

# WisDems: Tim Michels stands by 2004 opposition to gay marriage

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**MADISON, Wis.** – When [asked](#) today whether he supports same-sex marriage or believes it should be banned, Republican candidate for governor Tim Michels said he believes “marriage should be between a man and a woman.”

This comes two weeks after Governor Tony Evers raised the Progress Pride Flag above the State Capitol and Tim Michels [dodged journalists](#) and bent over backwards to avoid answering questions about his radical views on marriage equality.

In his run for U.S. Senate in 2004, Michels made inflammatory comments regarding same-sex marriage, including that he doesn't believe LGBTQ+ people should “bring it out of [the] house”: “When you bring it out of your house and onto the public street, that's where I differ” and that people shouldn't have “gay values” imposed upon them. He also supported a Constitutional ban on same-sex marriage.

Rebecca Kleefisch also has extreme opinions on same sex marriage — including that it is a [slippery slope](#) that could lead to “marrying inanimate objects” like clocks and tables. She also compared gay marriage to [humans marrying dogs](#).

Support for gay marriage has steadily increased in recent years, and according to an April 2022 Marquette Law School [poll](#), 72% of Wisconsinites support gay marriage. By partisan group, 82% of Independents and 58% of Republicans now support gay marriage.

“Just like in his failed Senate run in 2004, Tim Michels is once again staking out the most radical position on gay marriage,” said **Democratic Party of Wisconsin Rapid Response Director Hannah Menchhoff**. “Wisconsinites overwhelmingly

support gay marriage, including 58% of Republicans. It's no surprise that the extreme Republicans running for governor are all out of step with voters. Tim Michels continues to prove that he is too radical for Wisconsin."