

The Failures and Malfunctions of Same Sex Marriage

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Historically, homosexuals have been denied the right to marriage and continue to be forbidden by law; but more recently homosexuals are demanding that society recognize their claim by giving their marriage legal status and actively contend for open rights to foster parenting and adoption. Homosexuals assert that their claim to marriage is equally legitimate to the same claim that heterosexuals actively engage in.

Consider that as a society, the individuals are deeply invested in their welfare and thus they enforce the prohibition of behaviors that cause danger and/or harm to others and themselves. Hence, the homosexual community is denied the right to marriage because same sex marriage causes an inherent harm to society and is simply a defective counterfeit of a traditional marriage's construct. Vast amounts of scientific and empirical research across the entire world suggest that all same sex marriages are inferior to traditional marriages. Compared to traditional marriages, a same sex marriage has a high domestic violence rate, undermines the individual's health, and is a hostile environment to raise a child. Therefore, exploring these topics are essential in understanding that same sex marriage dynamics are unproductive and lack substantive value.

Most animals living on this Earth practice consensual nonmonogamy relationships; essentially, the male and female will mate with many separate partners throughout their lives. For example, a male polar bear will search and find a different mate each season; they do not establish a proper family dynamic and are simply alone for most of their lives.

Analogous to a homosexual lifestyle, many same sex marriages empirically are extremely short lived and futile. In fact, homosexuals who do have long-term partners often do not remain faithful and engage in extramarital relationships. In Denmark, a form of homosexual marriage has been legal since 1989. Through 1995, less than 5% of Danish homosexuals had gotten married, and 28% of these marriages had already ended in divorce or death (2). Research shows that only 69% of Dutch homosexual men with a marriage-type “partner” actually lived together. Which means that over 30% of same sex married couples do not inhabit within the same household (2). The average number of extramarital affairs in a same sex marriage was 7.1 and increased from 2.5 in the first year of the relationship to 11 in the 6th year of the relationship, if in fact their marriage did prolong (4). This evidence suggests that the homosexuals in Denmark were not concerned with their claims to marriage rights, but only concerned with having the state recognize homosexual legitimacy; thus, the Danish experience provides no evidence that same sex marriage is beneficial. Men who married men were three times more apt to be widowers before the age of 55 than men who married women. Similarly, a woman who married a woman was three times more apt to be a widow than a woman who married a man (4). Other European countries and the United States mirrored these same statistics with homosexuals who were in “long-term” commitments. Thus, Denmark serves as an

invaluable source of information about same sex marriages and may act as an archetype for other nations considering legalizing same sex marriage. Which is why barely any countries have legalized same sex marriage laws and have not established same sex marriage rights.

This lifestyle becomes problematic because homosexuals see shared biological intimacy and sexual risk-taking as the hallmark of trust and commitment. Being exposed in this way to the bodily discharges of their partner increases the risk of disease and exponentially increases the risk of STD epidemics in many areas. Unlike traditional marriages, this same sex marriage major tendency creates a hostile relationship and equates to a large amount of domestic violence. Susan Holt, coordinator of the domestic violence unit of the Los Angeles Gay Lesbian Center, explains that "domestic violence is the third largest health problem facing the gay and lesbian community today and trails only behind AIDS and substance abuse... in terms of sheer numbers and lethality" (3). Accordingly, in Canada the 2004 General Social Survey (GSS) inquired about sexual orientation and results showed that spousal violence was twice as common among homosexual couples compared with heterosexual couples: 15% and 7% respectively (5). Gay activists and the media are quick to assert that discriminatory attitudes by "straight" society lead directly to violence against homosexuals (i.e., "gay bashing"). In fact, evidence suggests that homosexual domestic violence substantially exceeds, infrequency and lethality, any and all forms of "gay bashing." That is, the violence that homosexuals do to one another is much more significant than the violence that others do to homosexuals (1). Hence, operating within a traditional marriage framework is extremely ideal and categorically more beneficial towards physical and mental health.

After exploring these effects of instability and extreme flux within a same sex marriage, researchers find that adding a child to the equation is extremely sadistic. Fewer than 20 empirical studies have been done on homosexual parents within the United States. These studies have been small, biased, and generally fail to address many of the traditional concerns regarding homosexual parenting. However, the limited evidence they have generated supports what common sense would expect. Substantial evidence suggests that children of homosexuals are more apt to doubt their own sexuality, be embarrassed by their homosexual parent(s), and be teased and taunted by their peers (1). More hauntingly, psychiatrist Jeffrey Satinover argues in his book *Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth* that there is a "substantial, influential, and growing segment of the homosexual community that neither hides nor condemns pedophilia." Within the last 15 years there has been a daunting increase in homosexual molestation within foster parents homes. Perhaps the most notorious group advocating adult-child sex is the North American Man/Boy Association (NAMBLA). An unashamedly pedophile organization, NAMBLA wants society to appreciate, rather than deplore, intergenerational sex, and to abolish laws banning sex between adults and minors (6). Citing a study (Freund & Watson, 1992) that was reported in the *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy*, NARTH found that homosexual males were "three times more likely than straight men to engage in adult-child sexual relations." Below a graph shows the relationship between children being molested by same sex marriages versus traditional marriages (6):

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Figure 1. Foster Parent Perpetrators by Type of Molestation (%)

The problem stems from homosexual ideology and their school of thought in regards to sexual freedom. Same sex couples are extremely prideful in their life decisions and thus feel obligated to deplore their ethics and ideals on their children. Most often, they will refer to their children as confused and brainwashed by “straight society.” Thus, they actively participate in sexual encounters with their adopted or foster children; which is illegal and formidable in all states and all nations (7).

Luckily, the solvency of this issue is quite simple; prohibit homosexuals from marriage and disallow them to adopt or foster children. In today’s liberal world, most individuals would prescribe this advocacy as “intolerant,” which is exactly what is needed. The individuals willing to take a stance should be “intolerant” of all the harms that are created from same sex marriage. Although, removing this negative connotation and social stigma of being labeled “intolerant” will allow individuals to actually prevent a clear and present danger in our society. If not, all individuals have a moral obligation to

be proud of being “intolerant” of individuals that increase domestic violence, undermine their own health, and create poor living conditions for children. Counter to same sex marriage, a traditional marriage has a low domestic violence rate, improvement of health through proper sexual interactions, and creates an environment that caters to children’s needs. Teaching children at a young age about homosexuality must stop as well. Instead of raising “awareness” for homosexuals, more importantly schools should focus on the harms and dangers that are brought on by same sex marriages. Then will they be able to understand that traditional marriages are not only the norm, but that same sex marriages are extreme and not ideal. All in all, avoiding same sex marriage not only maximizes societies health, but it grounds the community in moral sanity and sanctity.

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