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# The Impact of Same-Sex Marriage On Religious Freedom

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## Or For Poorer? How Same-Sex Marriage Threatens Religious Liberty,

(<http://www.law.harvard.edu/students/orgs/jlpp/>) table of contents from a law journal article by Roger Severino of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty ([www.becketfund.org](http://www.becketfund.org))

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**LIST OF RECENT INSTANCES OF RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION AS A RESULT OF THE RADICAL HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA** (Compiled by the Law Offices of Charles S. LiMandri, [www.limandrilaw.com](http://www.limandrilaw.com), and the Thomas More Law Center)

LOCATION	DATE	OCCURRENCE	SOURCE
California	March 9, 2006	The California Supreme Court voted unanimously that the City of Berkeley could withdraw a rent subsidy to a Boy Scouts affiliate (the Sea Scouts) at the city marina because of the scouts' opposition to homosexuality.	<a href="http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/news/1593336/posts">http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/news/1593336/posts</a>
California	April 5, 2006	San Francisco City Board of Supervisors issued a scathing resolution condemning the Catholic Church's moral teachings on homosexuality and urging Catholic leaders to defy Vatican directives telling agencies not to place children with same-sex couples.	<a href="http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewCulture.asp?Page=/Culture/archive/200604/CUL20060405a.html">http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewCulture.asp?Page=/Culture/archive/200604/CUL20060405a.html</a>
California	June 28, 1905	Federal District Court held that a student's religious speech opposing school support of homosexuality could be banned as such "injurious remarks" "intrude[] upon...the rights of other students". See <i>Harper v. Poway Unified Sch. Dist.</i> 445 F.3d 1166, 1179-80 (2006)	<a href="http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/ca9/newopinions.nsf/D2D4CBF690CD61A6882571560001FEBD/\$file/0457037.pdf?openelement">http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/ca9/newopinions.nsf/D2D4CBF690CD61A6882571560001FEBD/\$file/0457037.pdf?openelement</a>
California	May 31, 2007	Eharmony.com was sued for refusing to offer its dating services to gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. [Eharmony.com was founded in 2000 by an evangelical Christian with strong ties to Focus on the Family.]	<a href="http://www.americansfortruth.com/news/homosexual-legal-bullies-latest-target-eharmonycom.html">http://www.americansfortruth.com/news/homosexual-legal-bullies-latest-target-eharmonycom.html</a>
California	June 1, 2007	The Oakland city government found the words "Marriage is the foundation of the natural family and sustains family values" to be a hate crime and reprimands a group of Oakland city government employees for using these words on a flyer in the workplace.	<a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/06/22/AR2007062201704.html">http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/06/22/AR2007062201704.html</a>
California	July 21, 2007	Four San Diego firefighters were ordered to participate in the San Digeo Gay Pride Parade. In a lawsuit currently before the California Superior Court in San Diego, they are suing the City of San Diego for sexual harassment and violating their freedom of speech. <a href="http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,292442,00.html">http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,292442,00.html</a>	5

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California	August 2, 2007	Two evangelical physicians have been sued for acting in accord with their religious beliefs and not artificially inseminating a lesbian. This case is pending before the CA Supreme Court.	<a href="http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2007-08-02-doctors-side_N.htm">http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2007-08-02-doctors-side_N.htm</a>
California	September 13, 2007	Transsexual Nicole Murray Ramirez, the San Diego City Human Relations Chairperson, condemned San Diego Roman Catholic Bishop Robert Brom in the print media for being a "hypocrite" and calls for his resignation. As the Human Relations Chairperson, Ramirez is the person tasked with assisting San Diegans in fighting discrimination of any kind, including religious discrimination. Ramirez is a member of the anti-Catholic Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, which has been declared an heretical group by the Vatican.	<a href="http://www.gaylesbiantimes.com/?id=10535&amp;issue=1029">http://www.gaylesbiantimes.com/?id=10535&amp;issue=1029</a>
California	September 15, 2007	California Lutheran high school is being sued for expelling two girls who engaged in "homosexual conduct" on campus.	<a href="http://www.calcatholic.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?id=f1b804c0-d29f-4f77-90d5-0c2da25b6687">http://www.calcatholic.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?id=f1b804c0-d29f-4f77-90d5-0c2da25b6687</a>
California	September 25, 2007	Lesbian CA high school student accuses principal of violating Equal Protection and First Amendment rights for issuing disciplinary action in response to continual inappropriate displays of public affection on school grounds. U.S. District Court rules in favor of School defendants, finding no federal or state constitutional violations.	<a href="http://www.aclu.org/images/asset_upload_file749_32161.pdf">http://www.aclu.org/images/asset_upload_file749_32161.pdf</a>
Illinois	June 1, 2005	A former manager with Allstate was fired on the sole basis that he wrote a column posted on several websites that was critical of same-sex marriage and espoused Christian beliefs. This was done while he was not at work. He sued and reached a settlement. <a href="http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/printer-friendly.asp?ARTICLE_ID=44961">www.worldnetdaily.com/news/printer-friendly.asp?ARTICLE_ID=44961</a>	

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Maryland	June 16, 2006	Robert J. Smith, a member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Metro.Area Transit Authority, appointed by Governor Robert L.Ehrlich, discussed the federal marriage amendment on a local cable show, and stated that gays and lesbians are "persons of sexual deviancy", and was subsequently fired from his position. He said that as a Catholic this was part of his religious beliefs.	<a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/15/AR2006061502097.html">http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/15/AR2006061502097.html</a>
Massachusetts	March 10, 2006	Catholic Charities is forced out of the adoption business for the first time in 100 years because it will not place children with homosexual couples.	<a href="http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/03/10/catholic_charities_to_halt_a_doptions_over_issue_involving_gays/">http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/03/10/catholic_charities_to_halt_a_doptions_over_issue_involving_gays/</a>
Massachusetts	August 24, 2007	A father who objected to the homosexual curriculum being taught to his kindergartener was handcuffed and taken to jail for refusing to leave a school meeting where he came to complain. The case is currently before the First Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.	<a href="http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=57298">http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=57298</a>
Missouri	November 1, 2006	Emily Brooker, a social-work student at Missouri State University, was charged with violating the school's "Standards of Essential Functioning in Social Work Education". One of her professors accused her of the violation after he assigned a project that required the entire class to write and each sign a letter to the Missouri Legislature in support of gay adoption. Brooker said her Christian beliefs required her to refuse to sign the letter. She subsequently sued the school for a violation of her First Amendment rights and won.	<a href="http://www.news.missouristate.edu/releases/27833.htm">http://www.news.missouristate.edu/releases/27833.htm</a>
New Jersey	October 7, 2007	Ocean Grove Camp Ground, a Methodist camp, loses its state tax exempt status for not hosting a same-sex union in its marriage pavilion. <a href="http://www.ird-renew.org/site/apps/nl/content2.asp?c=fvKVLfMVIsG&amp;b=390529&amp;ct=4455835&amp;printmode=1">http://www.ird-renew.org/site/apps/nl/content2.asp?c=fvKVLfMVIsG&amp;b=390529&amp;ct=4455835&amp;printmode=1</a>	

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Pennsylvania	October 15, 2004	Group of Christians was arrested, spent 21 hours in jail, and was charged with multiple felonies for peacefully protesting at a Philadelphia gay pride event even though the event was open to the public and held on city streets and sidewalks.	<a href="http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=40929">http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=40929</a> ; See also <i>Startzell v. City of Philadelphia</i> , No. 05-05287, 2007 WL 172400 (E.D. Pa. Jan.18, 2007).
Vermont	June 30, 2005	Lesbian couple used Vermont's public accommodations law to file a discrimination complaint against a couple who own a small inn for expressing their concern that, as Roman Catholics, they would have moral difficulty hosting a same-sex civil union on their premises.	<a href="http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=45073">http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=45073</a>
Virginia	April 28, 2006	A government commission ordered a man who runs a video duplicator business to do a job for a lesbian activist after he initially refused because, as a Christian, he did not want to help promote homosexuality. He is planning to bring a lawsuit against Arlington County, VA.	<a href="http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/printer-friendly.asp?ARTICLE_ID=49954">www.worldnetdaily.com/news/printer-friendly.asp?ARTICLE_ID=49954</a>
Washington, DC	October 2, 2007	General Peter Pace, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was fired because he publicly expressed moral opposition to homosexual behavior.	<a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/10/01/AR2007100101555.html">http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/10/01/AR2007100101555.html</a>
Washington, DC	October 15, 2007	Current nominee for the position of Surgeon General will likely not be confirmed due to a paper he wrote in 1991 for a United Methodist Church committee to study homosexuality. In the paper he contended that homosexual sex was neither natural nor healthy.	<a href="http://news.cincypost.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071015/NEWS01/710150383">http://news.cincypost.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071015/NEWS01/710150383</a>

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Belgium	January 26, 2004	Cardinal Gustaaf Joos is sued by the Centre for Equal Opportunities and the Fight Against Racism (CEOFAR) for human rights violations because he said that most homosexuals are perverts.	<a href="http://www.cwnews.com/news/viewstory.cfm?recnum=27229">http://www.cwnews.com/news/viewstory.cfm?recnum=27229</a>
Belgium	June 27, 2007	Belgian homosexual activists have brought charges against Mgr Andre-Mutien Leonard, the Roman Catholic bishop of Namur, for homophobia because he is said to have described homosexuals as "abnormal" people.	<a href="http://www.brusselsjournal.com/node/2221/print">www.brusselsjournal.com/node/2221/print</a>
Canada	February 24, 2000	A professional printer refused to print material for the Canadian Gay and Lesbian Archives because he felt doing so would violate his religious beliefs. He was fined and ordered to print the material anyway. He took his case to the Ontario Supreme Court and then to the Ontario Court of Appeal and lost both times. His total legal bills exceed \$170,000.	<a href="http://www.catholiceducation.org/articles/persecution/pch0080.html">www.catholiceducation.org/articles/persecution/pch0080.html</a>
Canada	2001	An evangelical Christian employed as a prison guard placed an ad in the Saskatchewan Star Phoenix. The ad was a picture of two stick men holding hands, with a red circle with a bar across superimposed on them. Below the picture were four scripture references, but not actual Bible verses. He was convicted of a hate crime by the Saskatchewan Human Rights Tribunal. The judge suggested that using Bible verses in a newspaper ad like this could be construed as hate literature. Thus, there is now legal precedent in Canada that the Holy Bible is hate literature.	<a href="http://www.catholiceducation.org/articles/persecution/pch0080.html">www.catholiceducation.org/articles/persecution/pch0080.html</a>

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Canada	May 1, 2002	A Catholic high school in Whitby, Ontario was forced by the Ontario Supreme Court to allow a homosexual student to take his boyfriend to the graduation prom, even though the church-run school has strict prohibitions against condoning any kind of homosexual behavior.	<a href="http://www.catholiceducation.org/articles/persecution/pch0080.html">www.catholiceducation.org/articles/persecution/pch0080.html</a>
Canada	February 3, 2004	Canadian teacher Chris Kempling was suspended for one month for his Christian views on homosexuality, expressed in a letter to the editor.	<a href="http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2005/sep/05093005.html">http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2005/sep/05093005.html</a>
Canada	January 1, 2005	Calgary Bishop Fred Henry is forced to remove a diocesan letter from his website because it urged Catholic Christians to support traditional marriage and oppose same-sex marriage.	<a href="http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2005/jan/050113a.html">http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2005/jan/050113a.html</a>
Canada	January 26, 2005	B.C. Knights of Columbus are sued for not permitting the rental of their hall for a same-sex wedding reception.	<a href="http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2005/jan/05012607.html">http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2005/jan/05012607.html</a>
Canada	August 16, 2007	Canadian Mennonites forced to place children in state-run schools or children will be placed in foster homes. State-run schools teach "alternative" (i.e. homosexual) lifestyles contrary to their religious beliefs.	<a href="http://www.canada.com/components/print.aspx?id=98ae22a3-a4e1-4286-bb21-2d42127c47a6&amp;k=78372">http://www.canada.com/components/print.aspx?id=98ae22a3-a4e1-4286-bb21-2d42127c47a6&amp;k=78372</a>

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France	June 5, 2005	Gay protestors march down the aisle of the altar of Notre Dame Cathedral during mass, where one of the protestors, dressed like a priest, performed a mock marriage ceremony for a lesbian couple. One of the priests saying mass receives a minor injury while trying to remove the protestors from the cathedral.	<a href="http://www.365gay.com/newscon05/06/060505parisDemo.htm">www.365gay.com/newscon05/06/060505parisDemo.htm</a>
France	January 1, 2007	Christian Vanneste, a member of the French parliament, was convicted for homophobia by a French court. He had said that "heterosexuality is morally superior to homosexuality" and that "homosexuality endangers the survival of mankind."	<a href="http://www.brusselsjournal.com/node/724">http://www.brusselsjournal.com/node/724</a>
Italy	October 27, 2004	Rocco Buttiglione is nominated as Commissioner of Justice for the newly formed European Commission, the Executive Branch of the European Union. He said publicly that he thought homosexual conduct was immoral, and members of the European Parliament blocked his nomination.	<a href="http://www.ilga.org/news_results.asp?LanguageID=1&amp;FileCategory=1&amp;FileID=361">http://www.ilga.org/news_results.asp?LanguageID=1&amp;FileCategory=1&amp;FileID=361</a>
Italy	June 12, 2007	Archbishop Angelo Bagnasco, leader of the Italian Bishops' Conference, received his second death threat, in the form of 3 bullets, from an anonymous militant homosexual activist enraged at the Catholic Church's campaign to defeat civil union legislation in Italy.	<a href="http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2007/jun/07061203.html">http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2007/jun/07061203.html</a>
Sweden	February 11, 2005	Swedish pastor sentenced to jail for one month after speaking out against homosexual lifestyles from the pulpit. The Gota Court of Appeals subsequently overturned this decision.	<a href="http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,147084,00.html">http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,147084,00.html</a>

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United Kingdom	July 28, 2007	Anglican Church found guilty of discrimination against homosexuals for requiring lay Diocesan Youth Director to be celibate if not married. It is now against the law for a Christian organization to require its employees to abide by Christian teaching.	<a href="http://catholicactionuk.blogspot.com/2007/07/anglican-bishop-condemned-for-refusing.html">http://catholicactionuk.blogspot.com/2007/07/anglican-bishop-condemned-for-refusing.html</a>
United Kingdom	October 24, 2007	Christian couple denied reregistration as foster parents following their refusal to sign an "Equality" policy which forbids discrimination on the grounds of homosexuality. After public outcry, on October 31, 2007 Somerset Social Services met with the couple and allowed them to make a conscientious objection to the "Equality" policy, reinstating them as foster parents.	<a href="http://www.christiantoday.com/article/christian_foster_parents_no_longer_forced_to_promote_homosexuality/14339.htm">http://www.christiantoday.com/article/christian_foster_parents_no_longer_forced_to_promote_homosexuality/14339.htm</a>
United Kingdom	November 3, 2007	British Employment Appeals Tribunal (EAT) upheld a decision rendered last March rejecting a discrimination claim by a Justice of the Peace. The Justice sat on the court's Family Panel and had requested to be excused from hearing cases involving same-sex couples based on his Christian religious beliefs. His request was denied and he filed a discrimination claim. The EAT concluded that magistrates must apply the law as their oath requires, and cannot opt out of cases on moral grounds.	<a href="http://religionclause.blogspot.com/2007/11/british-appeals-panel-rejects-religious.html">http://religionclause.blogspot.com/2007/11/british-appeals-panel-rejects-religious.html</a>

# Just the Facts on SB 777

**There is legal protection for students without SB 777. SB 777 changes the law on instruction and activities.**

**Protection for homosexual, bisexual, and transgender students has been law since 2000.**

- The Student Safety and Violence Prevention Act of 2000 (AB 537) protects "all persons in public schools." It prohibits discrimination based on actual and perceived sexual orientation.
- It explicitly extends protection from the California Penal Code to schools. The Penal Code protects all people in the enjoyment of their rights, as secured in the federal Constitution, United States law, the state Constitution, and state laws.
- AB 394, passed in 2007, requires the State Department of Education to "monitor adherence" to AB 537. This may include state monitoring of student attitudes on sexual orientations.
  - Bottom line: AB 537 establishes equal protection for every California public school student, which makes SB 777 unnecessary.

**SB 777 does not streamline existing California Educational Code. It adds to the law.**

- AB 537 purposely excluded school instruction and activities from non-discrimination law.
- It reads: "Nothing in [AB 537] requires the inclusion of any curriculum, textbook, presentation, or other material in any program or activity . . . ."

**SB 777 purposely adds new mandates for school instruction and activities.**

- It reads: "No teacher shall give instruction nor shall a school district sponsor any activity that promotes a discriminatory bias" against homosexuality, bisexuality, or transsexuality.
- Bottom line: SB 777 adds school instruction and activities to the things that cannot promote "bias," which elevates homosexuality, bisexuality, and transsexuality in public schools.

**SB 777 is a mandate for every school district, ending local control on sensitive issues.**

- Under the equal protection of AB 537, each school district has discretion over how it addresses the sensitive issues of homosexuality, bisexuality, and transsexuality.
- SB 777 takes away parental and local control and discretion over how to address these issues.
- SB 777 specifically includes charter schools in these new mandates.
- Bottom line: SB 777 normalizes homosexuality, bisexuality, and transsexuality across the state, without room for local discretion on addressing these issues.

# SENATE BILL 777

## TALKING POINTS

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- SB 777 mandates that the state's definition of gender is adhered to in all instructional materials and school activities. According to the state's definition, a person's gender is either real or "perceived."
- SB 777 does not clarify whether a person's gender identity must be constant. In other words, gender can literally change on a daily basis.
- SB 777 mandates treatment of a student or faculty according to their declared gender. This will include participation in gender-specific classes, such as physical education and health education. This will also include a person's use of facilities, including restrooms and locker rooms.
- SB 777 mandates that "No teacher shall give instruction nor shall a school district sponsor any activity that promotes a discriminatory bias" against homosexuality or bisexuality. That is, homosexuality, bisexuality, and transgenderism may only be portrayed positively, and traditional norms, such as the portrayal of heterosexual relationships, will be seen to reflect "bias" on a small minority of persons. In addition, the tradition of a high school's homecoming court will necessarily be altered to include same-sex couples, or eliminated.
- SB 777 is portrayed by the pro-gay lobby as an extension of protections against "hate" crimes. Rather, SB 777 is reverse discrimination against religious freedom and freedom of expression.
- The purpose of SB 777 is to silence all voices that disagree with the homosexual lifestyle, and to normalize homosexuality, bisexuality, and transsexuality across the state.

## National Organization for Marriage website: [www.nationformarriage.org](http://www.nationformarriage.org)

**The National Organization for Marriage (NOM)** is a nonprofit organization with a mission to protect marriage and the faith communities that sustain it. Founded in response to the growing need for an organized opposition to same-sex marriage in state legislatures, NOM serves as a national resource for marriage-related initiatives at the state and local level. For decades, pro-family organizations have educated the public about the importance of marriage and the family, but have lacked the organized, national presence needed to impact state and local politics in a coordinated and sustained fashion. NOM seeks to fill that void, organizing as a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization, giving it the flexibility to lobby and support marriage initiatives across the nation.

Consistent with its 501(c)(4) nonprofit status, NOM works to develop political messaging, build its national grassroots email database of voters, and provide political intelligence and donor infrastructure on the state level, with a focus on developing new strategies for increasing influence in the Northeast and West Coast, where marriage is most under threat.

The NOM Education Fund represents another aspect of NOM's overall effort to protect marriage, engaged solely in pro-marriage education and research, making information resources available to clergy, scholars, political leaders, and activists across the country. The NOM Education Fund is separately organized as a 501(c)(3) organization and NOM Education Fund donations are tax deductible.

Supplementing NOM's educational, lobbying and organizational efforts, the NOM Marriage PAC will raise funds for direct involvement in targeted races of strategic importance across the country.



# Helpful Websites to use to Stay Informed

- Links on the website of the Law Offices of Charles S. LiMandri ([www.limandri.com](http://www.limandri.com))
- Thomas More Law Center (TMLC) ([www.thomasmore.org](http://www.thomasmore.org))
- California Protect Marriage coalition ([www.protectmarriage.com](http://www.protectmarriage.com))
- National Organization for Marriage ([www.nationformarriage.com](http://www.nationformarriage.com))
- [www.stateline.org](http://www.stateline.org)
- United States Conference for Catholic Bishops, “Between Man and Woman Questions and Answers About Marriage and Same-Sex Unions” (11/12/03, [www.usccb.org/laity/manandwoman.htm](http://www.usccb.org/laity/manandwoman.htm))
- Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions Between Homosexual Persons, statement from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith ([http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_20030731\\_homosexual-unions\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20030731_homosexual-unions_en.html))
- Family Research Council, “What’s Wrong With Letting Same-Sex Couples ‘Marry’?”, [www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=IF03H01](http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=IF03H01)
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- Corporate Resource Council (“CRC”), “The Health Risks of Gay Sex”, by John R.Diggs, Jr./MD, [www.corporateresourcecouncil.org](http://www.corporateresourcecouncil.org)
- Concerned Women for America, “11 Ways You Can Fight the Homosexual Agenda”, [www.cwfa.org](http://www.cwfa.org)
- “A Petition to Members of Congress”, [www.nogaymarriage.com](http://www.nogaymarriage.com)
- Catholic Answers Live, “In Defense of Marriage” Radio Program, [www.catholic.com/radio/calive.asp?date=7/1/2004](http://www.catholic.com/radio/calive.asp?date=7/1/2004)
- National Coalition for the Protection of Children & Families, “Responding to Pro-Gay Theology”, by Joe Dallas (714) 502-1463, [www.leaderu.com](http://www.leaderu.com)

## Important Video Websites:

- **website:** <http://www.massresistance.com/media/video/brainwashing.html>  
**video clip:** Click on the “Assault on children in the schools” at the top of the banner on the left side of the webpage. Then click on “View videos” under the first topic, “Videos of elementary schools normalizing homosexual lifestyle to young children”. Scroll down to the second video: “Part II: Role-playing in the third grade.” (This is a video clip from a NYC public elementary school).
- **website:** <http://www.letcaliforniarig.org/site/apps/nl/content2.asp?c=ltJTJ6MQIuE&b=3554233&ct=4563207>  
**video clip:** the “Garden Wedding” clip.
- **website:** <http://www.nationformarriage.org/site/c.omL2KeN0LzH/b.3374787/>  
**video clip:** Scroll down to the video “NOM Sending a Message to Massachusetts Politicians Who Betrayed Marriage”.

# I. Church Teaching

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## A. Scripture

- New Testament
  - I Corinthians 6:9-10
  - Matthew 19:4-5
  - Romans 1:24-27
- Old Testament
  - Leviticus 18:22
  - Genesis 19 (Sodom & Gomorrah)

## B. Catechism (2357)

- “Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that ‘homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered.’ They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.”

## C. Homosexuality has been condemned by Fathers and Doctors of the Church for 2000 years. Saint Peter Damian, Doctor of the Church, for example, says it “should not be considered an ordinary vice, for it surpasses all of them in enormity”; the Catechism of Pius X calls homosexuality a sin that “cries out to Heaven for vengeance.”

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- D. Vatican Document on Homosexual Unions (June 3, 2003)— “Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions Between Homosexual Persons,” from the Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.
- There are 3 fundamental elements of the Creator’s plan for marriage, as narrated in the Book of Genesis:
    - 1) “In the first place, man, the image of God, was created male and female” (Gen. 1:27) (Matt. 19:4-5)
    - 2) Marriage is a communion of persons involving the use of the sexual faculty: “That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.” (Gen.2:24) (Mark 10:6-8)
    - 3) Man and woman participate in work of creation: “Be fruitful and multiply.” (Gen.1:28)
  - Furthermore, Christian marriage is a sign of the covenant between Christ and the Church (Eph.5:32)
  - “Moral conscience requires that, in every occasion, Christians give witness to the whole moral truth, which is contradicted both by the approval of homosexual acts and unjust discrimination against homosexual persons. Therefore, discreet and prudent actions can be effective; these might involve: unmasking the way in which such tolerance might be exploited or used in the service of ideology; stating clearly the immoral nature of these unions; reminding the government of the need to contain the phenomenon within certain limits so as to safeguard public morality; and, above all, to avoid exposing young people to erroneous ideas about sexuality and marriage that would deprive them of their necessary defenses and contribute to the spread of the phenomenon. Those who would move from tolerance to the legitimizations of specific rights for cohabiting homosexual persons need to be reminded that the approval or legalizations of evil is something far different from the toleration of evil.”

- “As experience has shown, the absence of sexual complementarity in these unions create obstacles in the normal development of children who would be placed in the care of such persons...Allowing children to be adopted by persons living in such unions would actually mean doing violence to these children, in the sense that their condition of dependency would be used to place them in an environment that is not conducive to their full human development. This is gravely immoral...”
- “Conclusion: The Church teaches that respect for homosexual persons cannot lend in any way to approval of homosexual behavior or to legal recognition of homosexual unions. The common good requires that laws recognize, promote and protect marriage as the basis of the family, the primary unit of society. Legal recognition of homosexual unions or placing them on the same level as marriage would mean not only the approval of deviant behavior, with the consequence of making it a model in present-day society, but would also obscure basic values which belong to the common inheritance of humanity. The Church cannot fail to defend these values, for the good of men and women and for the good of society itself.”

E. The U.S. Bishops Administrative Committee (which is comprised of 47 bishops) voted on September 9, 2003, to give general support to a Federal Marriage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

- “Between Man and Woman: Questions and Answers About Marriage and Same-Sex Unions,” Issued by USCCB, November 12, 2003.
- “For several reasons, a same-sex union contradicts the nature of marriage: It is not based on the natural complementarity of male and female; it cannot cooperate with God to create new life; and the natural purpose of sexual union cannot be achieved by a same-sex union. Persons in same-sex unions cannot enter into a true conjugal union. Therefore, it is wrong to equate their relationship to a marriage.”
- “To uphold God’s intent for marriage, in which sexual relations have their proper and exclusive place, is not to offend the dignity of homosexual persons. Christians must give witness to the whole moral truth and oppose as immoral both homosexual acts and unjust discrimination against homosexual persons.”

## II. Benefits of Traditional Marriage

- A. In *Murphy v. Ramsey* (1885) 114 U.S. 15, 45, the U.S. Supreme Court stated: “[C]ertainly no legislation can be supposed more wholesome and necessary in the founding of a free, self-governing commonwealth, fit to rank as one of the coordinate state of the Union, than that which seeks to establish it on the basis of the idea of the family, as consisting in and springing from the union for life of one man and one woman in the holy state of matrimony; the sure foundation of all that is stable and noble in our civilization; the best guaranty of the reverent morality which is the source of all beneficent progress in social and political improvement.” (*Murphy* addressed polygamy in Utah)
- B. “Sexual Regulations and Cultural Behavior” by Joseph Daniel Unwin, Ph.D., Address given March 27, 1935, to the Medical Section of the British Psychological Society (he studies 86 societies)
- Unwin’s conclusion: Societies limiting sex to marriage experience progress—societies permitting sexual laxity experience decline and collapse.
  - “The Key to Societal Progress”—Cultural norms that confine sex to marriage.
  - Impact of sexual standards of a society lags two generations behind—so today’s generation shows the sexual mores of two generations ago.
  - Sexual laxity, including an “outburst of homosexuality” in a society—shows relaxation of model of “absolute monogamy”—which is necessary for vitality and growth of society.
- C. “The Case for Marriage”, Univ. of Chicago scholar, Linda T. Waite, 2000.
- 1) You’ll have better sex more often—Husbands and wives are more likely to report that they have an extremely satisfying sex life than are singles or cohabitators.
  - 2) Your kids will love you more—Divorce weakens the bonds between parents and children over the long run.
  - 3) It’ll make you happy—overall, 40% of married people, compared with 25% of singles or cohabitators, say they are “very happy” with life in general. Married people are only half as likely as singles or cohabitators to say they are unhappy with their lives.
  - 4) You won’t go bonkers—Marriage is good for your mental health—married men and women are less depressed, less anxious, and less psychologically distressed than single, divorced, or widowed Americans.
  - 5) You’ll tame his or her cheatin’ heart—Marriage increases sexual fidelity—Cohabiting men are four times more likely to cheat than husbands, and cohabiting women are eight times more likely to cheat than wives.
  - 6) You’ll save more money—People who are married manage their money better and build more wealth together.

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- 7) You will earn more money—It is as important as education in boosting earnings.
  - 8) It can save your kids' lives—Children lead healthier, longer lives if parents get and stay marriage.
  - 9) It can save your life—Married people live longer and healthier lives.
  - 10) It's safer—Marriage lowers the risk that both men and women will become victims of violence, including domestic violence.

Latest data shows that people who stick it out, even in unhappy times, turn around with time. 70% of the unhappiest people within five years describe their marriage as “very” or “quite” happy. Only 12% who stick it out for 5 years stay unhappy.

D. Impacts on Children:

- 1) Better physical and mental health
- 2) Higher academic achievement
- 3) Better economic opportunity
- 4) Lower involvement with crime
- 5) Lower rates of illegitimacy
- 6) Higher chances of success in relationships
- 7) Lower rates of child abuse

E. “Homosexuality and Child Abuse”, Family Research Council (10/19/03):

- 1) Pedophiles are invariably males.
- 2) Significant numbers of victims are males.
- 3) Homosexuals are over-represented in child sex offenses—86% of offenders against males described themselves as homosexual or bisexual (Archives of Sexual Behavior)
- 4) Some homosexual activists defend the historic connection between homosexuality and pedophilia. (intergenerational sex??)
- 5) Pedophilia themes abound in homosexual literary culture.
- 6) Victims turned victimizers.

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F. In a 2001 study, it was found that 46% of homosexuals and 22% of lesbians reported they had been molested by a homosexual during childhood, compared to 7% of heterosexual men and 1% of heterosexual women. “Archives of Sexual Behavior”.

- Research indicates that roughly 2-3% of children raised by heterosexual parents later choose homosexual lifestyles. However, of the children raised by homosexual couples a much higher percentage choose homosexual lifestyles as adults.
- A disproportionate percentage—29%--of the adult children of homosexual parents had been specifically subjected to sexual molestation by that homosexual parent, compared to only 0.6% of adult children by heterosexual parents having reported sexual relations with their parent—having a homosexual parent(s) appears to increase the risk of incest with a parent by a factor of about 50. “Homosexual parents,” *Adolescence* 31 (1996): 772, P.Cameron (FRC)
- Homosexual relationships last, on average, 1 ½ years and men in those relationships have an average of eight partners per year, outside their main partnerships.
- Compare: 67% of first year marriages in the U.S. last 10 years and 50% last 20 years; ¾ of married people say they have been faithful to their vows. 1 to 2% of homosexuals say that they are “semi-monogamous”.
- “Homosexualities: A Study of Diversity Among Men and Women,” Alan P.Bell and Martin S.Weinberg, 1978 by the Kinsey Institute: The study found that 28% of homosexual males had 1,000 or more sexual partners, while 43% of white male homosexuals estimated they had had sex with 500 or more partners.
- Associated Press reported on the results of a study of “gay” men in Los Angeles County: 50% of the men said they’d had sex with an average of 28 partners—in a public place—over the preceding 6 months.
- The CDC recently said that new cases of HIV infection among “gay” and bisexual men has risen nearly 18% over the last three years.
- The American Journal of Epidemiology reports that a 20 year old homosexual man, by the time he reaches age 55, has a 50% chance of becoming infected with HIV.
- The life expectancy at age 20 for gay and bisexual men is 8 to 20 years less than for all men.

- San Francisco has an epidemic of syphilis. This has accompanied a massive spike in the number of cases of HIV/AIDS. The health department is reporting about 2/3 of the new infections are in people already infected with HIV.
- 8,000 people per day die of AIDS—former UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan.
- Lesbian and bisexual women are a high risk for depression, alcohol and drug abuse, and certain forms of cancer. San Diego Union Tribune (10/13/03).

G. Homosexuals Experience:

- 1) Higher rate of violence—116 times more apt to be murdered.
- 2) Higher suicide—24 times more apt to commit suicide.
- 3) Higher alcohol and drug abuse.
- 4) Higher depression
- 5) Higher rate of STDs and cancer.

H. Death of Marriage in Scandinavia (1/27/04)

- 60% of children are born of parents who are not married.
- Cohabiting couples with children break up two to three times the rate of married parents.
- Sanctioned same-sex relationships has been the norm in these countries for more than a decade.
- A 2002 study by the Max Planck Institute concluded that countries with the lowest rates of family dissolution and out-of-wedlock births are “strongly dominated by the Catholic confession.” (i.e. Cardinal Arinze’s analogy)

### III. Reasons for Such Heightened Interest and Strong Push Being Made for Same-Sex Marriage.

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- On June 26, 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court granted constitutional protection to sodomy in *Lawrence v. Texas*.
- In holding that a Texas law classifying sodomy as a misdemeanor violated the liberty protected under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, the Supreme Court decriminalized sodomy nationwide, when privately practiced. The case before the court was *Lawrence v. Texas* (in his dissent, Justice Scalia warned same-sex marriage issue was implicated). Many hailed the high court's decision as a *Roe v. Wade* for the homosexual movement.
- Both are based on a Constitutional right to privacy which are nowhere to be found in the U.S. Constitution.
- *Lawrence* allows so broad an interpretation of "liberty" that all state laws proscribing evils such as prostitution, adultery, incest, sadomasochism, pedophilia and bestiality are now at risk.
- Saint Thomas Aquinas and Saint Augustine said that when man-made positive law breaks with natural and divine law, it becomes a "perversion of law." (The Summa Theologica).

# IV. Recent Developments Around the Country and World

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## A. *Goodridge v. Dept. of Public Health* (11/18/03) 4-3 Decision, Massachusetts's Same-Sex Marriage Decision.

- The Massachusetts court redefined marriage to include any two persons.
- The Massachusetts Court followed the lead of the Ontario Court that created same-sex marriages in Canada.
- The court did not defer to the Massachusetts Legislature.
- The court gave the legislature 180 days to implement the decision.
- The court noted: "Certainly our decision today marks a significant change in the definition of marriage as it has been inherited from the common law, and understood by many societies for centuries." The court felt that "civil marriage is an evolving paradigm," and that "The marriage ban works a deep and scarring hardship on a very real segment of the community for no rational reason."
- Justice Spina dissented, stating: "Today, the court has transformed its role as protector of individual rights into the role of creator of rights, and I respectfully dissent."
- Justice Cordy's dissent: "The plaintiffs' right to privacy in such matters does not require that the state officially endorse their choices in order for the right to be constitutionally vindicated." The majority's decision, "has transmuted the 'right' to marry into a right to change the institution of marriage itself."
- Homosexual couples who get a marriage license from Massachusetts will then file lawsuits in other states to have their "unions" recognized as marriages. Thus far it is contained, but is up for grabs in Rhode Island and New Mexico).
- But, the Federal Defense of Marriage Act (passed in 1996) says that states don't have to recognize same-sex unions as marriage.
- Currently, 45 states have laws banning same-sex marriage.
- Legal experts expect that some courts will apply DOMA and others will not, due to the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the U.S. Constitution. So the matter will likely end up in front of the U.S. Supreme Court eventually.
- Hence the need for a Constitutional Amendment.

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B. Other States:

- 1) Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey and New Hampshire allow gay civil unions, which give same-sex couples the rights and responsibilities of opposite-sex marriages; also, Maine, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington, DC allow some recognition to domestic partners.
- 2) On 9/18/03, outgoing Governor Davis signed AB205 into law in California which gives same-sex couples the right to register as domestic partners and obtain all the rights and benefits of married people.
  - This is despite the fact that on March 7, 2000, California voters passed Proposition 22, a ballot initiative measure with a 61.4% voter approval which states: “Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.”

C. Other Countries:

- The Netherlands, Belgium and Spain allow same-sex marriages.
- Sweden and Denmark permit civil unions.
- Canada and South Africa have also legalized homosexual marriage.

# V. Militant Homosexual Movement Is Well Organized

- In 1989, a gay manifesto, “After the Ball”, laid out the homosexual agenda.
  - Its authors were a brilliant researcher into the brain, Marshall Kirk, and a Harvard trained expert in public persuasion tactics, Hunter Madsen.
  - The two proposed using on straight America tactics remarkably similar to the brainwashing methods of Mao Tse Tung’s Communist Chinese, mixed with Madison Avenue’s most persuasive selling techniques.
1. Use of Media:
    - a. Television: “Will and Grace”; “Queer as Folk”; “Queer Eye for the Straight Guy”; “Boy Meets Boy.”
    - b. Brides Magazine had a full page article on same-sex weddings.
    - c. From Jul 1 through August 3, 2003 (one month), the New York Times ran 182 articles with some reference to “gays”, and USA Today ran over one article per day in the period from 8/02—8/03.
    - d. Media bombardment has lulled the masses with television being the Great Trojan Horse.
  2. Infiltration of corporations—human resource executives—diversity, multi-culturalism and tolerance.
  3. Alignment with minority groups—highjacked freedom train—ability to scream “bigot” at adversaries.
  4. The gay gene myth—studies show that homosexual causation is “not inherited”.
  5. Use of AIDS—leading cause is by far homosexual contact AIDS—10 times more common with homosexuals.
  6. Demonizing opponents—Anita Bryant, Dr.Laura, and Michael Savage—all lost television contracts because of views that homosexuality is immoral.
  7. Economic pressure—United Way will not do business with the Boy Scouts. Threat to 501(c)(3) status. California Lutheran High School case.

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8. Suppressing Free Speech—Christians who speak out are disciplined/terminated, fired or threatened with prosecution (Canada, U.K., Ireland, Belgium—Cardinal Joos) Catholic Charities in Massachusetts.
  9. Infiltration of schools—NEA has taken over training on homosexuality; Harvey Milk School opened in New York for gay, “questioning”, and transgendered students.
  10. Anti-Anti-Gay Movement—Gen X and Gen Y have bought into “live and let live”—created a sophisticated condemnation of anti-gay movement.
  11. Change in Public Perception—In 1973, 73% felt homosexual relations were wrong; by 2002 that number was 53% (Clear Majority still oppose same-sex marriage). [Note: Anglican Gay Bishop—unfathomable 15 years ago].
  12. Incremental Legal Inroads—As heterosexuals went about their busy lives of raising children, homosexuals eased society toward gay marriage. With each battle they won, they gained more power. Backed by the ACLU, they have become brazen in attacking the moral foundation of our country at every level (state and federal). Battleground has been courts where judicial activists have been willing to make laws that elected representatives of the people would not. That is why organizations like the Thomas More Law Center are so important—last defense against legal elitists like ACLU and activist judges who impose the will of a small minority against the majority.

# Quotes from the Opposition

- “[You need] to fight for same-sex marriage and its benefits, and then, once granted, redefine the institution of marriage completely...to debunk a myth and radically alter an archaic institution...The most subversive action lesbians and gay men can undertake...is to transform the notion of ‘family’ entirely.”  
--Homosexual activist Micehlangelo Signorile
- “Being queer is more than setting up house, sleeping with a person of the same gender and seeking state approval for doing so...Being queer means...transforming the very fabric of society.”  
--Patti Ettelbrick, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund
- “We hope...[this]...will cause people with spiritual aspirations to question their beliefs and reevaluate their spiritual leadership. Whether gays or Galileo, if a heresy proves to be otherwise, then the dogma must change. That is perhaps the biggest impact that same-sex marriage will have on these failed intervenors. Change may result from within.”  
--Equal Marriage for Same-Sex Couples (published 4/12/04)
- “Whoever captures the kids owns the future.”  
--Patricia Neil Warren, Future Shock, THE ADVOCATE (October 3, 1995)
- “The fear of the religious right is that the schools of today will be the governments of tomorrow. And you know, they are right. If we do our jobs right, we’re going to raise a generation of kids who don’t believe the claims of the religious right.”  
--1999 GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network)
- One high school freshman health text told students: “Testing your ability to function sexually and give pleasure to another person may be less threatening in your early teens with people of your own sex...You may come to the conclusion that growing up means rejecting the values of your parents.”
- A school survey in another district asked students what “caused” their *heterosexuality*, and then asked, “If you have never slept with anyone of the same sex, how do you know you wouldn’t prefer it?”
- In 2004, the *Washington Post* and the *Sun-Sentinel* reported on the newest trend among adolescent girls that we were aware of, but which nevertheless still shocks us. It’s called “bisexual chic”, where girls kissing and dating other girls is seen as cool. Some experiment with lesbianism for attention and others do it because some guys cheer them on, daring them to kiss.

# Quotes from the Opposition (cont'd.)

- In San Francisco public schools, there's an actual lesson plan for teaching first-graders, even kindergartners, about homosexuality. In one district, gay parents are invited to come in and read to students from approved books like "Gloria Goes to Gay Pride". And in a town north of here—Novato—students are required to attend a presentation by a gay group, in which there's a skit where a little boy dresses up in his mommy's high heels and then reads this poem about those who disapprove of him:

"So let them say I'm like a girl. What's wrong with being like a girl?  
And let them jump and jeer and whirl; they are swine, I am the pearl.  
And let them laugh and let them scream.  
They'll be beheaded when I am queen...  
When I rule the world in my mommy's high heels."

(source: [www.cbn.com/CBNNews/News/031015a.asp](http://www.cbn.com/CBNNews/News/031015a.asp))

- Recently Boulder High School was in the news for sponsoring a seminar that turned into an explicit "sex rally". One of the panelists, Joel Becker, a psychologist from UCLA, told the children: "I am going to encourage you to have sex and encourage you to use drugs appropriately. Why I am going to take that position is because you are going to do it anyway." (source: The Capitol Resource Institute, [www.capitolresource.org/web/](http://www.capitolresource.org/web/))
- This year, Montgomery County Public Schools implemented a new sex-ed curriculum that refers to "fundamentalists" and "evangelicals" as people who think students can overcome same-sex attraction. The curriculum encourages students to find "sensitive clergy" (i.e. non-evangelicals) to "reconcile their religious beliefs." The curriculum never refers to husband and wife. Family is defined as "two or more people who are joined together by emotional feelings or who are related to one another." One video features a high school girl illustrating condom usage with a cucumber, stating that condoms should be used for "any oral, anal or vaginal sex." (source: AFA Journal, June 2005, [www.afajournal.org](http://www.afajournal.org))
- A fairy tale about two princes falling in love, entitled "King & King", sparked a backlash—and a lawsuit—against a teacher and a school in 2006 when it was read to a second-grade class in Massachusetts. (source: [www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,298307,00.html](http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,298307,00.html))
- The "Little Black Book—Queer in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" was distributed to hundreds of kids (middle school age and up) at Brookline High School, Brookline, MA, on April 30, 2005. It was written by the Boston-based AIDS Action Committee, with help from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Boston Public Health Commission. (source: [www.article8.org/docs/news\\_events/glsen\\_043005/black\\_book/black\\_book/inside.htm](http://www.article8.org/docs/news_events/glsen_043005/black_book/black_book/inside.htm))

# VI. Legal Intervention

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## A. Victories for Marriage:

1. Arizona Court of Appeals rejected attempts of the homosexuals to be married in Arizona. *Standhardy v. Superior Court*)
2. New Jersey Court dismissed case brought by seven homosexual couples demanding the state create a right to same-sex “marriage”.
3. Federal Appeals Court for the Eleventh Circuit on January 28, 2004, upheld Florida’s ban on same-sex adoption. Court properly held that this was a decision for the Legislature. Adoption is a privilege and not a right.
4. Kansas Appellate Court upheld law criminalizing sodomy between adults and minors on 1/30/04 in *Kansas v. Limon*.
5. The highest court in Maryland upholds marriage, September 2007.

## B. U.S. Constitutional Amendment:

- In order to add an amendment to the U.S. Constitution, a resolution must first be passed by two-thirds of each chamber of Congress. It must then be ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures, who have up to seven years to approve any such amendment.
- Controversy is how broad will it be—just ban same-sex marriage, or also other counterfeit marriage-type relationships, such as civil unions and domestic partnerships.
- Americans oppose legalizing gay marriage by a 2-1 ratio.
- As does President Bush (State of the Union Address proposed Constitutional Amendment)  
“Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this constitution or the constitution of any state, nor state or federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidence thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups.”

## VII. “What Can You Do to Fight the Homosexual Agenda?”

(list below taken from the Concerned Women for America website)

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- A. Share the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ with a homosexual.
- B. Educate your family, co-workers and friends about the homosexual agenda.
- C. Confront media bias.
- D. Call your representatives.
- E. Reach children and students with the truth.
- F. Talk to your pastor.
- G. Speak out against “sexual orientation” laws.
- H. Lobby corporations/do shareholder activism.
- I. Pray and take “direct action.” (e.g. school rally)
- J. Call or write the President.
- K. Boycotts: Ford Corporation
- L. Support pro-family organizations that are fighting on your behalf.

## VIII. Conclusion

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- A. An American Dictionary of the English Language, by Noah Webster, LL.D. (1828) [Noah Webster (1758-1843: U.S. Lexicographer)
- i. “**Marriage**: The act of uniting a man and woman for life; Marriage is a contract both civil and religious, by which the parties engage to live together in mutual affection and fidelity, till death shall separate them. Marriage was instituted by God Himself for the purpose of preventing the promiscuous intercourse of the sexes, for promoting domestic fidelity, and for securing the maintenance and education of children.”
  - ii. “**Sodomy**: A crime against nature.”

- B. Timeless words by Daniel Webster\* who believed in self-evident truth, provide a timely and ominous warning:

“[I]f we and our posterity reject religious instruction and authority, violate the rules of eternal justice, trifle with the injunctions of morality, and recklessly destroy the political constitution which holds us together, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us that shall bury all our glory in profound obscurity.”

\*[Daniel Webster (1782-1852) was a famous American orator and politician who practiced prominently as a lawyer in the U.S. Supreme Court, Congressman, Senator, and U.S. Secretary of State]