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Palin: Obama's position on Defense of Marriage act 'appalling'
By: [CNN Associate Producer Rebecca Stewart](#)

(CNN) – Sarah Palin is "appalled" by the Obama administration's recent action regarding the Defense of Marriage Act. In a [statement](#) provided to the blog run by the National Organization for Marriage, the former governor explained her reaction to the administration's stance on DOMA.

In response to a question posed by Maggie Gallagher, the chairman of the National Organization for Marriage, the former governor of Alaska said, "I have always believed that marriage is between one man and one woman. Like the majority of Americans, I support the Defense of Marriage Act and find it appalling that the Obama administration decided not to defend this federal law which was enacted with broad bipartisan support and signed into law by a Democrat president."

Joining a [procession of Republicans](#) denouncing the administration's [move](#), Palin continued, "It's appalling, but not surprising that the President has flip-flopped on yet another issue from his stated position as a candidate to a seemingly opposite position once he was elected." The statement was posted on a blog for the organization, which supports "marriage and the faith communities that sustain it."

President Obama recently asked Attorney General Eric Holder to cease defending the Defense of Marriage Act in court. The bill faces two lawsuits in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit that are based on the grounds that it is unconstitutional. And though candidate Obama once stated that he "believed marriage is between a man and a woman" while campaigning for the presidency, he has also admitted that his position was evolving on the issue shortly before the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell, a measure that prevented gay service members from openly serving in the U.S. military.

Holder announced in a letter to members of Congress that the administration was reversing course and would stop defending DOMA because they believe that a key part of the law is unconstitutional.

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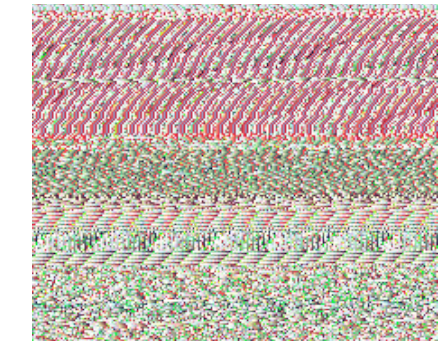
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