



POLITICS | OP-ED | A&E | WOMEN | CRIME | COMEDY | ART DEPT | BUSINESS | HEALTH | TRAVEL | PRINT ISSUE | VIDEO | SUBSCRIBE



MEDIA
Conservatives Freak Out When Mom Talks About Gays Marrying



ART
In the Galleries: Boys of Summer



MARRIAGE EQUALITY
Just 4 Senate Democrats Oppose Marriage Equality



MARRIAGE EQUALITY
Does Maine's GOP Senator Support Marriage Equality?



PEOPLE
Jeremy Irons Says He's Not Antigay But Made 'Valid' Case



COMEDY
WATCH: Stephen Colbert Riffs on Jeremy Irons' Logic

[POLITICS](#) [MEDIA](#)

Conservatives Outraged By MSNBC Mom Talking to Daughter About Gay Marriage

One commentator described this conversation between a mother and daughter as a form of "child abuse."

BY LUCAS GRINDLEY APRIL 06 2013 3:53 PM ET



PRINT



EMAIL

Tweet

57

Like

598

6

Conservatives are outraged by an MSNBC host who talked with her daughter in an online segment about whether it's OK if gays and lesbians marry the people they love.

Krystal Ball is co-host of MSNBC's *The Cycle*, and the conversation with her daughter stuck to the basics of who is legally allowed to marry who in their home state of New York. It could be similar to how parents in that state have explained life in New York state.



MOST POPULAR

[Conservatives Outraged By](#)



Glenn Beck's website, *The Blaze*, labeled the moment "Cringe-Inducing." The headline on conservative blog, "Liberty Unyielding," **claimed**, "MSNBC's Krystal Ball exploits own 5-year-old daughter on TV to promote gay marriage."

Writing for conservative firebrand Michelle Malkin's website, **Doug Powers called** Ball's questions a form of child abuse. "Flip the subject being pushed on the little girl to

something like pro-life values and MSNBC would be reporting it as child abuse," Powers wrote. "I'll say this much: At least in this example it's her own kid instead of a room full of other people's children."

Exactly what's appropriate for conversation between a parent and child came up recently for conservatives when Ronald Reagan's daughter, Patti Davis, **said her father** explained to her when she was "very young" that "some men are born wanting to love another man."

Watch the segment for yourself below.



MSNBC Mom Talking to Daughter About Gay Marriage



Biracial Lesbian Vying for Miss South Carolina Crown



Jeremy Irons Says He's Not Antigay But Made 'Valid' Case



WATCH: Stephen Colbert Riffs on Jeremy Irons and Marriage Equality



Gay Joke Costs Gay Reporter His Job



WATCH: Jon Stewart on Right Wing's Obsessions With Bestiality and 'Wussification'

FOLLOW US



FACEBOOK



TWITTER



RSS FEEDS



MOBILE

Visit [NBCNews.com](#) for [breaking news](#), [world news](#), and [news about the economy](#)

SPONSORED FROM AROUND THE WEB



How to Exercise
Your Brain to
Make It Strong



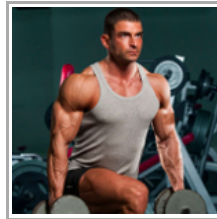
How New iPads
are Selling for
Under \$40



How Cruise
Lines Fill All
Those Unsold
Cabins



A New Solution
That Stops
Snoring and Lets
You Sleep



What Happens
When You Take
a Testosterone
Supplement

?

MORE IN MEDIA

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES

SUBMIT

***The Advocate Wins GLAAD Award for
"Outstanding Magazine Overall
Coverage"***

LATEST NEWS

RELIGION

[Pastor Rick Warren's Son Commits Suicide](#)

2 HOURS 46 MIN AGO

PEOPLE

[Jeremy Irons Says He's Not Antigay But Made
'Valid' Case](#)

4:52 PM



Gay Joke Costs Gay Reporter His Job



Fox News Asks Whether Marriage Equality Was Overplayed on TV



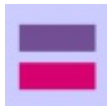
WATCH: Rachel Maddow Celebrates Historic Week for LGBT Rights



TV Critic Calls Coverage of Gay Rights 'Disproportionate'

READER COMMENTS (20)

20 comments



Add a comment...



Post to Facebook

Posting as Roman Czyborra (Not you?)

Comment



John Bickford · Top Commenter · UMass (Amherst)

I find it fucking hilarious that the author of a blog called "Liberty Unyielding" thinks he can tell other people how to raise their children. The only "child abuse" I see here is brain-damaged conservatives (redundant, I know) wanting to keep kids ignorant about the world and teach them that those different from themselves are somehow unworthy of recognition or respect.

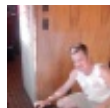
Reply · 32 · Like · Follow Post · 6 hours ago



Patrick West · Dover, New Hampshire

Maybe they should just avoid the Internet, television, newspapers, radio stations, and public conversations all together.

Reply · 18 · Like · 6 hours ago



Raymond Soden · Top Commenter · Occidental College

THANK YOU. You saved me a lot of typing.

Reply · 6 · Like · 6 hours ago



Brian Cain-Grajales · Follow · Top Commenter · Raleigh, North Carolina

How dare she subject her daughter to such things as talking about love, compassion and acceptance. She should be beaten in a public courtyard just as they did in the Old Testament for even speaking! Bad mother! Bad!

TELEVISION

[Kathy Griffin's Talk Show Gets Canceled](#)

4:30 PM

SPORTS

[Report: 4 Gay NFL Players to Come Out Together](#)

4:12 PM

MEDIA

[Conservatives Freak Out When Mom Talks About Gays Marrying](#)

3:53 PM

MARRIAGE EQUALITY

[Does Maine's GOP Senator Support Marriage Equality?](#)

1:05 PM

MARRIAGE EQUALITY

[Just 4 Senate Democrats Oppose Marriage Equality](#)

11:00 AM

MORE STORIES

Really, how ridiculous can people be? The sad part is that this isn't the most ridiculous thing I've read.

[Reply](#) · [21](#) · [Like](#) · [Follow Post](#) · 6 hours ago



Michael Jarboe · Top Commenter

So idiotic. Note to conservatives: Gay people exists. Gay couples exist. Gay families exist and they are going to school with your 5 year olds. I know in the conservative world the idea is to keep your child ignorant until they are pregnant, need an abortion or can no longer manage to get into college, but for the rest who live in a reality based universe, they actually do the job of parenting and educate them to be prepared to live in a diverse society. Dumbest thing I've read in ages.

[Reply](#) · [16](#) · [Like](#) · [Follow Post](#) · 6 hours ago



Laurie Finch · [Follow](#) · Erie, Pennsylvania

She's right! Love is love...and not being able to marry the person you want is just CRAZY!

[Reply](#) · [12](#) · [Like](#) · [Follow Post](#) · 6 hours ago



Alisa Neely · Top Commenter · Southgate Anderson High School

this is in NO WAY a form of child abuse.....it's informing a child, of something that is part of LIFE.....letting them know, that some people LOVE the same gender and that there is NOTHING WRONG with it.....as long as the parent does NOT try to brainwash their child into HATING gays, I see NOTHING wrong with talking to them about SAME-SEX MARRIAGE and gays.

[Reply](#) · [10](#) · [Like](#) · [Follow Post](#) · 6 hours ago



Bill Tanner · Top Commenter · Mount de Sales Academy

I think it's child abuse that these conservatives fill their kid's heads with the idea that a snake can talk and virgins can just magically end up pregnant.

[Reply](#) · [8](#) · [Like](#) · [Follow Post](#) · 4 hours ago



Paul Stitelman · Top Commenter · CCNY

Leave it to the bigots to find that sweet video offensive. The real problem is that the bigots find same sex love repugnant. That is the crux of their bigotry (though they would have us believe that they aren't really bigoted).

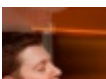
[Reply](#) · [6](#) · [Like](#) · [Follow Post](#) · 5 hours ago



Brice Robert Kohler · Top Commenter · University of Virginia

I love the fact that conservatives think that it is OK for children to learn that it is wrong to understand and be OK with people who are different than they are.

[Reply](#) · [5](#) · [Like](#) · [Follow Post](#) · 6 hours ago



Matthew Rosenstein · Top Commenter · New York, New York

Wait..her name is Krystal Ball?

GET THIS ISSUE
INSTANTLY!

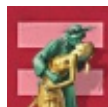
SUBSCRIBE NOW TO
THEADVOCATE
DIGITAL EDITION



JUST \$14.95 FOR
6 BIG ISSUES.



[Reply](#) · [4](#) · [Like](#) · [Follow Post](#) · 5 hours ago



James Collar · Top Commenter · Highland Park High

Yeah, a bit funny. Parents can sometimes be cruel like that, however... she's married... so it's funny coincidence in her case.

[Reply](#) · [Like](#) · 52 minutes ago



Omar Mendoza · Visionary at O.M..

Adobarable

[Reply](#) · [3](#) · [Like](#) · [Follow Post](#) · 6 hours ago

[View 10 more](#)

Facebook social plugin

2013 THE CENTER DINNER THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013 THE CENTER DINNER THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013

THE CENTER DINNER

Honoring
EDIE WINDSOR
TERRENCE MECK
NEIL TALLANTIRE



Special Guests
NEIL PATRICK HARRIS
and
DAVID BURTKA

GET THIS ISSUE INSTANTLY!
SUBSCRIBE NOW TO

THE ADVOCATE

DIGITAL EDITION

DAILY NEWS UPDATES | STAFF | CONTACT | SUBMISSIONS | CAREER OPPORTUNITIES | SUBSCRIBE | SUBSCRIBER SERVICES
VISIT OUR WEBSITES
GAY.NET | GAY.COM | OUT.COM | ADVOCATE.COM | HERETV.COM | OUTTRAVELER.COM | SHEWIRED.COM | HIVPLUSMAG.COM
PRIVACY POLICY | USER AGREEMENT | COMMUNITY GUIDELINES | LEGAL NOTICE | ADVERTISE WITH US

© 2013, HERE MEDIA INC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED