



Mitt Romney apologies for bullying gay teen while in high school

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Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney apologized Thursday for high school pranks that he said "might have gone too far."

"Back in high school, I did some dumb things and if anybody was hurt by that or offended, obviously I apologize for that," Romney [said](#) Thursday morning. "I participated in a lot of hijinks and pranks during high school and some might have gone too far and for that, I apologize."

A profile in *The Washington Post* projects an image of Romney bullying a gay kid in high school. The startling report comes just one day after President Barack Obama announced his support for same-sex marriage.

The *Post*'s Jason Horowitz [reports Romney](#) led a gang of boys who singled out a classmate presumed to be gay, held him down while he cried and screamed for help, and cut off the kid's offensively long bleach-blond hair.

Romney said he couldn't recall interrupting a closeted gay student during a high school English class by shouting, "Atta girl!"

"I'm a very different person than I was in high school, of course, but I'm glad that I learned as much as I did during those high school years," Romney said during a live [radio interview](#) on Fox News.

On Wednesday, Romney [told KDVR-TV](#) in Denver that "I do not favor marriage between people of the same gender, and I do not favor civil unions if they are identical to marriage other than by name. My view is the domestic partnership benefits, hospital visitation rights, and the like are appropriate but that the others are not."

A Gallup poll released this week found 50 percent of all adults in favor of legal recognition of same-sex marriages.

Same-sex marriage is legal in Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont, Washington state as well as the District of Columbia.