

# letters

## Microsoft Views

In response to the *Wall Street Journal's* request for views on whether Microsoft should back legislation protecting homosexual rights:

I can understand a company staying clear of issues that management has not already addressed in the workplace. But the refusal to take a public stand where an internal one has already been made, looks like cowardice or hypocrisy to me. I think Microsoft was right to rescind their recent refusal to support the Washington bill banning workplace discrimination against homosexuals.

It was obvious that their reluctance to support the bill had nothing to do with company policy and everything to do with the strong-arm tactics of Ken Hutcherson, the American Family Association and Focus on the Family.

It is shameful that Washington State could not pass a bill banning discrimination in the workplace. It is shameful that it took an outpouring of outraged emails and blogs from employees to remind Microsoft of the principles it has long implemented and which have helped the company achieve its enormous success.

Integrity is not easy. Sometimes integrity is costly. But there is no substitute for integrity, and once compromised, it is very hard to repair. Let us hope Microsoft's management team has learned that lesson in this debacle.

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## George W. is Right

What if President Bush was right just as former President Ronald Reagan was right? That thought strikes terror in the hearts of so many gays who have become anti-war and hope disaster rules in the War in Iraq.

But a flood of good

news is swamping Teddy Kennedy, Michael Moore, Barbara Boxer, John Kerry and most of Gay America. Iraq, Afghanistan, Georgia, Ukraine, and the Palestinian territories have new popularly elected governments. Egypt is planning free elections and even Saudi Arabia has made tentative steps toward democracy. Libya has abandoned its nuclear program, Pakistan has stopped exporting nuclear secrets and has moved

troops into its border areas to hunt down terrorists, and the Gulf states have corralled hundreds of terrorists. Syria is facing demands to withdraw from Lebanon from the United States, France and the rest of Europe.

This wave of democracy is similar to the 1991 fall of the Berlin Wall that liberated hundreds of millions in Eastern Europe, the Old Soviet Union and Central America thanks to the courageous internation-

al leadership of Ronald Reagan. Yet, most of Gay America refuses to celebrate either event despite the fact that Reagan's and Bush's leadership directly liberated millions of gay people across the globe. Yes, with the outbreak of democracy gay people of all ethnicities became freer to express themselves, socialize and build their own subcultures.

It is sad that so many Gay Americans are unable to see that when almost the entire human race becomes liberated from criminal tyranny and dictatorships, gay people are also freer. It seems that so many gay activists are so blinded by hate that they have abandoned intellectual honesty.

What's good for the United States and Mr. Bush is bad for the Gay Democrats who want to dominate our culture. Mr. Bush was right to invade Iraq, and the Gay Democrats are still having trouble processing that.

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**Correction:** *Writer Cathy Resmer let me know that contrary to my assertion in last month's editorial, Seven Days did provide coverage of the Translating Identity Conference in a 300-word article with a photo of speaker Leslie Feinberg - EB*

## At Witt's End

Leah Wittenberg

