

“Stand for Marriage”  
Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:24  
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It was the wedding of the century. An estimated two billion people around the world watched Prince William and Kate Middleton as the Royal Couple said their vows and pledged their love in the thousand year old Westminster Abbey in April of 2011. Could there been a better way to showcase marriage? More than all the pomp and circumstance, I was struck by the authority and majesty of the words that were spoken by the Bishop of London as he spoke from Scripture and from the Book of Common Prayer regarding God’s plan and purposes for marriage: For the increase of mankind. For the fear and worship of God. For the nurturing and guidance of children. Marriage, he reminded us is a “holy estate.” In a sense, we took part, not as invited guests, but as a great cloud of witnesses. The Bishop said: “Every wedding is a royal wedding. Our generous God gave Himself to us. Love finds its center beyond ourselves.” And I say: “Amen” to the Right Reverend!

Contrast that celebration of biblical marriage with the redefinition of marriage here in America. In a May 9, 2012 interview with Robin Roberts on ABC, President Obama stated: “At a certain point, I’ve just concluded that-- for me personally, it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that-- I think same-sex couples should be able to get married.”<sup>1</sup> So President Obama, who has promoted open homosexuality in the military<sup>2</sup> and opposed the Defense of Marriage Act,<sup>3</sup> overwhelmingly approved by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton, has taken the final plunge of supporting a redefinition of marriage. Now the Supreme Court is poised to hear oral arguments on March 26-27 regarding the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act and California’s Marriage Amendment, known as Proposition 8. What the Court decides in June could have profound implications.

But there’s a threat to marriage even closer to home – here in Minnesota. In both the State House and Senate, bills have been introduced that would change the definition of marriage from between “a man and a woman” to merely “two persons,” essentially legalizing Same-Sex “Marriage.” And a vote could happen as soon as this week!

How should Bible-believing Christians respond? Well let’s consult the Scriptures because they are our guide for everything in life. The Bible establishes a fixed standard of righteousness, a fixed standard of moral absolutes, of right and wrong. As we think about the subject of marriage, the first thing we need to do is to re-establish the divine pattern for marriage from the word of God.

## I. THE DIVINE PATTERN

What is the divine pattern, God’s original intention for marriage and the home? Go back to Genesis, the book of beginnings. For example, Genesis 1:27: “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” Aren’t you glad God created Adam and Eve, and not just Adam and Steve? Thank God for the difference between men and women. In fact, the two genders were meant to complete each other physically, emotionally, and in every other way. Also, both genders are needed for a healthy home. As Dr.

James Dobson notes, "More than ten thousand studies have concluded that kids do best when they are raised by mothers and fathers."<sup>4</sup>

In Genesis 2:24, God further declares: "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." When you come to the teaching of Jesus in the NT, you find that Jesus endorsed this divine pattern. Quoting Genesis, Jesus asked Pharisees in Matt. 19:4: "Have you not read that at the beginning, the Creator made them male and female, and said: 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh?' So they are no longer two but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let no man separate." In both OT and NT, one man and one woman in a marriage covenant relationship for life is the divine pattern.

When a marriage follows God's design, it is good for everyone — men, women, children, the community, the country, and the world. Let's look at some of the statistics:

### **Benefits for the Individual:**

- Happiness: 50% more likely to be happy in a general sense.
- Performance: More than a third more likely to take pride in their work (34%).
- Health: Nearly a third more likely to rate their health excellent or very good (30%).  
(From the *Case for Marriage*)

### **Benefits for the Couple:**

- Marital Satisfaction: 25% happier in their relationship.
- Divorce or Separation: 50% less likely.
- Adultery: More than 4 times less likely (7.7% vs. 33.8%).
- Earned Income: As much as 5 times more annually (\$54K vs. \$9.4K).

### **Benefits for their Children:**

- Average High School GPA (English and Math): Almost half a grade point higher (2.94 vs. 2.48).
- Expulsion or Suspension from School: Nearly 3 times less likely.
- Repeating a Grade: Nearly 6 times less likely (6% vs. 34%).
- Hard Drug Use: Nearly 2.5 less likely (8.5% vs. 20.1%).
- Drunkenness: Nearly 2 times less likely (22.4% vs. 41.2%).
- Homosexual Activity: 3 times less likely (2.5% vs. 7.5%).
- Running Away from Home: Over 2.5 times less likely.
- Average Number of Sex Partners (Females): Over 3 times less (0.47 vs. 1.55).<sup>5</sup>

God's way works! Think about it. Every civilization in history is built upon the institution of marriage. It is the foundation. The happiness of couples, the welfare of children, the propagation of the faith, the wellbeing of society, and the orderliness of civilization are all dependent upon the stability of marriage according to the divine pattern. When this God-given pattern is

undermined, the whole superstructure of society becomes unstable. Any deviation from the divine pattern invites disaster.

## II. THE DECEPTIVE PERVERSION

Second, there is a deceptive perversion of the divine pattern. Hear me: Any and all sexual sin outside of the marriage covenant relationship is a deceptive perversion of the divine pattern, but for the purposes of this message I want to focus on one sin in particular: homosexuality. The Word of God, which does not err, is abundantly clear. Leviticus 18:22 says: "You are not to sleep with a man as with a woman; it is detestable." Leviticus 20:13a says: "If a man sleeps with a man as with a woman, they have both committed an abomination..." Homosexuality is an abomination to God. This is the strongest biblical word for the denunciation of sin, the proof of which is in the account of Sodom and Gomorrah, which were destroyed in a hail of fire and brimstone (Gen. 19).

Again, why is homosexuality a sin? Because it is open rebellion against the divine pattern, the created order of God, who made us in His image as male and female. Some say: "Well, that's Old Testament, Jesus never said anything about homosexuality." I would disagree. Jesus said in Matthew 5:17-18: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."

Some say: "Well Christians don't restrict their diets like they did in the OT Law, why should we pay attention to restrictions against homosexuality." Well it true that we don't keep kosher. Why? Because Christ's death on the cross rendered obsolete the dietary, ceremonial, and sacrificial laws (see Hebrews 8:13), but the principles of the *moral* law remain in force. The moral law calls homosexuality an abomination. Jesus said: "I didn't come to change that."

In fact, Jesus basically condemned homosexuality by affirming the divine pattern for marriage. In Matthew 19:4-6 and Mark 10:6-9, quoting from Genesis 1 and 2, Jesus said that marriage is between one man and one woman. So if Jesus said marriage is between one man and one woman, it follows logically that marriage cannot be between two men or two women. In affirming God's pattern for marriage, Jesus rejected the deceptive perversion of homosexuality. When you get into the letters of Paul (Romans 1:18, 26-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:10), Peter (2 Peter 2:6ff), and Jude (v. 7), there is even more confirmation. Homosexuality is a deceptive perversion of God's plan.

## III. THE DEFINITIVE PROBLEM

Third, there is a definitive problem. Homosexuals claim: "We were born this way; it is in our genes; God made us gay." They cite old "gay gene" studies predominantly conducted by researchers who are homosexuals; studies that have been repudiated by credible research.<sup>6</sup> Yet these same biased and discredited studies have been widely publicized by the liberal media as true and factual. They essentially practice Joseph Goebel's Nazi philosophy of propaganda,

which is basically this: Tell a lie long enough and loud enough and eventually most mindless Americans will believe it.<sup>7</sup>

Hear this: God did not make anyone homosexual. The Bible declares that the definitive problem is ours: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way..." (Isaiah 53:6). Every one of us has a sin nature that twists and perverts God-given desires not only toward homosexuality, but toward all sorts of sin, including sexual sins such as promiscuity, adultery, pedophilia, etc. Our sinful nature is the root of all manner of evil, but with God's help, we can choose not to give into those evil desires.

Dr. James Dobson says: "I am certain that homosexuality does not result from irresistible genetic influences, as some would have us believe."<sup>8</sup> Scientifically speaking, there is no gay gene. Listen, I do not believe that God would not place in your genetic code something that would damn your immortal soul. Again, it is our sin nature and its perverted and twisted desires that people give into, just as the Bible says in Rom. 1:24-27. That's the definitive problem.

#### IV. THE DESTRUCTIVE PROGRAM

Fourth, there is a destructive program. While homosexuals only represent a little over 3% of the total population, many have become very vocal, well organized, well funded, and highly motivated.<sup>9</sup> They have used the political system, the media, movies, and even the schools to "mainstream" their lifestyle choices, and they have been extremely successful in advancing their agenda. Just consider how the attitudes have changed toward homosexuality from the previous generation.<sup>10</sup>

What are the goals of the radical homosexual agenda? They include universal acceptance of the gay and lesbian lifestyle, gaining special privileges and rights in the laws, "sensitivity training" of our children through public education, silencing critics in the clergy and Christian media, and securing the legal benefits of marriage and parenting for any two people of the same gender. By all accounts, homosexual activists have been marching from victory to victory in the entertainment arena, the educational arena, and the legal arena in advancing this agenda. Don't think so?

**A. Entertainment Arena:** Take a look at the entertainment arena. Does "Modern Family" and the "New Normal" ring a bell? What about "Brokeback Mountain" or "Will and Grace?" What about the LOGO network dedicated to gay-friendly programming? Nearly every movie, nearly every television program advances rebellion against the divine pattern found in the word of God.

**B. Education Arena:** Take a look at the educational arena. Several years ago, the conservative news magazine *National Review* laid out a litany of examples of homosexual indoctrination in Massachusetts public schools, a state where same-sex "marriage" is legal.

In one elementary school, a transsexual was invited into a 1st grade class to give details of his operation.<sup>11</sup> In another elementary school, children were assigned to play gays in a school skit. Two girls were to hold hands and pretend to be lesbians. One boy's line was: "It's natural to be

attracted to the same sex.<sup>12</sup> One 9th grade High School health textbook teaches: "Testing your ability to function sexually and give pleasure to another person may be less threatening in the early teens with people of your own sex...You may come to the conclusion that growing up means rejecting the values of your parents."<sup>13</sup> A Lexington, Massachusetts school "treated" their second graders to a book entitled *King and King*, which is a colorful 29-page children's book in which a prince searches for a wife, only in the end to choose another prince. The story ends with the two princes "marrying" and living "happily ever after." On the last page, the princes -- now kings -- even share a kiss.<sup>14</sup> This was read to 7 year olds!

David and Tonya Parker's five year old son was subjected to this kind of nonsense at his elementary school in Lexington, MA, the very birthplace of the War for Independence. He brought home some pro-homosexual literature in his book bag. When David visited the Principal, he was told that same-sex "marriage" is the law, so there was no need for advance notice or for parental consent. When David objected, wanting to have his son opt out of the immoral indoctrination and refusing to leave until he got an agreement, the police were called, arrested David, and threw him in jail.<sup>15</sup> That happened in Massachusetts. But is that what you want for Minnesota?

The strategy behind the Destructive Program of the homosexual activists and their allies is obvious. Writing in the leading homosexual magazine, *The Advocate*, lesbian author Patricia Nell Warren, said this: "It is the first fact of civilization; whoever captures the kids owns the future."<sup>16</sup> She is absolutely right. So there is the educational arena. What about the legal arena?

**C. Legal Arena:** While as many as nearly 6 out of 10 Americans are opposed to "gay marriage" depending on how the poll question is asked,<sup>17</sup> homosexual activists and their allies have primarily looked to the Courts to further their destructive program. Take a look at their successes in the legal arena. In 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the nation's remaining Sodomy laws. In 2004, the Massachusetts high court legalized same-sex "marriage."<sup>18</sup> In 2008, the California<sup>19</sup> and Connecticut<sup>20</sup> high courts followed suit. In 2009, the Iowa court did the same.<sup>21</sup> Now state legislatures are getting in the act, with Vermont,<sup>22</sup> New Hampshire,<sup>23</sup> New York, Washington, and Maryland voting to legalize same-sex "marriage." Maine became the first state to vote for it by ballot. Unfortunately, President Obama is not helping the situation by abandoning the Defense of Marriage Act and by going on the record that he supports same-sex "marriage." Plus, there are several important court cases before the Supreme Court that could eventually decide the fate of marriage for every state in America.

OK, let's just ask the question: Why not same-sex "marriage?" What damage could be done by the courts allowing two consenting adults of the same gender to join in a relationship and sanction it as "marriage?" We already know the answer to that question. First, take a look at the Scandinavian countries that embraced de-facto gay marriage back in the '90s. The vast majority of couples there are choosing to simply live together instead of getting married, figuring that if marriage means *anything* then marriage means *nothing*. In Norway, there are reports of upwards of 60-80 percent of firstborn children conceived out of wedlock.<sup>24</sup> The results of the Scandinavian experiment have been devastating. Do we really want that for America? For Minnesota?

Then there are the statistics comparing how children do in an intact biological family (IBF) with both mom and dad with that of children who have two moms (LM or two dads (GF). According to a recent study, children in lesbian and gay households:

- Are much more likely to have received welfare growing up (LM 306%; GF 235% more)
- Have lower educational attainment (IBF 3.19; LM 2.39; GF 2.64 GPA)
- Report less safety and security in their family of origin (LM 24%; GF 21% less)
- Report more ongoing "negative impact" from their family of origin (LM 36%; GF 26% more)
- Are more likely to suffer from depression (LM 20%; GF 19% more)
- Have been arrested more often (LM 42%; GF 48% more)
- If they are female, have had more sexual partners-both male (IBF 2.79; LM 4.02; GF 5.92) and female (IBF 0.22; LM 1.04; GF 1.47)<sup>25</sup>

Their emotional arguments sound convincing, but the facts prove otherwise. Children suffer if they don't have a father and mother. Children have a much better chance to thrive if they do. Same-sex "marriage" will result in damaged children, which results in an unstable society.

Then there is the erosion of our liberty. Where homosexual activists win legal approval, whether by court action or legislation, they often deny our full rights as Christians because a homosexual's so-called "civil rights" and a Christian's freedom of conscience and speech opposing homosexuality are mutually exclusive. Something has to give. In fact, Chai Feldblum, an open lesbian and President Obama's appointed head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, has famously stated that when religious liberty and sexual liberty came into conflict, she was "having a hard time coming up *with any case* in which religious liberty should win."<sup>26</sup> The deck is stacked against people of faith who believe what the Bible says about God's plan for human sexuality, who believe that marriage is only between one man and one woman. But homosexual activists and their allies have marched from victory to victory in the entertainment, educational, and legal arenas.

Some might, say: "Well as long as I don't go to the movies, don't watch TV, don't send my kids to public schools, and make sure life revolves around the church, my family should be OK." Listen, homosexual activists won't stop at recognition, their aim is domination. They will not stop until they win over our children and our convicting voice is silenced. There is a destructive program. Well we've talked about the divine pattern, its deceptive perversion, the definitive problem, and the destructive program, the propaganda and the agenda that is being pushed on our society, but what can we do about it?

## V. THE DETERMINED PLAN

Finally, as Christ-followers, we need a determined plan of action. Admittedly, most of us have been bystanders to this point, silently watching these events transpire without any thought to Jesus' command to be stinging salt and shining light. Well as British statesman Edmund Burke is often quoted: "All that is needed for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." It is time for Bible-believing citizens to get involved. What can we do, what should we do, what must we do?

Here are several action steps we can determine to take:

Action Step 1: Pray: We need to *pray* for God's mercy on a nation that is speeding toward Sodom, and hurtling toward Gomorrah. Pray that God's Spirit will revive a church that is worldly. Pray that God would be pleased to send a mighty sweeping revival. Pray that the Spirit of God would sweep across the dry bones in our churches and raise them up as a mighty army! But I remind you that the promises of 2 Chronicles 7:14 depend on God's people humbling themselves, seeking the face of God in prayer, and turning from sin to biblical righteousness. But it all begins with prayer.

Remember what Abraham did when God told him that He was about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah? Abraham interceded with God for his nephew Lot and his family. And because of his intercession, judgment was delayed and Lot was delivered. Just as Abraham interceded, we need to plead with God that He might stay His hand of judgment. See the future of America does not lie in the hands of the politicians in the Houses of Congress or the State House, the president in the White House, or the judges in the Court House, it lies with the people in God's House - Christians who get on their knees, pray and seek the face and favor of God. The need of the hour is not just enthusiasm, not just activism, but we must begin with intercession. Step number one: Pray.

Action Step 2: Practice: We need to *practice* the biblical principles for a healthy marriage as a positive witness. We need to follow the principles laid out by Paul in Ephesians 5, and of Peter in 1 Peter 3, and other passages, and build our marriages and homes on the foundation of God's word. Don't skip this one. Getting a hearing in the culture depends on our credibility. When the divorce rate among professing Christians is essentially the same as that of the world, we have little credibility with which to call the world to repentance, even if they are trying to redefine the family. Christian marriages ought to be the model. We ought to be a winsome witness to a watching world. Step number 2: Practice the biblical principles for a healthy marriage.

Action Step 3: Participate: We need to *participate* in our "government of the people, by the people, and for the people" as Abraham Lincoln described it. Now some might say: "I don't think Christians should get involved in politics." Let me ask you a question: Who created government in the first place? Romans 13:1-7 tells us plainly and unmistakably that God ordained government. Since God created the institution of government, would He want His people to stay out of it? No. If Christians don't "render to Caesar" (Matt. 22:21) and don't function as "salt" and "light" (Matt. 5:13-16) in the arena of government, then we disobey the commands of Christ and allow Satan to prevail by default.

So we need to and impact our government as stinging salt and shining light. Contact your elected state officials and let them know how you feel about marriage. The legislature could vote as soon as this week to overturn the biblical definition of marriage and legalize same-sex "marriage." Visit [minnesotaformarriage.com](http://minnesotaformarriage.com) and click on "Contact Your Legislator." Call and tell your State House Representative and your State Senator that you are against House 1054 and Senate 925 respectively.

Sometimes our silence is interpreted as consent. If you believe that we should reject the redefinition of marriage, then try to persuade your family, friends, and acquaintances to take an active role in speaking out for God's plan for marriage. Walk your neighborhood, knock on doors, and hand out a copy of the Bulletin Insert. Write an editorial in your local paper about the need to protect marriage between one man and one woman or write a blog post. Whenever you see a news website talking about same-sex "marriage," weigh in on the comments section. Do a Facebook post on the importance of God's plan for marriage. You can even tweet on Twitter for marriage! Know that you will experience opposition and maybe even persecution, but remember the words of Jesus in the Beatitudes: "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad..." Visit [minnesotaformarriage.com](http://minnesotaformarriage.com) for more info.

So Step 1 – Pray for God to intervene. Step 2 – Practice biblical principles for a healthy marriage. Step 3 – Participate as salt and light in the public arena.

Action Step 4: Proclaim: We need to proclaim the promise found in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11: "Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: no sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, thieves, greedy people, drunkards, revilers, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom. Some of you were like this..." Notice that it is past tense, and what comes next speaks of God's amazing grace: "But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." That is Good News!

Hear me – outside of prayer, the most important thing we can do as believers is to proclaim the Good News. It is ironic that those who are in the homosexual lifestyle struggle with all their might to achieve freedom from the so-called shackles of biblical morality and traditional institutions, and yet Jesus tells us that those who commit sin are "slaves to sin" (John 8:34). In trying to find freedom, they sadly find themselves as slaves. See the Scripture teaches that genuine fulfillment and true freedom can only be experienced when we live in harmony with God's pattern. And Jesus also says: "If you hold to my teaching (that's God's pattern), you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32). And He adds: "If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed" (John 8:36).

Listen, only Jesus can break the strongholds of sin and offer freedom and forgiveness and hope. For when we turn from our sins and turn to Christ, He will change our desires, He will change our passions, and He will change everything about us. Second Corinthians 5:17 says: "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come." And that is the promise of God we need to share with everybody, everywhere, regardless of their sin. You can be a new person in Christ Jesus!

So let us live and preach that message of the transforming power of the love of God in Christ Jesus! Let's stand alongside these poor misguided and lost people trapped in Satan's snare! Let's love them out of that sinful and destructive lifestyle! Let's lead them to Jesus who can set them free! For whom the Son sets free is free indeed!

But let's also exercise our rights as Christian citizens! Listen, we can make the difference. Together, Christians all across America can protect and preserve marriage for our children and

our children's children. Let's stand for God's plan for marriage because our future depends on it. And all of God's people said: Amen!

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<sup>1</sup> <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/transcript-robin-roberts-abc-news-interview-president-obama/story?id=16316043>

<sup>2</sup> First State of the Union

<sup>3</sup> [http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20110223/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/us\\_gay\\_marriage\\_obama#](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20110223/ap_on_re_us/us_gay_marriage_obama#)

<sup>4</sup> James Dobson, *Marriage Under Fire: Why We Must Win This Battle*, (Sisters, OR: Multnomah Publishers, 2004), 54 and endnote 49 on page 120.

<sup>5</sup> See <http://www.marri.us> for these and other statistics on the benefits of the intact married family that worships weekly.

<sup>6</sup> The media often cites the highly touted and yet fatally flawed and biased studies of Simon LeVay, *The Sexual Brain* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1993) and Dean Hamer, *The Science of Desire* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1994), which were proven to be bogus by independent studies done by researchers at Yale, MIT, Columbia, Washington University School of Medicine, et al.

<sup>7</sup> See the admission of this tactic by homosexual activists Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen, *After the Ball: How America Will Conquer its Fear and hatred of Gays in the 90s* (New York: Plume/Doubleday, 1989/90), 161 et passim.

<sup>8</sup> James Dobson, *Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide*, (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 2000), 402. See also

<http://www.troubledwith.com/LoveandSex/A000001001.cfm?topic=love%20and%20sex%3A%20homosexuality>.

<sup>9</sup> According to a May 2008 Hunter College report, funded by the pro-homosexual Human Rights Campaign, only 2.9% of those polled identified themselves as gay, lesbian or bi-sexual. See the full report at the following web address: [http://www.hrc.org/documents/Hunter\\_College\\_Report.pdf](http://www.hrc.org/documents/Hunter_College_Report.pdf).

<sup>10</sup> Alissa J. Rubin, "Public More Accepting of Gays, Poll Finds," *Los Angeles Times*, June 18, 2000.

<sup>11</sup> Michael Chiusano and Isabel Lyman, "Parents' Rights: Educators have been waging a covert war on parents - who are starting to fight back." *National Review*, September 30, 1996.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid.

<sup>14</sup> Michael Foust, "Massachusetts 2nd-grade teacher reads class 'gay marriage' book; administrator backs her," *Baptist Press* April 20, 2006. See the article online at <http://www.bpnews.net/bpnews.asp?ID=23077>.

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<sup>16</sup> Patricia Nell Warren, "Future Shock", *The Advocate*, October 3, 1995, 80, as quoted by Paul E. Rondeau, "Selling Homosexuality to America", *Regent University Law Review*, Vol. 14, No. 2, Spring 2002, at p. 470.

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.gallup.com/poll/118378/Majority-Americans-Continue-Oppose-Gay-Marriage.aspx>

<sup>18</sup> <http://www.cnn.com/2004/LAW/02/04/gay.marriage/index.html>

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.cnn.com/2008/US/05/15/same.sex.marriage/index.html>

<sup>20</sup> <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/10/11/nyregion/11marriage.html>

<sup>21</sup> <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2009/04/03/iowa-supreme-court-sex-marriage-ban-unconstitutional>

<sup>22</sup> <http://www.cnn.com/2009/POLITICS/04/07/same.sex.marriage/index.html>

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/04/us/04marriage.html>

<sup>24</sup> Stanley Kurtz, "Death of Marriage in Scandinavia," *Boston Globe*, March 10, 2004, A23.

<sup>25</sup> Mark Regnerus, "How different are the adult children of parents who have same-sex relationships? Findings from the New Family Structures Study," *Social Science Research* Vol 41, Issue 4 (July 2012), pp. 752-770; online at: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0049089X12000610>

<sup>26</sup> <http://www.weeklystandard.com/Content/Public/Articles/000/000/012/191kgwgh.asp?page=4>