


# LGBTQ HISTORY IN THE US


SPEAKOUT

**1924**   
America's first gay rights group, the Society for Human Rights, is founded in Chicago

**1969**   
The Stonewall Riots take place in Manhattan, initiating the first major LGBTQ rights demonstrations


**1981**   
The AIDS crisis begins, first classified as Gay-Related Immunodeficiency (GRID); The Reagan Administration refuses to acknowledge AIDS until 1985

**2004**   
Massachusetts becomes the first state to legalize same-sex marriage

**2013**   
The Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which allows states to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages, is declared unconstitutional


**2016**   
49 people are killed at the Pulse gay nightclub in Orlando, FL, marking the deadliest act of violence against the LGBTQ community in US history

**1966**   
During a time when LGBTQ people could be refused service in bars, protesters stage a "sip-in" at Julius' bar in New York City

**1973**   
Homosexuality is no longer considered a mental illness by the American Psychiatric Association

**2000**   
Vermont becomes the first state to offer civil unions to same-sex couples

**2011**   
"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is repealed, allowing gay and lesbian individuals to serve openly in the US military

**2015**   
The Supreme Court legalizes same-sex marriage nationwide in the *Obergefell v. Hodges* ruling

**2016**   
The Obama administration openly supports transgender students