

# One 's Trash is Another Person's Treasure

Age: 17

Everyday people are facing with the ongoing debate about gay rights. The Gay Community feels that the government should allow same-sex marriage and support it, just as it would heterosexual marriages. Homosexuality, from a personal point of view, is already bad enough for society, and bringing that lifestyle into something as sanctified as marriage, changes our society's values culturally and socially. In addition, it makes the societies moral standards unstable. Same-sex marriage risks encouraging traditional marriage to be viewed upon as alterable (Meney). It affects people in many ways. Family, education, and the environment, illustrate these effects.

It is believable, among Christians, that in the beginning of time, God made Man. The reason for this, was so He could have someone carry out the many tasks needed to keep the world in order. When God made Man, He realized that it was not good for Man to be alone, therefore God created Woman. "God took one of the ribs from the man's body and used the rib to make a woman (Gen. 2:18-22)." Keep in mind that God did not

intend on making a homosexual couple to fulfill his vision, because it would have been impossible for humanity to produce many generations. “So a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife. And the two people will become one body (Gen. 2:24).” This means that man and woman were created to complete each other, both possessing something essential to the other. This way, marriage between a man and a woman is capable of becoming one powerful creation under God.

Experimenting with marriage should not be acceptable. Homosexuals seek equality with heterosexuals when it comes to marriage rights, or any other rights, for that matter, that outlaw discrimination against them. Right now, homosexuals are under the impression that marriage will fight that war for them. Although it could, that does not mean it is right. “Marriage should be honored by everyone. Husband and wife should keep their marriage pure (Heb. 13: 4).” Of course, God wants equality among humanity. He accepts the fact that people, no matter who they are, deserves equal opportunity in experiencing marriage. However, the people He refers to, specifically, is a man and a woman. God wants marriage to be a pure occasion. Purity is one thing that homosexuality does not have and will never obtain. In God’s eyes, marriage fulfills the purpose of production. Obviously, homosexuals cannot produce. Allowing same-sex marriage to thrive in the community goes against what Christians stand for and defies the Bible’s authority. For those who are not Christians or do not base their beliefs off of Christianity, same-sex marriage may not seem offensive. Nevertheless, it is seen among the majority as unethical. If performed, same-sex marriage should be carried out in places that already accept it. Why is the Gay Community obliged to making the entire country adapt to their private lifestyles? Designated locales serve a more than enough opportunity for this

circumstance to take action. There is no reason why the laws of America should be changed.

A lot of people who are in favor of same-sex marriage, feel that way, mostly because they do not think that it is going to affect them. However, many areas in society are being affected. Is that a concern among the Gay Community? It probably is not. It is human nature to every now and then, only care about oneself or one's own pleasures. Innocent children are being affected the most.

Traditional marriage is good for children, because it reflects the nature of a man and a woman (Meney). Men and women, since the beginning of time, are attracted to one another. Other qualities that traditional marriage possess, that is beneficial to children, is that it provides appropriate gender role modeling and it creates a safe and supportive atmosphere for nurturing children (Meney). Also, in most situations, when a child's biological parents are married to each other, the parents tend to have a connection with the child that homosexuals do not. Parents in a traditional marriage, if biological, are more likely capable of sacrificing themselves for that child (Meney). This information could still be argumentative among homosexuals in which those couples feel that they could offer just as much to their children as a heterosexual couple. Unfortunately, according to William Meezan and Jonathan Rauch, there is not enough research to decide which setting has the best benefits. The two say that to obtain knowledge through research is currently difficult, due to numerous factors, but that the process is improving. With that said, the important question is : Would a marriage that is known to have good and essential outcomes for a child, be better or worse than a marriage that is still under examination? Think about it. Although, not easily seen, allowing same-sex marriage

gradually changes society and the environment. It lowers the society's moral values as a whole. Boundaries that are set at the time will eventually slacken. Legally, allowing this circumstance to persevere will just cause chaos (Wagstaff). If this information seems incredible, look at what legalizing same-sex marriage has done to Massachusetts.

Starting with the educational system, the minds of students, from high school seniors to kindergarteners, are in the process of corruption with the nonsense that their society is compelling on them. In the Massachusetts' high schools, there have been assemblies organized to celebrate same-sex marriage. This assembly exposed the faculty members who are involved in homosexual relationships and are, or are planning to get married (Camenker). The purpose of school is for young people to be able to obtain knowledge about historical events and mathematic and scientific skills needed for future references. Parents are not spending their money for the schools to expose their kids to unethical behavior among the personal lives of that school's staff. Middle school kids are being told how lesbians can achieve intercourse using sex toys (Camenker).

Kindergarteners are being taught that same-sex marriage is perfectly normal and are being shown books containing homosexual relationships, in addition to illustrations of those relationships (Camenker). According to Brian Camenker, the message that the state of Massachusetts is depicting is: "because same-sex marriage is 'legal', a federal judge ruled that schools now have a duty to portray homosexual relationships...despite what parents think and believe (Camenker)." No one in their right mind would have their younger children exposed to adult situations that are so explicit, it seems, at that age. To make matters worse, the libraries in Massachusetts are filling shelves with books about normalizing homosexual behavior...explicit and even pornographic (Camenker). Now

that same-sex marriage is legal, the community in Massachusetts is starting to accept other behaviors, such as cross-dressing and Tran sexuality. There was also a book given to students at Brookline High School, called The Little Black Book : Queer in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, that consisted of obscene pornography, tips for boys on how to perform oral sex on other males, and directories for places where males can meet for anonymous sex (Camenker). Now that is outrageous and the list goes on. Although the situation may seem ruthless, parents who complain or try to get justice, are being ignored by the Massachusetts government. The government in Massachusetts thinks that accepting homosexuality is a matter of good citizenship (Camenker). Imagine these effects spreading through the entire United States. That is what will happen if our government decides to legalize same-sex marriage. Personally, this idea is immoral and twisted. There is no reason why it should be permitted.

Traditional marriage should be valued for the sake of society's well-being. Life was created for a man-and-woman relationship to help generations flourish. Same-sex marriage has no place in society, because of so many dishonorable effects it causes. It is a shame that numerous countries have already accepted it. Debates about legalizing it are still going on and will probably never subside, until other countries have made same-sex marriage legal. However, the importance of this essay is to tell society that treasuring traditional marriage is for its own good.

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