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Hillary's Record for LGBTQIA

“LGBT Americans are our colleagues, our teachers, our soldiers, our friends, our loved ones. They are full and equal citizens, and they deserve the rights of citizenship.”

In 2015, 5,000 records from Bill Clinton's presidency were released. They show that then First Lady Hillary Clinton's staff actively lobbied on behalf of the LGBTQIA community.

- Hillary Clinton was the first First Lady to march in a pride parade.
- From 1998-1999 the First Lady's aides began work to defeat the ban on lesbian and gay adoptions.
- In 1999 the First Lady supported domestic partnerships to ensure benefits for partners of federal employees.
- In Dec, 1999, the First Lady spoke out against “don't ask, don't tell”.
- During 2000, the First Lady's policy aide pushed for an executive order from the President to ban federal contractors from discriminating against individuals based on sexual orientation.



Senator Clinton advocated against discrimination and for LGBTQIA rights.

- In 2000, Clinton was the only national politician to march in the nation's first LGBT sponsored St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- In 2001/2003, Clinton cosponsored ENDA.
- In 2004, Clinton voted against a proposed federal amendment to ban same sex marriage.
- During 2006, Sen. Clinton fought to preserve AIDS/HIV care and treatment funding for New York in the Ryan White Care Act.
- In 2006 Clinton told New York lawmakers she would support NYS passing marriage equality.
- In 2007 Sen. Clinton cosponsored the Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act.
- In 2007 Senator Clinton said, “It is time to drop “don't ask, don't tell”.
- In 2008 Sen. Clinton advocated to lift restrictions blocking adoption by lesbian and gay couples.



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Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, advocated against discrimination and for LGBTQIA rights.

- In 2009, shortly after becoming Secretary of State, Sec Clinton ordered “equal benefits and protections to same-sex partners of American diplomats.
- In addition, in 2009, Sec Clinton ordered the State Department to “champion a comprehensive human rights agenda” that included protection of LGBT human rights worldwide.
- October 19, 2010 U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered a message to the LGBT community that "Tomorrow Will Be Better," at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., [see video](#)
- As Secretary of State, Clinton made the promotion of equal rights for gay people a core part of US foreign policy. Stating, in a major address on UN Human Rights Day in Geneva, “Gay Rights are human rights and human rights are gay rights.”
- In December 2010, the State Department led efforts at the UN General Assembly to reinsert language on sexual orientation into a resolution on extrajudicial, summary, and arbitrary executions, after the language’s removal in committee. The amendment was approved by a 93-55 margin.
- In 2011, “The Advocate” stated “In response to a growing tide of violence against the LGBT community around the world, Hillary Clinton works to redefine the U.S. role on international gay and lesbian rights. And, part of Clinton’s job has been to make sure a cultural shift permeates all levels of the State Department and the furthest reaches of its bureaucracies, including U.S. embassies, where change can sometimes come at a slow pace.” [see video](#)
- Secretary Clinton included the human rights status of LGBT people in every country in the State Department’s annual Human Rights Report.
- Pressured the United Nations to speak out against executions based on “sexual orientation”.

Hillary Clinton on LGBTQIA rights after leaving her Diplomatic Post at the State Department.

As a matter of principle, the US Secretary of State does not enter domestic political exchanges while serving the president. So, it was not until after Hillary left the State Department in 2013 that she could actually speak on domestic LGBTQIA issues. Secretary Clinton did so in March 2013, through a Human Rights Campaign video.



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