

**On Marriage Equality**  
**Full Comment**

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"I am celebrating with my TBLG community this weekend. But I am not forgetting that far too many of us are still without proper protections in the workplace (where there are states that can still legally fire someone for being gay), in our immigration laws (where trans women and men languish on amnesty appeals only to be returned to countries with harsh penalties against them, even unto death) and where trans women of color die in the streets here on US soil and we don't even know their names because the media continually misgenders them in some sort of denial after death of who they really were.

"Yes, we can get married and there are a host of benefits and joys that can be found in that but, the fire is hot, the iron is stoked and burning bright, let's strike at other issues that affect the lives of the rest of us who live under the "rainbow umbrella."

"This weekend, we celebrate and mourn the loss of those who are no longer able to celebrate with us, come Monday, let's keep the pressure on our legislators to provide the protections and dignity that we deserve in every facet of our lives; queer, trans, bi, however one chooses to identify."