

Concerning SB 179 - A Statewide NDO in Montana

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The institution of marriage has been recognized as between one man and one woman in nearly every culture and religious backgrounds for millenniums – up until about the last twenty five years. The destruction of this cultural Ethic is the stated goal of LGBTQ activists and they have been open about it. But this is just the beginning. Consider what a noted activist had to say about their agenda for our culture:

*"Being queer is more than setting up house, sleeping with a person of the same gender, and seeking state approval for doing so. It is an identity, a culture.... It is a way of dealing with the world... Being queer means **pushing the parameters** of sex, sexuality, and family, and in the process **transforming the very fabric of society**... We must keep our eyes on the goals of providing **true alternatives to marriage** and of radically reordering society's view of family." [Emphases added]*

(Paula Ettelbrick, formerly director of the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission and Lesbian Task Force in Out/Look, fall 1989, "Since When is Marriage a Path to Liberation?")

The Founding Fathers are on record stating that "without a moral base, our Representative Republic cannot survive." We are already seeing that payout in culture.

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I spent four months in Billings watching this play out – watching unnecessary division in our community and the Billings City Council. This Wednesday, I talked to one of our Councilmen. He said that there is still a residual of division – an atmosphere that is affecting other city business. This is a testimony we have heard from city personnel in Helena and Pocatello Idaho. If you want to cause a split in your chambers like you have perhaps never seen before, proceed with this agenda to go statewide with this issue.

I see eight major reasons for opposing an NDO, I would like to highlight just a couple of them.

The First, I have already suggested, there is a long term agenda being pushed by a largely militant activist group. I encourage you not to move forward on this bill until you understand that manifesto. (* See Focus Issues Relating to Dangers of an NDO)

Second, Is The LGBT Comparison of Their Situation to The Race Discrimination Issue (Civil Rights) Justifiable? (* See Focus on Issues Relating to Threats of a NDO)

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 bars discrimination based on "race, color, national origin, sex, and religion." The first four are included largely because they are inborn, involuntary, and immutable. The LGBTQ meet none of these criteria and their activists are lobbying for an NDO to establish them as another "unique class." They compare this to Jim Crow laws that prohibited marriage between people of different races.

What Are Black Pastors saying about this comparison? Black pastors in the South say comparing the push for homosexual 'marriage' to the civil rights movement is offensive and destructive – their use of civil-rights language is insidious. In Massachusetts, the Black Ministerial Alliance of Greater Boston refuted attempts by homosexuals' attempts to frame the issue of homosexual "marriage" as the next "civil rights movement" in America. The Rev. Charles Reese, said "That the homosexual radical agenda would use the blood of our ancestors to justify their immoral cause and bring guilt and manipulation upon others is an atrocity." In Detroit, a coalition of 110 African Americana pastors filed an amicus brief... asking the court to overturn a lower court's decision that declared Michigan's marriage amendment unconstitutional. They stated that "The fact that American media or other factions erroneously characterize the traditional meaning of 'marriage' as being on par with the civil rights deprivations of Black Americans does not make it so. Comparing the dilemmas of same-sex couples to the centuries of discrimination faced by Black Americans is a distortion of our country's cultural and legal history."

Third, Is the Normal View of Marriage Exclusively Between a Man and Woman - Historically Accepted and Only Christian? Here I will refer you to the attached notes from my testimony against HB282 to change the language about marriage in our constitution.

Fourth, Is It Reasonable to Assume that an NDO - When Taken to The State Level - Will Not Interfere With Religious Freedoms? (**A Tale of Ten Rights of Conscience Cases* from ADF) Those proposing an NDO contend that such measures will not impact religious freedom issues and that protections will be written into the ordinances. However, the overwhelming evidence from states where this type of legislation has been passed at the state level argues against that claim. Then the ACLU and the Human Rights organizations begin to target people, especially business. I will outline just one that you are familiar with because it typifies these activists.

New Mexico: Elaine Huguenin operated Elane Photography, which specialized in wedding photography. Elaine, is an artist and she employs a photojournalistic style in her work, using her pictures to tell stories for her clients. Company policy ensured that they would never tell a story conveying a message contrary to their belief system. You know the story, Vanessa Willock asked Elaine to create pictures of her same-sex commitment ceremony. Elaine believed that the pictures she would create at the event would tell a story of marriage at odds with her religious convictions and declined. Unwilling to let the Huguenins be free to conduct themselves consistent with their religious beliefs, Ms. Willock sued under the New Mexico Human Rights Act, alleging unlawful discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The New Mexico Human Rights Commission fined Elaine the New Mexico Supreme Court upheld the decision, ruling that religious rights, guaranteed by the Constitution, must yield to the state's antidiscrimination law and they must surrender their right to freely exercise their religion as "the price of citizenship." I urge you to do your homework on this issue carefully. Read *The Homosexual Agenda: Exposing the Principle Threat to Religious Freedom* by Allen Sears at ADF. My cell 406-672-9207

Concerning HB 282 - Marriage Issues in Montana

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“Marriage - this triangle of truisms of father, mother, and child cannot be destroyed; it can only destroy those civilizations which disregard it”... he went on to say...

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Marriage - this institution has been the bedrock of all societies, the foundation of family and culture. The institution of marriage has been recognized as between one man and one woman in virtually every culture and religious backgrounds for millenniums – up until about the last twenty five years. I urge you to think carefully before changing this societal structure.

My research continues **to show this change is being pushed by LGBTQ activists** whose clearly stated agenda is to **radically transform the moral base of culture**. In concert with the ACLU, they have embedded themselves in our Human Rights Organizations and masquerade as the majority while in fact they represent 2.7% of the Population. (Center for Disease Control 2014)

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Conjugal marriage is hands down the best environment for the flourishing of children and the eradication of poverty. Children of these marriages flourish much more than those raised by homosexual couples. While the LGBTQ activists trot out studies to show the opposite, their research is deeply flawed because they targeted gays for their results. While they also attack the University of Texas Study that is much more in depth and long term, the faculty at UT supports the methods used. (* See *Study Reveals Issues with Children in Same-Sex Families*)

Compared with offspring from married, intact mother/father homes, children raised in same-sex homes are markedly more likely to:

- Experience poor educational attainment - Report lower levels of happiness and mental health.
- Have impulsive behavior – Tend to be in counseling or mental health therapy (2xs)
- Suffer from depression (by large margins) - Have recently thought of suicide (significantly)
- Identify as bisexual, lesbian or gay - As adults, be unmarried; much more likely to cohabitate.
- As adults, more likely to be unfaithful in married or cohabiting relationships - Be sexually molested
- Be unemployed or part-time employed as young adults - Have pled guilty to minor legal offenses

Recently, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of upholding their states decisions to ban same-sex marriage. If you have not read that brief by Judge Jeffrey Sutton, you need to before you make this decision. (*See Dr. Al Mohler’s article *In Defense of Marriage and the Rule of Law*)

His key points Follow: