

# Bill Clinton drops opposition to same-sex marriage

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The Nation has been tracking the evolution of former Bill Clinton's attitude toward same-sex marriage, and notes that — last week, before an audience of college students — the former president declared himself in favor of it:

*This spring, same-sex marriage was legalized in Iowa, Vermont, Connecticut, Maine and New Hampshire. In his most recent remarks on the subject, Clinton said, "I think all these states that do it should do it." The former president, however, added that he does not believe that same-sex marriage is "a federal question."*

*Asked if he personally supported same-sex marriage, Clinton replied, "Yeah." "I personally support people doing what they want to do," Clinton said. "I think it's wrong for someone to stop someone else from doing that [same-sex marriage]."*

Clinton opposed same-sex marriage during his eight years as president and signed the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act. Adds The Nation:

*... Clinton's reversal is the highest-profile one to date. It may also have political implications for the future of the Defense of Marriage Act. President Obama has pledged to repeal the law, but in June, the Justice Department filed a brief in federal court defending the law's constitutionality.*

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