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Hey, I wonder what leaders of the civil rights movement had to say about comparisons between gay rights and civil rights?

Let's take a look!



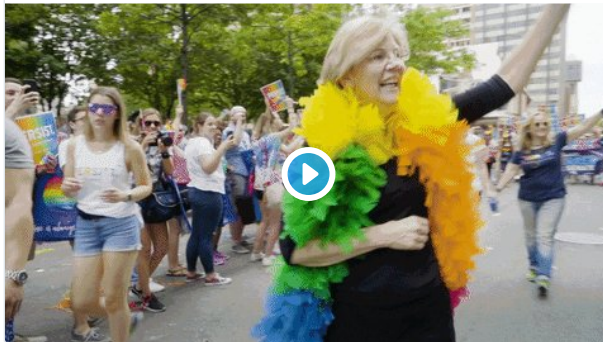
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Elizabeth Warren ✓ @ewarren

#PrideMonth is a celebration. And it's a time to remember the trailblazers who fought for LGBTQ+ civil rights. Today—and every day—we renew our commitment to fight until everyone can live proudly, without fear. I'll be right there alongside you. Happy #Pride!



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For starters, here's Julian Bond, former sit-in leader and head of the NAACP, who literally said that "gay rights are civil rights."



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/-fplYG2BEb0>

NAACP chair says 'gay rights are civil rights'

Julian Bond receives Equality Virginia award

By [EARTHA MELZER](#)

Friday, April 08, 2005

Dr. Julian Bond, chair of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was awarded Equality Virginia's Equality Commonwealth Award in Richmond on April 2 and delivered a speech affirming gay rights as civil rights.

And how about John Lewis, former head of SNCC who was at the forefront of countless civil rights protests, who saw LGBT rights as an integral part of that work.



https://www.youtube.com/embed/7Wsi71F_T9Q

JOHN LEWIS: I fought too hard and too long against discrimination based on race and color not to stand up and speak up against discrimination against our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters. I see the right to marriage as a civil rights issue.

Let's not forget Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King Jr. who likewise saw gay rights as an extension of the civil rights cause.



KING'S WIDOW STANDS UP FOR GAY CIVIL RIGHTS

Coretta Scott King , activist and widow of slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said Tuesday she has received advice from people to avoid involvement in the gay civil rights movemen...

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-xpm-1998-04-01-9804010141-story.html>

"For many years now, I have been an outspoken supporter of civil and human rights for gay and lesbian people," King said at the 25th Anniversary Luncheon for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "I've always felt that homophobic attitudes and policies were unjust and unworthy of a free society and must be opposed by all Americans who believe in democracy."

She said she reminds those who dislike gays that her husband professed injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

And how about Jesse Jackson, aide to King and leader of Operation PUSH and the Rainbow Coalition, who also saw discrimination against LGBT individuals as a civil rights issue.



Voice for Equality: The Rev. Jesse Jackson | Freedom to Marry

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<http://www.freedomtomarry.org/blog/entry/voice-for-equality-the-rev.-jesse-jackson>

"We stand together today as equal members of the human family.... as consistent principled advocates for human rights for all people. We stand together today to uphold the principles of due process, of equal protection under the law, of fighting against discrimination against any and all people based on race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

I could go on, but you get the point.

And, of course, there were a number of civil rights leaders -- Bayard Rustin, Pauli Murray, James Baldwin, to name a few -- who were themselves LGBT and naturally saw "civil rights" and "gay rights" as intertwined.



Bayard Rustin, the Gay Civil Rights Leader Who Organized the March ...

Bayard Rustin, a gay civil rights leader, was kept in the shadows by the Civil Rights movement establishment, but organized the March on Washington. A Henry Louis Gate, Jr. blog post.

<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/african-americans-many-rivers-to-cross/history/100-amazing...>

So, yes, someone here sure is crazy. But it isn't Senator Warren.

As a P.S., check out this great thread by [@timothysw](#) if you haven't already:

**Timothy Stewart-Winter**
[@timothysw](#)

Did someone ask about the history of anti-LGBTQ discrimination in America? As [@KevinMKruse](#) would say, let's dig in.

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