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Interview: Log Cabin Republicans, President – Jeff Scott
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Kitty: The republicans are in the spotlight this week so we thought we might highlight a segment of the Republican Party. Maybe seem less known to the world, its log cabin republicans; gay Americans who vote republican.

Jay: And Jeff Scott is the president of the Sacramento chapter of log cabin republicans; joining us live right now here on KFBK, good afternoon Jeff thanks for being with us.

Jeff: Thanks for inviting me.

Jay: Ah, first of all uh little history of your organization uh where, where does the name come from? If I have some recollection that its' got something to do with uh back from Abraham Lincoln.

Jeff: Yah, sure does uh Abraham Lincoln being born in a log cabin ah speaks of humility and um the party of Lincoln obviously so that is where we get uh the name log cabin.

Kitty: Well let's talk a little about uh what you stand for and your values, eh last night at the convention the party approved a platform on the record against gay marriage...

Jeff: Uh huh

Kitty: And tell us how you can kind of uh work within those parameters.

Jeff: Well I can answer it real easy and say no one reads the platform, so who cares? But (Laughs) um, basically I would say that you know you've got the moderate republicans and you've seen them out there you know speaking Giuliani, Schwarzenegger and then you have the platform and I don't think that, I don't judge, me being a republican basically on, on the platform because I think that the platform I don't agree with obviously the FMA portion of the platform and what it says about um domestic partnerships and so forth, so being that there is more than one issue, um I don't give the platform a whole lot of credence basically.

Jay: So you, in essence, your saying look there is more to being a republican or a democrat uh, for most people now for some people they are one issue people but for most people uh you gotta look at the whole range of issues, that's what your saying?

Jeff: Yes, I'm, I am that way but I do understand people who say look this one issue encompasses everything though because it goes to the heart of who we are you know its saying you know I'm not as good as you or your not as good as me um and therefore you cant marry or something so and that kind of takes in and trumps all the other issues its not like disagreeing with someone say on tax policy or um immigration or something it goes a little further I guess.

Kitty: Jeff what's the strength of your group I mean we don't hear too much about you and most, most folks assume that if you're gay that you're probably going to vote you know within the Democratic Party what, tell us a little bit about the influence that your group has.

Jeff: Well I think our a group has great influence, you know we endorsed president Bush in 2000 and um I hope that we endorse him again this year um because if you don't endorse you not gonna keep a place at the table and I think that's very important and I do support the president I'm voting for him and I support him whole heartedly even though I disagree with the FMA um but I do support him and I hope he is reelected and I would guess I take Dick Cheney's view you know when he was asked a question about the um the FMA and he was saying you know freedom is freedom for everyone and I think that is a true conservative belief in my opinion um so that's why I'm against the FMA I'd say and we need to keep a seat at the table you know by endorsing the president.

Jay: Okay, well, Jeff thanks for taking...

Jeff: Alright!

Jay: ..some time with us today

Jeff: I appreciate it, uh huh

Jay: Alright, Jeff Scott, president of the Sacramento chapter of log cabin republicans.

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