



**Americas Culture Wars &
You**

“The battle ahead is nothing less than "the Gettysburg between the culture of the average American and the culture of the intellectual elite. Overwhelmingly, the public would vote against [gay] marriage, but the courts are going to thrust it on us, jam it down our throats."

Judge Robert Bork

The dire ramifications of what is happening in the United States and other western nations cannot be overstated. For millennia, traditional marriage has been celebrated by every culture on earth as the cornerstone of society. But in the late 1960s and early 1970s, no-fault divorce laws, radical feminism and a sweeping sexual revolution combined here in the United States to rip open the fabric of the family. They left it shaken and wounded. . . . Now, the institution of marriage is on the ropes and western civilization itself appears to hang in the balance.

“The history of the gay and lesbian movement is that its adherents quickly move the goal line as soon as one has been breached, revealing even more shocking and outrageous objectives. In the present instance, homosexual activists, heady with power and exhilaration, feel the political climate is right to tell us what they have wanted all along. This is the real deal: most gays and lesbians do not want to marry each other. That would entangle them in all sorts of legal constraints. Who needs a lifetime commitment to one person? The intention here is to destroy marriage altogether.

With marriage as we know it gone, everyone would enjoy all the legal benefits of marriage (custody rights, tax-free inheritance, joint ownership of property, health care and spousal citizenship, etc.) without limiting the number of partners or their gender. Nor would “couples” be bound to each other in the eyes of the law. This is clearly where the movement is headed. . . . Legalization of homosexual marriage is for gay activists merely a stepping-stone on the road to eliminating all societal restrictions on marriage and sexuality. . . .the family as it has been known for 5000 years will be gone. With its demise will come chaos such as the world has never seen before.”

James Dobson

“Gay marriage is not some sideline issue, it *is* the marriage debateThe consequences of our current retreat from marriage is not a flourishing libertarian social order, but a gigantic expansion of state power and a vast increase in social disorder and human suffering.”

Maggie Gallagher in *National Review*

“The adoption of same-sex marriage would topple a long-standing system of shared values. It would change assumptions and expectations by which society has long operated— that men and women are not interchangeable, for example, and that the central reason for marriage to provide children with mothers and fathers in a safe and loving environment. . . .My foreboding is that a generation after same- sex marriage is legalized, families will be even less stable than they are today, the divorce rate will be even higher and children will be even less safe. To express such a dire warning is to be labeled an alarmist, a reactionary, a bigot and worsebut it is not bigotry to try to learn from history, or to point out that some institutions have stood the test of time because they are the only ones that can stand the test of time.”

Jeff Jacoby in *Boston Globe*

Straight Strategy

- **Pray**
- **Get out of the house and go bowling!**
- **Open your eyes**
- **Open your mouth and write letters**
 - **Watch your language**
 - **The primary reason for my belief is often the last thing I mention**
 - **Avoid clichés**
 - **Have something to say**
 - **Relentlessly pursue the truth**
- **Remember who you and they are**
- **Get thick skinned**
- **The power of one**
 - is when the many become one**
- **Be a friend, a reliable source, or replacement of a government official**
- **We're in this for the long haul**
 - **You have a life**
 - **This is their life**

- Citizenlink.org
- unitedfamilies.org
 - For excellent resource on fast facts concerning the harmful effects of the homosexual lifestyle go to:
 - Unitedfamilies.org
 1. Policy resources
 2. Family issues guide
 3. Sexual orientation
- defendmarriage.org
- worldcongress.org
- townhall.com/issues/familyandsociety
- frc.org
- meridianmagazine.com
- heritage.org/research/family

I sought for the greatness and genius in America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers—
and it was not there.

I sought for her greatness in her fertile fields and boundless prairies—
and it was not there.

I sought for her greatness in her rich mines and her vast world of commerce—
and it was not there.

Benefits of Marriage

- Live longer, happier lives
- Higher physical and mental health
- Recover from illness quicker
- Earn and save more money
- More reliable employees
- Lower stress
- Less likely to be victims of violence
- Greater enjoyment of parenthood
- More sexual satisfaction

Benefits of Marriage for Children

- Fewer visits to Dr. for physical or emotional problems
- More likely to do better in all measures of academics
- More sympathetic to others
- Less trouble in school, home, or with police
- Less drug use
- Lower rates of violence
- Less premarital sex and fewer teen pregnancies

Marriage Benefits

- Tax benefits
- Employer health coverage
- Workers compensation
- Unemployment compensation
- Social Security entitlements
- Automatic inheritance in absence of Will
- Legal:
 - Testimonial privileges (confidential communications)
 - Right to sue “loss of Consortium” due to financial deprivation resulting from injured spouse

You & Your Child's School

- First things first: protect your child
- Learn the playing field
- Talk with those on the “inside”
- Gather any teaching materials used
- Do your homework
- Join or form a group of likeminders
- Present your findings to school officials
- “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”
- Second great exodus?