriage without the community support? A. In the past, yes. 1 A. I have maintained through my work that law and society 2 2 Q. And it did, correct? work in a dynamic relation in the institution of marriage. 3 A. Yes. They -- yes. 3 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, we would ask the Court to Q. A commitment to monogamous marriage on a Christian model 5 take judicial notice of DIX-1035. 5 was lodged deep in American political theory, correct? THE COURT: Very well. A. Yes. 6 7 BY MR. THOMPSON: 7 Q. The great majority of colonists believed in basic tenets 8 Q. I would like to switch gears, Professor, to talk about 8 of Christian monogamy, correct? 9 marriage in gender and then marriage in religion. 9 A. Yes. First, marriage uniquely and powerfully influences Q. In the history of this country, both the church and the 10 10 the way differences between the sexes are conveyed and 11 state have regulated marriage in the sense of instilling people 11 12 symbolized, correct? 12 with conscience about what are the appropriate behaviors in 13 A. I believe that has been true through most of our history, 13 marriage, correct? A. Yes. 14 14 15 Q. So far as marriage is a public institution, it is the 15 Q. Monogamy on a Christian model prevailed in part because of vehicle through which the apparatus of state can shape the 16 widespread Christian faith, correct? 16 gender order, correct? 17 A. Yes. 17 A. Yes. 18 18 Q. The particular form of monogamous marriage that is Q. The whole system of attribution and meaning we call gender supposed to be life long and involve sexual faithfulness 19 19 20 relies on and to a great extent derives from the structuring 20 between the partners and economic mutual support, that form of 21 provided by marriage, correct? 21 marriage arose first as a result of Christianity, correct? 22 A. I think that's a historical finding, yes, since in the 22 A. I wrote that. Q. And you agree with it? 23 many ancient world most everybody else was polygamous. 23 24 A. I do. 24 THE COURT: Maybe you could keep your voice up. That would be helpful. Q. Okay. And gender matters; that is, it matters that human 25

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           THE WITNESS: Yes --
                                                                                          THE COURT: You are talking about the western world,
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     BY MR. THOMPSON:
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                                                                                    I assume?
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     Q. -- and one of the distinctive things about Jesus Christ
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                                                                                          THE WITNESS: Well, if we think of western
     and his Apostles' teachings was to pursue a single partner in
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                                                                                    civilization and the Judeo-Christian ethic that is broadly what
     marriage and not multiple partners, correct?
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                                                                                    characterizes our western civilization, Christianity was what
     A. I know very little about Jesus Christ and his Apostles.
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     Q. You seemed to know a little bit more during your
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     deposition. Let's look at page 61 of your deposition. It's
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     behind tab one.
                                                                                    Q. And, Professor, one of the basic tenets of Christian
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           THE COURT: Page reference, counsel?
                                                                                    monogamy was that marriage was between a man and a woman,
           MR. THOMPSON: Page 61, line five, your Honor.
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                                                                                    correct?
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     BY MR. THOMPSON:
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                                                                                    A. That was assumed, yes.
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     Q. And you said, Professor, when I asked you:
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                                                                                    Q. And to this day large segments of Americans accept the
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           "QUESTION: What do you mean by Christian
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                                                                                    Christian conception of sexual fidelity in marriage, correct?
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                                                                                    A. Yes. I do think the notion of sexual fidelity and
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           monogamy?
           "ANSWER: Well, if we look back to the era of
                                                                                    marriage goes beyond Christianity, but, yes. You could put
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           the origins of Christianity -- which
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           originated, of course, among Jews -- Jews
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           were apparently not at that time a
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                                                                                    marrying sisters, correct?
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                                                                                    A. Probably, yes. There have typically been restrictions on
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           monogamous. Polygamy was accepted. And one
           of the distinctive things about Jesus Christ
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                                                                                    close familial association for marriage.
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                                                                                    Q. And this law reflected a biblical tenet, correct?
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           or his Apostles' teaching was to pursue a
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           single partner in marriage and not multiple
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                                                                                    A. I can't say what it arose from of. It could have arisen
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           partners."
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                                                                                    equally from the common law.
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           You stand by that testimony, right?
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                                                                                    Q. I would like to direct your attention to your deposition
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     A. I do. And I was using Jesus Christ or his Apostles as a
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     stand-in for the notion that this was a notion that began with
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     Christianity; not that it was enforceable initially, but it was
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     an innovation, is what I meant to imply here.
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                                                                                          "QUESTION: What was the purpose that the
     Q. The generation that founded the United States of America
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                                                                                          prohibition on brothers marrying sisters,
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     in 1789 subscribed to the basic tenets of Christian monogamy,
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     correct?
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     A. Yes. But, again, I want to make it clear, since you're
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                                                                                          "ANSWER: Yeah, I can't really comment on the
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     repeating my words outside of the larger context, that I'm
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     using "Christian monogamy" there simply to emphasize that
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                                                                                          purposeful intentions of the legislatures.
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     monogamy -- simply to emphasize monogamy, not to point to any
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                                                                                          "QUESTION: Do you know what the objective is
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     other tenets of Christianity that might have been embraced or
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                                                                                          of such laws?
                                                                                          "Objection. Asked and answered. Calls for
     not embraced.
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           THE COURT: Are you saying that there is a difference
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     between Christian monogamy and some other form of monogamy?
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                                                                                          "ANSWER: What was your --
           THE WITNESS: No. I'm simply saying that monogamy in
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     world history is attributable, so far as I am aware, to
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                                                                                          "ANSWER: Oh, the objective. To stop people
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from marrying close members of their family

"QUESTION: Well, that's tautological, but

why wouldn't you have that objective. "MS. BAXTER: Objection. Calls for

speculation. Beyond the purpose of the

"ANSWER: Well, I would simply say that this

THE COURT: That pre-Christian societies did not

either require monogamy or impose standards of monogamy; is

our own civilizations, that pre-Christian and, certainly, the

early middle eastern arenas where Christianity arose, those

areas were not restricted to the practice of monogamy, right.

THE WITNESS: As far as I am aware in the history of

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Christian precepts.

that what you are saying?

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	cott - cross examination / thompson 294 was a biblical tenet, that there were prohibited degrees of marriage and while the biblical prohibited degrees are very extensive and, interestingly, accordingly to a scholar of father/daughter incest, do not prevent the father from marrying his daughter." Do you stand by your testimony? A. Well, as I said there, there were proscriptions and limits listed biblically about that, but I don't say here that it was clearly the ground from which those legislative rulings arose. As I go on to say there, I mention the common law. Frankly, I I think there were multiple bases for the assumption that close members of families should this was a restriction that the legislature thought was appropriate. Q. In Massachusetts Puritan religious values strongly infused the English tradition? "Yes" or "no." A. Certainly, in colonial Massachusetts. Q. And Puritan ideology demanded fidelity of both partners, correct? A. Yes. Q. From the sixteenth century through the eighteenth, Puritan reformers advocated chastity before marriage and fidelity after for men as well as women, correct? A. Did I say "reformers"? Are you reading my testimony or	COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 296 "From the sixteenth century through the eighteenth, Puritan reformers attacked the double standard by advocating chastity before marriage and dealt after for men as well as women." Does that A. I'm sorry. What page and what line are you on? Q. 600, second full sentence. A. Well, I'm yeah. I'm actually talking about Puritans in England because there weren't any Puritans in Massachusetts in the sixteenth century. Yeah, well it's a general comment. Right. It's hardly an article about Puritans in the sixteenth century. Probably half of one line, a 30-page article. Q. Well, let's take you would concede that there are differences between Puritan theory and canon law in eighteenth century Massachusetts, correct? A. Particularly with regard to divorce, which was the subject of this article. Q. And under canon law desertion was not even grounds for separate bed and board unless it was combined with cruelty, is that correct? A. Gosh, Mr. Thompson, I haven't worked on this since the mid-1970's. I have to refresh my own memory about these matters.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 295 what? Q. I don't have to tell you where you said it. A. Well, there weren't Puritan reformers. They were Puritans from the beginning. Puritans definitely believed in chastity before marriage and fidelity within it, that's clear. Q. There were differences between Puritan theory and canon law, correct? A. Puritans were radical Protestants. They did not believe in the Catholic teachings. THE COURT: You are opening the door to the witness's	COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 297 1 Q. That would be fine. Let's do that together. Turn to page 608, if you would. 3 (Witness complied.) 4 Q. And you wrote and we can look at this together. I'll just read it and you can let me know if you stand by this or whether your research has changed your thinking on this. But on page 608, fourth line down: "In Puritan theory desertion warranted divorce. Under canon law, on the contrary, desertion was not even grounds for separate bed and board unless it was combined with

testimony outside the United States. 12 MR. THOMPSON: That is true. The fifteenth century 13 Puritans, I would concede -- sixteenth century Puritans, she 14 15 did write an article on the sixteenth century Puritans --THE WITNESS: No, I did not. 16 MR. THOMPSON: Oh, okay. Well --17 18 THE WITNESS: I have never dealt with the Puritans 19 before the seventeenth century. 20 BY MR. THOMPSON: 21 Q. Let's look at tab 24 of your binder, which is an article that you wrote 34 years ago, and it's called "Divorce and the 22 23 Changing Status of Women in Eighteenth Century Massachusetts." 24 And let's turn to page 600.

And in the second sentence you said:

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            cruelty. Excepting the Ferre and Fletcher
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            cases, the governor and council acted as
            though canon law controlled their decisions
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            on desertion."
            Does that reflect -- refresh your recollection that
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     there were instances in which in Massachusetts the governor
     acted as though canon law were controlling?
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     A. I'm afraid that you misinterpret my comment there to mean
     that I literally thought they were following canon law.
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            This was simply an artful way of saying they did not
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     grant divorces on the basis of desertion unless cruelty
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     accompanied it.
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            The intent -- of course, I took this from another
     secondary source, "Howard's Matrimonial Institutions."
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COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 298 COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 300 But my point was simply that they were enforcing a morality settled firmly in place, is that correct? 1 stricter -- a stricter standard for separation from bed and A. Well, I made that comment with respect to the long 2 3 board. It didn't mean they were reading canon law and campaign that federal authorities took against polygamy as it 4 following it because they were canon law specialists. was being practiced in Utah by the Mormons. Q. Well, in turning to the first sentence of the next 5 5 The single standard that the national authorities paragraph where you say: wanted to enforce was that of monogamy, and they had also 6 6 "Canon law, rather than Puritan precept, supported it with respect to trying to support the marriages of 7 7 8 appears to have guided the decisions in 8 emancipated slaves in the immediate post Civil War period. 9 cruelty cases as well." 9 Q. In the general sense, the social meaning of marriage did A. I guess so. I guess I thought so then from the research 10 10 not greatly change from 1789 to 1868, correct? that I was doing. A. Correct. 11 11 Q. And you stand by that, correct? 12 Q. There was actually a lot of legal change in the 15 years 12 A. I -- I can't redo the research on the stand here, so I 13 after the Civil War, correct? 13 have no reason to think that what I said there was mistaken. 14 A. With respect to the laws barring marriage across the color 14 Although the authorities may have changed. I was 15 line, yes, there was a lot of change. 15 citing -- I was citing a book, "Howard's Matrimonial 16 Q. And there was challenges to the prohibitions on marriages 16 Institutions" that was written quite awhile before that, I between blacks and whites in those years, correct? 17 17 think, in the early twentieth century. It was a summary of 18 18 A. Yes, on the basis of contractual freedom of the parties to various colonial laws on divorce. 19 19 20 Since the 1970's a lot more work has been done on 20 Q. And some of those challenges were successful, at least colonial divorce and it's not an issue that I have returned to 21 21 temporarily, correct? A. Very briefly in states that were controlled by black 22 in my research in a detailed way. 22 23 So I -- I can't say with absolutely certainty that in 23 legislators. 24 my scholarly opinion this is still correct because I haven't 24 Q. In the nineteenth century many Americans engaged in 25 done the detailed research that would enable me to affirm that 25 informal marriages, correct? COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 299 301 COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON with great confidence. A. That is true. 1 2 Q. At the time of the founding, there was a broadly-shared 2 Q. And pregnancy or child birth was the signal for a couple understanding of the essentials of the institution of marriage, 3 to consider themselves married, correct? 3 A. Not always. Sometimes. 5 A. Broadly shared -- what was the word? 5 Q. Well, let's look at Public Vows, your book, which has been admitted, page 31. It appears behind tab 31 in your binder. Q. At the time of the founding, there was a broadly-shared 6 understanding of the essentials of the institution of marriage? 7 A. Page 31, you said? 7 8 A. Yes. Yes, I agree. 8 Q. Page 31. And it's the last paragraph and it reads in 9 Q. The most important was the unity of husband and wife, 9 part: "Informal practices continued as white 10 correct? 10 A. Yes. By "unity" I meant the doctrine of coverture, as I 11 immigrants fanned out to the south and west. 11 was discussing earlier. Marriage frequently followed upon a sexual 12 12 Q. In the nineteenth century the Christian religious 13 relationship between and man and a woman" --13 background of marriage was unquestionably present and That may be a typo. Is that a typo in the book? 14 14 15 prominent, correct? 15 A. Yes. I think you are right. A. In definitions of marriage and in common understandings of 16 16 Q. Okay. "...between a man and a woman proving 17 marriage, yes. 17 18 Q. The Christian religious background of marriage was adopted 18 fruitful, rather than preceding it: in and filtered through legislation, correct? 19 Pregnancy or child birth was the signal for a 19 A. That is correct, if you understand me to mean that 20 20 couple to consider themselves married." 21 Christian background, in the very basic sense of its being 21 You believed that when you wrote these words, didn't monogamous, ideally life long and entailing sexual fidelity, 22 22 you?

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A. Well, as I said, frequently, yes. This part of the

sentence that follows the -- the colon the -- also incorporates

that "frequently adverse." I'm saying, yes, it often was, not

Q. And by the end of the nineteenth century there was an

alliance between national authority and Christian monogamous

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- 2 Q. One recent change in marriage has been the emergence of
- 3 covenant marriage in certain states, correct?
 - A. I'm aware that it exists.
- Q. Do you know how many states have covenant marriages? 5
 - A. I believe it's two.
- 7 Q. Which states?
- 8 A. Louisiana and Arkansas, I think.
- 9 Q. Any others?
- 10 A. I'm not sure.
- Q. And covenant marriage represents a change in the 11
- institution of marriage in Louisiana and Arkansas, correct? 12
- A. I'm not -- my understanding was that it provided an 13
- alternative sort of marriage to what had been available before 14
- covenant was authorized, an additional form of marriage. 15
- Q. And in that sense it's a change to the institution of 16
- marriage to give couples that option, correct? 17
- A. I really hadn't thought about how much of a change it is. 18
- It seemed to me that covenant marriage was more a restriction 19
- that the couple placed upon themselves by deciding for that 20
- option, rather than the standard option. 21
- THE COURT: What is covenant marriage? 22
- 23 THE WITNESS: As I understand it, I think the couple
- 24 pledges never to divorce, but I -- they pledge never to
- 25 divorce, is that what it is?

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- reiterated long-lived official insistence on traditional
- marriage as a necessary pillar of the nation, correct?
- 3 A. Yes. Many of the proponents of the Defense of Marriage
- 4 Act did.
- 5 Q. Did any of the proponents of the Defense of Marriage Act
- explain their support for the legislation by reference to their 6
- religious convictions?
- 8 A. I don't recall.
- 9 Q. You have read Edmund Burke's "Reflection on the French
- 10 Revolution," haven't you?
- A. If I did, it was an awfully long time ago. 11
- Q. Do you know whether -- whether you read it or not, do you 12
- 13 know that one of the things that Edmund Burke emphasized was a
- 14 respect for tradition in that work?
- 15 A. I really can't say.
- 16 Q. Okay. Do you know whether any of the supporters of the
- Defense of Marriage Act supported the legislation because of a 17
- respect for tradition? 18
- A. I assume they did. I think that could be inferred. 19
- Q. Did you find evidence in the historical record suggesting 20
- 21 that each and every supporter of the Defense of Marriage Act
- did so because of moral disapproval of gays and lesbians? 22
- 23 A. I don't know.
- 24 Q. In the United States a state has never prevented a man who
- 25 is homosexually oriented from marrying a woman who, herself, is

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- BY MR. THOMPSON: 1
- 2 Q. Well, you're the expert.
- A. Well, no. I mean, this is something that's happened in 3
- just the past few years that I didn't -- I think it hadn't even
- happened when I wrote my book and I never really followed up on
- it since I didn't see it as a major -- I don't know. I just 7
 - didn't follow up on it.
 - So I -- my sense was that it was harder to get out of a covenant marriage than a standard marriage. And that was
- what the states had done, provide an option for spouses to say, 10
- "I want to join this even firmer commitment." 11
- Q. And then the state would enforce that decision, correct? 12
- A. Well, I assume so, in making it harder for them to 13
- divorce, if that -- I don't know what the specific provisions 14
- of covenant marriage are or whether there are any punitive
- measures of enforcement or exactly -- I don't know how it's 16
- 17 enforced.

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- 18 Q. The legislation that inspired covenant marriage in
- Louisiana reflected Christian moral principles, is that right? 19
- 20 A. I don't know.
- 21 Q. Now, you have reviewed the Congressional testimony
- surrounding the Defense of Marriage Act in connection with 22
- writing your book, is that right? 23
- A. Not all of it, but a bunch of it, yes. 24
- Q. And Congressional debate on the Defense of Marriage Act

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- homosexually oriented, correct? 1
- 2 A. That's correct, so far as I know.
- 3 Q. And it's definitely happened that a gay man has married a
- lesbian, correct?

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- A. It has happened.
- Q. And so in that sense, sexual orientation is not literally 6
- 7 what the law is prescribing in marriage, correct?
- 8 MR. BOUTROUS: Object, your Honor. Calls for a legal 9 conclusion.
- THE COURT: Objection overruled. 10
- A. Well, the man and the woman were able to marry, so that's 11
- 12 all I can say.
- 13 BY MR. THOMPSON:
- Q. Well, let's look at what you said during your lowa 14
- 15 deposition. Tab two, page 52.
- A. My lowa deposition is which tab? 16
- 17 Q. Tab two.
- 18 A. Somehow I'm only getting tab 35. I must be reversed. Tab
- 19 two, page what?
- 20 Q. 52.
- 21 A. Page 52, okay.
- 22 So if we start at line 13, you were asked:
- 23 "QUESTION: If you take sexual orientation
- 24 out of the equation then, can you think of
- 25 any reason the state may not want to permit

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1	two heterosexual men to marry each other?	1	A. What do you mean by "work"? Work for pay?
2	"ANSWER: Let me just answer your question in	2	Q. Let's take work for pay. There was never a law that said
3	another way. Another way to illustrate the	3	a woman couldn't work for pay?
4	point I was making about how that I was	4	A. That's correct, but under coverture her wages would go to
5	being literal is that the state has never	5	her husband. She wouldn't own them.
6	prevented a man who is actually homosexually	6	Q. Under coverture a woman's personal and real property,
7	oriented from marrying a woman who, herself,	7	whether acquired before or after the marriage, immediately
8	is homosexually oriented; that is, that has	8	became the property of her husband, correct?
9	definitely happened, that a gay man has	9	A. Yes.
10	married a lesbian. The state has never	10	Q. But that was never the case in California, correct?
11	prevented that. So in that sense sexual	11	Under community property the wife retained title to her
12	orientation is not literally what the law is	12	property, but the husband was, upon the marriage, the manager
13	prescribing in marriage."	13	of that property and had the right to dispose of it and make
14	And you stand by that testimony, correct?	14	the decisions.
15	A. I do.	15	So that the asymmetry of marital roles was still very
16	Q. Okay. Now, let's turn to the history of California and	16	much a part of the California community property system.
17 10	marriage. And when did California become a state? A. 1851. 1850 or 1851, somewhere in there. I think the	17	Q. By the time California became a state, coverture had
18		18	already been significantly broken into by married women's
19	first constitution was '51, but I think the state may have been	19	property laws in various states, correct?
20	admitted the year before.	20	A. Significantly, but not not in such a way as to
21	Q. In California in 1851 it was simply assumed that marriage	21	eviscerate by any means the institution.
22	would be between a man and woman, correct?	22	It was simply that in many states by 1850 although
23	A. I would say so.	23	not that many by 1850, more by 1860 married women had formal
24	Q. And the overwhelming reason why it was assumed was because	24	title to their property, but all of the other elements of
25	marriage had long been practiced in that form, correct?	25	coverture remained very much in place.
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- A. Yes, general societal understandings. 1
- Q. And you -- it's your understanding that there is a very, 2
- very high proportion of people who believe that the time to get
- married is when you want to have children, correct?
- A. I think that's generally true of heterosexual couples, 5
- 6 yes.

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- 7 Q. Is it different for homosexual couples?
 - A. I think the guestion would be more variable for -- I mean,
- I don't have any data, since same-sex couples have not been
- 10 able to marry, when it is they make the choice to marry.
- Q. Marriage has evolved into a civil institution through 11
- which the state formally recognizes and ennobles individual's 12
- choices to enter into long-term, committed, intimate 13
- 14 relationships, correct?
- A. Yes. 15
- Q. But there is no requirement in law that a person who 16
- wishes to get married actually intends to have a long-term 17
- 18 relationship, correct?
- A. I don't think that marriage licensors inquire into
- intentions. I think that's accurate. 20
- Q. Mutual love has always been a part of the social meaning 21
- of marriage in the United States, correct? 22
- 23 A. Part of the social meaning, never a precise requisite for
- 24 entering the institution, but part of a social meaning indeed.
- 25 Q. Yeah, but there has never been a legal requirement that

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- "no." 1
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. That it is far easier to say that the social meaning of
- marriage has consequences than to measure the consequences,
- 5 correct?
- A. I'm going to say, yes. 6
- Q. For the generality of people, the social meanings of
- marriage are highly influential in their own personal views of
- 9 the institution, correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. One way the social meaning of marriage changes is through
- actual social practices, correct? 12
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Another way the social meaning of marriage changes is
- 15 through economic transformations, correct?
- A. Economic transformations have a great impact on the social 16
- meaning of marriage, yes. 17
- Q. Another way the social meaning of marriage changes is 18
- 19 through ideas and ideology, correct?
- 20 A. These things are all bound up together, yes.
- 21 Q. So that's a yes?
- 22 A. Yes.

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- Q. There are also technological reasons why the social
- 24 meaning of marriage changes, correct?
- 25 A. Yes, specifically with -- with respect to the technology

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- people be in love to get married, correct?
- 2 A. Not at all.
- Q. Marriage, in your opinion, is a status which implies one's 3
- having grown up, is that correct?
- A. I think that is part of the social meaning, that it is
- seen as a mark of adulthood, settling down.
- 7 Q. Another social meaning of marriage has been that it is the
- 8 way to found a household, a living unit that is an economic
- 9 partnership and that involves a commitment to one's partner,
- 10 correct?
- A. Yes. 11
- 12 Q. Marriage also has a whole set of romantic meanings for
- people, correct? 13
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And this is broadcast to us all the time in our public
- culture, correct? 16
- A. Yes. 17
- 18 Q. So the public culture has an impact on the social meaning
- of marriage, correct? 19
- A. Yes, it does. 20
- 21 Q. The social meaning of marriage unquestionably has real
- 22 world consequences, correct?
- A. Social meaning exists in the real world, yes. 23
- 24 Q. And just so the record is clear, the social meaning of
- marriage unquestionably has real world consequences? "Yes" or

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- of birth control and other reproductive technologies.
- Q. And the law very definitely has an impact on the social 2
- 3 meaning of marriage, correct?
- A. Yes.
 - Q. How a given person thinks about gay marriage, their own or
- 5 others, it's usually quite affected by quite small scale
- 7 factors; how they were brought up, who their friends are, what
- 8 their religion is, what they have observed and their own
- 9 personal experience, correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Now, let me ask you some questions about the state of
- 12 marriage today. 13
 - In your opinion, morality has been uncoupled from
- marriage, correct? 14
- 15 A. If -- if you are quoting my work there, that was a
- statement made in a context in which I made the point that 16
- 17 whereas in the past adultery and fornication were crimes that
- were punished by the state; that the state enforced those 18
- morally disapproved actions that -- in support of marriage, and 19
- 20 in support of making marriage the only licensed legitimate
- 21 place where sex could take place.
- And I think what I was describing in making that 22
- 23 claim about morality being uncoupled was that we have a much
- 24 broader and more flexible set of social mores about sex,
 - marriage and morality in the past couple of generations.

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1	THE COURT: Follow up on it, but I don't know that w	<i>l</i> e
2	need to go into Bill and Hillary Clinton in any great depth.	
3	(Laughter.)	
1	DV MD THOMDSON.	

BY MR. THOMPSON:

- 5 Q. At the twentieth century's close, marriage could no longer
- be considered a predictable venture, is that correct? 7

A. That's correct.

- 8 Q. Marriage, in part, marriage laws, in part, reflect
- 9 concerns about population size, correct?

A. I'm sorry. Could you repeat that? 10

- Q. Sure. Marriage laws, in part, reflect concerns about 11
- population size? 12
- A. It's certainly a potential, yes, of marriage laws to be 13
- 14 concerned about that.
- 15 Q. The alteration in the relationship between marriage and
- the state might be called disestablishment, correct? "Yes" or 16
- 17 "no."

- 18 A. As a heuristic device, yes, it might.
- Q. In the history of religion, the term disestablishment is 19
- 20 sometimes used, correct?
- 21 A. It is a descriptive term in the history of religion.
- 22 Q. In some countries there is an established religion, and
- the ending of that special status is called disestablishment, 23
- 24 correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

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A. I'm sorry. Tell me the page again please.

BY MR. THOMPSON:

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Q. 213. You wrote in the first full paragraph in the second 5 sentence:

"Couples who are not following the

conventional model look for endorsement from

like-minded communities and expect to be left

9 alone by others whom they are not harming

10 since marriage is understood as a private

11 choice. This stance has allowed hundreds and

perhaps thousands of fundamentalist Mormons 12

13 in Utah and Arizona to revive polygamy."

Do you stand by that statement? 14

A. By this observation, yes.

Q. Okay. And the emergence in politics of the new right 16

17 responded, in part, to the apparent disestablishment of

18 traditional marriage, correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. The new right makes a connection between the stability of

21 conventional model of monogamy and the health of the nation,

22 correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. But, in your opinion, the resistance to same-sex marriage

shows that the profound transformation of disestablishment has

COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 320 318 contract between two people." not taken place, correct? 1 1 Do you agree with that statement? 2 A. Yes. 2 A. Okay. Yes. I'll agree with it. Not infinitely elastic. 3 Q. In fact, if despite sweeping reformulations and intimate 3 relations in the past quarter century, one can doubt whether 4 Q. Congressman Talent, in the comments I just read, voiced a 5 most Americans's common sense about marriage has vastly 5 tension that had been present ever since legislators began changed? altering the terms of marriage in the 1840's, correct? 6 6 A. Yes, I think that's correct. 7 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Congressional rhetoric on behalf of the defense of 8 Q. And during the debate on the Defense of Marriage Act, the 9 9 marriage undercut the idea that disestablishment of the fear was expressed that licensing same-sex marriage would start 10 10 traditional institution of marriage was well underway, correct? a slippery slope to licensing polygamy, correct? A. It was. 11 11 Q. The bill's supporters announced that traditional marriage 12 Q. Now, while you were at Harvard, you have taught a class 12 was the fundamental building block of society, correct? 13 entitled "Men, Women and Marriage," is that right? 13 A. They did. 14 A. Yes, I did. 14 Q. The bill supporters also announced that nature and the 15 Q. And you taught that class in 2006 or '07, is that right? 15 Judeo-Christian moral tradition commanded or comported with 16 A. That sounds about right. 16 Q. And in that class you assigned some selections from a traditional heterosexual marriage, correct? 17 17 18 A. They did. 18 collection that Andrew Sullivan had put together that were Q. The bill's supporters maintained that traditional 19 documents relating to the same-sex marriage controversy, is 19 20 20 heterosexual marriage was the basis of civilization, correct? that correct? 21 A. That sounds right. 21 A. They did. 22 Q. Congressman James Talent of Missouri declared: 22 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, we would like to move the 23 "It is an act of hubris to believe that 23 admission or ask the Court to judicial notice of DIX-1032. We 24 marriage can be infinitely malleable; that it 24 have provided copies to plaintiffs prior to trial and to the 25 can be pushed and pulled around like silly 25 319 321 COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON putty without destroying its essential THE COURT: 1032? 1 1 2 2 stability." MR. THOMPSON: Yes, your Honor. He added: 3 THE COURT: Maybe you can connect that up to the 3 4 "Marriage goes, then the family goes and if 4 witness 5 the family goes, we have none of the decency 5 MR. THOMPSON: Yes. or ordered liberty which Americans have been BY MR. THOMPSON: 6 Q. Did you know of a better collection of -- if someone brought up to enjoy and to appreciate." 7 7 8 And this pretty well summed up the predominant view 8 wanted to look at the arguments for and against same-sex 9 among the bill's supporters, correct? 9 marriage as a policy matter, not as a legal matter, do you know of a better resource that captures fairly and accurately all of 10 A. Yes. 10 the different point of views than Andrew Sullivan's book? Q. And marriage is not an infinitely elastic contract between 11 11 A. I can't answer that. I know I chose it at the time 12 two people, correct? 12 A. I can't answer that question. 13 because it was convenient. I assigned a few documents within 13 Q. Well, let's look at the amicus brief that you signed onto, 14 14 it. It was handy. 15 which appears behind tab 25. This is the amicus brief that was 15 I can't say that it's the best rendition of pro and submitted to the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. con ideas. No, I can't affirm that. 16 16 And you were a signatory to that brief, is that Q. Well, can you name one that's better? 17 17 18 18 A. This is not a type of anthology I have researched lately. So I -- I just don't have the wherewithal to answer that. 19 A. Let me look. This is the historian's brief? 19 20 Q. Yes, the professors of history of marriage. 20 Q. Okay. But when you were teaching your class at Harvard, 21 A. Yes. I did sign this brief. 21 you thought it was --

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can't say.

Q. Okay. And then let's turn to page 32. And the first

"Twentieth century courts have made clear

that marriage is not an infinitely elastic

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sentence says:

A. I thought it was adequate. Whether it was the best, I

which opposition to same-sex marriage seems to have been rooted

Q. I see. And in your class you focused on the extent to

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- in a fear of gender differentiation disappearing, is that 1
- 2 right?
- 3 A. In a single lecture in the class I -- I believe I raised
- 4 that as a theory of why opposition ran so deep.
- 5 Q. And you've testified before that the -- or provided a
- statement to the Vermont legislature when it was considering 6
- same-sex marriage? 7
- 8 A. Not exactly.
- 9 Q. Well, in the aftermath of the ruling of the Vermont
- Supreme Court requiring either civil unions or same-sex 10
- marriage, you provided some input, is that right? 11
- A. Not to the legislature. To their joint judiciary 12
- 13
- 14 Q. Okay. And so it was a committee of the legislature?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. I see. 16
- A. Of both houses. 17
- 18 Q. I see. When you testified or provided that statement in
- Vermont, the law that resulted was a compromise which gave
- something to the Catholics and other conservative groups and 20
- something to the LGBT community, correct? 21
- A. It did state in its first line, "Marriage is between a man 22
- 23 and a woman." And then it went on to grant a civil union
- 24 arrangement that gave all the rights and benefits to same-sex
- 25 couples, yes.

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- A. Correct. It was -- homosexual acts were recognized, but
- not the attribution of a different kind of personhood to
- someone because he or is she had homosexual desire or practiced
- 4 homosexual acts.
- 5 Q. It wasn't until the twentieth century when sexuality as a
- mode of defining the very self of the person really came into 6
- 7 the fore, correct?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And by the term "homosexual" today, you understand that
- term to mean a person who is erotically desirous of members of 10
- the same sex, correct? 11
- 12 A. Yes.

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- 13 Q. And that's a big difference from the nineteenth century
- 14 where gender presentation ruled interpretation of a person's
- 15 behavior, not his desire, correct?
 - THE COURT: We have an objection.
- 17 MR. BOUTROUS: Objection, your Honor. I just wanted
- 18 to have clarification as to whether counsel is talking about
- 19 within the United States, these customs, or is he talking more
- 20 broadly? He has been jumping around a little bit.
 - MR. THOMPSON: Oh, in the United States. My
- 22 questions today pertain to that.
 - THE COURT: Very well. Can you answer?
- A. Yes. I think speaking in broad scale that one can say 24
 - that from centuries past when a person was judged by whether he

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- Q. And all of your teaching involves political history to
- 2 some degree, correct?
- A. It does. 3
- Q. And the concept of political power is relevant to your
- classes, correct?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And you define political power as the capability to have 7
- 8 one's wishes effectuated, correct?
- 9 A. In the political sphere, yes.
- Q. Now, you believe that there are changed circumstances that 10
- have -- that support extending marriage to same-sex couples, 11
- 12 correct?
- A. I do. 13
- Q. And in the nineteenth century marriage was confined to a 14
- man and a woman and not extended to same-sex couples as a
- matter of tradition, correct? 16
- A. I don't believe anyone ever pressed for marriage, any 17
- 18 couple of the same sex ever pressed for marriage, so the
- 19 question was never defended.
- 20 Q. So it was -- marriage was maintained between a man and a
- 21 woman in the nineteenth century as a matter of tradition,
- 22 correct?
- A. Of custom, yes. 23
- 24 Q. And at the time the homosexual as a person had not really
- been recognized as such, correct?

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- looked masculine or she looked feminine, there has been a shift
- from that being the principal way of identifying someone's
- 3 sexuality to recognizing desire and -- desire and motivation
- toward -- toward another individual, an individual of the same

 - sex or an individual of the other sex.

This is more definitive today in medical, psychological, social and cultural meanings of sexuality.

- Q. In your opinion, there are -- excuse me.
- 9 One changing circumstance is acceptance of
- 10 homosexuality and the recognition that discrimination against
 - homosexuals is a form of discrimination and not simply a moral
- 12 behavior, correct?

13 A. What was the beginning of that long question?

- Q. Well, we're talking about the changed circumstances which 14
- 15 you believe support extending the institution of marriage to
- same-sex couples, and one of those changed circumstances is the 16
- 17 recognition, in your opinion, that discrimination against
- 18 homosexuals is a form of discrimination in fact and not just a
- moral behavior, correct? 19
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And there is considerable social survey evidence showing
- 22 that among the young, discrimination against homosexuals is
- 23 much less than it was in the past century, correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And another one of these changing circumstances is men's

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divorce changed the relative standing of men and women within

women have understood their roles in society privately and

publicly, and I was most interested in how marriage has been a

But it was through the -- through the period of the

research and the writing that I learned a lot more about the

history of marriage and, particularly, about the ways that

marriage laws had been used punitively. I was -- this was

the -- really, a great shock to me, just how repeatedly with

Let me just do it this way, Professor. Would you

agree that from a societal perspective generally no-fault

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A. Yes. 4 4 marriage? 5 Q. And, in your opinion, these things together make up a 5 A. I don't know. I don't know. series of changing circumstances that make same-sex marriage a Okay. Do you believe that behavior is really infinitely 6 very reasonable proposition, in fact, a very reasonable thing 7 malleable by social circumstances and by culture? 8 to enact, correct? 8 A. Just about infinitely, yes. 9 9 A. Yes. With the sole exception of self preservation? A. I think you have to accept that, yes. 10 Q. Now, let me ask you about gender differences. 10 You're familiar with the concept of sex ratio, by MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, may I consult with my 11 11 which I mean the relative proportion of men and women in a 12 colleagues for a brief moment? I think we are finished, but... 12 THE COURT: Very well. You may do so. 13 given society? 13 14 A. Yes. 14 (Discussion held off the record Q. And you are perfectly willing to grant that there might 15 15 amongst defense counsel.) well be different rules when there is a scarcity of women as MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, we have no further 16 16 questions. Thank you, Professor. opposed to a scarcity of men, correct? 17 17 THE COURT: Very well. Mr. Boutrous, any redirect? 18 A. Different state rules or different customs? I'm not sure 18 19 what you mean. 19 MR. BOUTROUS: Yes, your Honor. 20 Q. Different customs. 20 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BOUTROUS: 21 A. Different customs, yeah. 21 Q. And, in fact, it's highly likely there would be difference 22 22 Q. Professor Cott, Mr. Thompson asked you some questions in rules pertaining to sexual relations in a community where 23 23 about your personal views of the issue of whether individuals 24 you had a relative scarcity of men, as opposed to a community 24 of the same gender should be able to marry, and I would like to 25 where you had a relative scarcity of women, correct? 25 ask you a couple of questions on that, too. 327 COTT - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 1 First, when you began your research in connection 1 A. It's a reasonable hypothesis. 2 with Public Vows and your inquiry into the history of marriage 2 Q. Now, let's turn to no-fault divorce. The innovation of 3 in the United States, I guess it was back in 1990, had you no-fault divorce indicated a major shift, correct? 4 formed a view on whether same-sex marriage should be authorized 5 or whether it was a -- constitutionally permissible? 5 Q. The provision of divorce on more and more grounds has A. I hadn't formed a view. 6 certainly changed marriage and changed people's expectations of 7 Q. And what -- what led you to the view that you hold today marriage, correct? 7 8 that -- concerning same-sex marriage? 8 A. Yes. This has been a long process, beginning in the 9 A. It really was the research and thinking I did in writing nineteenth century. The provision of more grounds and no fault 10 the book. And initially what the advocacy of -- for marriage moved that significantly in the direction of letting the 10 to be, allowed to same-sex couples, what that advocacy did, 11 spouses themselves decide on the grounds. 11 because it was going on beginning at the time, was to point me 12 12 Q. You can't identify in any complete way the effect of toward the great importance of the state in creating marriages 13 13 no-fault divorce, correct? 14 and defining marriages. 14 A. I think that's correct. 15 And so it was a goad to my whole approach to focus on 15 Q. And if you are attempting to assess whether no-fault public vows, but I was really motivated to write the book 16 divorce changed the relative standing of men and women within 16 because of my interest in the gender order between how men and 17 marriages that persisted, it would be extremely hard to discern 17

MR. BOUTROUS: Object, your Honor. Vague, confusing.

MR. THOMPSON: Well, let me see if I'm quoting her or

THE COURT: It is a little vague. Maybe you can

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and women's gender roles that have made them, while not

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different groups, like Native Americans and blacks, of course, and Asians and women who made the bad choice to marry someor who was not an American at a certain period of time, the period of high immigration. I was -- I was really amazed at how these laws were used punitively and restrictively, yet, most of those restrictions had been gradually seen to be a bar on liberty and had been dismantled.

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And this fed into my thinking about the question of marriage for couples of the same sex and, also, my research on the extent to which the state, as the third party to the bargain of marriage, had entered into the business of prescribing spousal roles.

And so that history was very clear, what direction it had moved in, that the state had moved more and more out of that, allowing the couple involved in choosing one another and forming a marriage and household to decide themselves how they would allocate their respective duties.

see that moved me very solidly into the direction of, first, supporting the right of couples of the same sex to marry simply because I think it is a civil right to marry the partner of vour choice.

23 Q. If your historical research during that period had led you 24 to conclude that history and tradition in the United States and the changes in our history did not support the elimination of

And so it's those -- it was those things I came to

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barriers to individuals of the same sex marrying, would you be here today testifying in support of the plaintiffs?

A. I don't think so, but I -- another thing I might mention is that in studying this history I was also really struck with the extent to which marriage has not been one thing, that it is a flexible institution.

And, in fact, what we -- the fact that it is so alive and vigorous today and so desirable a status and that couples of the same sex want to enter it is testimony to how far it has not been one static thing over time; that it has shed its attributes of inequality and it has shed most restrictions to entering this honored institution.

And I sometimes think of it as rather like our U.S. Constitution; that it has certainly essentials that remain the same, but it has been altered to adjust to changing circumstances so that it remains a very alive and vigorous institution today.

18 Q. Let me ask you about the elimination of the racial 19 restrictions, coverture, the other discriminatory prohibitions 20 vou talked about.

21 Did the elimination of those barriers to marriage 22 change the social meaning of marriage?

A. I think they changed it in a very positive direction, and this is -- was particularly evident in the 1960's, 70's period

of social turmoil over marriages and among -- about many other

things and then the period after, in that there was a great deal of -- of negative sentiment voiced about the institution of marriage in the 1970's and many alternatives to marriage then, like, swinging -- and these were all among heterosexuals, but open marriage.

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Many, many complaints about the injustices embodied in the institution of marriage and the ways that there ought to be alternatives to it that would be socially approved.

And after that there -- since then, I would say, particularly in the 80's and 90's, both because of groups on the right, like Focus On The Family, who have stressed all the benefits and advantages to society and the individuals of marriage and, also, importantly, because of the advocacy of same-sex couples to enter the institution, I think, in the past 20 to 25 years that we don't see a critical perspective on marriage as the principal thing looming in its social meaning. We see a very highly valued and honored set of expectations about the institution.

And so I -- I think this -- this is another suggestion that by clearing away from the marriage institution its aspects of restriction and regulation and emphasizing the liberty aspects, the creation of a zone of intimacy that the partners choose, that these emphases within marriage and in the state's prescription of what marriage is have helped to give it new reverence in recent years as compared to, say, 40, 50 years

ago, when it was really under fire.

Q. What did you mean in your book Public Vows when you spoke about this concept of disestablishment that Mr. Thompson raised with you a moment ago?

A. Well, I was using it as a heuristic device or a framework for thinking about research and suggesting, as I said in answer to him, that there might be an analogy to the disestablishment of religion, which was not bad for religion. It was actually quite good for religion in that many sects, like the Methodists and Baptists and so on, were able to flourish in addition to the standard Presbyterians and Congregationalists and so on.

What I really meant was that the established marriage that I had been tracking over 200 years in American history was that one that prescribed spousal roles; that put strong, bright lines of morality between extra-marital relationships and marital relationships and that imposed certain restrictions on access. And disestablishment would be to give a more flexible and amplified definition for the institution.

However, I -- I did say that when one looked at -- I was looking at the national scene, so I looked at the Defense of Marriage Act and the strong prescription in the Defense of Marriage Act that marriage was only between a man and a woman, certainly made it clear that that feature of marriage was still very much established.

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Responsibility and Work Act -- at the same time, which also put tremendous emphasis on marriage in a somewhat backward-lookir way; that marriage was the way for a woman to be supported by her husband and that it was a very desirable institution in society for that reason. It seemed to go back on the law, the constitutional law about gender asymmetry -- I'm sorry, about the gender symmetry and equality in the marital relationship.

But at any rate, I did conclude that the state's involvement in marriage, I think, is salutary. The question is, what is that investment going to be and what are those definitions going to be? And I think that judging on the basis of the history, that an amplified understanding of the institution and what it can successfully accept, including the marriage of a couple of the same sex, seem to me very reasonable to assent to.

- 16 Q. Now, Mr. Thompson showed you, I believe it was under tab 18, the article by his own expert, Mr. Blankenhorn, in the Los 17
- 18 Angeles Times. Do you recall that? Maybe you can turn to 19
- A. There was something by Blankenhorn. Yes, it is number 18. 20
- Q. And you recall from your work in this case, 21
- Mr. Blankenhorn has used the phrase "deinstitutionalization." 22
- 23 Do you recall that?
- 24 A. Yes.

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25 Q. And is disestablishment, the way you use the term, the deinstitutionalization.

And I want to make a larger -- you know, a historical observation there. Between 1965 and 1980, not only in the United States, but in all the industrialized world, from Europe to Japan, these indicators, the rate at which people married, the rate at which people divorced, one sank, you know, one rose, and the rate of out-of-wedlock pregnancies, these underwent very, very sharp shifts in all these countries within the space of 15 years.

It was a true demographic and cultural watershed and turning point in the history of the industrialized world in which, as -- and I'm citing the authority of a French demographer Pierre Rouselle on this, but he called it the "banalization of previous mores." That is, things that had formerly been thought outside the pale of respectability became respectable, acceptable, not worthy of comment among middle class people.

And it was that shift that I think is really behind the concerns that Professor Blankenhorn brings forward. And these shifts -- which have actually moderated since 1980. None of these indicators has continued to go up at the rate that it did suddenly zoom up -- I mean, the bad indicators, you know, as it did between '65 and '80.

The divorce rate, in fact, in the United States, the rate of increase in the divorce rate plateaued in 1981. And

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1 same thing as deinstitutionalization as you understand Mr.

2 Blankenhorn to be using that term?

A. I'm very puzzled by what is meant by 3

disinstitutionalization in his usages, but I feel pretty sure

that it is not what I mean by disestablishment, which, first of 5

all, was not -- it was a -- as I said, a framework for thinking 6

about what change has been.

8 Q. And in the -- in the course of reviewing Mr. Blankenhorn's

work and his statements, did you form any opinions about his

10 methodology and his conclusions?

A. I would say, yes. I did have some assessments of his --11 of his overall -- if not his method, which is unclear, of his 12 conclusions and of his -- of the concerns that he brings 13

14 forward. 15

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Because it seems to me that insofar as I understand deinstitutionalization as a -- as something he posits as extremely negative, that it is a -- it is to render changes that have happened in the history of marriage that have preceded and have been brought about by things other than the advocacy for same-sex marriage; that is, there has been since the 1960's a rising -- there was a steeply rising divorce rate

in the '60s in the United States. There -- since '60s we have

seen fewer couples marrying. And there has been an increase in

births out of wedlock. But these seem to me the worrisome

things that Mr. Blankenhorn would put under the category of

while divorces continue, the numbers continue to rise, the rate of increase of divorce has plateaued for 25 years.

So the question of same-sex marriage, I think, is quite separate from the kinds of concerns about what I understand Mr. Blankenhorn to be concerned about with respect to deinstitutionalization.

I think it has more to do with changes that have occurred in heterosexual mores about love and sex outside of marriage than it does to do with the question of same-sex couples wanting to enter the marriage institution and gain its stability and its formal imprimatur.

Q. Mr. Thompson pointed you to page 199 of your deposition, which is under tab one. I would like you to turn to that, if vou would.

And beginning on line two where he asked you the question about the Massachusetts divorce rates, you were not allowed to give the context and the full meaning of what you meant there.

Could you do that now?

A. Well, it really relates to exactly what I just said, in that I -- I think that the divorce rate question is very hard to answer in a period of simply five years, which is all there has been same-sex marriage in Massachusetts. And that's why I would -- I simply couldn't make a claim about that relation, but the divorce rate question is a long-term trend.

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Q. Now, since we are talking about divorce, what in your view

- 2 is the relevance of the no-fault divorce movement that swept
- 3 the nation, the United States, in terms of the analysis of the
- issues in this case, in the Perry case?
- A. I think it's -- very clearly that the passage of no-fault
- divorce here starting in California, of course, which was the 6
- 7 first state and then sweeping through the states, and as well
- ρ becoming the characteristic form of divorce in Europe, was an
- 9 indication of the shift in -- in weight from the state to the
- 10 couple with respect to the terms of marital performance. That,
- as I have said, spousal roles used to be dictated by the state. 11
- Now they are dictated by the couple themselves. There's no 12
- 13 requirement that they do X or Y if they are one spouse or the
- 14 other.

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- 15 And similarly with divorce, that under the adversary 16 regime that preceded the no-fault dispensation, one spouse had
- 17 to accuse the other of a fault that the state had defined as 18 the reason a marriage could be ended. And that led to -- that
- 19 was behind the times, in that many couples by the 20th century
- both knew that their marriage had broken down. One of them may 20
- not have committed the fault that the state defined, 21
- particularly in the State of New York, which only had the
- 23 ground of adultery and, of course, is a very large and
- 24 influential state. So couples would collude to present a fault
- 25 before the Court. And this was -- the movement for no-fault

no-fault divorce, but certainly it was never uncontroversial and any change in terms of marriage have always had their points and their alarm is.

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MR. BOUTROUS: Your Honor, I probably have about 20 minutes more of questioning.

THE COURT: What's that?

MR. BOUTROUS: I have about 20 minute of additional questioning. I can do it now or if the Court would like to break now, whatever Court prefers.

THE COURT: Let's move along and maybe you can squeeze that 20 minutes down.

12 MR. BOUTROUS: Okay. I can take a hint. 13

BY MR. BOUTROUS:

- 14 Q. Professor Cott, once coverture ended in California and 15 other places in the United States, did that put an end to the 16
- laws of marriage dictating spousal roles in this country? 17 A. Well, not entirely because coverture lent a very, very
- 18 long shadow to the marriage relationship and the gender
- 19 asymmetry of roles with respect to who was the expected
- 20 provider in the family and who was the dependent was then 21 reinvigorated in the level -- at the level of federal policy
- 22 with many new deal provisions, particularly Social Security,
- 23 which gave special additional benefits to a married man when he
- 24 got to the age of collecting his old age pension.
 - If he had a wife, his wife would receive 50 percent

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divorce was, in fact, started by lawyers who thought this was very bad for the law; that peoples should be colluding and their lawyers should be colluding with them.

So no-fault divorce really set into actual practice what had been happening to a great extent behind the shadow of the adversary regime, and it represented that the state was no longer so interested in saying, Okay, this is -- this is what breaks up a marriage; or if you are a husband, you have to do this; if you are a wife, you have to do that.

And that move, it underlines the fact that gender asymmetry, that specific performance of one marital role or another, is not what is in the law of marriage these days and seems to me to open the door to the appropriateness of a same-sex couple getting married.

- Q. Does it reinforce that trend that you mentioned earlier 15
- relating to mutual consent and choice in terms of the person to 16
- whom you would be married? 17
- 18 A. Yes, in respect that the mutual consent and choice about
- 19 the marriage ending is now part of the no-fault dispensation.
- 20 Q. When no-fault divorce swept the nation, were there alarm
- 21 bells sounded concerning the effect that might have on the
- institution of marriage in this country?
- A. I think at the time there were so many alarms raised about
- marriage between 1965 and 1980 that I'm not sure I could
- separate out the particular alarms by no-fault divorce -- about

of his -- his benefit that he would get as a single individual. This was a very definite material advantage to those married spouses as compared to single individuals.

And it was a very major step in what has become the federal channeling of benefits through the marital relationship.

It was gender specific. It did not give -- even if a wife had been, and she could be in the 1930's, the principal earner in her family and her husband had been her dependent, that was possible in real life, but by the time they aged, she would not be able to collect a spousal benefit for her dependent husband.

So those things were challenged in the 1970's and the Supreme Court found that those spousal assignments within the marriage institution were -- were unconstitutional.

But that, that was -- I would say that was a reinvigoration of certain expectations of coverture that gave asymmetrical roles and particularly gave the husband the role of the provider, the main agent of the family.

- 20 Q. And did those asymmetrical gender roles persist into the 21
- 22 A. Well, in the federal benefits, yes, most certainly.
- 23 Q. How about culturally from a historical perspective?
- 24 A. Well, I think that the cultural -- certainly, the state's
 - role in assigning benefit to marriage itself, those material

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1 advantages is one of the -- one of the things that holds up the 2 particular prestige that marriage has. It's in a reciprocal 3 relation with the other cultural evaluations. 4

But, yes, I think that the -- all of these state benefits that prescribe a certain way of living tend to have cultural impacts and after the -- after the challenges in the mid-70's to the spouse specificity, the gender specificity of various federal benefits, I think it's been -- actually been a great benefit to that and has enabled wives who might want to support their husbands to be able to do that without thinking, Oh, well, if we did that, when we retired we would be at a great disadvantage.

- 13 Q. In your view as a matter of historical analysis, is the 14 institution of family important to American society?
- 15 A. Yes, indeed.
- 16 Q. In your view, is the raising of children and responsible
- raising of children an important value in American society? 17
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- 19 MR. THOMPSON: Objection, your Honor. Leading. We have been giving a lot of latitude, but this is bordering on 20 21
- THE COURT: Objection overruled. 22
- 23 BY MR. BOUTROUS:
- 24 Q. Did you answer?
- 25 A. Yes, it is.

1 believe, or the first full paragraph.

> And Mr. Thompson had read the sentence about: "This stance has allowed hundreds and perhaps thousands of Fundamentalist Mormons in Utah

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and Arizona to revive polygamy."

When you wrote that sentence, were you in any way endorsing polygamy?

- 8 A. Absolutely not.
- 9 Q. And were you suggesting in any way that it had become legal? 10
- A. I'm just trying to find the spot. I was on 215, I think. 11 12 (Brief pause.)
- 13 A. Here we go.
- 14 Q. First full paragraph beginning with the word "Commuted."
- 15 A. No. Actually I say in the next sentence:

16 "The open practice of polygamy unprosecuted, 17 although it is illegal as well as officially 18 disapproved by the Church of the Latter Day 19 Saints."

20 I think I was really pointing to the ways in which

21 the -- most states do not prosecute behavior that is seen as private, even when it is formally against the law that; that 22

is, I think probably many states still have adultery as a crime on their laws.

I don't know for sure, but I think it has remained in

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- Q. In your view, would providing the ability -- providing
- 2 individuals of the same sex the ability to marry be consistent
- with those two American values? 3
- A. Yes, I think it would be. 4
- Q. Why? 5
- A. I think it's clear that couples of the same sex are going 6
- to form intimate relationships and rear children of their own
- or adopted. And it seems to me to the public's interest for 8
- them to be able to do that in marital units that are recognized
- 10 as such and honored as such, and that's even without speaking about the individual dignity that being able to participate in 11

12 marriage will impart to the individuals.

But from a social point of view, given the extent to 13 14 which marriage benefits from the point of view of the state

- have been always about establishing continuity and stability in 15
- households and social order, it seems to me this is a direction
- that the state would want to go to pursue that aim. 17
- 18 Q. Mr. Thompson asked you some questions sprinkled throughout
- 19 about polygamy, and I would like to ask you a few questions 20 about that briefly.
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- On page 213 of Public Vows -- do you have that in
- 22 front of you?
- 23 A. I think I do because I was looking at it before. I
- forget which number it was in the tab.
- Q. Tab 31 I believe it was. Thank you. The top of 213, I

many state's legal codes. But the states do not prosecute adultery, not in the state's motivation. An angry partner might but that's something else.

So what I really was emphasizing here was the extent to -- the extent to which marital behavior has become more -you know, the state has given more latitude on marital

behavior. I think this example -- personally, I think this is

8 an egregious example of state non-prosecution of something that 9 is illegal and not at all in the tradition of American

10 marriage.

- Q. When you evaluate the sweep of history in America, is 11
- there anything that suggests to you that the recognition of the 12
- ability of individuals of the same gender to marry would 13
- 14 somehow create a slippery slope or pave the way towards lawful
- 15 polygamy?
- A. I do not think so. 16
- 17 Q. Why not?
- 18 A. Well, monogamy, as I said yesterday, is not only -- has
- not only come down to us through the common law and through it:
- 20 Christian background. It also has a political foundation in

21 the American republic.

22 Yesterday when I was talking about the founder's emphasis on the consent and voluntary allegiance that they 23

24 hoped for from the to-be citizens of the United States being

analogized to the consent and voluntary allegiance in

monogamous marriage, they made an explicit contrast to polygamy, which in their political view could only be associated with despotism and non-consent, because in their -in their eyes they couldn't imagine why a woman would agree to marry a man if he already had wives, that she must be being

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coerced. And through the long campaign against Mormon polygamy before Utah entered -- was allowed to enter the union, this

theme of polygamy equaling despotism, whereas monogamy equa 10 consent and free choice, was a political theme. And so I think that monogamy is very, very deeply engrained in the American 11

political tradition, as well as having, certainly, a religious 12 13 background and a common law background, a more specific comn

14 law background. 15 Q. And what, in your view as a historian, the laws of

16 incest -- Mr. Thompson referenced those -- have they served? 17

A. Well, as I understand it, these are some of the many 18 hygienic -- thought to be hygienic or eugenic laws that many 19 states have put into their codes.

And, actually, hygienic laws have varied over time, usually in tune of what is thought to be scientific. In the period from the 1880's through to the 1930's with the rise of

23 eugenics to very high status, there were very many laws put 24 into states saying that certain people considered feeble-minded

25 couldn't marry or other characteristics and categories that we

A. Yes. 1

2 Q. As a historical matter, does the fact that civil marriage

3 borrowed and looked to some traditions from religion in

4 formulating the law, does that make the institution of marriage

5 in this country a religious institution?

6 A. Definitely not. We are a multi-religious society and our 7

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civil marriage serves to keep that harmonious society.

8 Different religions may place their requirements on marriages,

9 but they are not superior to the civil law validation and

10 authority over marriage.

11 Q. Are you, based on your study of history, a believer in the

12 public institution of marriage?

13 A. I believe it's a very valuable institution.

14 Q. And do you think its value will be enhanced if individuals

15 of the same gender are allowed to marry in this country?

16 A. I think that -- judging from the way their advocacy over 17 the past 20 years has raised the status of the institution in

18 many people's eyes, made them appreciate its benefits, I would expect that, yes, amplifying it to allow them entry would be 19

20 very beneficial to the institution.

MR. BOUTROUS: Your Honor, I'm going to consult with

22 my colleagues. Thank you.

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23 THE COURT: All right.

24 (Discussion held off the record 25 amongst plaintiffs' counsel.)

don't really use today or don't consider legitimate.

And, for instance, but -- on the question of first cousin marriage. These marriages were very highly thought of and were often the most status-filled marriages in the antebellum south for instance. It was a very common way for rich families to consolidate their holdings over land, to have first cousins marry and not lose the family property to complete outsiders. But that -- then most of the states decided that first cousins shouldn't marry; that it was eugenically ill advised.

So these things have shifted and the states, of course, do retain certain restrictions on marriage, particularly age of consent, age below which no marriage can be contracted.

Q. In your view, do laws allowing individuals of the same gender to marry suggest or jeopardize those other restrictions in any way?

18 A. I don't think so, no.

19 Q. Let me ask you one or two, I think, final questions.

20 As a historical matter, is there any basis for

21 concluding that allowing individuals of the same gender to

marry would affect population growth?

A. I don't see any reason for concluding that, no.

Q. Has there been a separation of church and state as to

marriage in this country since its founding?

MR. BOUTROUS: Your Honor, I believe that's the end of my questioning.

I just wanted to make sure, as a formal matter, that the exhibits on the list that I had presented the Court were admitted into evidence before Professor Cott steps down.

THE COURT: That's my understanding, along with those referred to by Mr. Thompson.

MR. BOUTROUS: Those were the judicial notice.

THE COURT: That's correct.

Let me ask, while you are on the stand, Professor, you described marriage as an instrument of government. How is it that the state, or government, became the principal formulator of the rules of this government rather than the

14 governance being left up to contractual relations between the 15 parties or private institutions? 16

THE WITNESS: Well, I think that simply -- let me put it this way.

Our marriage rules are inherited from the colonists, who originally were in this nation. And in both -- in both England and the common law and the civil law, there were long traditions of governmental authority over marriage.

22 Under the civil order they were not exclusive to the government. That is, for three, four centuries in Europe their 23 24 great tussles between the church and the state over which of

these authorities should control marriage because of the extent

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to which it was a governing vehicle.

 But in all of the modern monarchies in Europe, the state one and, certainly, in the one most relevant to our institutions in the United States, in Britain the state retained control using the church as the ceremonial partner in marriage.

The United States form, going up from the colonies, was even more decidedly toward the secular authority.

I think it had a great deal to do with the fact that

religious authority was very poorly established.
 Ecclesiastical authority of the Church of England was extremely
 poorly established in the early United States and there simply
 wasn't the biomass around to enter.

THE COURT: Is what you are saying the state regulation of marriage was not invented in the United States?

THE WITNESS: Oh, certainly not. Certainly not. THE COURT: It came here as part of the heritage of those who settled in the United States.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

THE COURT: And what were the driving forces behind this growth of state regulation of marriage?

THE WITNESS: Well, I wouldn't say "growth." I would simply say that the -- the states were the ones who set the terms.

From the beginning, from the beginning, from colonial

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affected marriage, the states have the right to define marital entry, exit, et cetera.

THE COURT: Was there some sort of vacuum that the state power was flowing into and filling? A vacuum because there was the absence of private regulation or regulation by private entities or institutions?

THE WITNESS: Well, in the Anglo American tradition, marriage has always been a matter for governance. It was -- certainly, it involved --

THE COURT: State governance. There is private governance and state governance. That's the distinction I'm trying to draw.

THE WITNESS: Okay, okay. Oh, okay. I apologize, your Honor.

When I use "governance," I am using it with respect to governmental authorities. And private contract is an essential to marriage. The contract of two parties to consent to marry one another.

But that contract to marry is not valid in our nation unless the state joins in as a third party and says, I credit your private contract.

That's what I meant in the very beginning by saying marriage is this unique public/private blend in that it requires private free consent, but it involves the public in monitoring and setting the terms of whether that consent

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legislatures to state legislatures. I think what's -- perhaps this will clarify --

THE COURT: But I understood you to say that the state's role in the United States was more expansive, more vigorous than it had been in Europe. Is that a fair --

THE WITNESS: No. It's simply that there was no contest between the state and church of anything like the proportion that the contest between monarchs and the Catholic church that occurred over centuries in Europe.

But not -- it's simply that there wasn't so much of a contest. It was civil authority. Not 100 percent, but, you know, majority percent from the beginning.

Maryland, for instance, was a more Catholic colony. It had more Ecclesiastical authority over marriage.

Certainly, from the founding of the United States and establishment of state governments, as compared to colonial legislatures under the British empire, in all the state governments secular authority over marriage was established and it was considered part of the police power; the power of the states over the health, safety and welfare of their population.

Marriage rules were seen as part of that police power and it's one of the reasons that they -- this power to regulate and define has remained at the state level and does -- by the Tenth Amendment is actually not part of federal power to

prescribe, although federal policies on marriage have greatly

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creates merely an informal relationship or a valid marriage.

THE COURT: And what are those interests that the government has in this contract between the two marriage partners?

THE WITNESS: Well, I think the interests are, as I was suggesting. In bundling certain social rewards with the duties that are imposed on the couple by the state, in order to incentivize stable long-term household formation and care of the couple for one another.

The -- that reciprocal bargain in marriage, long ago when it was unequal and today, is one spouse takes up the obligation to support the other in marriage, and that is enforced by the state.

THE COURT: And you are saying in the absence of -- THE WITNESS: The --

THE COURT: And you are saying in the absence of that bargain, there are certain harms or externalities or social costs that flow and it's in the state's interests to regulate?

THE WITNESS: Yes. The state has always seen it as in its interest to regulate it, yes, and I think that interest continues

THE COURT: Very well. Thank you, Professor Cott, for your testimony. You may step down.

24 (Witness excused.) 25 THE COURT: And

THE COURT: And why don't we take our luncheon break

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PROCEEDINGS 354 1 at this time. Be back and ready to go, if you can, at 1:30. (Whereupon at 12:23 p.m.proceedings were adjourned for noon recess.) 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	PROCEEDINGS 356 1 your colleagues without fear of being picked up on the camera. 2 All right. Mr. Boies, are you taking the next 3 witness? 4 MR. BOIES: No, Your Honor. 5 The next witness is Professor George Chauncey. He is 6 a witness that has some issues that are particular to the City 7 and County of San Francisco, and also some issues that are 8 broader. 9 In order to make the presentation most efficient, and 10 avoid having multiple lawyers examine, each for separate 11 parties, we've agreed that the counsel for the City and County 12 of San Francisco will do the entire examination. 13 THE COURT: That will be fine. 14 I assume that's without objection, Mr. Thompson. 15 MR. THOMPSON: No objection, Your Honor. 16 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Stewart. 17 MS. STEWART: Thank you, Your Honor. 18 We would like to call the the plaintiffs and the 19 plaintiff-intervenors would like to call Professor 10 George Chauncey to the stand. 21 THE CLERK: Raise your right hand, please. 22 GEORGE CHAUNCEY,
PROCEEDINGS 355 THE COURT: Very well. We will soon be ready for our next witness. Let me just mention a couple of items. With respect to the proposal for recording these proceedings and the local rule change, all of the responses that have been received are arrayed in the jury room. Counsel may inspect them. I have filed those that came from organizations. These are lawyer organizations, I believe exclusively, but did not file the individual comments because of their numerosity. I'll be pleased to receive whatever suggestions counsel have with respect to how we deal with those. And with respect to a letter dated January 11, that I received from Mr. Cooper, concerning the seating arrangement and the direction that the camera is that is focusing on counsel, is pointed at, and he expressed concern that he and members of his team could be observed in the background conferring, I've seen the situation now that you're seated on the other side of the table. And I hope it's no disappointment to you, Mr. Cooper, but you cannot be observed. (Laughter) You are out of camera range. So you can consult with	called as a witness for the Plaintiffs herein, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows: THE WITNESS: I do. PROCEEDINGS 357 THE CLERK: Thank you. State your name, please. THE WITNESS: George Chauncey. THE CLERK: And spell your last name. THE WITNESS: George. THE WITNESS: George. THE CLERK: And your first name. THE WITNESS: George. THE CLERK: Thank you. DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. STEWART: Q. Good afternoon, Professor Chauncey. You are here as an expert, and I'd like to start by asking you a little about the source and the nature of your expertise. Would you tell us what academic degrees you hold. A. Yes. I have a B.A., M.A., M.Phil, and Ph.D. in history, all from Yale University. The Ph.D. in 1989. Q. What academic positions have you held? A. I had a one-year postdoctoral fellowship at Rutgers University, and then a one-year assistant professorship at New York University. And then I taught for 15 years at the University of Chicago. The first several years started as an assistant professor of history. And about the last ten years was a full professor of history.

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CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 358 And then three and a half years ago, I moved to Yale, where I'm a professor of history in American studies. Q. Would you tell us about the books that you've authored or edited.

A. One is called Gay New York: Gender, Urban Culture, and the Making of the Gay Male World, 1890-1940. That was published in 1994.

Another is, Why Marriage: The History Shaping Today's Debate Over Gay Equality. It was published in 2004. Also co-edited a book called Hidden from History, which was an early collection of essays in lesbian and gay history.

And I'm constantly -- currently working on finishing 13 a book about post war gay culture in politics. 14

Q. Would you also tell us a little bit about the other kinds 15

of academic publications you have authored. 16

A. Uhm, I've published something more than a dozen articles 17

18 and scholarly journals and collections. 19

Q. And how about conference papers? 20 A. And I've given many conference papers and chaired sessions

at the major professional meetings of the American Historical 21

22 Association, Organization of American Historians, American

23 Studies Association. And have been invited to give lectures

24 across the United States, in Europe, Latin America, China, and

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CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 360 The sorts of things that I also teach in my teaching. Of course, I assign a range of studies by historians and other scholars, and then primary documents which would be drawn from all these fields, as well as films.

I often teach films in my classes, and teach students how to interpret them in the context of the historical period.

Q. And how about government or political materials?

8 A. Well, in addition to the records of the courts and the 9 police I've mentioned, I've looked at Congressional records and 10 reports, publications put out by mayors' offices, and their

correspondence, and so forth. 11 12

Q. Would you just quickly describe for the Court the kinds of 13 courses that you've taught, summarizing, given the 20-year 14 history of your teaching?

15 A. Sure. Broadly, courses in 20th century American history. The broadest being a 2-semester lecture course of the 16 17 United States since 1919.

And, then, more specialized courses on post World War II American culture in society, urban history, social history, the history of gender and sexuality. Lesbian and gay history is a lecture course and is a seminar.

21 22 MS. STEWART: Your Honor, we would like to offer 23 Professor Chauncey in the subjects that he just described.

24 That is, in the history of -- 20th century U.S. history

25 broadly, but with specialization in gender and sexuality, and

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Q. Have you received any awards for your scholarly work? A. Uhm, Gay New York, which was my dissertation at Yale, received two awards there. One was for the co-winner of the best -- prize for best dissertation in American history. And then it won the University's top dissertation prize for a dissertation in any department.

And, then, as a book it won two awards from the Organization of American Historians. One was for the first best book in any field of history. And the other was for the best book published in the previous two years in American social history.

Won the Los Angeles book times -- sorry, the Los Angeles Times book prize, and a couple of other prizes.

Q. Would you tell us a little bit about the kinds of sources that you study in the work that you do in your research and writing and your teaching.

A. Well, as a social historian, I draw very widely on 17

18 sources. So I've looked at court records, police records,

19 probation department records, records of various private moral

20 reform societies, records of gay organizations, social service

21 agencies. I've also looked at diaries, correspondence.

22 I've interviewed -- actually, sort of lost track, but I think it's about 180 elderly gay men, about their 23

24 experiences.

I've also looked at films, advertising, so forth.

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART the social, cultural, and political history of lesbian and gay men, and their place in American society.

THE COURT: Mr. Thompson.

MR. THOMPSON: We have no objection, Your Honor. THE COURT: Very well. You may proceed, Ms. Stewart. BY MS. STEWART:

Q. Dr. Chauncey, before we go into the substance or the details, if you will, of your opinions, could you just give the Court a brief summary of the expert opinions that you're going to offer to the Court today.

11 A. Well, most broadly, I guess, my reading of the historical record is that lesbians and gay men have experienced widespread 12

13 and acute discrimination from both public and private 14 authorities over the course of the 20th century. And that has

15 continuing legacies and effects. This has been manifested in the criminalization of 16

sexual intimacy and association; the discrimination in public accommodations, in employment; censorship of images about gay

people and speech by gay activists; stereotyping and 19

20 demonization of lesbians and gay men. And that all this has

21 been drawn on and reinforced sustained patterns of prejudice and hostility.

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23 Q. I'd like to turn, then, to the first of those things that

24 you mentioned, criminalization. Could you tell us, give me an

example of one of the major ways that gay people have been

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A. Well, the first obvious example would be sodomy laws. Although, there is a complicated history there. They were enacted in one form or another in the early American colonies.

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Typically, they didn't specify homosexual conduct and only homosexual conduct. Though, some of the Puritan colonies did actually just quote Leviticus, prohibiting a man from lying with a man. But, very often, they prohibited a range of non-procreative forms of sexual course between men and men, me and women, men and animals in some cases.

They also didn't criminalize all forms of homosexual conduct. Relatively few of them criminalized female interactions, for instance.

But these laws were reformulated after independence; changed over the course of the late 19th century. They were enforced more in the colonial period; and then relatively little for some period after that.

Enforcement increased in the late 19th century, And, then, even then, they often focused on particular kinds -certainly, some people who engaged in consensual homosexual relations were prosecuted. They typically went after sex with minors, sex involving violence, and so forth.

What's striking about the development of those laws over the course of the 20th century is that even though they were broadly construed, of course, they came to symbolize the

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 364 penalize a wide range of behavior that they considered disorderly.

And in New York City, which I've studied -- although, there are comparable laws in California -- we can see that these laws began to be applied more and more to homosexuals. (Reporter interrupts.)

Sorry. The disorderly conduct statute began to be applied more and more to homosexuals. And, actually, at some point, the police started registering disorderly conduct, parentheses, degenerate, in their own police record books.

And then in 1923 or '24, the New York state legislature specified as a form of disorderly conduct one person standing about in a public place for purposes of soliciting a man for unnatural sexual acts.

And so this law then was used both, certainly, to literally criminalize one man trying to pick up another man, to ask him to have sex, but was also used to arrest people who were found in a bar or a club, a restaurant. Sometimes it was used against people who were simply found at a gay party, in a private home.

And over the course of period from 1924 until 1966, when New York's mayor, John Lindsay, stopped the police from using entrapment to enforce this law, there were approximately 50,000 arrests under this charge.

And the -- the scale of this, I guess, came home to

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Ironically, this was probably most striking in the Supreme Court's decision in Bowers v. Hardwick, where they were deciding about a Georgia statute, which actually criminalized anal and oral sex between men and women, heterosexuals, as well as homosexuals, and yet they describe that case as if it were simply bearing on homosexual sex. And I think that, broadly, that's been the way that sodomy has come to be understood. And, of course, some of the laws did penalize just same sex.

And in the 1960s, and especially '70s, as more and more states decriminalized sodomy as part of their general reform of the moral code, they -- several states actually enacted new legislation that specified homosexual conduct, such as the Texas statute.

Q. Were there other ways, besides the sodomy laws, that gay people have been criminalized, as you have used that term? A. Well, beginning again, in the late 19th century, when you

17 18 had the emergence of highly-developed and more visible lesbian and gay subcultures in large American cities, there was a 19 20 stepped-up policing of those communities and people.

21 And the police began to enforce a range of laws that didn't specifically mention homosexuality, but could be used 22 against -- I will just give you one example. 23

The disorderly conduct statute as, of course, a very broad rubric, could be used by the police and courts to

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me when I -- at some point when I had interviewed 75 or a 2

hundred gay men. Actually counted up and realized that half of 3 them had been arrested at least once on a gay-related charge in

their lives. And this was the most common charge. And so it 5

was a really a very pervasive form of policing.

Q. You mentioned New York. And I take it that was just an 6 7 example. Did this happen elsewhere?

8 A. Yes. There was a similar law used in California. The 9 vagrancy law was often used in California. And these sorts of

laws, general-purpose laws, were sort of tailored to deal with 10 homosexuals in a variety of states.

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Q. What effects did the discrimination of gay people, of 13 which you have given these examples, have on gay people?

A. Well, I think one effect was simply to register the 14 15 society's disapproval of their behavior and make that abundantly clear. 16

And the idea -- especially this idea that sodomy laws were anti-homosexual laws, has been used in recent years to justify a range of forms of discrimination.

You couldn't let openly-gay soldiers serve in the military because what they do, what defines them in some sense as being homosexual, is a criminal offense. It was mobilized in some of the anti-gay-rights referenda of recent decades.

But it stood as a sign of social disapproval of

homosexuals. And then, of course, it just had palpable effects

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CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 366 on people's lives. As I said, it meant that a phenomenal number of people, at one point or another, ran across the law, and that they knew that the police were out there looking for

Q. Did some people -- did it affect their willingness to go out and be in public?

A. It did for some. There were certainly many very bold people who went out and about; went to gay meeting places; certainly, developed gay social networks and the like.

But, at times when there were police crackdowns -and periodically these would happen in major cities, even small towns around the country -- and the heat was on, as it were, people were then much more likely to be careful about going out and associating, especially --

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(Simultaneous colloquy.)

Q. -- if you did get arrested? 17

A. Well, one of the biggest fears -- disorderly conduct 18

itself, of course, is not that significant. A misdemeanor. 19

20 But it -- it opened up much more consequential dangers to

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22 So that both the lawyers I've talked with, who 23 represented men who had been charged this way, and some of the 24 men I've interviewed, who faced these charges, all agree that

25 their first concern was that the fact that they had been CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 368

And this, of course, just had a profound impact on lesbian and gay sociability for lesbians and gay men, as well as for heterosexuals.

Bars and restaurants were places to go to meet your friends, to socialize. But they were particularly important for lesbians and gay men, because they had to be so careful to hide their gay identities in so many of the social settings, at the workplace, often with their biological families, and so forth. So that they were really keen to find places where they could go and be more open, just socialize with people of their own kind.

And what it meant was that this criminalization meant that, a, when people went to a regular bar or restaurant, a normal bar or restaurant, they typically had to be very careful to hide the fact that they were gay, for fear of being excluded.

And so they often sought out places that had decided that they could make money with the snitch market; would pay higher prices for drinks. So there were so few places where they could go and be open. But those places, to survive, had to pay bribes to the police, or often to organized criminal syndicates which had relationships with the police, or were even run by organized criminal syndicates.

So it meant that gay life was just inmeshed in a web of criminality because of the criminalization of gay and

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arrested on this would lead the police to call their relatives to confirm their identity, call their landlord to confirm their address, call their employer to confirm their workplace.

And so the biggest fear, really, was that this would expose them as being gay, and that that would lead to much more significant social consequences: The loss of a job or a home or of social respect; rip ties with their family.

8 Q. And did it lead to those kinds of losses, in fact?

A. It certainly did sometimes, yes.

Q. You mentioned as the second topic or item that you were going to discuss today was discrimination, is the word I think that you used.

And I wondered if you could describe the 13 discrimination or give some examples of the discrimination that 14 15 has been perpetrated on gay people.

A. Right. I was going to discuss discrimination in public 16

accommodations and employment. 17

Start with public accommodations. Probably one of the most important instances of this was the fact that in 1933, with the repeal of prohibition, first New York state, and then successively many other states, issued regulations that prohibited bars from serving -- sorry, bars, restaurants

22 cabarets, or anyplace with a liquor license, from serving 23

24 drinks to lesbians or gay men, or allowing them to congregate

on the premises.

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lesbian sociability.

Q. Did any of the bars sort of explicitly exclude people in light of the law? And how did they do that?

A. Well, they did it in a range of ways. Certainly, bartenders in a normal bar, quote/unquote, if they realized that someone was gay, could simply 86 them, as they put it; refuse to serve them a drink; tell them they are 86'd, they had to leave the bar. Which could be guite embarrassing.

I have interviewed people who have who had that experience in front of their friends, and found it really humiliating.

But, then, in the lesbian and gay bars themselves, particularly -- well, actually, not just in those. In bars in neighborhoods with a gay reputation, bar owners sometimes put a sign over the bar itself that would say -- I've heard various signs described, and seen them in the literature -- "If you are gay, please stay away." Or "It is against law to serve homosexuals. Please do not ask us to serve homosexuals."

And so this conveyed a very clear message to both gay and straight customers that homosexuals were a despised category to be excluded. And they were also part of the way the bars tried to protect themselves from the police, to show that they were being vigilant to exclude gay people.

23 24 So how did the authorities enforce those laws?

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CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 370 licensing system was that it meant that a small business owner who ran a bar had to get a license to sell, or a restaurant, cabaret, had to get a license to sell liquor, and had to enforce the regulations imposed by whatever the liquor authority was; and knew that he or she always risked losing that license and really losing that investment if the liquor authority realized they were not enforcing those regulations.

So, first of all, the licensing system itself meant that every single bar had a staff that was trying to make sure the bar wouldn't get in trouble.

But, secondly, local patrolmen could step in periodically, would sort of look in, see what was happening in your place, make sure it wasn't disorderly.

And then the liquor authorities themselves had a staff of special investigators who would go undercover into restaurants and bars, and so forth, to just make sure that a range of regulations were being followed, including the prohibition against serving homosexuals. They, then, if they saw them, would report this. And this could lead to the closure of a place.

- Q. Did other authorities besides the police, the local police 21
- or the liquor authorities, get involved in that policing 22
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- 24 A. Well, bars that were close to military bases, certainly in
- 25 the big cities during the war, were also put under surveillance

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 372 actually point to stereotypical gender behavior or cross-gender behavior that was associated with lesbians and gay men, and use that as evidence that a bar was patronized by them.

So, for instance, a police woman might report that she had seen two women dancing together, or women with short hair, or women who were wearing some articles of masculine clothing, or women who seemed to stagger, swager around a bar in a way that was more masculine than a woman should walk.

Or, likewise, they would point to men whose clothing was just a little too unconventional, a little too colorful, whose hair was too long, who addressed each other in effeminate ways.

The most startling example, to me, was sort of one of the signs the police officer gave that a bar was gay was that he had overheard two men talking about the opera; something that no real man would do in the 1950s.

(Laughter)

So there were just a range of ways that sort of unconventional behavior, gender behavior, stereotypically associated with lesbians and gay men was used to identify them.

I think it's actually a kind of striking thing,

because it's one of the clearest examples of how the policing 22 23 of homosexuality has often been used in a very specific legal 24 sense, and then broadly and culturally, to police gender norms 25

so that, actually, people who went into bars, who behaved in

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 371 by a sort of coalition task force of military officials and

- 1 2 police officials, because the military was quite keen to make
- sure that its sailors and soldiers weren't going to such 3
- places. So they joined with the police in investigating them;
- 5 had their off-limits list; tried to get places closed. So other forces were brought in.
- Q. So if you were police officer and you were enforcing this 7 8
- effort, or a military person, how did you know the bar was 9 serving gay people?

A. Well, it's a good question. There were two major techniques used. One was to record, take note of an act of one

man picking up another man. And it was usually a man in this case, since that was a sure sign that homosexuals were there. So what the police and the liquor authority agents

did, often, was to send plainclothes policemen into the bars, who would strike up conversations with customers, lead them on, and then, at some point, when an invitation was issued to leave the bar and go home, bring out the handcuffs and arrest them.

So that would lead to the arrest of the bar goer. And they would also be the best proof possible that homosexuals were at the bar. And so it would then be reported, and that would lead to proceedings to revoke the liquor license.

The other way that was used -- and I've seen this in a bunch of court records, where a bar has resisted, has tried to challenge the revocation of its license. The police would

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART unconventional ways, cross-gendered ways, could be suspected o being homosexual. And a bar might push them out for that very reason.

- Q. Did any of the bars or restaurants who -- where the liquor authorities tried to enforce the law, resist or endeavor to fight the charge?
- A. Yes. Some did. I'd have to say that most just closed quietly, because they realized that they weren't going to be able to beat this charge. But many did try, either by 10 appealing to the liquor authority itself, or by going to the 11 courts.

Usually, the first line of defense was simply that they didn't know and they couldn't be expected to know that there were gay people there. Thus, the signs, "It's against the law." You know, "Don't ask us to break the law."

But, periodically, people did pose a challenge to the idea of this law, that you could actually discriminate against a class of people on the basis of their homosexual status.

And in both New York state and in California, in the 1950s, there were rulings by the states' highest court that invalidated that kind of discrimination.

So a famous case in California, the Black Cat Cafe, here in San Francisco, which lost its license, I think, around 1949, filed a suit. It got a state Supreme Court ruling in '51 that said, actually, you couldn't discriminate in this way.

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CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 374 And, then, for several years there are was relative peace and quiet for bars in San Francisco. And then the San Francisco Police Department started a campaign against homosexuals, '54, '55, sweeps of streets and parks, cracked down on bars.

In '55, the state legislature circumvented that ruling by passing a law that outlawed bars or restaurants that became what it called resorts for sex perverts.

And the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, which was just then established, then launched a campaign against such bars and restaurants, which led to many more being closed.

Finally, there was another state Supreme Court ruling which said, no, they meant it; you couldn't do this.

And, nonetheless, Mayor George Christopher, here in San Francisco, had had a tough reelection campaign in '59. And his opponent had charged that he had allowed San Francisco to become a mecca for homosexuals.

And he was so determined to show that wasn't true. that once he was reelected he launched a two-year-long campaign against gay life in the City. Which led to, by one historian's account, 40 to 60 arrests a week, and about a third of the bars being shut down.

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17 18 And after that, things slowed down in San Francisco.

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 376 secret the fact that they were gay.

And I think -- and I've said this already, but it sort of more broadly helped -- not just for gay people, but sort of in the public at large, associated gay life with criminality.

There were periodically campaigns against gay bars. And they often talked about the police corruption that was required to keep these bars going.

And instead of pointing to the criminalization of 10 them as the predicate of that, they talked about gay bars as corrupters of the police. And it contributed to the growing 12 sense on the part of many people that gay people were dangerous 13 and a part of the violent -- seedy, violent criminal 14 underworld.

15 Q. So, earlier you mentioned you were going to talk about 16 employment discrimination, and give some examples of that. Can you turn to that subject now? 17

A. Sure. I guess the first striking example I'd mention was in the military itself.

There had have been various regulations affecting homosexual conduct and homosexuals in the military before the second World War, but it was really at the beginning of the second World War that for the first time, facing the necessity of mobilizing literally millions of people very quickly to fight the war, that the military decided to absolutely exclude

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But there continued to be such raids in Los Angeles. 1 2 Q. So when did these sort of bar raids and, you know, this

kind of activity end?

A. Well, they -- they continued periodically, even in places where they had been ruled unconstitutional.

I mean, most famously, of course, in 1969, the police raided the Stonewall Bar, in Greenwich Village, in New York, after in fact the courts had already ruled that it was legitimate to serve lesbians and gay men. In that case, they were going after mob-oriented bars.

These raids periodically happened, certainly in San Francisco and L.A., into the '60s and '70s. Later in L.A.

And, actually, last summer, in Fort Worth, Texas, the police went into a bar and arrested seven of the patrons. And there was quite a controversy about that.

So, obviously, the number of such events has dramatically fallen off, but it happened at very different rates across the country.

Q. So can you describe the effects of that practice of 19

20 basically shutting down places where gay people gathered, on

21 gay people?

A. Well, it -- it just meant, again, that they had -- it was 22

23 one more way it was conveyed to them that they were a despised

24 class of people and a group of outlaws in the eyes of the law;

and that they had to take great care in protecting or keeping

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And so this became a part of the induction process, the screening process for everyone who was volunteered or drafted to serve in the war.

Not surprisingly, they didn't ferret out many people, despite this policy. I think it was only five or six thousand.

Most young gay people, like their heterosexual peers, were deeply concerned to defend the country in the face of Japanese and German attacks. And they -- so they, you know, found ways. They were quite accustomed, at this point, finding how to pass as straight. So they got passed through.

And, of course, people in smaller towns were afraid that if their Selective Service Board learned that they were gay, word would spread very quickly to their families and neighbors about this. And so they were very concerned to keep that hidden.

But the military was sort of aware of this, and so it had various procedures in place to try to discover homosexuals, and discharged homosexuals during the war. And, actually, the discharges increased during the period of demobilization at the end of the war, when the manpower needs were not quite so pressing.

And this regulation, well, in one form or another, is continuing to the present day.

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Q. So what happened to soldiers who had served but were discharged, at some point along the way, for being gay? A. Well, first, of course, they faced the stigma of not serving their country, those who were not allowed into the

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If you were a man of a certain age, and you weren't in the military or a critical defense industry, people really had questions about why you weren't. And so this was really humiliating to people.

And then people who were either kept out or were discharged -- actually, including people who had served in combat, who were discharged -- were then denied benefits under the GI Bill after the end of the war.

And, of course, the GI Bill was just a phenomenally important piece of social engineering in the post-war years. It gave virtually an entire generation of young men privileged access to education, financial support for continuing their education, preferential access to jobs, help in buying a home. A lot of the post war suburban building boom was financed through the GI Bill.

It had profound consequences. And it meant that homosexuals who were kept out of the military, or discharged as homosexuals, were prohibited from getting those benefits, and so in many ways were kept from that citizenship right. Q. And what about the several thousand that were ferreted

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And homosexuals were not a part of that group.

There was a really profound way in which gay people were being excluded from the cultural image of the nation.

Q. And you said, I think, earlier that the policy has continued in one way or another to this day. But I wonder if you could explain what Don't Ask, Don't Tell, what that policy

A. Well, of course, President Clinton, as a candidate, had promised to repeal the prohibition on lesbians and gay men 10 serving in the military.

11 And, then, when he assumed the presidency, there was 12 such a firestorm of opposition to that, on the part of the 13 leadership of the military and grassroots groups across the 14 country, that he retreated from that, and produced a 15 compromise: Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

Which, theoretically, said that so long as gay people didn't tell the fact that they were gay, the military wouldn't go around anymore asking if they were.

19 In fact, it didn't quite work out that way. People 20 were found out. And something like about 9500 people were discharged in the first decade of the policy of Don't Ask, 21 22 Don't Tell.

23 Q. Were there -- let me just ask it this way. 24 What were the effects on the country, of its

exclusion of gay people from military service, either more

379 CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART out, I think is the word you used? I know you mentioned that

they could be found out by family members or people in their towns, but did it affect their ability to, you know, sort of participate as Americans in any way in our society?

A. Well, you know, at sort of the most basic practical level, in the early days, especially after the war, people wanted to see your discharge papers when they were going to hire you, very often. And they would see that was what you were discharged for. And that was not a very good thing if you were

I think, in a way, it also had sort of a very -well, and it certainly impressed upon people that they were being denied their membership in the community, their citizenship, really.

And I think, in some way, it really conveyed that to the whole country. I mean, the war was such an important moment in bringing people together, and bringing together people who had been really divided during the first World War.

There had been a lot of demonization of Catholics 19 20 during the war, and a lot of antisemitism. In the first world 21 war, that is. 22

And the second World War really brought this -- I mean, think of the kind of classic movies that come out of World War II, where you've got the Jew from Brooklyn, and the Irish guy from Chicago, and the Italian from San Francisco.

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A. Well, as a number of people have pointed out, it -- it meant that the country lost the services of patriotic citizens who wanted to join in the country's defense.

And so the -- you know, in some cases, those were quite important services.

There's been a lot of attention given, recently, to a number of people who have been discharged who were translators of Arabic. Something pretty important right now.

But, broadly, it meant that the country lost the services of large groups of people, and had the financial cost associated with that of recruiting people to take their place and training of people to take their place.

Q. I'd like to ask you, now, to look at the Plaintiffs' 14 15

Exhibit that's marked 872, in your binder, if you would.

A. Would that be this binder? 16

17 Q. I think it would be --

18 A. This is Cott's Direct binder. These are Nancy Cott's 19 binders?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: May I approach, Your Honor? 21 MS. STEWART: Have we given the Court -- sorry, Your 22 Honor.

23 THE COURT: This is PX872? 24 MS. STEWART: Yes, Your Honor. 25

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     Q. Dr. Chauncey, are you familiar with this report?
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     Accountability Office, to Congressional requesters.
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           And it's titled, "Military Personnel Financial Cost
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     and Loss of Critical Skills Due to the Department of Defense's
     Homosexual Conduct Policy Cannot be Completely Estimated."
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     Q. Have you reviewed this report?
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     A. I have looked at this report.
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     Q. Does this report indicate at least some of the costs that
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     the military incurred by virtue of the Don't Ask, Don't Tell
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     A. Yes. It estimates that over the first ten-year period of
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           MS. STEWART: Your Honor. I would like to move this
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     Q. When -- well, first, let me ask you, how did the McCarthy
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     senate's treatment of gay people in their investigation compare
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     to their treatment of Communists?
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     course, to Communists, and were quite concerned about Commun
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383 CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART MR. THOMPSON: No objection, Your Honor. 1 2 THE COURT: 872 will be admitted. (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 872 received in evidence.) 3 BY MS. STEWART: Q. So, Professor Chauncey, besides the discrimination in employment in the military, was there other employment discrimination? Or can you give another example of employment 7 8 discrimination that was significant in our country's history? 9 A. Well, after the second World War, the employment of homosexuals in the civilian sectors of employment also became a 10 major issue. 11 12 And in 1950, Senator Joseph McCarthy announced that he knew the names not only -- or had a list of names not only 13 of Communists in the State Department and other agencies, but 14

of sex perverts. This led to a couple of Congressional committees investigating this charge. And one of them, a standing committee, subcommittee which produced a report called, "On the Employment of Homosexuals and Other Sex Perverts in Governme

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21 And this report surveyed, was based on investigation of the way the government was dealing with this problem, and 22 took note of the fact that checking Civil Service Commission 23 24 records, they found that since this had become more of an issue

in 1947, two and a half years that they looked at, some 1,700

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Exhibit 2337. I think it's towards the end of your binder.
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A. Yes.
     THE COURT: 2337?
     MS. STEWART: Yes, Your Honor.
     THE WITNESS: Yes. This is the report I mentioned,
"Employment of Homosexuals and Other Sex Perverts In
Government."
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MS. STEWART: Your Honor, I would like to move this document into evidence. MR. THOMPSON: No objection, Your Honor.

THE COURT: 2337 is admitted.

(Plaintiffs' Exhibit 2337 received in evidence.)

14 BY MS. STEWART: 15 Q. Turning for a minute to the -- we'll come back to that one

suspected homosexuals than Communists.

Q. I'd like to ask you, Dr. Chauncey, to look at Plaintiffs'

at a later point. But I wanted to turn to President 16

Eisenhower's executive order. 17 18

I think you said it required that employees who were in the federal government, who were found to be gay, would be 19 20 discharged. And I think -- did I understand, also not hiring? 21

A. Right.

22 Q. When did that policy end?

23 A. Uhm, that policy ended for most federal agencies in 1975, 24 when President Carter rescinded that policy. Though, it

continued to be in effect for some of the highly-sensitive

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CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 386 intelligence agencies, and so forth.

And then it was only in the 1990s that President Clinton both ended the policy bearing on intelligence agencies, and also prohibited discrimination in federal employment.

5 Q. Can you explain the difference between what President 6

Carter did and what -- I mean --

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Q. Besides the scope.

A. Right. So, basically, President Carter said that federal 9 10 agencies were no longer required to dismiss their homosexual employees or keep homosexuals from their employ. And, then, 11

President Clinton enacted anti-discrimination order that they 12

could not discriminate. So in that intervening period, 13

14 agencies were not required to discriminate, but they could discriminate. 15

Q. Was the discrimination in public employment limited to the 16 federal government? 17

18 A. No. There -- across the country, state governments took

up this issue and, in a variety of ways, tried to 19

institutionalize employment discrimination against lesbians and 20 21

22 Just give you one example. In the late '50s, state 23 legislature had a legislative investigation committee which launched an investigation of homosexuals in the state

24 25 university system, which eventually led to the firing of more

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choices, or channel them into particular professions?

A. Well, of course, we have no real statistical evidence to base this on. But I would say that, based on the interviews

I've done, that, certainly, there were a good number of gay people who just took the risk and pursued the profession that they wanted or the line of work they wanted, and did what they

7 needed to, to hide their identities at work. 8

But there were also a good number of people who just didn't want to risk that, and didn't want to have to put up with that. And so, in effect, sort of funneled into the kinds of low-status jobs where people were less likely to care that they were gay. Someone who was sort of stereotypically associated with gay people even today. But, being a waiter. Being a hair dresser. Taking on being a low-level clerical worker. Kinds of niches in the employment sector where people felt they would be somewhat safer.

Q. So what were the effects of this widespread discrimination 17 18

in employment on gay people generally?

A. Well, I guess I'd have to say that, broadly, it meant that 19 gay life really was pushed underground, indeed, and sort of 20 21 everything I've described so far.

And I think some people interpret that to mean that there was very little organized gay life at all. And that's simply not the case. There in fact were meeting places. There were parties in private apartments. People did have a gay

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART than a dozen members of the faculty and other staff. And I

think more than 300 people were interrogated over the course of that investigation, which lasted several years.

And so there were a variety of ways that this sort of campaign was carried on at the state level.

And at the city level, I mean, I've seen in my own research that, for instance, the Welfare Department in New York City had to fire several of its welfare workers in the 1950s, when it was brought to their attention and they had been discovered as being gay.

Q. Did the mandated discrimination in the federal government 11 or other government affect access to jobs for gay people in the 12 private sector? 13

A. Well, as I said, President Eisenhower's executive order required private companies with government contracts to ferret out and fire their homosexual employees.

16 I would say that more broadly, though, gay people 17 18 faced customary discrimination and a range of -- from a range

of employers. And so it was -- the degree of -- the 19 20 enforcement of this varied from occupation to occupation and

21 company to company. But, certainly, most people realized that they had to be very careful to hide their homosexuality at the 22

23 workplace, for fear of losing their jobs.

24 Q. Did employment discrimination in any sector, private,

public, federal, state, what have you, limit gay people's job

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 389 social life. But they had to be very, very careful to hide it.

And although this had already been true earlier in the 20th century, most people didn't want to take this risk. It really increased the stakes for people. And so it meant that a -- they really became sort of a world within a world. It was very secretive, had its own codes, so that people could talk with one another without alerting outsiders.

Actually, the word "gay" itself is probably the best example of this. Gay liberationists in the 1970s were determined to bring gay people out of the closet. And so they used -- they called themselves gay liberationists.

But in the 1940s, and '50s, and early '60s, very few straight people realized that gay people, homosexuals, had given "gay" a sort of homosexual meaning.

So that a lesbian standing at the office watercooler could say to another woman that she had gone to a gay place the night before, had a gay time, met a gay gal, and really communicate quite a lot to the person she was talking to, without worrying that someone next to her would overhear this and understand what was going on?

But it just meant that there was a level of secrecy required. Of course, this also meant that fewer heterosexuals, or relatively few heterosexuals, thought that they knew gay people.

And in the context of that is a variety of studies

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 390 have shown sort of ignorance, lack of contact with people, has increased this prejudice.

So it's easier for demonic stereotypes to develop of gay people, given that real-living gay people had to be so careful to hide themselves.

Q. Did the -- or, I should say, has the discrimination in employment in the state and local public arena ended?
A. Uhm, no. It's not ended. It's -- certainly, I think it's clear that it has lessened since the 1950s. And there have

been a series of laws passed at the local and state level that
 prohibit such discrimination.
 There are a lot of complaints of such discrimination

There are a lot of complaints of such discrimination brought under those laws. But there's still -- I believe these are the right figures -- 20 states that do not prohibit discrimination in public employment. And another -- and 28

that don't prohibit it in private employment.
 Q. The third area that you mentioned you would talk about
 today was censorship. And I'm wondering if you could explain

what you mean when you said that gay people have been subject to censorship.

A. Well, one of the most significant examples of this would be the censorship of the representation of homosexuality in the movies.

In the early '30s, there was the mass censorship campaign, led by a group called the "Legion of Decency," led by

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1 enforced, I think you said, in 1934?

A. '4.

Q. How was it enforced?

A. The Hollywood studios were required to submit their scripts to the Production Code administration, the Hays Office, which would review the scripts and bring to their attention anything that they thought was problematic.

So there would often be a back and forth -- I've read some of these exchanges -- a back and forth between the studios and the Production Code about exactly what could or could not be included. So it wasn't just a kind of general, informal regulation. It was very strictly managed.

13 Q. Did the Hays code affect television?

A. Uhm, the Hays code itself didn't. But, in some ways, there was even more concern about television in its early years.

Television expanded very rapidly into American homes in the early 1950s. But, in those days, way before cable, there were, you know, only a handful of networks. Most people had access to just two or three stations.

So there was a lot of concern about what it meant to bring that into the home, where children might see things that parents wouldn't necessarily be able to supervise.

So the television networks were actually much more constrained than even Hollywood, in dealing with certain

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Catholic leaders, with Jewish and Protestant support, which was concerned about what they considered to be the immorality of Hollywood films.

This was, of course, very early in the history of Hollywood and the film industry. And so they pressured the -- the Hollywood studios to enact some sort of censorship code, which it eventually did, in order to try to forestall federal censorship.

And, then, in 1934, under more pressure, they really started enforcing this code with the Production Code authority. And this code imposed certain rules on how certain delicate issues would be dealt with: Crime, adultery. These could be represented, but in certain ways. Usually, crime had to pay, et cetera. The offender needed to be punished.

But there were certain things that they prohibited from being included in the movies at all. For instance, interracial relationships were absolutely forbidden from being represented. And lesbian and gay characters, or the discussion of homosexuality, or even, as the code put it, the inference of sex perversion was prohibited.

So that this meant that for a generation, until the code began to fall apart in the late '50s and early '60s, Hollywood films, the dominant medium of the mid 20th century, could not include gay characters, could not explore gay lives.

Q. You mentioned that the code was enforced, got more

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 39 issues. So that there were very few, very few characters who could even be hinted at as being gay, in the first several decades of television.

And, you know, there began to be -- certainly, there were some, and some discussion of homosexuality that began to increase in the -- really, just in the 1980s.

And as recently as 1989 -- so just over 20 years ago -- a very popular TV series called Thirtysomething did actually have a scene written in, where it showed two men in bed together, with the sheets pulled up to here (indicating), for about 15 seconds.

And this was so shocking, that various religious -conservative religious organizations organized boycott threats. And the sponsors withdrew from that segment. And a lot of local affiliates either didn't show it at all, or bumped it out of prime time, to midnight.

And that sort of briefly put a chilling effect on the inclusion of gay characters. But by the mid '90s, the numbers had begun to increase.

And as recently as 1996, there was so astonishing that Ellen Degeneres would come out as a lesbian as a character on her show and as a person, that it put her on the cover of Time Magazine.

This idea was so -- it's almost, for the young people who might hear this, probably unpossible to believe that this

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 394 was the case. But this was sort of the way that for several generations that people just did not have gay characters in the major medium -- media of their culture.

Q. So how did that affect them? How did the censorship of gay people out of the movies and television affect them?

 A. Well, it -- you know, it certainly meant that many young people growing up, young gay people, had no idea that there were other people like themselves in the world, who didn't see it in their families and their schools and neighbors, and didn't see it in the media.

It meant that older gay people didn't see themselves represented in the films, and were once again reminded of the fact that they were a despised category, to be excluded from the dominant media of the culture.

And, of course, some directors, some actors, used codes to try to suggest homosexuality, gay characters in themes in films especially, and so sophisticated people could read those codes and maybe guess at what was going on.

But it meant that, for most people, gay people were not a part of the media landscape, were not a part of the world that they knew.

So not only were they unlikely to realize that they knew gay people, because the people in their lives were so careful to hide themselves, but, also, they didn't have other ways on the screen to learn about gay life. And in that

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A lot of the early medical literature in the late
19th and early 20th century focused on gender nonconformity as
an essential component of sex perversion, and so talked about
mannish women and effeminate men as the sort of quintessential
emblems of homosexuals; and, indeed, thought that homosexuality
was one sign of a more general gender inversion or reversal of
one's gender role.

And some doctors went on -- at a time when a good many doctors were arguing that it would be dangerous for a woman to take a job because it might hurt her reproductive capacities -- were arguing that women who wanted the vote, or women who smoked cigars, or women who engaged in strenuous athletics somehow share the kind of pathology of inversion that lesbians did.

In the 1920s, Freudian theories became -- began to become more important, which thought less as a bodily issue, as homosexuality emerging out of the body, and more a psychological construct?

And Freud's American followers were actually more conservative than Freud himself. But they typically imagined homosexuality to be a sign of arrested development, that for a variety of reasons, a child's inability to identify with the right parent or some trauma, that they didn't go through the full developmental process to become heterosexuals and were stuck in a homosexual stage. And so this sort of image of

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context, again, it was easier for more frightening stereotypes to emerge.

Q. So the fourth area that you mentioned you would give some

examples of, I think you called it "demonization" or
"stigmatization."

So what did you mean when you said that gay people have been demonized or stereotyped or stigmatized?

A. Well, like most outsider groups, there have been stereotypes associated with gay people. And, certainly, in the case of gay people as a really despised group, a range of groups have worked together to -- (inaudible) in a coordinated way, but have cumulatively served to develop stereotypical images of gay people.

There is -- certainly, many clergy in churches considered homosexuality to be a sin and preached against homosexuality. So people heard those sermons. And then, especially in the last generation, have led campaigns against qay rights.

Doctors began to pay attention to questions of sex perversion in a more sustained way in the late 19th century, and sort of from the beginning assumed -- most of them assumed this to be a pathology. And they reinforced a range of stereotypes associated with gay people. Certainly, they were

stereotypes associated with gay people. Certainly, they were pathological, sick, something wrong with them, something wrong with their bodies.

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And then in the -- I think, in some ways the most dangerous stereotypes for homosexuals really developed between the 1930s and '50s, when there were a series of press and police campaigns that identified homosexuals as child molesters. As not just effeminate queens you might laugh at but had no real reason to fear, but actually as hyper men who were unconstrained by women and who threatened the nation's children.

And this image was really driven home in a series of press campaigns around the country, usually sparked by some particularly awful murderer or attack on a child. Although, almost all of those attacks were men attacking girls. But under the theories of the day, that ended up being something you could lay at the feet of homosexuals.

you could lay at the feet of homosexuals.
 Q. So did this -- how did the -- let me just ask it this way.
 How did gay people go from being kinds of pathetic or amusing, or something like that, more sick, to being frightening?

A. Well, there's this sort of intellectual answer to that, this sort of intellectual theory. But I think probably -- just to keep my answers a little bit briefer -- probably the important thing to stress here is the cultural process driving this.

Again, a series of press campaigns against assault on

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 398 children, which focused on sex perverts or sex deviants. And the homosexual emerged as the quintessential sex deviant.

And these campaigns took place in cities across the country, beginning in the late '30s, and then, really, with special force in the late '40s and early '50s.

And the national magazine literature chimed in. Governments responded to the outcry by the press and the people, by establishing special commissions to study the problem of what they usually called the deviated criminal sex offender. Which came up with recommendations like indeterminate sentencing laws.

So that someone who was convicted of such a range of offenses, was suspected of being a sex deviant, could be a sex psychopath, which was usually traditionally used, could be committed to psychiatric observation; if determined to be a sex psychopath, committed for an indeterminate sentence. So that they would be kept in a sort of prison slash mental institution until they had been cured of their pathology.

Very -- although, it was sort of the worst kinds of murderers and rapists who were kind of behind the impetus for this, in the end, most D.A.s didn't want to send those folks to a mental institution, so they went to prison. And it was typically the more minor offenders who were sent to the mental institutions, and guite a lot of homosexuals amongst them.

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(Reporter interrupts.)

A. Sorry. This is a quote from an article published in Coronet Magazine, in the fall of 1950. Coronet was a very popular magazine that went into homes all over the country.

It published in this issue an article called, "New

Moral Menace to our Youth."

(Reporter interrupts.)

"New Moral Menace to our Youth." And the section 9 10 that I quoted in this article reads:

Once a man assumes the role of homosexual, 11 12

he often throws off all moral restraints. Some male sex deviants do not stop with

13 14 infecting their often innocent partners.

15 They descend through perversions to other

forms of depravity, such as drug addiction, 16 17

burglary, sadism, and even murder."

Q. How do you interpret that language?

A. Well, I think it's -- one, it's a sign of the way that

sort of moral arguments and psychological arguments about 20

homosexuality were merged here, as they often were, so that 21 this is really an argument about depiction of homosexuals as 22

23 subjects of moral decay.

> So that when he throws off all moral restraints, once he breaks the bounds and is willing to become a homosexual,

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART charged with curing them complained that they couldn't cure -quote/unquote, cure homosexuals; they couldn't turn them into heterosexuals.

So this -- and, again, this was given the imprimatur of government officials. So it's hard to overstate the -- the extent of the fear in the press campaigns on the part of many Americans, and the way this really built this image of homosexuals as child molesters.

Q. Was there any foundation to the charge?

A. Well, again, as I've said, in looking at the press 10

coverage, it's really striking that most of the stories are 11

actually about men attacking girls. There would not appear to 12

be a basis for this charge. 13

Q. Would you take a look, for a moment, at the exhibit that's 14

15 marked Plaintiffs' 851. It's in the big binder.

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Q. Would you just identify that for the Court. 17

18 A. This is an article that I wrote, called, "The Post War Sex

19 Crime Panic."

20 Q. And could you look at the page that you pointed to me

21 earlier. I think it's 171. And you were mentioning the press

22 statements about this -- you know, perpetuating this idea.

Can you read into the record the press quote that you 23

24 have referred to.

A. You're referring to the Coronet quote?

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 401 then he can do anything, if he does that.

And that they will go on to infect other people. So a sense of homosexuality as a disease. Not just a randomly contagious disease, but one in which the carriers infect other people with.

And this reference to infecting their often innocent partners, the term "innocent" pretty clearly indicates they are talking about children.

Q. Thank you.

MS. STEWART: Your Honor, I would like to move 10 11 Exhibit 851 into evidence.

MR. THOMPSON: No objection, Your Honor.

THE COURT: 851 will be admitted.

14 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 851 received in evidence.)

15 BY MS. STEWART:

Q. I think you mentioned earlier, Dr. Chauncey, that 16 government played a role in perpetuating this idea, or in 17

18 distributing it in any way.

I would like you to look at the same exhibit, but this time the quote that I think you pointed me to on page 170.

A. Right. This is a statement by a Special Assistant

21 Attorney General of California, made in 1949, that I've seen 22

23 reprinted a number of places. It says:

24 "The sex pervert, in his more innocuous form,

25 is too frequently regarded as merely a queer

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          individual who never hurts anyone but
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          himself. All too often, we lose sight of the
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          fact that the homosexual is an inveterate
          seducer of the young of both sexes, and is
          ever seeking for younger victims."
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Q. How widely were these kinds -- I mean, you mentioned Coronet Magazine. But was this a message that was widely circulated?

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A. Uhm, yes. As I said, these -- this particular quote I've seen reprinted in a number of places. But there were media campaigns. Many magazines published articles on this issue. Local newspapers did.

And I actually think you sort of see in the A.G.'s 13 14 quote here, the attorney general's quote, this sort of -- his argument against an older understanding of homosexuals as being 15 relatively innocuous. You might laugh at them or pity them, 16 maybe worry about them. But, in fact, they are really 17 dangerous and seducers. 18

19 Q. Did the messages -- you know, were they largely addressed to adults, or did they also reach the ears of children? 20

A. Well, they were mostly addressed to adults who were, of 21

course, concerned, understandably concerned about the safety of 22

23 their children, and were being taught to believe that 24 homosexuals posed a threat to their children.

But this is also a time when school districts, in

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 404 And one of the arguments that they made was that they 1 actually could endanger young people working in a government 2 3 office. So, just to quote the paragraph to that effect:

"Most of the authorities agree and our 4 5 investigation has shown that the presence of 6 a sex pervert in a government agency tends to have a corrosive influence upon his fellow 7 8 employees. These perverts will frequently 9 attempt to entice normal individuals to 10 engage in perverted practices. This is particularly true in the case of young and 11 impressionable people who might come under 12 13 the influence of a pervert. 14 "Government officials have the responsibility 15 of keeping this type of corrosive influence 16 out of the agencies under their control. It is particularly important that the thousands 17 of young men and women who are brought into 18 19 federal jobs not be subjected to that type of

influence while in the service of the 20 government. One homosexual can pollute a 21 government office." 22

23 Q. Dr. Chauncey, this is, as I think you testified earlier, a 24 Senate subcommittee report for the U.S. Senate. Did it 25

influence other government agencies?

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART response to the growing concern about this, began issuing brochures to school children, warning them to avoid strangers, and that sort of thing. The sorts of things that are done today, many of which we would all understand and support. But some of these really bred a fear of homosexuals in particular.

There was actually an educational film produced in 1961, I think, by a fellow who made a lot of educational films for the California school system, called, "Boys Beware," which was -- really, warned boys that they needed to be aware of homosexuals; that homosexuals couldn't be detected, and were out to -- and were sick, and were out to infect people like them; and might lead to really very dangerous situations.

So, again, sort of focusing in on the danger that homosexuals posed.

Q. Dr. Chauncey, I want to ask you to look at and read from one more exhibit on this topic. And that is one we admitted earlier, 2337. It's that U.S. Senate report. And I think you pointed me earlier to page 4 of that report, as an example of this.

20 Can you find that and read that to the Court.

21 A. Right. Right. So the -- the report gave a variety of 22 reasons to explain the unsuitability of sex perverts, quoting

their language, which included their immaturity, instability, 23 24 the fear that they were liable to blackmail, and so forth and

25 so on.

405 CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART A. Well, as I've said, they encouraged the tightening of 2 procedures to regulate, to ferret out and dismiss homosexuals. 3 And then in 1950 -- sorry, 1953, President Eisenhower issued the order banning them altogether, systematically. 5

I guess, it seems to me, perhaps what's most significant about this is just the degree to which it's giving the imprimatur of senior government officials to these images of stereotypes of homosexuals.

Q. Was there state or -- I think, state legislative action in -- you know, in light of this sort of attitude of gay people as deviants or perverts?

A. Well, I believe I've talked about that already, but both 12 13 the federal policies and then state policies that discriminated 14 against employees.

15 Q. Uhm, when people were determined to be perverts within the course of this -- or as defined by this kind of report, did 16

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18 A. Well, they could. To say here, the -- I mean, this is, again, sort of one element of a wide range of things that I 19 20

have discussed. And I've talked about the laws that have been 21 put in place prohibiting gay people from assembling in public, bars and restaurants, and so forth.

22 23 In response to the local press campaigns, which then 24 went -- really went national periodically, in the late '30s and

late '40s and early '50s, there was a tremendous escalation of

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 406 the enforcement of those regulations across the country. So that there was a tremendous escalation in the number of raids on gay bars, on the arrest of gay people.

Certainly, in New York City the statistics jumped dramatically in the late '40s and early '50s, in response to these campaigns.

You know, the police felt they needed to show that they were doing something to deal with these problems. And cracking down on gay bars or interrogating the men who were on the list they often had developed, of homosexuals in the city, was one way of doing that.

And so people, you know, were under much greater risk. And at those moments many people did avoid going to those meeting places, for fear and it could have, really, life-changing effects on people.

I interviewed one person in New York, who was a librarian who worked at the New York Public Library, the huge marble building, Central Library at 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue. And he was arrested in one of these sweeps on a gay-related charge; spent a couple of days in jail.

And he told me the story of how when he returned to work, after being released from jail, he discovered that his employers had learned that he was gay. And his supervisor met him at the door, marched him down the hall, fired him publicly. Had him collect his personal effects, and marched him down the

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1 homosexuals as child molesters or as recruiters continues to 2 have -- play a role in debates over gay rights, and with

particular attention to gay teachers, parents, and married couples, people who might have close contact with children.

Q. Another area you mentioned in your list of opinions that you were going to give today was that gay people have suffered sustained hostility and prejudice. And I wondered if you would give us an example of how hostility and prejudice have affected gay people.

A. Uhm, well, one would be the violence that many gay people face. And so the general hostility towards them, and prejudice towards them, which -- and for many years the sense that the police would do nothing to defend them, made them liable to violence of various kinds, if they were identified as gay.

Our evidence about this is sketchy for the earlier periods. But, certainly, I've heard stories, and other historians who have worked on this have been told stories of people being attacked when they were identified as gay.

And that, you know, we have more recently statistics. The FBI has been collecting hate crime statistics. And they show it averages about 1500 hate crimes a year, across the country, directed at lesbians and gay men, or people perceived to be gay.

There have been studies done in some of the big school systems. The California school system produced research

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 And he said that not only was it, of course, horrifying, the thought that he might lose his career, but that he -- he was humiliated by having all of his fellow workers, who he had known for years, come to the door and watch him be escorted out, knowing that he had been arrested on a homosexual charge. That sort of story happened many times.

Q. I want to ask you what you think the most enduring legacy is of the years that these sort of demonic stereotypes emerged on gay people or their place in our country.

A. Well, I guess, I think there are really two.

One is that the -- the growing crackdowns, police campaigns against gay life, the federal campaigns of soldiers and then civilian employees, actually led to the start of the very earliest gay rights movement or homophile movement, as it was called in the '40s and '50s.

So small groups of people -- there was a small group from New York. The best-known group started in Los Angeles and San Francisco, actually -- started to try to counteract this.

Now, of course, they remained very small for years. But we see the origins of the gay rights movement and the response to the systematic discrimination and demonization.

And I guess, on the other hand, I see the creation and then re-enforcement of a series of demonic images of homosexuals that stay with us today. And so the fear of

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 409 that was analyzed, that estimated that 200,000 students in California's junior high schools and high schools are harassed for being gay or perceived for being gay, every year; that a good number of those harassed several times.

So that -- and then we, of course -- many of us are familiar with the most famous examples of this, a handful of incidents that have achieved -- have received a lot of media attention.

Matthew Shepard's murder in 1998, in Laramie, where he was met by a couple of guys who drove him out to the country and tied him to a post and pistolwhipped him, and left him to die, just a year and a half ago or so.

Larry Folks King, a 15-year-old student in a junior high school here in California, who was shot in his school's computer lab by a -- and killed by a boy who later explained that Larry had said he was attracted to him.

So that it's -- but these are the sort of very famous examples, and the studies that show how pervasive it is.

And so I would say that I think more than the policing, the official policing of gay life, it's that fear of vigilante violence that really affects the lives of many gay people.

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      That's probably the best way to deal with it.
      THE COURT: All right. Well, Mr. Thompson is quite
properly allowing this matter to be worked out.
      So how much longer do you have with this witness?
      MS. STEWART: Your Honor -- I'm going to say about 45
      THE COURT: Okay. Maybe you can pick up the pace.
      MS. STEWART: Okay. Will do.
      MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, Counsel has kindly showed
me that they did disclose this. We have no objection.
      THE COURT: Very well. Thank you, sir.
      (Plaintiffs' Exhibits 873 and 874 received in
      evidence.)
      THE WITNESS: Sorry, Your Honor. I will try to keep
my answers shorter.
      THE COURT: Well, if the questions are shorter and
answers are shorter, why, we will just move it along.
      (Laughter)
BY MS. STEWART:
Q. You described anti-gay violence as one example of a
hostility and prejudice against gay people.
      Can you give us one more example?
A. Yes. I think that the -- that the whole series of
referendum initiatives we have seen since the mid to late '70s,
over gay rights, are another example of continuing prejudice
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CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 411 exhibit, actually, 874, and tell me if you recognize that. 1 A. Yes. This is a document, "Safe Place to Learn 2 Consequences of Harassment Based on Actual or Perceived Sexua 3 Orientation and Gender Nonconformity, and Steps for Making 5 Schools Safer." So this is a document put out by the California State 7 Schools Coalition, about the harassment. 8 Q. And is this the document from which you got that 200,000 9 figure? A. Yes, this is, uh-huh. 10 Q. Do you recall whether 873 is the document from which you 11 got your figure of 1500 or so? 12 A. Yes, this does look like that document, yes. 13 MS. STEWART: Your Honor, I would like to move those 14 15 two exhibits, 873 and 874, into evidence. MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I don't believe these were 16 disclosed to us on Sunday night, in the e-mail. I'm not 17 18 anticipating a problem. Could they be provisionally admitted, and then at our 19 20 next break, or in the morning, we could clarify whether we have 21 an objection? THE COURT: That will be fine. 22 23 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Your Honor. 24 MS. STEWART: I wish I could respond. I know we

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART and hostility. Maybe I should step back a second and try to briefly put this in larger historical context. I've described the way that rules of secrecy/discretion really govern gay life in response to this discrimination and policing. And part of what happened in the 1970s is that growing numbers of gay people decided to come out. And, indeed, the gay liberation movements in the 1970s shared the feeling of many other movements of that period, of African-American, Asian-Americans, other groups, that were searching for dignity as well as rights. And more and more people felt that they really ought to have the rights to be openly gay. There are a variety of reasons for this. I won't go into those. But that really set in stage a kind of confrontation, as they began advocating both the rights to be openly gay and antidiscrimination legislation to protect them. And beginning in the 1970s, about 40 towns and cities enacted antidiscrimination laws. Another 40 did in the 1980s. And this very quickly produced a response. And the most famous, really, of that response was a

campaign called, "Save Our Children," in Dade County, Miami,

Florida, in 1977, led my Anita Bryant, a famous Baptist singer,

which was designed to overturn the local metro council's

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     Q. Can you take a look at Exhibit 1621, Plaintiffs' 1621, in
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     your binder.
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           MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, we object to the witness
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      Save Our Children campaign at great length in his report and in
     his deposition, and was examined about it extensively.
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            MS. STEWART: It was identified --
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            THE COURT: It was?
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      testify at all about their messaging in this case.
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      that we have our expert witnesses comment on their messaging.
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      Dr. Chauncey --
            THE COURT: This is not part of the proponents'
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            MS. STEWART: Well, he's a historian, Your Honor. And
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      report -- I don't think there's any prejudice. And, certainly,
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      Counsel can fully cross-examine him on it today or tomorrow.
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            THE COURT: I gather the book was identified in
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      connection with the witness's deposition?
            MS. STEWART: Yes, it was, Your Honor.
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            THE COURT: Well, that may be your way of referring
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MR. THOMPSON: Yes, Your Honor. We would admit, it

wasn't within 48 hours. But leaving that to the side -- they

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     BY MS. STEWART:
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     Q. Dr. Chauncey, I would like to ask you to look at Exhibit
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                                                                                  A. She is quoted here as saying:
                                                                                        "Some of the stories I can tell you of child
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           MS. STEWART: Your Honor, may I approach?
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           THE COURT: You may.
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                                                                                        recruitment and child abuse by homosexuals
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     BY MS. STEWART:
                                                                                        would turn your stomach."
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     Q. Dr. Chauncey, would you -- before we look at this exhibit,
                                                                                  Q. Would you also quote from the newspaper advertisement
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     would you tell the Court generally about the themes that were
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                                                                                  that's quoted further down in that paragraph?
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     used in the Save Our Children campaign that Anita Bryant led in
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     1977?
                                                                                        "This recruitment of our children is
     A. Yes. When they began the campaign their polling data
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                                                                                        absolutely necessary for the survival and
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     showed that there was a margin of support for the
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                                                                                        growth of homosexuality, for since
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     anti-discrimination ordinance and that groups that they were
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     worried would support it, they needed to persuade.
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                                                                                        recruit, must freshen their ranks. And who
           And so they decided to focus on some of what they
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                                                                                        qualifies as likely recruits, a 35-year-old
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                                                                                        father or mother of two" -- sorry. "Who
     argued were the consequences of allowing an anti-discrimination
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     law to stand, and they focused particularly on the effects that
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     this might have on children.
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                                                                                        father or mother of two, or a teen-age boy or
           They made a variety of arguments, but two of them
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                                                                                        girl who is struggling, surging with sexual
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     were that the simple tolerance of gay people -- or allowing gay
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     people to be open, particularly if they were teachers or in
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     other positions where they might interact with children, would
                                                                                  you request that we seek to find the original article that you
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     allow them to serve role models -- as role models that would
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     encourage children to become homosexual themselves.
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                                                                                  A. Yes.
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           There was sort of -- there was a presumption here
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419 CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART that sexual identity is unstable, that children are easily swayed to homosexuality, and that this would be a real danger.

And then they emphasized that point by drawing on the stereotypes, whose development I have described, to argue that homosexuals were child molesters and that, in effect, to allow this anti-discrimination ordinance to stand would be to release homosexual predators onto the children of Miami.

I would comment, also, they periodically would sort of say, We are willing to tolerate homosexuals so long as they don't flaunt their lifestyle, which was just basically to say so long as they aren't open about being gay.

So I think you get a sense there of the kind of conflict that was being set up in the 1970's as more gay people were insisting on their right to be openly gay and a pretty clear reaction against that.

Q. And was there discussion in the campaign materials about 16 homosexuals threatening heterosexual people's rights or other 17

people's rights or forcing themselves on people? 18

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A. That's sort of aligned with the point I just made, the 19

20 sort of sense that to allow gay people to be open, have these

21 rights, would make them a protected class and would sort of

22 force themselves on other people simply by being open.

23 Q. Dr. Chauncey, would you take a look at page 303 of Exhibit 24 64 to the book Out For Good. And look at the bottom of that

page, the second to last paragraph, and read the language in

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A. I will have to check the footnotes to confirm that, but I believe that's the case.

MS. STEWART: Your Honor, while the witness is confirming that, I would like to offer Exhibit 1621 for iudicial notice.

Even -- there is no question about the authenticity of the document, or at least that's what we have been told, and so I would request that the Court take judicial notice of the document.

MR. THOMPSON: We have no objection, your Honor.

THE COURT: Very well. 12 13

BY MS. STEWART:

Q. Dr. Chauncey, just to make it easier, if you look at --14

15 A. Yes. The quote I read you from the newspaper is from the 16

Q. Would you take a look as well at the -- I'm sorry. Going 17

back to Out For Good, the Exhibit 864, the top of page 304, and 18

read the material quoted from the Miami Herald advertisement 19

that's at that part of the book?

A. Okay. So this is from an ad. It reads:

22 "There is no human right to corrupt our 23 children. Many parents are confused and

24 don't know the real dangers posed by many 25

homosexuals and perceive them as all being

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 422 424 gentle, non-aggressive types. have recounted has had continuing effects today. And I want to 1 1 The other side of the homosexual coin is a wrap up by talking a little bit about the Proposition 8 2 2 3 3 hair-raising pattern of recruitment and campaign. 4 outright seduction and molestation, a growing 4 Are you familiar with the initiative called 5 pattern that predictably will intensify if 5 Proposition 8? society approves laws bringing legitimacy to A. I am. 6 6 Q. And how do you understand the purpose and effect of 7 the sexually perverted." 7 8 Q. Dr. Chauncey, would you turn to page 306 of Out For Good 8 Proposition 8? 9 and read the language guoted from Anita Bryant in the bottom 9 A. It was a proposed vote on a proposed amendment to the 10 10 paragraph about the middle of that paragraph? California constitution, which would have restricted marriage Well actually -- yes. It begins, "Homosexuality is a to a man and a woman. And it was put on the ballot in response 11 11 to the California State Supreme Court's decision that gay 12 conduct.' 12 13 couples did have marriage rights, and it passed and did take 13 A. (As read) 14 "Homosexuality is a conduct, a choice, a way 14 those rights away. of life. And if you choose to have a 15 Q. And is this Proposition 8, this measure, representative of 15 lifestyle as such, then you're going to have 16 the history that you have described of a large number of direct 16 to live with the consequences. It's not a democracy campaigns that are hostile to gay people? 17 17 A. I do think as a historian that the wave of campaigns that 18 sickness, but a sin." 18 Q. Last, Dr. Chauncey, would you take a look at page 308 of 19 we have seen against gay marriage rights in the last decade 19 20 20 Out For Good, and take a look at the bottom of that page and are, in effect, the latest stage and cycle of anti-gay rights 21 read the language that Anita Bryant is quoted as saying in her 21 campaigns of a sort that I have been describing; that they continue with a similar intent and use some of the same 22 written victory statement to her audience? 22 imagery. 23 A. She is quoted as saying: 23 24 "Tonight the laws of God and the cultural 24 Q. And have you reviewed some of the materials that advocated 25 values of man have been vindicated. I thank 25 the passage of Prop 8?

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 423 1 God for the strength he has given me and I 2 thank my fellow citizens who join me in what at first was a walk through the wilderness, 3 4 the people of Dade County. The normal 5 majority have said enough, enough, enough. They voted to repeal an obnoxious assault on 6 7 our moral values despite our community's 8 reputation as one of the most liberal areas 9 in the country." Q. Professor Chauncey, did the Save Our Children campaign 10 have an impact outside Dade County, Florida? 11 A. Yes. The success of the campaign inspired other groups 12 around the country to start referendum campaigns to revoke 13 anti-discrimination laws bearing on homosexuality. 14 15 There was a series of campaigns, St. Paul, Eugene, California, in the late 70's and early 80's. Two of them were 16 unsuccessful. One, the Brinks initiative here in California, 17 18 one in Seattle when the others passed. And then, as I think I said before, over the next 20 19 20 years or so there were dozens of such campaigns designed 21 primarily to overturn such anti-discrimination laws, but

sometimes to engage in other -- to in other ways restrict

your expert opinion that the history of discrimination that you

Q. Professor Chauncey, when we started today, you expressed

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homosexuals.

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- A. I have. 1
- 2 Q. And do you believe that some of the stereotyped images of
- gay people that you have described today can be seen in those
- materials?
- 5 A. I do.
- Q. And is one of the things that you reviewed today the 6
- 7 Official Voter Guide?
- 8 A. Yes, I did review that.
- 9 Q. I'm going to ask you to read a few passages from that. Would you turn to Plaintiffs' Exhibit 1, which I believe is in
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- 11 your skinny binder.
- A. It's here. Yes. 12
 - And if you would turn to the argument in favor --
- THE COURT: I believe Exhibit No. 1 is in evidence, 14
- 15 isn't it?

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- MS. STEWART: Yes, it is, your Honor. 16
- 17 BY MS. STEWART:
- 18 Q. ...the argument in favor of Proposition 8 on -- well, the
- page is marked 56, I think, of the ballot pamphlet. 19
- 20 A. Right. It would have been 56 from the Voter Guide.
- 21 Q. Would you start by reading the text of the seventh
- 22 paragraph that begins, "It protects our children"? It's the
- 23 paragraph after the --
- 24 A. (As read)
 - "It protects our children from being taught

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           in public schools that" -- sorry. I'll go
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           "It protects our children from being taught
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           in public schools that same-sex marriage is
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           the same as traditional marriage."
     Q. Would you also now read the first full paragraph in the
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     right-hand column that begins, "We should not accept"?
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     A. Okay. I would actually like to read the next paragraph,
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     following the one I just read.
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     Q. Okay.
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           "Proposition 8 protects marriage as an
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           essential institution of society. While
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           death, divorce or other circumstances may
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           prevent the ideal, the best situation for a
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           child is to be raised by a married mother and
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           "We should not accept a Court decision that
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           kids that gay marriage is okay. That is an
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           issue for parents to discuss with their
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           children according to their own values and
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           beliefs. It shouldn't be forced on us
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           against our will."
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described, which is presumed the inferiority of gay people.
      And then it focuses on children, not calling them
child molester -- gay people child molesters and so forth, but
warning that we should not teach our kids that gay marriage is
okay; that it shouldn't be forced on us against our will.
      In effect, that we should not be told that gay
marriage, in effect, gay equality, which I think is linked to
the openness of gay people on their call for the full
recognition of their rights that other people enjoy, their
right to be public in their relationships, that we shouldn't
have to expose our kids to that.
      And this sort of image, it shouldn't be forced on us
against our will and it evokes that -- the fears of the
aggressiveness of the sexual -- and the society, that they do
not have the rights to -- however, while gays have the right to
their private lives, they do not have the right to redefine
marriage for everyone else.
      Again, they have the rights to do what they want to
their own, just don't make us take note of it. So their rights
to be open about who -- who they are and about their
relationships is less important than our rights and not have to
Q. And in that Voter Guide on several -- in several places
uses the language "protects our children." How do you
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- Q. And then would you read the passage, the second sentence 2 of the paragraph after the one you just read?"
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- "However, while gays have the right to their private lives" --
- Q. I'm sorry. The sentence immediately above that. 7
 - A. Okay.
 - "Proposition 8 does not take away any of those rights and does not interfere with gays living the lifestyle they choose."
 - Q. And then read the sentence you were about to read.
- 12 A. (As read)
 - "However, while gays have the right to their private lives, they do not have the right to redefine marriage for everyone else.'
- Q. Could you explain how you believe the messages in these 16 arguments reflect the stereotypes whose historical origins you 17 18 have already discussed today?
- A. Well, I think, in part, they certainly are premised on the 19 20 notion of the inferiority of gay people, gay people in their 21 relationships.
- 22 So to argue that the best situation for a child is to be raised by a married mother and father is to argue that a 23 24 married heterosexual couple was superior to a gay couple.
 - So it continues the long history that I have

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- A. Well, you have to ask the question, protect against what? And it evokes, for me, the language of saving our children, the 2
- 3 need to protect children from exposure to homosexuality; not just from exposure to homosexuals as presumed child molesters,
- 5 but protecting them from exposure, from the idea of openly gay people. 6
- 7 Q. I would like to ask you to look now at -- sorry. Give me 8
- 9 Let me do this. Professor Chauncey, have you 10 reviewed any the television ads that were broadcast in 11 California in support of Proposition 8?
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- 13 Q. Do you believe the messages in those campaign ads reflect the stereotypes whose history you have described?
- 15 A. Umm, I think they do. I mean, they're certainly more
- polite than the ads that Anita Bryant used 30 years ago. 16 17 It's a sign, I think, of how the place of gay people
- 18 in American society has changed and what one can say in polite society about gay people has changed. 19
- 20 But I guess I was especially struck by -- I think 21 those ads in general focused -- what their focus in protecting
- 22 their children, the concern about people of faith, religious 23 institutions somehow being harmed by the recognition of gay 24 marriage are in them.
- 25 But what I suppose is most striking to me is the

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     image of the little girl who comes in to tell her mom in the
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     kitchen that that day she read a book in school called King and
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     King, and she learned that a prince can marry a prince and
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     maybe I can marry a princess.
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            And so here I think you have got a pretty strong echo
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     of this idea that simple exposure to gay people and their
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     relationships is going to somehow lead a generation of young
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     kids to become gay.
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           MS. STEWART: Your Honor, I would like to show some
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     of the short video ads, the ones that are marked Exhibits 29,
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            (Brief pause.)
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                                                                                    Q. Thank you.
            MS. STEWART: Your Honor, I will offer in evidence
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     all five of them, to the extent they are not already admitted.
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                                                                                    print ads and then we will be about ready to wrap this up.
     I think one or two of them may already have been admitted
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                                                                                    I'm hoping our tech people can put on the screen.
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            (Discussion held off the record
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            amongst plaintiffs' counsel.)
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           MS. STEWART: 99 and 15 are in, your Honor.
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                                                                                    admitted into evidence, but this was not disclosed in his
            THE COURT: Under a different number?
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           MS. STEWART: No, same number.
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            THE COURT: All right. So 15 and 91 are in.
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           MS. STEWART: 99. Sorry, your Honor.
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           THE COURT: 99, I'm sorry. And you are offering?
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           MS. STEWART: 29, 91 and 16.
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            THE COURT: Hearing no objection.
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           MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, we don't anticipate any
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     objection, but could we just see the ads and then we will say
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     "no objection" once we see them?
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           MS. STEWART: That would be fine with me, your Honor.
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                                                                                     report was due on October 2nd.
            (Videotapes played in open court.)
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           MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, having seen the videos, we
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     have no objection to their being admitted.
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            THE COURT: Very well. 15, 16, 29, 91 -- well, those
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                                                                                     Rule 26, when this was in possession of the plaintiffs before
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     four are admitted.
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           (Plaintiffs' Exhibits 15, 16, 29, 91 received in
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                                                                                     the first time offer his opinions on it.
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                                                                                           MS. STEWART: Your Honor, if I might.
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           evidence)
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                                                                                           Again, the Ninth Circuit indicated quite late, that
     BY MS. STEWART:
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     Q. What are some of the key messages being communicated in
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     these ads that you think reflect the history of discrimination
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                                                                                     January 4th -- that we should use our experts to talk about
     you have discussed with us today?
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     A. Well, again, the sense that the inequality of gay people
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     and their relationships; that marriage will convey equal status
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     to gay people and their relationships.
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            The fear of something being forced on people, which
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     certainly animated many of the referendum campaigns that I've
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     mentioned, designed to put it to a popular vote, popular
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     resistance to something being imposed on them by legislators
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                                                                                           THE COURT: When did this particular document come
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     for the courts.
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            And this focus on children, I think, is the most
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                                                                                           MS. STEWART: That I don't know, your Honor, because
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     the volume came at us fast and furious, but maybe one of my
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     colleagues can answer the question.
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           MR. THOMPSON: It was in the first production.
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           MS. STEWART: What about the 1775?
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           THE COURT: When was that first production?
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                                                                                     quality of it, it could have been digitally altered. It's not
           MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I know that the second
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     production was September 18th. So I know it was before
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     September 18th, and the expert reports were due on October 2nd.
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            And I would further add, your Honor, that they did a
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     supplemental production of materials considered and this was
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     not part of it.
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                                                                                     Q. Dr. Chauncey, if you could just look at 1775 --
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            So this is totally the first time that we -- other
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     than on Sunday night when we not the laundry list of documents
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     that we had any idea that Professor Chauncey was going to
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                                                                                     Q. Five.
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            THE COURT: Well, this is a little different in that
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                                                                                           THE COURT: Well, have you asked him about 1763?
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     this is a document that appears to have been produced by your
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                                                                                           MS. STEWART: I know. I'm going to do them in
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     client.
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           MR. THOMPSON: Yes, your Honor, but I --
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                                                                                     reverse order, if that's all right.
           THE COURT: It's unlike the Miami Herald article of
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                                                                                           THE COURT: I'm sorry. That's all right. It's your
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                                                                                     witness.
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           MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I have known about this
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                                                                                     BY MS. STEWART:
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     document. We are proud of this document. We don't have a
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                                                                                     Q. Dr. Chauncey, can you read the language of this sign into
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     problem with it being admitted into evidence.
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           What we do have a problem with is under Rule 26 a
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                                                                                     A. Yes. It says: "Yes On 8. Protect Marriage. You have
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CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART 435 witness coming in, never having disclosed it in his expert report, never having given any indication in the report he would opine on it, my not being able to depose him on it and now he comes in, you know, trying to speak to it.

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MS. STEWART: Your Honor, it's not deep. Professor Chauncey discussed at length in his report and in his deposition the messaging.

These are both simple documents, simple message. And, you know, it's going to take less than a minute probably to get through this testimony. I don't think that this --

THE COURT: I'm not sure that's an argument for getting it in.

But inasmuch as this is a document of the defendant-intervenors and in view of your description and, I think, an accurate one of the Ninth Circuit's initial holding with respect to the scope of expert testimony, I think since the document is coming in, since it is a document of the proponents, that it's not unfair to permit the witness to testify about it and his conclusions concerning the document.

And so the objection will be overruled with respect to 1763.

MS. STEWART: And, your Honor, can -- 1775 is similar, although I think it may have been produced later.

THE COURT: Same circumstances?

MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, there are the same

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the power to protect your children." Gives the website,

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Q. And what does the photograph depict?

A. It depicts what is presumably a married couple with their child. And so we see here, again, the indication of protecting marriage, the need to protect your children.

The question is, what are we protecting our children from? Actually, the image we see, the mother and father, in fact, protecting the child on either side of the child and expressing love for that child.

I mean, in many ways it's a wonderful image, but, again, it implies the inferiority of a same-sex couple with holding a similar child, and the -- the need to protect children from the exposure, I take it, to the idea of gay marriage and idea of gay equality.

Q. Dr. Chauncey, can you now look at Exhibit 1763? 16 17

MR. THOMPSON: And, your Honor, I have conferred with my client, who has confirmed this is not an authentic

ProtectMarriage.com document.

So unlike the one that they are turning to now, which we have no objection as to authenticity, we do have an authenticity objection to the document that was just discussed.

MS. STEWART: Your Honor, if you would indulge me, what I would like to do is tomorrow provide you with the

25 information about the document. Perhaps I can resolve with

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     counsel the authenticity without even taking it up with the
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           THE COURT: All right. We will see if there is a
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     foundation for 1775.
     BY MS. STEWART:
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     Q. And, Dr. Chauncey, would you read into the record the
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     language of the -- what appears to be a flyer that is 1763?
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     A. Right. It says: "Yes On 8. Protect Marriage. Restoring
     marriage and protecting California children. You can help.
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     Visit our website or call us for more information.
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     www.ProtectMarriage.com," and a phone number.
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     Q. And can you describe the images on the page?
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     A. Well, there's both a graphic image at the top that shows
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     dimensional graphics. A heterosexual couple, both holding up a
     banner saying "Protect Marriage" and implicitly protecting
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     their children, standing on either side of their children.
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     Then a series of photographs of happy heterosexual families.
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           THE COURT: How do you know they're heterosexual?
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           THE WITNESS: Okay. Let me say, mixed sex families.
     BY MS. STEWART:
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     Q. Perhaps opposite sex would be --
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     A. Opposite sex families.
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           (Laughter.)
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     A. I don't know, but I think that's the implication of the
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     picture in the context of the campaign. And I -- I believe
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1940's, 50's and 60's as being on the other side because of the
prominence of Reverend Martin Luther King and the black
churches and the civil rights campaign.
But what's, I guess, striking to me is that -- and
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But what's, I guess, striking to me is that -- and many other historians have commented on this, written about this, is that, in fact, during the civil rights era, very many southern white Christians believed very deeply and sincerely that segregation was part of God's will for humankind.

Reverend Jerry Falwell himself preached a sermon in 1958 criticizing the Supreme Court's Brown v Board of Education decision as going against God's will and warning, actually, that it could lead to interracial marriage, which was then sort of the ultimate sign of black and white equality.

And so, I guess, I just want to suggest here that there are -- people hold their beliefs very deeply, and they read scripture by their own lights. You know, as we see in history, their interpretations of that scripture change over time.

And that in the -- I'm just struck by the degree to which religious arguments were mobilized in the 1950's to argue that -- against interracial marriage and integration as against God's will in a way that arguments have been mobilized in this campaign and the other -- many of the other campaigns I have described since Anita Bryant's argue that we need to do this because homosexuality itself or gay people or the recognition

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And so, again, it's this reiteration of protecting California's children. What are we protecting them from? We are protecting them from exposure to gay people, gay people and the idea of gay equality and the full recognition of gay relationships and the equality of gay relationships.

Q. Thank you.

Professor Chauncey, I have one more question and then I want to simply do some housekeeping and move into evidence some of your sources.

And the question is: Have you written about the parallels between from the religious debates over segregation and the religious debates over same-sex marriage? And if so, could you describe those parallels?

A. Well, that's a very delicate question and I hope I will be alert enough after two hours and 15 minutes of this to give you the answer I would like.

Obviously, people of strong religious principle have supported Prop 8, organized Prop 8 to protect their vision of marriage, their understanding of what marriage should be. Often their feelings are driven by deeply-held religious beliefs.

We -- we tend to think of all the argument on the marriage debate as being on that side of the marriage debate and all the argument on the debate over civil rights in the

CHAUNCEY - DIRECT EXAMINATION / STEWART of gay people, the recognition of their equality, is against God's will.

Q. Thank you, Professor Chauncey.

Before we let you go, I would just like to ask you what the major sources were that you relied on today. And to speed things along here -- meaning the articles and books and other sources that you relied on for your testimony -- your Honor, I would like to move some of those items into evidence.

Dr. Chauncey prepared a list for us, which might make it easier than reading the list of sources into the record, but I leave it to your Honor whether he would prefer it the other way.

THE COURT: I trust you have disclosed the list to Mr. Thompson?

MS. STEWART: We have not -- I mean, all of the
 documents on it were disclosed on Monday night and previously
 and.
 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, may I propose that we loo

MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, may I propose that we look at the list overnight, and I'm sure we will be able to agree to things.

MS. STEWART: That would be fine.
THE COURT: You took the words out of my mouth,

23 Mr. Thompson. Issues.

24 MS. STEWART: Thank you, your Honor. Then we will 25 have that little bit of housekeeping in the morning or -- well,

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     your Honor, you tell me your pleasure.
                                                                                    question a historian's historian." So that, yes, I like that
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            THE COURT: I think Mr. Thompson can get started. He
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     has got 10 minutes or so and he looks like he's ready.
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           MR. THOMPSON: Let's roll.
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           THE COURT: All right. Cross examine, Mr. Thompson.
                                                                                    A. So I would say that, yes, I do support the right of gay
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           I'll cut you off in 10 minutes or thereabouts, so
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     find a spot in that vicinity and we will take our recess for
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     the day at that point, but make it a convenient point in your
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     cross-examination.
                                                                                    Q. Now, I would like to go over some definitional issues with
           MR. THOMPSON: May I approach, your Honor?
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            THE COURT: Certainly you may.
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                                                                                    would be referring to people with identities which have primary
           (Whereupon, a binder was tendered
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            to the witness.)
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     BY MR. THOMPSON:
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                                                                                    A. I wouldn't necessarily say "identities." People who have
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     Q. Good afternoon, Professor.
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                                                                                    a primary erotic and emotional attraction to people of the same
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     A. Good afternoon.
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                                                                                    Q. Well, let's look at your deposition in this case, which is
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     Q. Just a little bit of background. You have donated money
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     to the Lambda Legal Defense in the past, is that right?
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                                                                                    behind tab two and page 48, line 23. Let me know when you are
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     A. I have in the past.
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                                                                                    there, Professor.
     Q. And you have also donated money in the past to the Gay and
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                                                                                    A. Sorry, that was 48?
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     Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, is that right?
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     A. I have in the past.
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                                                                                    Q. 48, and let's actually start at line 16 to get the full
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     Q. And you strongly support the right of same-sex couples to
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                                                                                    context. I asked you:
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     have access to the institution of marriage, is that correct?
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                                                                                          "QUESTION: What do you mean by the term
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                                                                                          homosexual as you used it?
                                                                                          "ANSWER: Well, I" --
                                                                                    A. I'm sorry, I haven't found it.
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                                                                                    A. Sorry. I was... Very odd way they paginate here on these
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1	A. I do support the right of same-sex couples to have the	1
2	right to marriage.	2
3	Q. And do you recall that the University of Chicago Magazine	3
4	did a profile on you? It was it's Tab 4 in your binder and	4
5	it's entitled "Moment of Decision."	5
6	"Chicago Professor George Chauncey has spent	6
7	a fair portion of his life fighting for civil	7
8	liberties. His latest battle, historical	8
9	scholarship."	9
10	Do you remember this article?	10
11	A. I do remember this article.	11
12	Q. And then	12
13	A. Yes.	13
14	Q. And on the last page of the article it ends:	14
15	"George Chauncey is beyond question an	15
16	advocate."	16
17	And do you believe that to be true?	17
18	A. Excuse me. Where does it say that?	18
19	Q. The last line of the article. It says:	19
20	"George Chauncey is beyond question an	20
21	advocate."	21
22	A. Umm, actually, I almost said this when you read the first	22
23	line as well, the subtitle in this.	23
24	This is journalist characterization and one that I	24
25	would resist. I like the second line there, that "He is beyond	25

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condensed. So line 16?
Q. 16, yes, sir. I asked:
      "QUESTION: So what do you mean by the term
      homosexual as you used it?"
      And you answered:
      "ANSWER: Well, in that context as I just
      used it I was using it objectively,
      substantively to refer to sexual relations
      between people of the same sex."
      "QUESTION: Can that word have a different
      meaning in a different context?
      "ANSWER: Well, homosexual as a noun used to
      refer to -- usually would be used to refer to
      people with identities" -- and I believe this
      is -- "which have primary erotic and
      emotional attraction to people of the same
      sex."
      You gave that testimony, right?
A. What I said here is that homosexual as a noun is --
      THE COURT: The question is: Did you give that
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CHAUNCEY - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON CHAUNCEY - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON 448 446 testimony? 1 at that time who were also on intimate terms with women and 1 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, I did. went on to marry them, correct? 2 3 3 BY MR. THOMPSON: A. Yes. 4 Q. Homosexual as an adjective can describe sexual relations 4 Q. You would agree that whether homosexuality is good or bad, 5 of people of the same sex even where one of them would not 5 chosen or determined, natural or unnatural, is in the realm identify as a homosexual, correct? relief ideology and the subject to contestation, correct? 6 6 A. Yes. I did write that, yes. I did say that. 7 7 A. I did write that. 8 Q. And most historians now would argue that categories of 8 Q. And you agree with it? 9 sexual difference that were available to people changed over A. Yes. time, correct? 10 10 Q. And we are living in a time when a previously dominant A. Yes. Most historians would argue that. ideological position that homosexuality is immoral or 11 11 Q. And although the gay male world of the prewar years was pathological faces a powerful and increasingly successful 12 12 remarkably visible and integrated into the straight world. It 13 challenge from an alternative ideology which regards 13 14 was a world very different from our own, is that right? 14 homosexuality as neutral, healthy or even good, correct? A. I did write that, yes. 15 A. Yes, I did say that that ideology faced an increasingly 15 Q. Okay. Only in the 1930's, 40's and 50's did the now 16 powerful challenge. 16 conventional division of men based on the sex of their partners 17 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I would suggest that this 17 replace the division of men based on their imaginary gender 18 18 is a natural breaking point. THE COURT: All right. Then that's fine. We will do status as the hegemonic way of understanding sexuality, 19 20 20 our little housekeeping tomorrow morning. 21 21 A. I was referring there particularly to men in immigrant Any matters to take up before we adjourn this communities, working class communities. 22 22 afternoon? So as I show in another point in the book those sorts 23 23 MR. BOUTROUS: Your Honor, I had two matters, 24 of identities had emerged earlier in middle class culture, so 24 procedural matters, if I may. 25 that broadly there is a shift in that period. 25 THE COURT: Very well. 447 449 CHAUNCEY - CROSS EXAMINATION / THOMPSON **PROCEEDINGS** Q. And by the "book" you mean Gay New York? MR. BOUTROUS: The first issue, your Honor, relates 1 1 A. Yes, Gay New York. to the motion we filed today. It's an administrative motion to 2 2 Q. And the ascendancy of the term "gay" reflected a 3 file several documents under seal. 3 reorganization of sexual categories, correct? 4 The only reason we filed them under seal was to put 5 A. Yes. 5 them before the Court to get the Court's guidance. They were produced pursuant to Magistrate Judge Spero's order compelling Q. There was a transition from an early twentieth century 6 production of documents from the defendant-intervenors. They 7 culture divided into queers and men on the basis of gender 7 8 status to a late twentieth century culture divided into 8 are documents that we believe are relevant. 9 homosexuals and heterosexuals on the basis of sexual object 9 We would like to use them with our witnesses, but choice, correct? 10 they were produced pursuant to the attorneys' eyes protective 10 A. Yes. 11 order. As far as I can tell, there is absolutely no basis for 11 Q. Any such taxonomy is necessarily inadequate as a measure covering them under the protective order and we would like to 12 12 of sexual behavior, correct? 13 use them with our witnesses. 13 A. Yes, I did write that. And since Mr. Thompson has been such a stickler for 14 14 15 Q. The most striking difference between the dominant sexual 15 disclosure, I would note that we may not end up be being able culture of the early twentieth century and that of our own era to give quite as much notice as to these documents because we 16 16 is the degree to which the earlier culture permitted men to 17 just received them and they should have been produced many, 17 engage in sexual relations with other men, often on a regular

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many months ago.

So I guess my question is how -- the best way the

Court would like to resolve questions relating to documents we

Whether it makes sense to have Magistrate Judge Spero

are just getting. They are producing them under a protective

take a look first tomorrow while we are here in trial. Really,

just wanted to get the Court's guidance.

basis, without requiring them to regard themselves or to be

A. Yes. And here, again, I am generalizing for purposes of

the introduction, I believe, to the particular groups of people

Q. And there were many men involved in same-sex relationships

I will talk about later in the book. They were different from

regarded as gay, correct?

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MR. COOPER: Your Honor, we really don't have any views to present to the Court on this very recently raised issue at this moment.

Mr. Cooper?

We will try to study on this issue this evening and have some views, at least half baked, for you in the morning. THE COURT: I'm sure they will be fully baked.

THE COURT: At this juncture and since we may very well confront this problem going forward, would it delay matters to refer this back to the magistrate rather than for us to take it up right here, because you are planning to use or going to be using these documents, if you are permitted to, with witnesses on the stand?

MR. BOUTROUS: It may delay matters, your Honor. And it's -- we are moving, I think, at a nice pace, but there are witnesses coming up that I think we want to use these documents.

I've looked at the documents. I can't say anything in detail right now because they are still under seal, but the burden, as the Court knows, is significant to sealed documents and there is -- these are documents that -- these are the external documents that were sent beyond the core group as defined by the Ninth Circuit and by Judge Spero, who gave an

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to review.

As I say, I think I'm correct in saying these came to us yesterday and I think it was late yesterday. But in any event we are -- we are looking at them and trying to assess them.

I think that I agree with Mr. Boutrous that sending this back to Magistrate Judge Spero very well might delay things that if we dealt with them here -- and we will have to deal with them on a document-by-document basis -- some may not be objectionable, and I'm not sure the ones he submitted are objectionable, but some others certainly may be objectionable or at least documents that we believe ought to be protected by some kind of protective order and remain under seal, even if they are ultimately available to the Court for its review.

So we will just have to, I think, prepare our thoughts on this for tomorrow morning.

THE COURT: You say these have already been filed, filed under seal. Do you have a docket number?

MR. BOUTROUS: Your Honor, I think we do. In fact, I -- actually, we didn't -- the electronic version, because we filed them under seal, we couldn't file the documents, but we provided your staff with the sealed versions, two copies.

THE COURT: So I can take a look at those documents and have some idea of what it is you are talking about and that will help me figure out what would be an appropriate way to

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even broader interpretation to the core group, I think, than was mandated.

And so these documents cannot in any way be deemed the kind of confidential protected information. And we really would like to use them. In fact, there are all kinds of issues I think they are directly relevant to based on today's testimony. So whatever the speediest manner we can do it in.

THE COURT: Which witness do you plan to use these documents with?

MR. BOUTROUS: I will certainly be using them with Professor Segura, who will probably come up possibly towards the -- on Friday, but more likely on Tuesday. And so that's probably the most likely, but it may be some of our witnesses earlier

We are still just reviewing the documents and I think there are probably some more documents that may come up with the witnesses later this week.

THE COURT: It might be helpful if I were to see those documents so I had some idea of what it you are talking about.

And I assume that's without objection, Mr. Cooper? MR. COOPER: Of course, your Honor. And I believe they have been filed with the Court under seal --

THE COURT: I see.

MR. COOPER: -- and they are available to the Court

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proceed.

MR. COOPER: And while we are on this subject, it might be well to deal with another matter like the one I -- we opened our trial with, which is to place on the record for purposes of preservation again an objection to the introduction and admissibility of these -- the documents of this ilk that are being now produced on a rolling basis to the -- to the plaintiffs pursuant to Magistrate Judge Spero's order, but that we do believe -- and notwithstanding the Ninth Circuit's decision, we do believe qualify for a First Amendment privilege and, also, are irrelevant.

We would like to place that objection, again, to preserve it and ask that it be continuing in nature, again, so I don't have to interrupt the progress of the trial every time a document is offered of this kind or a question is asked of a witness that would elicit information that we believe is of this kind.

And if we could have that, your Honor, we would be content.

content.
 MR. BOIES: Yes. We have no objection.
 THE COURT: I beg your pardon, Mr. Boies?
 MR. BOIES: We have no objection actually.
 THE COURT: All right. Continuing objection is
 noted, and I will take a look at these documents.
 And, counsel, have a pleasant evening.

PROCEEDINGS 454 MR. BOUTROUS: And, your Honor, I had one more. This is one is even less controversial. Amicus briefs, we have had a number of additional requests about filing them and we wanted to just get clarification if the Court would accept them. We were going to propose a deadline of seven days after the end of the trial, applications for amicus briefs on both sides. THE COURT: I certainly would support a deadline for the filing of amicus briefs. (Laughter.) THE COURT: I gather, Mr. Cooper, you would also support a deadline of filing amicus briefs. MR. COOPER: Your Honor, I would apparently, a number of amicus parties who would support our side of the case filed amicus briefs a couple days ago. So I would propose a deadline of yesterday. (Laughter.) MR. COOPER: But I would certainly support the deadline that Mr. Boutrous has articulated, yes. THE COURT: All right. Well, that will be fine. Seven days after the conclusion of the presentation of evidence. MR. BOUTROUS: Thank you, your Honor. THE COURT: Anything else? MR. MARTINEZ: Yes, your Honor.	PLAINTIFF'S WITNESSES PAGE VOL. COTT, NANCY Direct Examination Resumed by Mr. Boutrous 218 2 Cross Examination by Mr. Thompson 253 2 Redirect Examination by Mr. Boutrous 328 2 CHAUNCEY, GEORGE (SWORN) 356 2 Direct Examination by Ms. Stewart 357 2 Cross Examination by Mr. Thompson 442 2 7 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
PROCEEDINGS 455 THE COURT: Oh, you are? MR. MARTINEZ: Manuel Martinez. I'm representing two parties today. Normally I represent Defendant Patrick O'Connell, Clerk-Recorder for County of Alameda. I'm also standing in as a friend of Defendant Dean Logan, Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. THE COURT: What county? What is the second county? MR. MARTINEZ: Los Angeles County. The reason I rise, your Honor, is just simply to bring it to the Court's attention that two motions with stipulations signed by all the parties were filed last Thursday regarding the attendance of Alameda County and Los Angeles County. I just want to put it on the Court's table. THE COURT: I have already signed that. MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you, your Honor. I appreciate that. THE COURT: All right. See you tomorrow, 8:30. (Whereupon at 4:09 p.m. further proceedings in the above-entitled cause was adjourned until Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.)	1

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