

Obama and Gay Marriage

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Many are celebrating the fact that President Obama came out in support of gay marriage. However, what many do not realize is the fact that while Obama is for gay marriage, it is only on a personal level and that this may have been done as a campaign ploy to get more money.

It has been heralded around the world that Obama had endorsed gay marriage with him [being quoted](#) as saying "At a certain point, I've just concluded that for me personally it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same-sex couples should be able to get married," on ABC news. Yet, there was something Obama [stated](#) that has been ignored "The president stressed that this is a personal position, and that he still supports the concept of states deciding the issue on their own." (emphasis added)

Seeing as how Obama's position on gay marriage is "personal," this arguably signals that he is completely alright with bigoted legislation such as North Carolina's recently passed Amendment One which is a constitutional ban on gay marriage. Thus, the question that we should wait to see is if Obama will actually put his money where his mouth is and stop doing things such as enforcing DOMA.

Interestingly, almost as soon as it was announced that Obama endorsed same sex marriage, [a flood of money](#) went into his campaign coffers. The *Washington Post* stated in an article that "Fundraisers say the donations began pouring in within minutes of the news Wednesday that Obama, who had been 'evolving on the issue' for months, would affirm his support for the right of gay couples to be married." (emphasis added) There was also an increase in financial support from LGBT+ political action committees, with [Opensecrets.org](#) [stating](#)

Last fall, we counted at least 12 prominent gay and lesbian rights advocates who together had bundled at least \$2.7 million for the Obama campaign. Included on the latest list of Obama bundlers, released last month, were at least two new ones: Tim Gill, a former tech executive and LGBT activist, and his husband, Scott Miller, of Denver, Colo., who bundled at least \$500,000 more for Obama.

In addition to this, it was [reported](#) that Obama "changed his stance ahead of a \$40,000 a plate fundraiser at the Beverly Hills home of movie star George Clooney where wealthy gay- and gay-oriented donors had threatened to withhold donations."

This announcement came amid a general decrease in financial support from LGBT+ groups,

thus one must wonder if he endorsed SSM also to gain money.

While Obama may have come out in support of gay marriage and he should be supported for it, one should keep in mind that old saying "Talk is cheap." We need to see if Obama will actually take concrete steps to making gay marriage legal a reality for the entire country. Let's see if Obama is cheap.

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