

Marriage On Trial

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If we legalize same-sex marriage, we lose...

1. the unique value of male and female

- a. male same-sex marriage says that women are not necessary for the family.
- b. Female same-sex marriage says that men are not necessary for the family.
- c. A same-sex family says kids don't need mothers and fathers.

On a social and cultural level, every same-sex family fails to understand that:

- a. Men need women to domesticate them and channel their masculine and sexual energy in socially productive ways.
- b. A woman needs a man to protect her from exploitation of other unattached men.
- c. A man who is permanently committed to one woman is not a man who is likely to sexually pressure or even threaten other women.

2. the special value of your marriage

- a. The same-sex proposal permanently alters the definition of marriage for everyone, forever. It robs everyone of us of the special value and wonder of our marriages. Same-sex marriage changes of this and says that none of it matters. *It is just mere personal preference.*

3. the necessary social value of monogamy

- a. Monogamy is virtually impossible in male homosexual relationships. If homosexual men can't be expected to be faithful in their "marriages" it will be more difficult to expect heterosexual men to be faithful to their marriages. It is a sociological rule that human behavior tends to run

down-hill to the lowest-socially tolerated-common denominator. If same-sex advocates can persuade courts to allow their redefinition of marriage, why couldn't sincere polygamists convince the courts to allow their redefinition of marriage? Same-sex marriage will very likely encourage society to see monogamy as optional.

4. the dignity and status of women

- a. Same-sex marriage could lead to polygamy, and anthropologists consistently tell us that women, especially younger women, in polygamous cultures become commodities, exploited and collected as possessions by older men. Research shows that societies with lower rates of father involvement in the lives of their children have lower respect and provide less significant social opportunities for women. Lesbian families could unwittingly be harming the standing of women in society by creating more fatherless families.
- b. Monogamous marriage is the great domestic and social equalizer.

5. the well-being and safety of children

- a. Every same-sex union with a child intentionally denies that child a mother or a father, and that is never compassionate.
- b. Children are put a serious risk for physical and sexual abuse when they live in a family with a non-biological parent. Therefore, all same-sex parenting potentially puts children at serious risk.
- c. Same-sex marriage teaches children that husband and wife, father and mother, male and female are mere words, robbing them of the true understanding of the complexity and wonder of their humanity.

6. the right to religious conviction and democracy

- a. Your right to oppose homosexuality, or to oppose it being taught to other children in school, and to preach and teach against it in church could be lost. It could become

hate speech to say children need a mother and a father. Months after passing same-sex marriage in Canada, its national parliament passed C-250, a bill criminalizing "hate-speech" against homosexuals, punishable by up to two years in prison. Similar things could happen in other countries.

7. the mechanism that delivers the next healthy, productive safe generation

- a. When there is no special value to (1) males and females permanently committing to, sacrificing for and completing each other, and (2) biological, procreative childbearing and rearing, then we erase the mechanism that has allowed all civilizations to bring forth the next healthy, socially productive, compassionate and considerate generation. We lose this if all relationships are seen as equal, for no society has been able to sustain itself with a smorgasbord mentality to family life-pick what appeals to you and all choice are good.