

The ACLU and Your America—Part II

“What the City-County Council did tonight was to give government approval and legal recognition to the homosexual lifestyle, and that’s another step toward same-sex marriage.”—Eric Miller, after Monday, Dec. 19 vote of City-County Council banning discrimination against gays

- I. The ACLU and Marriage (Gen. 2:18-25)
 - A. In February of 2004 the new mayor of San Francisco, Gavin Newsom, and both the city and county clerk violated the law by issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.
 1. This action was in direct violation of the law and the will of the people of California. In 2000 California voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 22 which declared that California would only recognize marriage between a man and a woman. Note: Proposition 22 was voted on by the citizens of California, passed as law, and is the will of the majority.
 2. The ACLU came to the legal defense of the mayor and his cohorts.
 - B. Back in 1986 the ACLU became the “first mainstream organization to seek the legal recognition of same-sex marriage.”
 - C. Pushing their pro-gay agenda, the ACLU mocks the democratic process by seeking to overturn the will of the people in activist courts.
 1. When Alaskan voters decided nearly 2-1 to preserve the traditional definition of marriage, Ira Glasser—former director of the ACLU—commented, “Today’s results prove that certain fundamental issues should not be left up to a majority vote.”
 2. In 2004, voters in 13 states passed constitutional amendments affirming traditional marriage by overwhelming margins. 18 state constitutions have been amended to prevent judicial activism from redefining marriage in those states.
 - D. Consider recent actions by the ACLU
 1. In Oregon, the ACLU announced lawsuits to be filed against state officials to require the state to allow same-sex couples to marry. (The ACLU lost their lawsuit unanimously in the Oregon Supreme Court; however some counties issued illegal licenses.)
 2. The ACLU has filed lawsuits (unsuccessfully) in Alaska, Hawaii, Louisiana, Arkansas, Georgia, and Oklahoma attempting to place legal roadblocks in the way of voter initiatives to define marriage traditionally.
 3. The ACLU recently filed a lawsuit challenging Nebraska’s constitutional amendment (passed by over 70% of the population) legally protecting traditional marriage. US District Court Judge Joseph Bataillon (Bill Clinton appointee) struck down the amendment. One judge overruled over 70% of the voters in Nebraska!

4. The ACLU is proud of its pro-sodomite record. The ACLU website states:

“The ACLU is very proud of its work in helping to get rid of sodomy laws....We helped to strike down or repeal sodomy laws in California, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New York, Tennessee...you get the picture. Along with Lambda Legal, we’ve worked for eight years to get a same-sex intimacy case to the Supreme Court....After this, who knows what we can do and when. Here at the ACLU, we’ve already got some ideas....”

II. The Importance of Preserving Traditional Marriage

- A. The sad state of marriage and society in Scandinavian countries may be a portent for things to come in America.
 1. In Sweden, 54% of all children are born to unwed mothers. In Norway the number is 49%; 46% in Denmark; 65% in Iceland.
 2. Sadly, the one-parent homes are on the increase in America, with nearly one half of all American children living in a single-parent home sometime during their childhoods.
 3. From the *National Review*—“The National Swedish Social Insurance Board recently convened a panel in which two legal experts recommended changes in Swedish family law. One invoked same-sex parenting to argue for legal recognition of three and even four parent families....Polyamory has reached Sweden, and there are now Swedes who would seize on triple or quadruple parenting to usher in legalized polyamory....With so many dissolved cohabiters and gay parents, why not do away with the two-parent standard altogether?”
 4. The ACLU intends to use the precedents of international law as a weapon to undermine the American family in American courts. Supreme Court justices have already cited international law as a basis for American decisions.
- B. The ACLU desires to go far beyond allowing for same-sex marriages. By redefining marriage, they ultimately seek to abolish it altogether.
 1. “The ACLU believes that criminal and civil laws prohibiting or penalizing the practice of plural marriage violate constitutional protections of freedom of expression and association, freedom of religion [Mormons, Islamics], and privacy for personal relationships among consenting adults.”—ACLU Policy Guide
 2. The ACLU wants to extend the rights of marriage to “all Americans who are in deeply committed relationships.” Well, some Americans are deeply committed to their pets. Consider what Peter Singer, chair of Princeton University’s Center for Human Values had to say:

“We are all animals, indeed more specifically, we are great apes. This does not make sex across the species barrier normal, nor natural, whatever those much-misused words may mean, but it does imply that it ceases to be an offense to our status and dignity as human beings.”
 3. The ultimate goal of the ACLU is to abolish any limitations regarding sexual expression whatsoever and to abolish the traditional family as framed in the Bible.

