

GAY GROUP ATTACKS FIRST AMENDMENT

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) is ill-named: it is a gay rights group that often disrespects the human rights of those with whom it disagrees. Its latest burst of intolerance recently took place when it attacked David Tyree, the New York Giants' hero in the 2007 Super Bowl. HRC president Chad Griffin blasted the Giants for hiring Tyree as its Director of Player Development.

Tyree's sin? He believes, as does most of the world, that marriage is the union of a man and a woman. He also believes that homosexuals can change their identity; he knows men who have. His sentiments are grounded in his religious convictions. Anyone is free to disagree with him, but to condemn a man for espousing such positions shows contempt for his twin First Amendment rights: freedom of speech and freedom of religion. In short, it is un-American.

The attempt to silence public figures for espousing traditional beliefs on sexuality has gained momentum in the gay activist community. It must be resisted, especially by people of faith. It would never occur to Bill Donohue, as the president of the Catholic League, to fire off a statement condemning the hiring of an athlete who shared HRC's views.

Griffin was particularly exercised over Tyree's belief that sexual orientation can change. But many gays believe the same. After all, when the LGBT community added a "Q,"—as in LGBTQ—they did so to include "Questioning." Now what is there to question if sexual orientation is fixed? Their logic implodes.