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Gay Marriage. Is it really that bad?

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There's something wrong with a society that allows marriages based off of dollar bills and social status, but not between two people of the same gender who genuinely love each other. There's something wrong when practically fifty percent of married couples get divorced, yet gay marriage is considered a threat to the morals behind the vows and the rings and the bride's white veil. In no way do same-sex couples negatively affect their surroundings. They just want to be happy, and the banning of gay marriages prevents that.

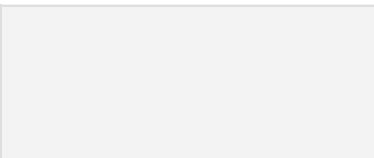
Why are people so against gay marriage? How exactly does it impact one's personal life so dramatically that two men or two women should be forbidden happiness from one another? There are strong counter-arguments for each of the reasons members of society have for opposing homosexuality. One is that it goes against the idea of traditional marriage. Traditions are broken every day. Just because one family breaks a widely practiced tradition doesn't mean every family has to follow. Gay marriage is considered a sin among many religions. Other people's sins do not religiously affect anyone else. One may not agree with the actions that others take, but it does not make interfering a necessity. And as long we're following the Bible so strictly, God also says to "love your neighbor as yourself". Being gay doesn't make one

any less of a neighbor, let alone any less of a person.

Our country, the United States of America, has made it so far in terms of eliminating discrimination against minorities. Sure, there are still flaws in our ways, and there always will be, but African Americans are treated with so much more respect and granted so much more freedom than they were years ago. Our country preaches equality among all, and yet two people of the same sex are not allowed to tie the knot. We are hypocrites. We preach one thing, and do another. We preach fairness, but then oh, just kidding, let's just snatch away that little bit of happiness from them. It's the same thing as racism, same thing as sexism. It's discrimination. Our "home of the free" sure has an interesting way of showing its true colors.

Saying that the ethical and moral aspects of traditional marriage have been sinking down extremely low is not a lie. The true meaning of marriage really *has* been seemingly lost lately. But to say that gay marriage is/would be the cause of such decline in marital value? *That's* a lie. Divorce rates have been skyrocketing because straight couples get married for the wrong reasons: they rush into it, they want to marry the money, the girl accidentally gets pregnant, or maybe the couple just wasn't right for each other. But either way, marriage is a promise. It's a promise to love each other through the good and bad and to never leave or betray. The fact that half these promises have been broken alone says something about society. Meanwhile, there are same-sex couples out there who have been loyal and faithful for years and years, truly ready to make that promise and that commitment, ready to reinforce the original intent of marriage and its value, and yet they can't. Somewhere out there, people think that allowing gay marriage would destroy meaning and tradition. Honestly, it's a joke.

There comes a time when you have to question the overall morality of the situation. Once again, marriage is a promise based on love and happiness. It doesn't have to be religious; modern times have made that possible. Any two people who are truly happy together and love each other, any two people who are ready to commit, should ethically be allowed to get married. It shouldn't have to



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involve government or anyone else's say. It shouldn't be a public matter. Marriage is a personal choice, and the happiness and security of human beings shouldn't be put on the line because of what other people think. What does it have to do with them? Nothing. Nobody's making anyone agree with any one person's decisions. I'm sure there are people out there who don't support a number of marriages that clearly aren't out of love, or any other events for that matter, but there's nothing they can do about it. Either way, even if they could do something to prevent these absurd marriages from taking place, what would be in it for them?



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Marriage is a personal life decision, and everyone should have a right to it. Who's to say gay marriage isn't right? If our entire government just happened to be homosexual, I can guarantee we wouldn't even have this problem. We need to have an open mind, we need to be less selfish, and we need to allow what everyone should have the right to. It's the right thing to do.

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Let me address Ms. Nashed's two main arguments in her article: 1. If two people love each other, they should be able to get married and; 2. Homosexuality does not affect society.

First, your argument that because two people love each somehow makes gay marriage legitimate is illogical and opens the door to the following questions: Should we allow child sex, pederasty (age of puberty, man/boy sex), bestiality, polygamy, etc. because they love each other?

Second, your argument that homosexuality does not affect society does not correspond to reality. This behavior was very acceptable in Hellenic pagan Greek, ancient India and ancient Roman cultures. Occult and Hellenic paganism teachings and rampant homosexuality dominated Nazi Germany. The form of homosexuality that dominated the pre-Christian Greek and Roman culture was utramasculine and militaristic homosexuality that included pederasty and this was modeled and accepted by Nazi Germany's elite, especially the SS. Child sacrifice and child sex was also common and acceptable in India until Christian missionaries arrived and their teachings and influence caused a lot of these practices to be outlawed. To make the statement that homosexuality does not affect society is not true. When God is taken out of the equation, the State becomes supreme and the individual has no rights such as Nazi Germany. (See the NJIAT website for further information and references on this subject and click the "Worldview Tab" at <http://www.njiat.com/worldview.html> and the "Militant Lifestyle Tab" at <http://www.njiat.com/militant-lifestyle.html>.)

Lastly, the real issue over gay marriage is worldviews. Does God determine right or wrong? Or will man determine right or wrong? If the God of the Bible is the One that determines right and wrong, then homosexuality along with many other lifestyles (fornication, adultery, child sex, bestiality, etc.) is sin and will bring judgment on a nation. Remember Sodom and Gomorrah? Did it matter to God that the majority of the population agreed with homosexuality? Marriage is a creation ordinance (see the book of Genesis) for all mankind. Traditions do not determine right and wrong. If man determines right or wrong, then you cannot have absolutes. Everything is relative. You cannot have Civil Rights! You cannot even condemn Hitler! Yes, gay marriage is bad.

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