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a change in the law is when it can be shown that the law which is designed to protect is not, in fact, protecting everybody who needs its protection. The group that I'm interested in trying to help has been subjected to every manner of insult, degradation, violence to the point of death. Some have been beaten unmercifully, and perhaps, misusing the term "mercifully," mercifully died; others did not. Some were beaten and tortured and left to linger in great pain and agony, before the Angel of Death decided to take mercy and remove them from this earth. Human beings are the ones who did those terrible things, human beings who, by and large, call themselves straight or heterosexual. They who are doing these terrible things do not want to be punished when they do these crimes. But they feel other people should be punished and discriminated against because of what they were born as. People are born gay, people are born lesbian. Because these are immutable characteristics, protection should be forthcoming, when because of those immutable characteristics they are discriminated against, not because of inappropriate conduct. That is an area of the law which should affect everybody equally who is similarly situated. When a trait is picked out as a basis for justifying maltreatment of others, something is drastically wrong, and it needs to be corrected. A column that I included on that sheet has for a caption, "Targeting gays betrays humanity." One of the comments this man made dealt with an e-mail he got from a lawyer who was talking about a gay and lesbian holocaust. The columnist, Leonard Pitts Jr., of The Miami Herald, who a few weeks ago won a Pulitzer Prize, did not want to use...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Holocaust with a capital "H" to apply to what gay and lesbian people are facing because, as he pointed out, they're not on trains being trundled to the death camps. But his final sentence is: You're right. But ask yourself, how many would put them on those trains, if they could? And further up in his item he talks about the mind-set that affected the Nazis and the antigay people of today. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator