

Concerned Women for America of Kansas

TALKING POINTS ON TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

One of the biggest debates in our society is the conflict between those who defend traditional marriage and those who advocated changing the definition of marriage to include homosexual unions. You may have had this conversation with friends and relatives and did not know how to verbalize your views. We have included some "talking points" that might help you.

1. Homosexuals are seeking a special right. They already have the right to marry someone of the opposite sex. Civil rights are based upon discrimination against a class of people who have immutable (unchangeable) characteristics such as race, color, ethnicity, handicaps, etc., and who are disenfranchised because of those characteristics. Those practicing homosexuality are not disenfranchised; they can change and they are not helpless. In fact, on average, homosexuals earn more than the general population. [Ronald Alsop, "Are Gay People More Affluent Than Others?" The Wall Street Journal, December 30, 1999; December 30, 1999; ; Marcia Philbin, "Branching Out" Miami Daily Business Review, October 6, 2000, p. A-13]
2. There have always been restrictions on marriage. For instance, a man cannot have three wives; he cannot marry his dog or his horse, and he cannot marry a close relative.
3. The self-evident truth of nature is that men and women are uniquely designed for each other. It is the means by which the human race reproduces. Procreation for homosexual couples requires a third party.
4. Licensing the unnatural does not make it natural.
5. Just because you think it would be nice to let someone you know who is homosexual get married, you do not throw away the mainstay of our culture for thousands of years to foist a social experiment on the entire culture.
6. Marriage is a civil contract that ensures that a man's progeny is his, safeguarding inheritance. It offers protection and stability to women and acts as a safe incubator for the rearing of children.
7. Homosexual marriage denies children the opportunity to have both a mom and a dad. Each is important for development and gender identity.
8. Granting a marriage license to a same-sex couple is as illogical as granting a medical license to a barber because he wears a white coat and uses scissors.

9. Homosexual marriage will devalue traditional marriage. Offering a counterfeit in exchange for the real thing always devalues the genuine. Granting homosexuals "marriage" would be the same as government sanctioning that union. In the Scandinavian countries that have granted the privilege of homosexual "marriage," most people now don't even bother to get married. Out-of-wedlock births have skyrocketed and marriage has been devalued. [Stanley Kurz, National Review Online, "Slipping Toward Scandanavia"; Februrary 02, 2004]

10. Marriage is not just a piece of paper that gives people license to have sex. It has a far deeper meaning, both spiritually and contractually.

11. One of the government's main functions is to promote the public welfare. Marriage provides stability, health, security and long-term viability in stable societies. Therefore, the government has a duty to protect marriage.

12. Some homosexuals claim that their goal is to transform the notion of "family" completely. Changing the definition of marriage requires changing ALL family law, making an already chaotic court situation much worse, to the detriment of children.

13. Social scientists have found that same-sex "marriages" are different from heterosexual marriages. Even homosexual activists admit that these unions are more promiscuous, are of shorter duration, [Amsterdam AIDS study published in the Journal AIDS (17:1029-1038) Study found that homosexual relationships last on average 1-1/2 years. Within that relationship the study found that homosexual men had on average 16-28 sexual partners within a year. Those in "steady" relationships had 6-10 partners outside of their "steady" partner.] with greater physical and mental problems and shorter life spans for those engaged in that behavior. [Dr. John Diggs, "The Health Risks of Gay Sex"; Corporate Resource Council, 2002]

14. Marriage has already been weakened by no-fault divorce with tragic results for the family, especially women and children.

15. Government sanctioning of homosexual "marriage" will change what is taught to our children in schools, much like what has already happened in California where children must be taught that homosexuality is a sanctioned lifestyle.

16. Marriage is the first institution ordained by God and provides an earthly picture of Christ and His Bride, the Church.

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