

Shirker in chief: Obama punts DOMA

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President Obama announced on Wednesday that his administration would no longer argue in court that the federal Defense of Marriage Act is constitutional. He and Attorney General Eric Holder say they now believe it amounts to illegal discrimination.



The President simultaneously claims that he opposes same-sex marriage and that denying federal recognition of same-sex marriages is unconstitutional. So he believes in something he thinks is unconstitutional to enforce? Not likely.

It is more likely that Obama's long-professed opposition to same-sex marriage was a political deception. His behavior indicates that he was never committed to defending marriage. But he wants to run for reelection. So he's resolved that dilemma by punting the issue to the courts. They can take the blame when, thanks to Obama's refusal to defend the law, it is overturned and same-sex marriages must be recognized nationwide.

Obama punted on spending cuts and deficit reduction, and now he's punting on marriage. Suddenly, it's as if John Lynch were President.