



The Argument For Same Sex Marriage

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As Christians we are thought of as being bigoted or intolerant of those in the homosexual community, but the facts testify differently. If you saw trouble coming and knew that you could save lives by warning the people in harms way wouldn't you do it?

If you didn't warn them then the people would curse you later for not warning them. Even when you were warning them and they didn't understand why you would be acting beside yourself, waving your arms and voice, you might have to encounter them yelling at you and cursing at you.

Q: Where do we draw the lines when it comes to marriage?

Once we cast aside the time-tested male-female, one-flesh-union view of marriage in favor of marriage as individuals choose to define it, we have a grab bag of possibilities. Why not consider the following ***“marital arrangements”*** as having equal protections under the law?

A) **Group marriage** (say, five men and three women or vice versa). Why define marriage as involving two persons “committed” to each other?

B) **Incestuous marriage** (e.g., a father and a daughter, a mother with a son, a brother and a sister).

C) **Bestial marriage** (e.g., a human with a dog, cat, or horse). Why think that humans can't marry nonhuman animals? This could be considered speciesism—inappropriately favoring your own species over others.

D) **Pedophilia** (an older man marrying and having sex with a prepubescent child).

E) **Polygamous or polyandrous marriage** (a man with multiple wives or a woman with multiple husbands).

F) **Marriage to self**. A person may oppose “**numbers**”—the prejudicial assumption that marriage must involve at least two persons.

G) **Marriage with non-consenting adults**. Who says marriage has to involve consenting adults? Why not have a harem of sexual partners (“spouses”) who are physically restrained from leaving?

H) **Nonsexual marriage**. Why not call university fraternities or sororities or two brothers sharing an apartment a “marriage”?

I) **Marriage to material objects**. Perhaps we can recognize a person for being married to his money, his job, etc.

If the government doesn't recognize any of these categories to be considered “marriages,” is that “unfair” and “discriminatory”? If marriage is just a socially constructed arrangement as a result of human choice and preference, it's hard to see how any marital arrangement can rightly be banned.⁷

Here's some documented facts RE the homosexual lifestyle;

1. Homosexuals average living twenty years less than their heterosexual counterparts.¹

(Oxford Journals – “Modeling the impact of HIV disease on morality in gay and bisexual men” – <http://ije.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/26/3/657>)

****Interestingly, the US Government mandates that health warnings be put on cigarette packages. Smoking, on average, takes 10 years off of a person's life.² That means that on average, homosexuality reduces a person's life *200 percent* more than cigarette smoking. If there was an objectivity on this subject, people would speak out against homosexuality twice as much as they do against cigarettes!**

(British Medical Journal – “Morality in relation to smoking: 50 years' observations on male British doctors” – <http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/328/7455/1519>)

2. Statistics show that domestic violence among homosexuals is 300 times greater than traditional heterosexual couples.³

(U.S. Department of Justice: Office of Justice Programs:30; and Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report.11 – “Comparing the Lifestyles of Homosexual Couples to Married Couples” – <http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=IS04C02>)

3. Suicide is 200 percent greater and depression among homosexuals is 50 percent greater than heterosexuals.⁴

(BioMed Central Psychiatry – “A systematic review of mental disorder, suicide, and deliberate self harm in lesbian, gay and bisexual people” – <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-244X/8/70>)

Some argue that these statistics are so high because homosexuals are denied acceptance in our culture.

****Just take a look at societies like the Netherlands where homosexuality has been legalized for years. The rate of psychiatric illness is statistically similar to countries that haven't granted this recognition to homosexuals.⁵ Therefore, that argument dies!**

(Catholic Education Resource Center – “The Health Risks of Gay Sex” – <http://www.catholiceducation.org/articles/homosexuality/ho0075.html#14>)

4. In the states that have allowed homosexual marriages, such as Vermont, only about 25 percent of homosexuals have availed themselves of marriage.⁶

(USA TODAY – “Vermont’s gay civil unions mostly affairs of the heart” – http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2004-01-07-cover-vt-gay-unions_x.htm)

U.S. Adults' and LGBT Adults' Marital Status by Gallup

	U.S. adults	LGBT adults
	%	%
Married to opposite-sex spouse	47.7	11.4
Married to same-sex spouse	0.6	9.6
Living with opposite-sex domestic partner	8.1	9.2
Living with same-sex domestic partner	0.4	7.1

	22.9	50.5
Single/Never married		
Separated	2.4	2.0
Divorced	9.5	7.5
Widowed	5.9	2.5
No opinion	2.6	0.4

(This Survey of Gays who have availed themselves to marriage where it has been now legalized in all 50 US States was done by Gallup in 2020. <https://news.gallup.com/poll/329975/one-lgbt-americans-married-sex-spouse.aspx>).

5. Think about this—**43 percent of homosexuals have had sex with 500 partners or more in their lifetimes. And 28 percent of homosexuals have had 1,000 or more sexual partners.**⁷

(Journal of Sex Research – “A comparative demographic and sexual profile of older homosexually active men” – http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m2372/is_n4_v34/ai_20536043/pg_8/?tag=content;col1)

That is HUGE! Homosexuals are not moral people who want committed relationships. These statistics show that the majority of homosexuals are not “normal” by any measurement but their own. Their lifestyle is not only destructive to themselves but also to society.

When the spiritual effects of homosexuality are factored in, this is one of the most destructive lifestyles possible. ***It’s not a hate crime to say homosexuality is wrong any more than it’s a hate crime to say smoking is hazardous to one’s health. It’s just the truth.*** If we truly loved those trapped in homosexuality, we would speak out on this issue. But those who are telling the truth have been branded as hate mongers when just the opposite is true. Those who endorse homosexuality are burying their heads in the sand of “political correctness” and encouraging destructive behavior.

Leviticus 19:17 says,

17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him. KJV

It's sin not to speak the truth to homosexuals. It's not loving them. It's loving ourselves and avoiding the persecution that will surely come our way for taking a stand.

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