

# DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**SAME-SEX “MARRIAGE” IS NOT ABOUT “EQUALITY”, “LOVE”, “DISCRIMINATION”, OR “CIVIL RIGHTS.” IT’S ABOUT TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN HOMOSEXUALITY IS NORMAL AND INVITING THEM TO AFFIRM AND PARTICIPATE IN ITS LIFESTYLE.**

**CAN YOU ANSWER THESE FOUR QUESTIONS ON MARRIAGE?**

### **WHAT IS MARRIAGE?**

- MARRIAGE is a social institution separate from a relationship of love between any two people.
- MARRIAGE is a sexual complementary union of body & soul of one man and one woman that is inherently designed for procreation which results in distinctive norms of family life, monogamy, exclusivity, permanence.

### **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE?**

- MARRIAGE is inherently designed to provide children with a mother and a father, and whose bond forms the best security and welfare for children. Research shows children do best with their biological parents.

### **WHAT IS THE GOVERNMENT’S COMPELLING INTEREST IN RECOGNIZING AND REGULATING MARRIAGE?**

- GOVERNMENT did not create marriage but has a compelling interest to protect the health, welfare, and inherent rights of children.

### **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF MARRIAGE AND HOW DOES EACH PROMOTE A HEALTHY SOCIETY?**

**Gender** requirement – promotes procreation from which result in family life and lifelong fidelity;

**Age** requirement – protects the vulnerable from exploitation;

**Blood-relation** requirement – prevents breakdown of family relationships;

**Number of partners** requirement – fosters healthy social relationships.

- MARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS have no hostility toward any individual but rather protect the common good of society.

### **DO YOU KNOW THE CONSEQUENCES OF LEGALIZING SAME-SEX “MARRIAGE” (SSM)?**

- **FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS - This bill violates the U. S. Constitution which grants the “free exercise” of religion** guaranteed to each person beyond the four walls of a religious institution. “Sexual liberty should win in most cases....I’m having a hard time coming up with any case in which religious liberty should win.” Chai Feldblum, Commissioner, United States EEOC.
- **CHILDREN have an inherent right to a mother and father.** SSM deliberately deprives some children the opportunity to be raised by a mother and father. Research shows a child develops best with one mother and one father. Children should be of paramount importance in considering public policy.
- **SCHOOLS will be mandated to teach homosexuality as normal behavior**, which many parents believe is unnatural, unhealthy, and/or immoral. When homosexual behavior is normalized, sexual boundaries begin to come down. Homosexual acts, bisexual conduct, and cross-dressing will be legitimized behaviors and taught to the youngest and most innocent of school children. Within months after Massachusetts legalized SSM, homosexuality-affirming literature was given to children in school-wide assemblies. Schools celebrated teachers who announced their marriages. A lesbian teacher in Brookline, MA, told National Public Radio that SSM has opened the door to teach homosexuality and she now discusses gay sex with her 8th grade students.
- **PARENTS have the right and responsibility to teach sexual conduct** to their own children which would be trumped by the school’s duty to normalize homosexual behavior. “Opt out” provisions are impractical and ineffective to protect most children.

**David Parker, a father of a Massachusetts’ kindergartner**, was jailed overnight because he insisted his child be removed from class during discussions about homosexuality. Massachusetts courts ruled that BECAUSE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IS LEGAL, schools have no obligation to notify parents.

- **BUSINESSES will be under further legal obligation to comply or face lawsuits.**

An Illinois bed & breakfast was sued because they refused to accommodate a civil union ceremony in 2011.

Catholic Charities (of Illinois) dropped their adoption care services rather than place children in homosexual households.

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- **SOCIAL AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS** will be forced to accommodate same-sex couples. County clerks, and justices-of-the-peace will be obligated to issue marriage licenses or face the loss of their job. On May 30, 2012, the ACLU and Lambda Legal filed lawsuits against the Cook County Clerk, suing him for not issuing gay “marriage” licenses to homosexual couples.

### DO YOU KNOW THE FALSE ARGUMENTS BEING USED TO REDEFINE MARRIAGE? “DISCRIMINATION”

The Truth is:

- **We all discriminate every day.** We discriminate between right/wrong, healthy/unhealthy, wise/foolish, etc.
- **Laws properly discriminate based on voluntary behavior, such as sexual behavior.** Homosexuality is a volitional act and is correctly an object of moral assessment. There is no scientific research proving homosexuality is inherent.
- If same-sex marriage is legalized, then the State is still engaging in discrimination by prohibiting polygamists and bisexuals from marrying the people they love! Obviously, this shows some discrimination is necessary.

**Therefore, the marriage issue cannot be argued on the basis of discrimination.**

### “LOVE” & “EQUALITY”

The Truth is:

- If “Love-makes-a-marriage” logic is legalized, it provides the legal basis for any number or combination of partners.
- **All relationships are NOT equal** because they do not have the same purpose or produce the same result.

**The primary reason government is involved** in recognizing and regulating marriage is because the union of one man and one woman is the only type of relationship that potentially produces children.

**The central defining feature of marriage** is not love but is sexual complementarity. Marriage has an inherent connection to reproductive potential.

### “CIVIL RIGHT”

The Truth is:

- **Civil rights are based on objective characteristics not subjective feelings and voluntary sexual acts.** Therefore, homosexual “marriage” is not a civil right because it’s a voluntary sexual behavior.
- **Civil rights are a class of rights given to individuals**—not couples or groups. As individuals, those who self-identify as homosexual have the right to participate in the sexually complementary institution of marriage. They choose not to. It’s irrational to eliminate the central defining feature of marriage: sexual complementarity. If sexual complementarity is eliminated, it is further irrational to refuse bisexuals and polygamists their “civil right.”
- **Homosexual behavior is not comparable to race.** Race is 100% inherited and, so, is a civil right. Sexual-attraction is subjective and volitional and, so, is not a civil right.
- Each individual has equal moral dignity and equal basic rights under the law. **But individual moral dignity requires no right to legal recognition of same-sex relationships.**

