

# Implications for You and Your Family

## Should Same-Sex Marriage be Legalized

You might ask yourself, “Why should I care if a homosexual couple wants to marry? This doesn’t affect my marriage, right?” Wrong. Legalization of same-sex unions will lead to tremendous irreversible changes that will directly impact you, your children and the future of our society.

- Marriage and the family as we know it today will be destroyed by separating marriage from procreation, ultimately depriving motherhood and fatherhood of all legal meaning and putting the state in charge of determining which adult or group of adults to which a child will belong.
- Sex education and social studies in our public schools will include all aspects of same-sex partner lifestyles. Children, as young as kindergarteners, will be indoctrinated with a curriculum that seeks to legitimize homosexuality and same-sex relationships as a normal part of our society. Children will be enticed to experiment with homosexuality, putting kids at increased risk for HIV, hepatitis, gay bowel syndrome and a variety of other sexually transmitted diseases that are common amongst homosexuals.
- Children raised in same-sex couple relationships will be deprived of the proven, best environment for their upbringing – a committed, monogamous marriage of a mother and a father. Adoption agencies will cease to favor married, heterosexual homes, placing more children in motherless or fatherless households.
- Our lawmakers will be pressured to pass additional hate-crime laws that will make it illegal to speak-out against homosexuality, including the public recitation of certain Bible verses. Silencing the truth about homosexuality will encourage more people to enter and remain trapped in the lifestyle.
- Churches could lose their IRS tax status and could be legally liable if they refuse to honor same-sex couples’ requests to be married within the church.
- States will be eventually forced to legalize polygamy and other types of polyamory unions, as marriage is transformed into a variety of relationship contracts (see Star Tribune article of January 1, 2005).
- Businesses will be forced to provide healthcare coverage to same-sex couples. Studies have shown that homosexuals have dramatically higher health care costs due to their lifestyle. Many businesses are already struggling to maintain adequate affordable health coverage for their employees. Adding mandatory coverage for same-sex couples could be enough to push these employers into insolvency or discontinuing health coverage for all employees.
- Taxpayers will be forced to pay higher taxes to finance state-sponsored social programs and benefits for same-sex couples.
- Legislators will be required to divert their attention to rewriting of hundreds of state and federal laws to accommodate same-sex unions.
- Social security will become financially insolvent more quickly as same-sex couples claim survivor benefits.
- And individuals that believe a child needs both a mother and a father for their best upbringing will be deemed intolerant and bigots.

If you think these possibilities are far-fetched, consider the fact that many of these events are already occurring in Canada, Sweden, England and Ireland where same-sex unions have been legal for some time. Whether it’s called same-sex “marriage” or “civil unions”, the social implications are the same. Is this the legacy you want to leave for our children?