

# **GAY MARRIAGES**

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The issue of same-sex relationship and gay rights had been quelled sometime ago due in part to the insistence of the gay community and supporters of human rights movement seeking equal rights and opportunities to all people regardless of race, religion, or sexual preferences. Everything seems to fall into their category until the issue of same-sex marriage comes in the picture.

The number of the American people who opposes the same-sex relationship can be easily drowned by the number who loathed the idea of having same-sex marriage for whatever reasons there are. In fact, even those who support the same-sex relationships become undecided when it comes to the issue of same sex marriage. Its not about prejudices against homosexuals and gays, it's not even about biases. The real reason, I think, why many people hated the very notion of gay marriage is that it defies morality and humanity more than anything else.

It is already a given that the gay community are considered a minority group when placed right beside the straight society. Despite their small number, their voices and their plea for equality have been heard if not totally accepted by the society and the government. Gay couples can argue that their passionate behavior towards each other in public or in private are nothing of the unordinary sort since they are doing what every heterosexual couples do – they cuddle, they kiss, they care. The society has been ready to accept that fact, if not enthusiastically. However, taking one step further complicates the already complicated situation and it totally tips of the balance of rationality. Some of the strong reasons one could easily point out are the following:

Marriage is an institution. Both religion and moral law had codified that marriage is a sacred thing between a man and a woman and introducing gay couple in the sanctity

of marriage is a sacrilege and a point blank violation of respect of the moral, social, and spiritual dictum. Not to be dogmatic with my arguments but homosexual relationships are taboo enough and putting another step forward towards same-sex marriage is totally off-limits in the moral codes spoken in the Bible and Koran.

Besides, the very thought of marriage is to procreate and raise a wonderful family. Man and woman are encouraged to multiply to the world as what the Christian Bible had mentioned. Heterosexual marriage ensures that the human specie should survive the test of time by generating another human form. As for the homosexual relationships, there are no higher reasons for them to get married, not even procreation, and so the attempt to marry is very questionable. For what its worth, gay marriage is just to flaunt the insecurities of homosexuals over the heterosexual couples.

The problem with allowing gay marriage is that it poses bigger threats. The possibility of leading the morality of the world into a slippery slope is very real since allowing same-sex marriages invites the legality of much bigger issues like incest, pedophiles, drug pushers, and black market. In fact, the gays should not be pushing their luck by trying things beyond them just to test their capability and strength as minorities. The cliché that the majority wins is true as much as the cliché that says minority should be respected. In this situation, the most major need of the homosexuals have been met – to be treated equally – and all other demands like same-sex marriage are no longer reasonable.

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