

# National Black Church Initiative

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## **THE NATIONAL BLACK CHURCH INITIATIVE DEFENDS MITT ROMNEY'S SUPPORT OF DOMA AND BIBLICAL MARRIAGE**

*The Gay Community Demonstrates its rudeness by Playing 'Got You' Game*

**Washington DC** – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, stands by Republican Presidential candidate Mitt Romney and his defense of marriage being between one man and one woman. Defenders of marriage are under attack by both the liberal Obama administration and the gay community because we refuse to recognize gay marriage as a legitimate union that God has blessed. Like all Christians we love our gay brothers and sisters but we reject their lifestyles. Mitt Romney was courageous and steadfast in his defense of biblical marriage, and NBCI will continue to stand by those who maintain decent and upstanding morals.

Rev Anthony Evans, President of NBCI said “What happened to Romney in New Hampshire was yet another example of the gay community bullying people for holding strong to their religious beliefs. Same sex marriage, not matter how you say it or when you say it, is wrong. It will be wrong today, it will be wrong tomorrow and it will be wrong when Jesus comes.”

NBCI has nothing against LGBT individuals as people. We are all children of God. We recognize their existence within the Black Church and continue to love them as human beings, but as practitioners of the Christian faith we neither endorse homosexuality as a lifestyle nor do we accept gay marriage. As representatives of a community that has long suffered from exclusion and violent oppression.

NBCI will continue to stand next to public figures such as Mitt Romney who refuse to let popular opinion and pressure them into compromising their belief systems. Standing strong in their moral beliefs is an indispensable quality for a successful Presidential candidate, and NBCI will continue to publically support those who have the moral courage to withstand against those who bully and force their lifestyles onto others.

### **About NBCI**

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. Visit our website at [www.naltblackchurch.com](http://www.naltblackchurch.com).