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So, in group 16 we've had some interesting talk about gay marriage. I wanted to throw it out to the rest of you and see what you thought. So, yes or no?

Personally, I believe that marriage is a right that every human being has, and it cannot be denied on the basis of orientation, just as it can't be denied on the basis of race. It is a fundamental human right, and gays are humans, after all!

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As far as gay marriage goes, I have to say my personal opinions stand against it. My personal beliefs absolutely do not support it. However, that said, I do not think we have the right to deny the right to others. America was founded on "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." If someone's 'pursuit of happiness' has to do with them being gay, then they have the right and the freedom to pursue that. The fact that a gay man or woman makes someone uncomfortable does not give enough basis to deny that person his or her rights. Some men feel uncomfortable working with a woman. That does not mean we should have to right to keep women out of the workplace. Each person is absolutely entitled to their own opinion, but at the same time, each person is also entitled to their rights.

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Eric(PA)

Joined: 02 Dec 2004
 Posts: 114

Posted: Mon Dec 27, 2004 8:42 pm Post subject:
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i agree that marriage is a right that cant be denied due to orientation, but i agree mostly because i'm not well informed on the subject from both sides and the only argument i've heard against gay marriage is"its not natural", so i was wondering what someone who's against gay marriage would provide as reasoning beside "it aint natural"

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Amanda(WA)

Joined: 24 Nov 2004
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Posted: Tue Dec 28, 2004 12:53 am Post subject:

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I don't have any problems with civil unions, as long as they don't make out in front of me I'm cool with it

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Joined: 14 Nov 2004
Posts: 94
Location: Spokane, WA

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I will give my sort of synopsis on the whole marriage scene:

Conservative Christian America is against gay marriage. This is attributed to that fact that marriage is a holy union, in the eyes of God, and that the Bible states that people of the same gender should not be together. Being as it would be an abomination for a man and a man to be together, or a woman and woman, it would be an abomination thrust before God to have them married. Such is the conservative Christian perspective. By the way, the bible does have 2 rather explicit mentions of homosexuality being bad -- one (Old Testament) being Leviticus 18:22, the other (New Testament) being Romans 1:27.

Change and adaptation are necessary, and such is that fatal flaw of conservatism, and as is the case here, conservative religion. Conservatism, by definition, is opposed to change and progress. Tying into our current prompt, not very many people would argue that slavery would be a positive good today, because our society has made *progress*. The liberals of the day were the ones pushing for the end of slavery, and the conservatives were the ones pushing to keep it. This is easily a definition backed, logical argument. Does that not mean that the ideal conservative today would also push to support slavery? Why not? It's good, old-fashioned "values" at their finest!

Anyways, where that was going was to my rather simple conclusion, and a very feasible course of action. This is also, by the way, what Canada did. The United States legalizes gay marriages, but does not "force" any specific churches to marry gays, which seems to be the biggest fear of conservative churches. This way, the government can do what's best for human rights, and the churches can do what they think is best for themselves. Simple solution, but, *gasp* it makes too much progress, and that might just somehow be bad... Or not.

Our society is heterosexist. To many people that may not seem like a bad thing. 100 years ago, being a sexist society to many people did not seem like a bad thing. 200 years ago, being a racist society to many people did not seem like a bad thing. Nonetheless, our society today is heterosexist. By the way, heterosexist means the belief that if not all people are heterosexual, they should be.

Let me share with you this potentially startling statistic: It's from *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*, popularly dubbed "The Kinsey Report," which is the most in-depth and well-supported study on human sexuality and sexual behavior, some would claim, ever. Some people reading this may have heard the 1 in 10 statistic before. This is the best known statistic for the prevalence of homosexuality in the human race, and it says that one in ten people is gay. This statistic is from the Kinsey Report.

Even if you have heard the 1 in 10 statistic, however, there's an even more interesting one, from the Kinsey Report. It didn't just say that one out of ten people is homosexual; it put human sexuality on a continuum based on previous experience and current desire. There were ten equally distributed steps to this continuum, the extremes being heterosexual and homosexual. The actual average, just as equally distributed as all of the others, was right in the middle, which would be called completely bisexual.

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Chelan(WA)

☐ Posted: Tue Dec 28, 2004 6:57 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 24 Nov 2004
Posts: 27

I believe that if gays/ lesbians feel that they need to elope they should just call it something other than marriage and have the same rights as marriage, wouldn't that solve a lot of the troubles set out from gay "marriage". Personally, I cannot stand to watch guy/guy/ or girl/ girl making-outage because it doesn't make sense to me. If you would simply look at the way you were physically constructed down under, wouldn't you realize that your parts don't fit?

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Eric(PA)

☐ Posted: Tue Dec 28, 2004 8:59 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 02 Dec 2004
Posts: 114

i'm not saying i dont believe the statistic's or think they are bs, but i was curious as to how they were able to figure that out, cause that seems like something that would be hard to determine because anyone who was being polled/tested/observed, would already have been influenced by years of social conditioning, which would skew the results unless there is some sort of sub-conscious gay-o-meter(ok that term sounds a lot more offensive than it was supposed to be)

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Luke(PA)

☐ Posted: Tue Dec 28, 2004 9:26 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 07 Dec 2004
Posts: 199

Chelan(WA) wrote:

If you would simply look at the way you were physically constructed down under, wouldn't you realize that your parts don't fit?

wow. it's not even close to that simple. we're talking about personal sexual desire here, which entails genetics, conditioning, psychology, and we honestly dont really know what else, not "if your parts fit". to speak that patronizingly in such simple terms is pretty audacious.

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Frances(PA)

☐ Posted: Wed Dec 29, 2004 8:53 am Post subject:

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Joined: 04 Dec 2004
Posts: 45

What we are seeing in this forum is a microcosm, if you will, of the United States as a whole. We have the people on one side who are confused and scared by the thought of legalizing gay marriage. These people's (I suppose mostly the Christian

right) desire to "protect" the sanctity of marriage by denying gays this right is founded religious view. It is very important to realize that there is no argument for forbidding gay marriage that does not involve religion—or no argument that I have every heard. So here we have the curious situation of a religious group trying to shape the lives of people who do not share the same religious beliefs.

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Zack(WA)

Posted: Thu Dec 30, 2004 12:51 am Post subject:

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Joined: 14 Nov 2004
Posts: 94
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Frances - Well put.

Amanda R.: A couple things:

1. DO you *seriously* think that being gay is a conscious choice?
2. Okay, so lets pretend that homosexuality is not natural. Why does that give us rationale to disallow gay marriage? I'm missing the bridge in that argument. Just because something doesn't seem right to a person, they should be open-minded enough to realize that other people shouldn't suffer from their unfounded biases. Although, I suppose "open-minded," by definition, would be a bit to "liberal" for some people, and since liberalism is satanic, obviously so is open-mindedness...
sigh

Okay, let's look at it this way. If two men (or women) get married somewhere, how does that affect *you*? If it doesn't, then why do you bother pressing to try to infringe upon their lifestyle? Is it show how good and strong your Christian morals are, so that you can point out who is doing wrong, so that you can put others down to put yourself upon this pedestal of Christian purity? Ah... There's no good religion without just a little bit of hate. Love everyone equally, oh except gays--they're inferior.

(That last paragraph wasn't directed towards you directly, Amanda R.--it was made for anyone to put themselves in that perspective.)

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Jena(PA)

Posted: Thu Dec 30, 2004 3:43 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 02 Dec 2004
Posts: 5

For gay marriages i can understand both sides. Everyone should have the equal right to be able to marry whomever they desire. Love comes in all different types of forms, everyone has someone out there they might fall in love with and want to marry. Marriage can not be limited to sex.

On the other side i am catholic and to some extent believe the view of the catholic church and how they believe the matrimony is a sacred sacrament that should be only held together between a man and a woman. But i do believe the men and woman alike should be able to make their own decisions on who they want to marry let alone marry.

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Eric(PA)

Posted: Sat Jan 01, 2005 9:23 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 02 Dec 2004
Posts: 114

its funny how every other post in this forum or really any other forum w/a contraversial issue has about half of their posts saying "i didnt mean to offend you" or "sorry, it wasnt my intent to offend you" or "i hope no one is offended"...well, issues are contraversial because people disagree on the issue, so i guess what im trying to say is that if u dont wanna offend anyone than just shutup, because as long as your ideas are sensible and on the subject then theres nothing wrong with offending someone else...its the natural course of discussion when people disagree...if u can't handle that your idea's or morals are being offended then dont express them in the first place

Zihuatanejo

Charlie(WA)

Posted: Mon Jan 03, 2005 7:36 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 24 Nov 2004
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Location: spokane,
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alrighy, here's my view. No one can deny that 2000 years ago, a man named Jesus Christ existed. Controversy lies in who he was. He was either a lunatic, or he is who he claimed to be, the Son of God. Personally, through the bible and personal experience, I believe he is the Son of God. His coming was predicted way before it happened. The way things play out in the New Testament, it makes sense. His life was the turning point of humanity. He performed miraculous miracles, was brutally crucified, and actually raised himself from the dead. My morals are based on his teachings. I owe everything I am to this. My view on homosexuality is based on a higher moral law rather than statistics. If the maker of the universe and savior of humanity says that homosexuality is immoral, I believe it. The bible does not justify mistreatment to homosexuals or any inferior treatment. It says to love everyone. I don't have to understand it to accept it. There are lots of things that we wont undersand. That is why Christianity is a faith, not a religion.

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Luke(PA)

Posted: Mon Jan 03, 2005 7:42 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 07 Dec 2004
Posts: 199

charlie-though i may disagree with your beliefs, i can understand your position. however, this belief does not justify a constitutional amendment or any sort of secular law banning gay marriage. separation of church and state is a foundation of our country.

"god is dead" -nietzsche

"it takes a long time to play like yourself"-miles davis

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Amanda(WA)

Posted: Mon Jan 03, 2005 10:20 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 24 Nov 2004
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Go Marshel and Charlie!!! homosexuality is a choice and Jesus will judge them for their sins just like he will judge everybody else for their, it clearly states that it is wrong in Levitucs 18:22 and 20:13, you reap what you sow and they are the ones that are going to be punished for it

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Noah(PA)

Posted: Mon Jan 03, 2005 10:24 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 07 Dec 2004
Posts: 90

yeah, you keep preaching, show everyone how americans are really close-minded. That it horrible what you are saying. This whole website is for school. Do you know that you could offend someone. Why are you preaching to school kids. It's really horrible, I am presonally offended because I am against any religion, I don't know what religion you are, I might be the same religion as you, but I don't impose it onto others.

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heißes Kreuz
falsches Urteil
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Amanda(WA)

Posted: Mon Jan 03, 2005 10:27 pm Post subject:

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I am not imposing my religion on anybody I am just telling the truth, I am a Southern Baptist and I am proud of it

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