

## **CORRECTION – The political divide**

This document is an article from the magazine Vanity Fair, published in 2016 and written by Abigail Tracy. It deals with the American politicians' reaction after a mass shooting in a gay nightclub which was perpetrated by a security guard in Florida.

The article is divided/made of/composed of 4 paragraphs.

In the first one, the journalist explains how the Republicans reacted and how paradoxical it was. Indeed, at first they condemned the attack but then in the House of Representatives, they blocked the vote of a bill that would prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identification in the workplace.

Secondly, the journalist explains that the bill had been proposed by a gay Democrat congressman named Sean Patrick Maloney and was in keeping with a 2014 executive order. According to SPM, the homophobic attack is more than ever the occasion to reaffirm that discrimination has no place in American laws and to pursue President Obama's policy in that field.

In the third paragraph, Abigail Tracy reminds us the conditions and consequences of the shooting which is called « a terrorist attack » but also « a hate crime » and which made 49 victims. As a consequence, SPM doesn't understand the Republicans' blocking.

Finally, the congressman compares the shooting with another tragic event that took place one year before in an Afro American church and which was a racist attack. Both crimes were hate crimes and for him, hate has no place in the USA.

The goal of the article is to show how divided the American politicians are about homophobic crimes but also to highlight the Republicans' hypocrisy who first showed support on TV for the victims and then blocked a law which was supposed to defend them.