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# Author Linda Hirshman on "Victory: The Triumphant Gay Revolution"

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Gay rights have come a long way in America. From the Stonewall uprising in 60s Greenwich Village — where gay patrons refused to leave a bar raided by police — to Obama's historic declaration supporting same sex marriage last month, gay causes have moved from the underground to the front page. What was once considered something to hide is now a source of pride for many Americans.

Attorney, pundit and author **Linda Hirshman** discusses this and more in her new book "**Victory: The Triumphant Gay Revolution.**" The gay rights movement, she says, is the most successful social movement of the last four decades.

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So what?

This issue is the most laughable waste of time in modern times. It's really about removing a category of laws that do nothing better than prevent with whom you can have sex. That's it, nothing else! We have laws that clearly go against the First Amendment. The very religious among us have managed to place controls on social behavior that must be removed. But I find it hilarious just thinking how our society has focused on the behavioral laws that deal with sex.

"Gay rights" is as the same as jock rights or nerd rights or worship rights or whatever other inalienable right we have to behave as we please (so long as it doesn't involve killing or maiming other people). The only thing is that we don't bother creating so-called revolutions for each of the other behavioral aspects of people's lives. "Revenge of the Nerds" wasn't a historical account about the liberation of intelligent but socially inept people.

I find this subject so dull that when I read it in the title (or subtext) of literature, movie, or song, I get really sleepy.

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