

## **Arguments Against Same Sex Sexuality**

1. It is prohibited or condemned in the Bible
2. It is against the laws of nature
3. It removes sex from procreation and allows people to treat each others as mere objects for personal pleasure
4. Even if consensual, homosexuality gradually degrades into further sexual dysfunction and devalues human life.
5. It promotes permissiveness and wreaks havoc on the nation's social, political, educational and religious thinking and practices.
6. Homosexuality is extremely unhealthy and allows for the spreading of disease, for example AIDS, as well as psychological disorders
7. The most basic argument presented by gay marriage opponents purports that marriage between two people of the same sex is "not natural" and is in violation of the "natural order."
  - a. This is a repetition of previous argument but now applied to marriage
8. Marriage is a "sacred" institution supported by religion: Gay marriage is not
9. The institution of marriage is essentially in place to assist with procreation & raising children and Gay marriage goes against these prerequisites
10. Marriage has always been between a man and a woman, and efforts to legalize same-sex marriage will fundamentally alter the institution for the worse and lead to continued breakdown of the family
11. Children need a "mom and a dad" in order to flourish in life and same-sex marriage denies children this opportunity of "normalcy."

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1. Homosexuality is innate and therefore natural
2. There is widespread presence of same-sex sexual behavior in numerous animal species
3. Old Testament passages relate to a time period thousands of years ago when knowledge concerning human sexuality was limited
4. As regards The New Testament there is controversy over what the Greek word *Arsenokoitai* means in Paul's letters
5. Sex for pleasure and bonding with another human being without procreation is just as much a part of heterosexual sex as homosexual sex
6. Many heterosexuals are permissive, so permissiveness has nothing to do with sexual orientation - rather with personal character
7. Heterosexual sex can also spread disease ie syphilis and gonorrhea - again safe sex is a matter of personal awareness and responsibility
8. The convention of civil rights and liberties demands that each individual is entitled certain fundamental and inalienable rights and freedoms under the Constitution including the right to liberty and the pursuit of happiness.
9. In terms of gay marriage, gay relationships are just as loving and valid as heterosexual relationships, but opponents of traditional marriage suggest they are not.
10. Marriage does not necessarily have to be connected with religion as demonstrated by civil marriages which are perfectly legal
11. As to gay marriage not being traditional, if marriage was truly traditional, interracial couples would not be allowed to wed and marriages would be arranged by parents to share familial wealth.
12. If marriage must be related to procreation, what about straight couples who choose not to have children, or are possibly infertile. Should they be allowed to marry?
13. Dozens of studies have shown gay people to be entirely capable of raising children.
14. There is no evidence to suggest gay marriage harms society or erode straight marriage