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I think now there's a pretty good consensus. In fact, one of the things that's happened over this past 25-30 years is this is not a partisan issue, if it ever was. If you look at the champions on the hill, they are republicans and democrats, they are left and right. People may have slightly different causes, but there was a period particularly during the Cold War when human rights was too often seen as a left wing cause and that was unfortunate because you want it to be wall-to-wall, an American cause. I think we are over that. I think that now on the hill there are no partisan differences; you can get as much support in one party as the other and you can't predict an administration will or will not be strong on these questions just on the basis of what party its from, which is what you want. You want it to be beyond partisanship.