

WACKY IDEAS ABOUT FAMILIES

A coalition of hundreds of public notables released a statement on July 26 titled “Beyond Same-Sex Marriage: A New Strategic Vision for All Our Families & Relationships” that takes issue with gay activists who are limiting their efforts to legalizing same-sex marriage. The coalition’s goal is total societal recognition of “families and relationships” that “know no borders.” One of the 260 signatories was Rabbi Michael Lerner.

Rabbi Lerner has been described by the *Jewish Forward* as Hillary Clinton’s “erstwhile guru” and is unquestionably one of the most prominent—if not *the* most prominent—religious advisors to the Democratic National Committee (DNC). His book *The Left Hand of God: Taking Back Our Country From the Religious Right* has been described as providing “intellectual, political, and spiritual inspiration” for Democrats. It would be instructive to know, then, whether or not the DNC agreed with Lerner that religious institutions should be gutted of their moral and legal authority and be forced to recognize polyamorous relationships.

In the very first sentence of the “Family Without Borders” statement, it explicitly says that our society needs “a new vision for securing governmental and private institutional recognition of diverse kinds of partnerships, households, kinship relationships and families.” By citing private institutions, the document makes clear its interest in forcing religious institutions to accept its agenda. Never lacking in specificity, it says that marital benefits must extend to “Queer couples who decide to jointly create and raise a child with another queer person or couple, in two households.”

These insane ideas are those of Rabbi Lerner, the religious guru of the Democratic Party. It looks like DNC Chairman Howard Dean is in a jam.