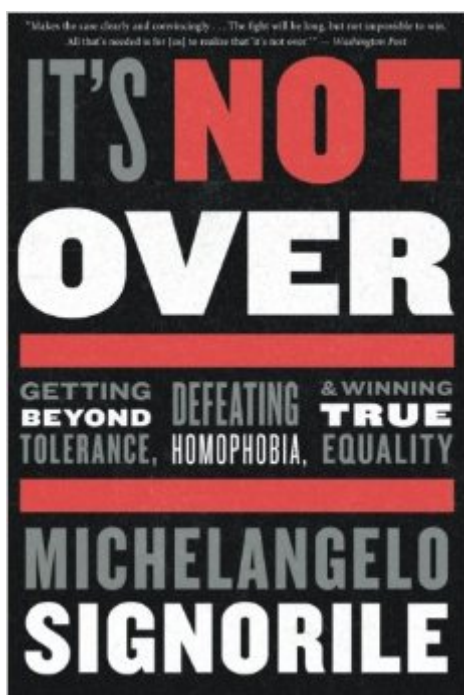


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It's Not Over: Getting Beyond Tolerance, Defeating Homophobia, And Winning True Equality



Synopsis

It makes the case clearly and convincingly. The fight will be long, but not impossible to win. All that's needed is for the LGBT community to realize that it's not over. "Washington Post Visionary. Prescient. Signorile has brilliant advice for the future. Advocate "Exquisite[ly] tim[ed]. Even with marriage equality ascendant in nearly all corners of the country, the fight for real equality is not over. The most serious threat the gay rights movement faces may in fact be what Signorile calls "victory blindness," or "the dangerous illusion that we've almost won." American Prospect In It's Not Over, pioneering journalist Michelangelo Signorile boldly confronts the challenges that lie ahead for LGBT Americans. Drawing on provocative new research into the psychological roots of prejudice, he shatters myths and ranges through Washington, Hollywood, Silicon Valley, and beyond to reveal the truth about the battles to come. Urgent, impassioned, and ultimately hopeful, It's Not Over is the must-read book for anyone who cares about the future of LGBT rights. UPDATED WITH A NEW AFTERWORD "For twenty-five years, Michelangelo Signorile has been one of America's most incisive critics and influential activists in the movement for gay equality, and It's Not Over demonstrates he is better than ever. A penetrating look at one of the great social movements of our time. Razor-sharp. Stirring. " Glenn Greenwald, The Intercept "Few calls to action are as necessary as the one in [It's Not Over]. I can't urge it enough on people." Alexander Chee, Literary Hub

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Customer Reviews

I am very impressed with everything in this thorough book. I have read the author's columns before, but never read any of his books. The author simply states that the LGBT community and its straight allies are developing what is called "victory blindness"- accepting the victories the movement has made as the equivalent to winning Civil Rights for all LGBT across the board. This victory blindness, according to Signorile, leads the community to accept less than victories like having same sex marriage in a state that can still fire someone who is gay. Or as this past week showed, allowing the narrative of "religious freedom" to discriminate against same sex married couples as well as the entire LGBT community. The conservative right wing movement has made this a rallying cry with deceptions and lies. This is called dog whistle politics(another book I have reviewed which the author refers to). This term refers to re-framing the argument for discrimination in more acceptable terms so as not to seem to discriminate. In this case, protecting religious freedoms is the goal. This was used during the 60's civil rights movement to segregate African Americans and ban interracial marriage. He further explains how the LGBT movement is complicit in some cases by allowing groups to choose the degree of discrimination. For example agreeing that ENDA(the Employment Non-Discrimination Act) needs to go through Congress without protections for transgendered people because it can only pass that way. Or being part of conversations on radio or TV that include hate groups thus giving equal treatment as a rule because both sides should be heard. This would not happen today if the groups were the KKK or Neo Nazis.

Michelangelo Signorile's premise for his entire book is pretty much what the title says: IT'S NOT OVER: GETTING BEYOND TOLERANCE, DEFEATING HOMOPHOBIA & WINNING TRUE EQUALITY—a hefty assignment. While I applaud him for his courage and passion, I fear that neither he nor I will see what he is asking for come to pass in our lifetime. That is not to say, however, that we should remain complacent, stop fighting and rest on our recent victories that were unheard of just a few short years ago—the repeal of DOMA, the lifting of the ban of gays and lesbians in the military, the number of states that now allow same-sex marriages as well as the endorsement of same-sex marriage by practically every Democrat in and out of Washington including Joe Biden, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. (Notice the order. Some people evolve—quicker than others it seems. My comment, not his.) One of Mr. Signorile's points among many that he hammers home is that the media must stop giving equal air time for LGBT haters spewing homophobic comments in the so-called interest of balance. He is spot on when he says if anyone made the same false, hate-filled statements about any other group—African

Americans, Latinos, Jews, women, the disability community, he or she would never get the coverage that these groups continue to get: "The idea that there is some difference between people who propagate lies against gays and those who do so against other groups. . . betrays a double standard on LGBT defamation even in this supposedly more enlightened time." •Another important point Mr.

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