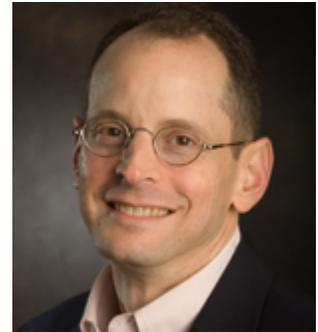


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His latest book is *Gay Marriage: Why It Is Good for Gays, Good for Straights, and Good for America*, published in 2004 by Times Books (Henry Holt). It makes the case that same-sex marriage would benefit not only gay people but society and the institution of marriage itself. Although much of his writing has been on public policy, he has also written on topics as widely varied as adultery, agriculture, economics, gay marriage, height discrimination, biological rhythms, number inflation, and animal rights.

His multiple-award-winning column, "Social Studies," was published in *National Journal* (a Washington-based weekly on government, politics, and public policy) from 1998 to 2010, and his features appeared regularly both there and in *The Atlantic*. Among the many other publications for which he has written are *The New Republic*, *The Economist*, *Reason*, *Harper's*, *Fortune*, *Reader's Digest*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *The New York Times* newspaper and magazine, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Post*, *Slate*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The Public Interest*, *The Advocate*, *The Daily*, and others.

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