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# Stark Contrast on Gay Issues in Senate Race

## Neumann Embraces Religious Right Agenda

**A** *Wisconsin Light* analysis of the voting records and public statements of the two major party candidates vying to represent Wisconsin in the United States Senate shows a wide chasm between them on issues of concern to the LGBT community. The contrast between incumbent Democrat, Russ Feingold, and his Republican challenger, Congressman Mark Neumann, on Gay civil rights, AIDS and funding for the arts is so severe that perhaps the only thing they would agree on is that they are on opposite ends of the spectrum.

One sign of their disagreement is how they are rated by two groups: the Christian Coalition, which vehemently opposes Gay civil rights; and the Human Rights Campaign, HRC, America's largest Gay and Lesbian organization. The Christian Coalition gave Neumann a rating of 100% and Feingold a rating of 0 for their voting records in the 104th Congress. HRC scored Neumann's record as 0. Feingold, on the other hand, received a 100% rating from HRC. The two groups have not issued their ratings for the 105th Congress, which is still underway, but sources in Washington say that is unlikely the ratings for either man would change.

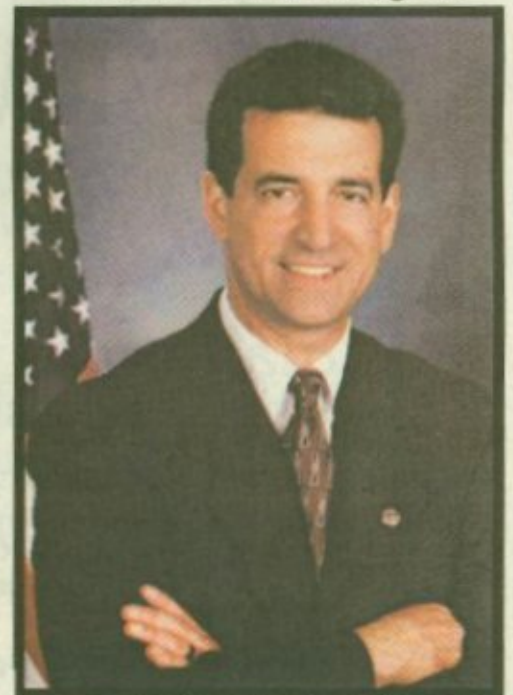
**Christian Coalition Rating 100%**



**HRC Rating 0%**

Neither candidate has raised Gay and Lesbian concerns during the campaign, at least not publicly. But observers say that the Christian Coalition will make efforts to turn out the vote for Neumann, just as it did in his two successful congressional campaigns.

**Christian Coalition Rating 0%**



**HRC Rating 100%**

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