

# THE TRUTH ABOUT SO-CALLED “CIVIL UNIONS”

## 1) **Same-Sex Civil Union IS Same-Sex “Marriage”! Don’t be fooled!**

All of the “Civil Union” bills that have been and will be introduced state language similar to this: “This Act shall be liberally construed and applied to promote its underlying purpose, which is to provide both eligible same-sex and opposite-sex couples the opportunity to obtain the same protection, benefits, and responsibilities afforded by the laws of Illinois to parties to a marriage.” Thus, civil union is same-sex “marriage”. As the old saying goes, “if it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck”, its “marriage”!

## 2) **What Do The Voters Think!**

The voters all over the country have strongly rejected “same-sex marriage” virtually every time they had a chance to vote! Thirty states now have defense of marriage amendments in their constitutions. Arizona, which failed to pass its amendment in 2006 because of lies spread as to what it would do, successfully passed the amendment in 2008. Thus, every state that has introduced Defense of Marriage amendments has successfully passed them. Ten other states including Illinois have Defense of Marriage laws.

The people of Illinois are no different from voters in other states, which is why homosexuals and their supporters do not want Illinois citizens to have an opportunity to vote on this important issue.

## 3) **Civil Unions (same-sex marriage) Will Hurt the Family**

Same-sex marriage advocates claim same-sex marriages will not hurt real marriage and the family. This is wrong for many reasons. [A Concerned Women for America “Top 10 Reasons to Support the Marriage Affirmation and Protection Amendment – 3/10/2004 includes a) and b)]:

- a) In a Village Voice article, “The Radical Case for Gay Marriage,” Richard Goldstein notes that adoption of “marriage” by homosexuals will change the institution itself. “Generations of radicals have imagined a world in which the norm-making rules of matrimony are suspended. ...Down the road, we might see groups of people sharing the custody of children. ...” [Village Voice, September 3-9, 2003, p. 34]
- b) Homosexual activist Michelangelo Signorile wrote that “gays” should seize marriage “not as a way of adhering to society’s moral codes but rather to debunk a myth and radically alter an archaic institution.” [“Bridal Wave,” OUT magazine, December/January 1994, p. 161]
- c) The state would drive a wedge between children and parents as the public schools would teach that religious objections to homosexuality were hateful and bigoted and that same-sex marriage is a “norm” as stated by the public policy of the State. In fact young children are now being taught in Massachusetts schools about same-sex marriages since that state’s Supreme Court [not the people] ordered the solemnization of same-sex “marriage.”

Finally, Georgetown University lesbian law professor Chai Feldblum presented a paper entitled “Moral Conflict: (Some) Religions and Marriage Equality” in which she writes that when same-sex marriage is legalized, which she argues is both necessary and inevitable, conservative people of faith *will* lose religious rights.

**4) Is Polygamy Next?**

Advocates of “civil unions” say that “fairness” is the central issue. The exact same argument of “fairness,” however, can be made and is being made by those who advocate for multiple “partners” in polygamy. The legalization of same-sex unions (marriage) lays the groundwork for other types of counterfeit marital unions, including polygamous and incestuous unions.

**5) Constituents of Faith Oppose Same-Sex Civil Unions (Marriage)**

Religious people in every district throughout this state strongly believe that same-sex marriage is immoral and unhealthy and should not be their state’s public policy. These people are Catholics, Protestants, Jews and Muslims and are not in the least “hateful”! They are just God-fearing people who are following and practicing their faith.

**THIS SHOULD NOT BE A POLITICAL VOTE –  
THIS SHOULD BE A VOTE TO PROTECT THE FAMILY  
BEFORE IT’S TOO LATE!!**

**PLEASE VOTE NO ON A “CIVIL UNIONS” BILL!**

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