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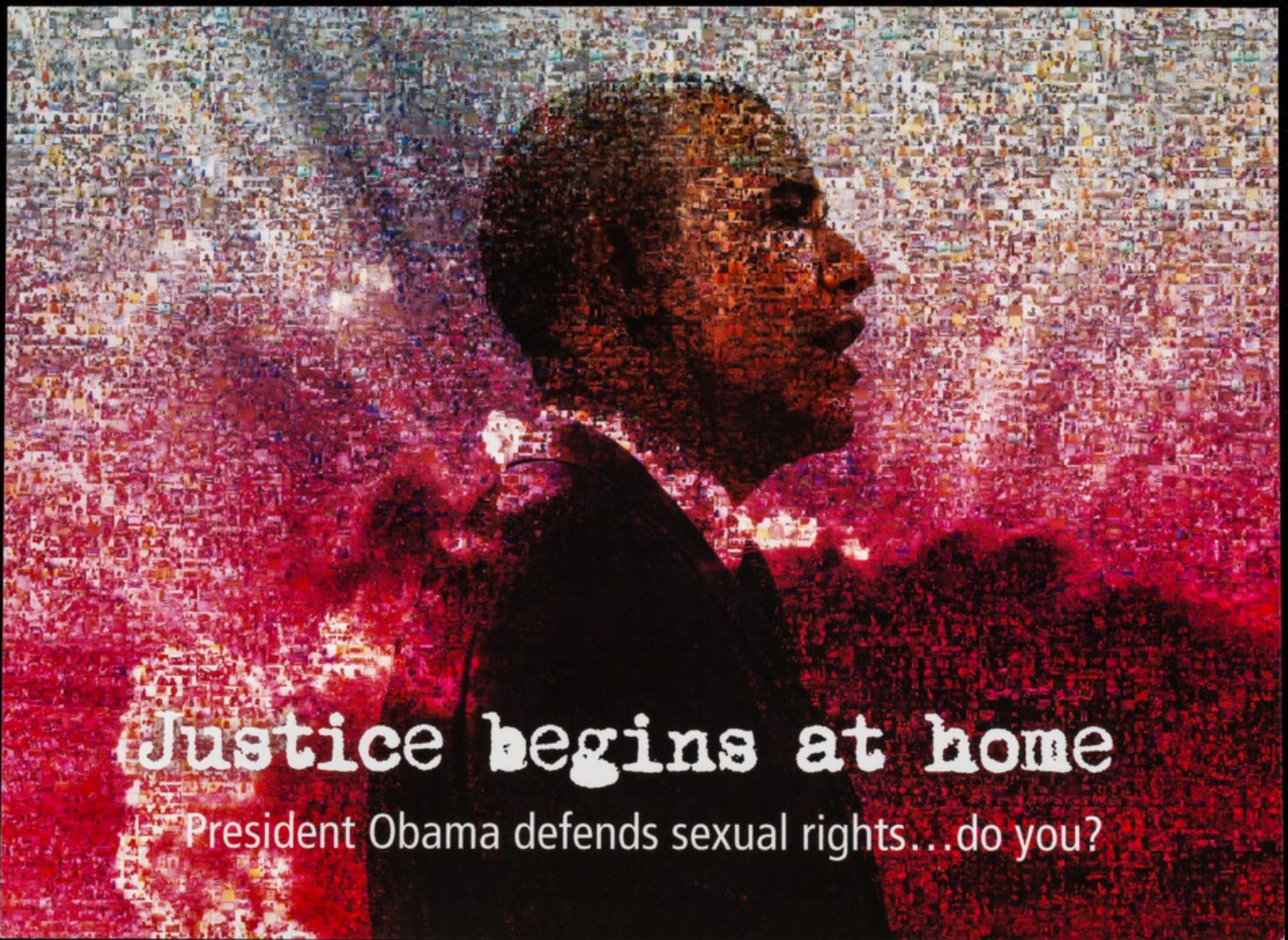
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# Justice begins at home

President Obama defends sexual rights...do you?



Dear President Obama,

Thank you for standing up against the criminalization of people based on their HIV status. Stigmatizing people living with HIV will not end the epidemic, but marginalizes those most at risk and impedes their ability to access health care. Across the United States, harmful policies keep this stigma alive.

Thirty-four U.S. states and territories have laws criminalizing HIV "exposure" (including through risk-free conduct such as spitting and biting) or nondisclosure of an individual's HIV status to sexual partners. Sentences imposed on people convicted of HIV-specific offenses can range in some states from 10–30 years even in the absence of intent to transmit HIV or actual transmission.

Your leadership in this area is vital. We are grateful for all you have done and ask you to:

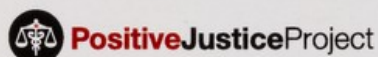
- 1 Support H.R. 3053, the REPEAL HIV Discrimination Act and
- 2 Continue to fight for the human rights of those living with HIV.

Signed:  Date:   /   /

State/Country:

**President Obama**

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