

This is gay activist and San Francisco's City Supervisor and community organizer Harvey Milk's speech in his war against the ballot that proposed to fire and bar gay teachers from jobs in California's public schools.

The speech was at the Gay Freedom Day Parade in San Francisco in June 1978:

"My name is Harvey Milk and I'm here to recruit you.

→ strong attention grabbing opener

I want to recruit you for the fight to preserve your democracy.

→ appeal to values that Americans hold dear.

Brothers and sisters, you must come out!

Come out to your parents, come out to your friends, if indeed they are your friends. Come out to your neighbors, come out to your fellow workers.

Once and for all, let's break down the myths and destroy the lies and distortions. For your sake, for their sake. For the sake of all the youngsters who have been scared by the votes from Dade to Eugene.

On the Statue of Liberty it says, 'Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free.' In the Declaration of Independence, it is written, 'All men are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights.'

So for Mr. Briggs and Mrs. Bryant, and all the bigots out there, no matter how hard you try, you can never erase those words from the Declaration of Independence! No matter how hard you try, you can never chip those words from the base of the Statue of Liberty!

That is where America is!

Love it or leave it!"

Tone - passionate, inclusive, inspiring, motivational

repetition reinforces

relating to them as family inclusive language

ugliness

something Americans are proud of

attack on the opposition

↳ no choice

↳ inclusive ↳ repetition - reinforces

↳ what connotations do these words have?

→ quotes

↳ why does he use these quotes?

→ repetition powerful

→ Appeal to patriotism

→ ultimatum - simplify, no choice