

Same Sex Marriage

While civil unions and domestic partnerships are similar to marriage, often times they do not carry the same benefits as marriage. It is unfair to take these benefits from homosexual couples, therefore same-sex marriage should be legal.

Civil unions and domestic partnerships aren't enough. While these types of partnerships are similar to marriage, they don't carry the same emotional and legal benefits as marriage. You get very important benefits in marriage such as the ability to file joint income taxes, file for stepparent or joint adoption, have a lowered "family rate" on insurance, special visitation rights in hospitals, etc. Marriage is only recognized for opposite gendered partnerships by the federal government, therefore no benefits of marriage on a federal level are allowed to same-sex couples. That's also the same with civil unions and domestic partnerships.

Not legalizing same-sex marriage is discrimination. Sexual orientation, just like race or gender, is not something you can change. Think about things like women's rights. It took women nearly 100 years to gain the right to vote and be considered citizens. Women were discriminated against for something they couldn't change. Why is same-sex marriage any different? You can't choose your gender, you also can't choose your race. Think about the civil rights movement. African American people were beaten to death and killed because of their race. Most people have overcome those differences and learned to accept those kinds of differences but they can't accept people who are gay?

Opposers of gay marriage say that same-sex couples shouldn't be allowed to have children because it is a bad environment to raise them in. So is it okay to raise children in a very abusive home? Wouldn't a child raised in a home with two happily married women be happier than a child raised in a home with two abusive parents that constantly fight?

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