## On November 4th, voters in California passed Proposition 8, a vicious change in the California state constitution that takes away the right of gay couples to marry.

## What Does It Mean When...

...The SYSTEM runs a "referendum" to rip away from gay people an elementary human right?

...The SYSTEM enlists poor and oppressed people in the name of religion and the values of the Bible to turn on OTHER oppressed, demonized, and persecuted people in society as a key part of winning this "referendum"?

...FASCIST forces who want to persecute gay people, AND whose agenda has genocidal overtones for Black and Latino people...get Black and Latino people to side with THEM in attacks on gays?

## It Means That...

People are being played to turn on each other the way the NAZIS got the common people in Germany to scapegoat and turn on the Jews.

And It Means That People Need To...

## WAKE UP!

- "First they came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist.
- "Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew.
- "Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist.
- "Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant.
- "Then they came for me, and by that time no one was left to speak up."



The quote above comes from the German pastor Martin Niemöller, bitterly explaining how the Nazis got the many different sections of the German people to go along with the oppression, then the imprisonment, and finally the extermination of one oppressed group after another.

Picture shows prisoners of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp near Berlin, Germany in 1938. At that time, the Nazis devised an identification system of different colored triangles for communists, trade unionists, religious dissidents, Roma people (Gypsies), homosexuals and others. Jews were forced to wear a yellow six-pointed star. By the end of the war, many members of these groups had been systematically exterminated, including six million Jews.