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LOCATION	DATE	OCCURRENCE	SOURCE
France	January 1, 2007	Christian Vanneste, a member of the French parliament, was convicted for homophobia by a French court. He had said that "heterosexuality is morally superior to homosexuality" and that "homosexuality endangers the survival of mankind."	http://www.brusselsjournal.com/node/724
Italy	October 27, 2004	Rocco Buttiglione is nominated as Commissioner of Justice for the newly formed European Commission, the Executive Branch of the European Union. He said publicly that he thought homosexual conduct was immoral, and members of the European Parliament blocked his nomination.	http://www.ilga.org/news_results.asp?LanguageID=1&FileCategory=1&FileID=361
Italy	June 12, 2007	Archbishop Angelo Bagnasco, leader of the Italian Bishops' Conference, received his second death threat, in the form of 3 bullets, from an anonymous militant homosexual activist enraged at the Catholic Church's campaign to defeat civil union legislation in Italy.	http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2007/jun/07061203.html
Sweden	February 11, 2005	Swedish pastor sentenced to jail for six months after speaking out against homosexual lifestyles from the pulpit.	http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,147084,00.html
United Kingdom	July 28, 2007	Anglican Church found guilty of discrimination against homosexuals for requiring lay Diocesan Youth Director to be celibate if not married. It is now against the law for a Christian organization to require its employees to abide by Christian teaching.	http://catholicactionuk.blogspot.com/2007/07/anglican-bishop-condemned-for-refusing.html
United Kingdom	October 24, 2007	Christian couple denied reregistration as foster parents following their refusal to sign an "Equality" policy which forbids discrimination on the grounds of homosexuality. After public outcry, on October 31, 2007 Somerset Social Services met with the couple and allowed them to make a conscientious objection to the "Equality" policy, reinstating them as foster parents.	http://www.christiantoday.com/article/christian_foster_parents_no_longer_forced_to_promote_homosexuality/14339.htm
United Kingdom	November 3, 2007	British Employment Appeals Tribunal (EAT) upheld a decision rendered last March rejecting a discrimination claim by a Justice of the Peace. The Justice sat on the court's Family Panel and had requested to be excused from hearing cases involving same-sex couples based on his Christian religious beliefs. His request was denied and he filed a discrimination claim. The EAT concluded that magistrates must apply the law as their oath requires, and cannot opt out of cases on moral grounds.	http://religionclause.blogspot.com/2007/11/british-appeals-panel-rejects-religious.html

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Belgium	January 26, 2004	Cardinal Gustaaf Joos is sued by the Centre for Equal Opportunities and the Fight Against Racism (CEOFAR) for human rights violations because he said that most homosexuals are perverts.	http://www.cwnews.com/news/viewstory.cfm?recnum=27229
Belgium	June 27, 2007	Belgian homosexual activists have brought charges against Mgr Andre-Mutien Leonard, the Roman Catholic bishop of Namur, for homophobia because he is said to have described homosexuals as "abnormal" people.	www.brusselsjournal.com/node/2221/print
Canada	February 24, 2000	A professional printer refused to print material for the Canadian Gay and Lesbian Archives because he felt doing so would violate his religious beliefs. He was fined and ordered to print the material anyway. He took his case to the Ontario Supreme Court and then to the Ontario Court of Appeal and lost both times. His total legal bills exceed \$170,000.	www.catholiceducation.org/articles/persecution/pch0080.html
Canada	2001	An evangelical Christian employed as a prison guard placed an ad in the Saskatchewan Star Phoenix. The ad was a picture of two stick men holding hands, with a red circle with a bar across superimposed on them. Below the picture were four scripture references, but not actual Bible verses. He was convicted of a hate crime by the Saskatchewan Human Rights Tribunal. The judge suggested that using Bible verses in a newspaper ad like this could be construed as hate literature. Thus, there is now legal precedent in Canada that the Holy Bible is hate literature.	www.catholiceducation.org/articles/persecution/pch0080.html
Canada	May 1, 2002	A Catholic high school in Whitby, Ontario was forced by the Ontario Supreme Court to allow a homosexual student to take his boyfriend to the graduation prom, even though the church-run school has strict prohibitions against condoning any kind of homosexual behavior.	www.catholiceducation.org/articles/persecution/pch0080.html
Canada	February 3, 2004	Canadian teacher Chris Kempling was suspended for one month for his Christian views on homosexuality, expressed in a letter to the editor.	http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2005/sep/05093005.html
Canada	January 1, 2005	Calgary Bishop Fred Henry is forced to remove a diocesan letter from his website because it urged Catholic Christians to support traditional marriage and oppose same-sex marriage.	http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2005/jan/050113a.html
Canada	January 26, 2005	B.C. Knights of Columbus are sued for not permitting the rental of their hall for a same-sex wedding reception.	http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2005/jan/05012607.html
Canada	August 16, 2007	Canadian Mennonites forced to place children in state-run schools or children will be placed in foster homes. State-run schools teach "alternative" (i.e. homosexual) lifestyles contrary to their religious beliefs.	http://www.canada.com/components/print.aspx?id=98ae22a3-a4e1-4286-bb21-2d42127c47a6&k=78372
France	June 5, 2005	Gay protestors march down the aisle of the altar of Notre Dame Cathedral during mass, where one of the protestors, dressed like a priest, performed a mock marriage ceremony for a lesbian couple. One of the priests saying mass receives a minor injury while trying to remove the protestors from the cathedral.	www.365gay.com/newscon05/06/060505parisDemo.htm

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Biblical Talking Points Regarding Marriage

- **God intentionally designed and created us male and female.** (Gen. 1:27; Gen. 5:1-2; Matt. 19:4; Mark 10:6)
- **God intended sexual intimacy to be enjoyed *only* within the context of the male and female relationship.** (Gen. 1:28; Matt. 19:5; Mark 10:7-8; Romans 1:24-32)
- **God intends marriage to be a committed, life long, covenant relationship between a man and a woman based on love, respect, mutual submission and personal sacrifice.** (Matt. 5:31-32; Matt. 19:3-11; Mal. 2:14-16; Mark 10:2-12; I Cor. 7:10-16; Deut. 5:18, 21; Eph. 5:21-33 (Christ-Church Model))
- **Jesus confirmed that God's design is only to be fulfilled within the context of a committed marriage of one man and one woman.** (Matt. 19:3-11; Mark 10:2-12).
- **Children are a blessing--God's design is that moms and dads create and raise children.** (Gen. 1:28; Psalm 127:3-5; Proverbs 22:6)
- **God's design is to have dad and mom train their children to love, honor and obey God.** (Deut. 4:1-9; Proverbs 22:6)
- **All sexual activity outside of God's design (marriage) is forbidden—it is morally impure and personally destructive—individuals will be judged by God for it.** (Heb. 13:4; Romans 1:24-32; Romans 2:5-10; I Cor. 6:9-11; Matt. 5:27-32; Deut. 5:9, 18, 21; Exodus 20:14-17; Deut. 4:1-9)
- **Divorce is not God's plan—God hates divorce.** (Mal. 2:14-16; Matt. 5:31-32; Matt. 19:6-9; Mark 10:9-12; I Cor. 7:10-16)
- **God clearly forbids "same sex" sexual relationships—they are not part of His plan.** (Lev. 18:22; Romans 1:24-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gen. 1:27; Gen. 5:1-2; Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6)
- **There is tremendous safety and blessing in following God's plan for marriage.** (Deut. 5:10; Exodus 20:6; Deut. 4:1-9; Romans 2:5-10)
- **As God's people we are specifically commanded to honor and esteem marriage.** (Heb. 13:4; Mal. 2:15; I Cor. 7:10-16; Deut. 5:21; Exodus 20:14-17)

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Illinois	June 1, 2005	A former manager with Allstate was fired on the sole basis that he wrote a column posted on several websites that was critical of same-sex marriage and espoused Christian beliefs. This was done while he was not at work. He sued and reached a settlement.	www.worldnetdaily.com/news/printer-friendly.asp?ARTICLE_ID=44961
Maryland	June 16, 2006	Robert J. Smith, a member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority, appointed by Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, discussed the federal marriage amendment on a local cable show, and stated that gays and lesbians are "persons of sexual deviancy", and was subsequently fired from his position. He said that as a Catholic this was part of his religious beliefs.	http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/15/AR2006061502097.html
Massachusetts	March 10, 2006	Catholic Charities is forced out of the adoption business for the first time in 100 years because it will not place children with homosexual couples.	http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/03/10/catholic_charities_to_halt_adoptions_over_issue_involving_gays/
Massachusetts	August 24, 2007	A father who objected to the homosexual curriculum being taught to his kindergartener was handcuffed and taken to jail for refusing to leave a school meeting where he came to complain. The case is currently before the First Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.	http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=57298
Missouri	November 1, 2006	Emily Brooker, a social-work student at Missouri State University, was charged with violating the school's "Standards of Essential Functioning in Social Work Education". One of her professors accused her of the violation after he assigned a project that required the entire class to write and each sign a letter to the Missouri Legislature in support of gay adoption. Brooker said her Christian beliefs required her to refuse to sign the letter. She subsequently sued the school for a violation of her First Amendment rights and won.	http://www.news.missouristate.edu/releases/27833.htm
New Jersey	October 7, 2007	Ocean Grove Camp Ground, a Methodist camp, loses its state tax exempt status for not hosting a same-sex union in its marriage pavilion.	http://www.ird-renew.org/site/apps/nl/content2.asp?c=fvKVLfMVisG&b=390529&ct=4455835&printmode=1
Virginia	April 28, 2006	A government commission ordered a man who runs a video duplicator business to do a job for a lesbian activist after he initially refused because, as a Christian, he did not want to help promote homosexuality. He is planning to bring a lawsuit against Arlington County, VA.	www.worldnetdaily.com/news/printer-friendly.asp?ARTICLE_ID=49954
Washington, DC	October 2, 2007	General Peter Pace, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was fired because he publicly expressed moral opposition to homosexual behavior.	http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/10/01/AR2007100101555.html
Washington, DC	October 15, 2007	Current nominee for the position of Surgeon General will likely not be confirmed due to a paper he wrote in 1991 for a United Methodist Church committee to study homosexuality. In the paper he contended that homosexual sex was neither natural nor healthy.	http://news.cincypost.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071015/NEWS01/710150383

**A PARTIAL LIST OF RECENT INSTANCES OF RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION
AS A RESULT OF THE RADICAL HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA**

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California	March 9, 2006	The California Supreme Court voted unanimously that the City of Berkeley could withdraw a rent subsidy to a Boy Scouts affiliate (the Sea Scouts) at the city marina because of the scouts' opposition to homosexuality.	http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1593336/posts
California	April 5, 2006	San Francisco City Board of Supervisors issued a scathing resolution condemning the Catholic Church's moral teachings on homosexuality and urging Catholic leaders to defy Vatican directives telling agencies not to place children with same-sex couples.	http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewCulture.asp?Page=/Culture/archive/200604/CUL20060405a.html
California	May 31, 2007	Eharmony.com was sued for refusing to offer its dating services to gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. [Eharmony.com was founded in 2000 by an evangelical Christian with strong ties to Focus on the Family.]	http://www.americansfortruth.com/news/homosexual-legal-bullies-latest-target-eharmonycom.html
California	June 1, 2007	The Oakland city government found the words "Marriage is the foundation of the natural family and sustains family values" to be a hate crime and reprimands a group of Oakland city government employees for using these words on a flyer in the workplace.	http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/06/22/AR2007062201704.html
California	July 21, 2007	Four San Diego firefighters were ordered to participate in the San Diego Gay Pride Parade. In a lawsuit currently before the California Superior Court in San Diego, they are suing the City of San Diego for sexual harassment and violating their freedom of speech.	http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,292442,00.html
California	August 2, 2007	Two evangelical physicians have been sued for acting in accord with their religious beliefs and not artificially inseminating a lesbian. This case is pending before the CA Supreme Court.	http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2007-08-02-doctorsside_N.htm
California	September 13, 2007	Transsexual Nicole Murray Ramirez, the San Diego City Human Relations Chairperson, condemned San Diego Roman Catholic Bishop Robert Brom in the print media for being a "hypocrite" and calls for his resignation. As the Human Relations Chairperson, Ramirez is the person tasked with assisting San Diegans in fighting discrimination of any kind, including religious discrimination. Ramirez is a member of the anti-Catholic Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, which has been declared an heretical group by the Vatican.	http://www.gaylesbiantimes.com/?id=10535&issue=1029
California	September 15, 2007	California Lutheran high school is being sued for expelling two girls who engaged in "homosexual conduct" on campus.	http://www.calcatholic.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?id=f1b804c0-d29f-4f77-90d5-0c2da25b6687
California	September 25, 2007	Lesbian CA high school student accuses principal of violating Equal Protection and First Amendment rights for issuing disciplinary action in response to continual inappropriate displays of public affection on school grounds. U.S. District Court rules in favor of School defendants, finding no federal or state constitutional violations.	http://www.aclu.org/images/asset_upload_file749_32161.pdf

Historical Talking Points Regarding Marriage

Marriage in World History

- Marriage emerged as a social and religious institution long before the 19th century, when homosexuals began to argue in favor of same-sex "marriage."¹ The definition of marriage as the union of a man and a woman itself goes back even farther than our modern understanding of sexual orientation as a classification.
- In all or nearly all human societies, marriage is socially approved sexual intercourse between a woman and a man, conceived both as a personal relationship and as an institution, primarily such that any children resulting from the union are understood to be—emotionally, morally, practically and legally affiliated with both of the parents.²
- Even more ancient history illustrates male-female marriage as a common element in diverse societies from Mesopotamia, India, etc.³
- The history of marriage demonstrates that non-recognition of same-sex "marriages" does not stem from a particular religious tradition; it is universal. Even secular and aggressively atheist regimes (like Soviet Russia) have never recognized same-sex "marriages."
- Prior to the thirteenth century, when the Church finally managed to take control of it, marriage was an entirely social practice.⁴
- Marriage only became a sacrament in the Catholic Church in 1439, and the Catholic Church only began requiring the attendance of a priest for a valid marriage in 1563, after the Reformation.⁵
- The state came to marriage even later than did the Church. It was not until 1753, with the passage of Lord Hardwicke's Marriage Act, that the British state became a significant player in the joining together of men and women as husbands and wives.⁶
- The historical origin of marriage is in society and culture, as a response to the needs of the family, and has only later been extended legal recognition and regulation.
- In fact, some 150 years of systematic inquiry by anthropologists leaves little doubt that heterosexual marriage is found in nearly every human society and almost always as a pivotal institution. Homosexual marriage outside contemporary Western societies is exceedingly rare and never the basis of "viable social order."⁷

Marriage in American History

- In the United States, the original thirteen colonies and all of the states inherited the definition of marriage as the union of a man and a woman from English law.⁸
- The colonies imported most of the substantive law of marriage created by the English Church and its ecclesiastical courts. Thus, the civil law reflected the religious English view of marriage as a permanent monogamous union of one man and one woman. The English "inherited traditions relating to marriage from three major sources: from Roman law, from Judaeo-Christian tradition, and from Germanic society."⁹

Marriage in the Courts

- The Washington Court of Appeals opinion noted that "marriage as now defined is deeply rooted in our society."¹⁰
- The Ninth Circuit held that same-sex marriage would "violate traditional and often prevailing societal mores."¹¹

¹Lawrence v. Texas, 539 U.S. 558, 568 (2003) (citing J. Katz, *The Invention of Heterosexuality*, 10 (1995); J. D. Emilio & E. Freedman, *Intimate Matters: A History of Sexuality in America*, 121 (2d ed. 1997)).

²David Blankenhorn, *The Future of Marriage*, 91 (2007).

³See Jan Knappert, *The Family in Antiquity* in *THE FAMILY IN GLOBAL TRANSITION* 29 (Gordon L. Anderson, editor, 1997).

⁴F.C. DeCoste, *Courting Leviathan: Limited Government and Social Freedom in Reference re Same-Sex Marriage*, 42 ALBERTA L. REV. 1099, 1112-13 (2005) (citation omitted).

⁵*Id.*

⁶*Id.*

⁷Wood, Peter, "The Marriage Debate Goes Multicultural: Anthropologists jump in — and distort the history of their field," *National Review Online*.

⁸Charles P. Kindregan, Jr., *Same-Sex Marriage: The Cultural Wars and the Lessons of Legal History* 38 FAM. L. Q. 427, 430 (2004)

⁹Conor McCarthy, *Marriage in Medieval England*, 8 (2004).

¹⁰Singer v. Hara, 522 P.2d 1187, 1197 (Wash. Ct. App. 1974).

¹¹Adams v. Howerton, 673 F.2d 1036, 1043 (9th Cir. 1982).

The Social Benefits of Marriage Talking Points

• Marriage is a Fundamental, Positive & Universal Social Institution

A Centers for Disease Control report notes, "Marriage is associated with a variety of positive outcomes, and dissolution of marriage is associated with negative outcomes for men, women, and their children."¹

"Marriage is a virtually universal human institution. In all the wildly rich and various cultures flung throughout the ecosphere, in society after society, whether tribal or complex, and however bizarre, human beings have created systems of publicly approved sexual union between men and women that entail well-defined responsibilities of mothers and fathers. Not all these marriage systems look like our own, which is rooted in a fusion of Greek, Roman, Jewish, and Christian culture. Yet everywhere, in isolated mountain valleys, parched deserts, jungle thickets, and broad plains, people have come up with some version of this thing called marriage. Why?"²

• Marriage is Good for Men and Women

Some General Benefits:

Personal Stability:

- understanding
- support
- encouragement (cure for aloneness/loneliness)
- ongoing stable commitment: (friends are transitory, will come and go).

Personal Health:

- nutritional (generally healthier diet)
- mental/psychological (companionship, friendship)
- physical (longevity, happiness studies³)
- sexual: safe sex (fewer STD's, emotionally safer sex)

Financial /Material Health:

- sharing and pooling resources and talents
Breadwinner/homemaker
- tax benefits

• Marriage Is Good For Children

Research clearly demonstrates that family structure matters for children, and the family structure that helps the most is a family headed by two-biological parents in a low-conflict marriage.⁴ A Center for Law and Social Policy Brief concludes, "Research indicates that, on average, children who grow up in families with both their biological parents in a low-conflict marriage are better off in a number of ways than children who grow up in single-, step-, or cohabitating-parent households."⁵

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- support

¹Matthew D. Bramlett & William D. Mosher, 2001. "First Marriage Dissolution, Divorce, and Remarriage: United States," CDC Advance Data no. 323 (May 31): 1.

²Maggie Gallagher, 2003, "What Marriage Is For" The Weekly Standard, Vol 8, Issue 45 (August 4/11).

³Married women are less likely to experience domestic violence than cohabitating and dating women. William J. Doherty, et al., 2002. *Why Marriage Matters: Twenty-One Conclusions from the Social Sciences* (New York: Institute for American Values): 6 (co-authors include William J. Doherty, William A. Galston, Norval D. Glenn, John Gottman, Barbara Markey, Howard J. Markman, Steven Nock, David Popenoe, Gloria G. Rodriguez, Isabel V. Sawhill, Scott M. Stanley, Linda J. Waite, and Judith Wallerstein).

⁴Kristen Anderson Moore, et al., 2002 "Marriage from a Child's Perspective: How Does Family Structure Affect Children and What Can We Do About It?," *Child Trends Research Brief* (Washington, D. C.; Child Trends) (June): 1 (available at <http://www.childtrends.org/PDF/MarriageRB602.pdf>). This research brief on family structure does not compare outcomes for children in same-sex couple households to children in other types of families.

⁵Mary Parke, 2003. "Are Married Parents Really Better for Children? What Research Says About the Effects of Family Structure on Child Well-Being," *CLASP Policy Brief no. 3* (Washington, D.C.; Center for Law and Social Policy) (May): 6.

Socialization/Norms:

- moral training—teaching right from wrong.
- cultural rules/mores/norms
 - manners: social lubrication (how to get along with others)

Modeling: there are strengths that only a mom can bring, and strengths only a dad can bring.

Children from intact families (mom and dad together) demonstrated significantly lower incidents of negative social behavior (premarital sex, underage drinking, school expulsion, shoplifting, fighting, etc) especially children from intact families that attend church regularly⁶.

Twelve leading marriage scholars surveying recent studies concluded the following:

- Cohabitation is not the functional equivalent of marriage.
- Children raised outside of intact married homes are more likely to divorce or become unwed parents themselves.
- Children in intact married homes are healthier, on average, than children in other family forms.
- Divorce increases rates of mental illness and distress in children, including the risk of suicide⁷.

• Same Sex "Marriage," Where Legalized, is Not Valued By Most Homosexuals

"THE PROBLEM with endorsing gay marriage is not that it would allow a handful of people to choose alternative family forms, but that it would require society at large to gut marriage of its central presumptions about family in order to accommodate a few adults' desires."⁸

In countries where homosexual marriage is legally recognized, there has been surprisingly low demand. A survey of marriage statistics from various foreign countries that legally recognize same-sex unions suggests that today between 1% and 5% of gays and lesbians have entered into a same-sex marriage.⁹ The highest demand of 16% was noted in Massachusetts.¹⁰

In those same European countries, the homosexual "divorce" rate was significantly higher than that of the heterosexual population. Overall, gay male couples were 1.5 times more likely (50 percent more likely) to divorce within the 8-year study period and lesbian couples in legal unions were 2.67 times as likely (167 percent more likely) to divorce.¹¹

• Marriage is Good for America

The family is the fundamental building block of society. When marriages and families are healthy, communities thrive; when marriages break down, communities break down. Moral, polite, physically healthy and stable individuals make better community members and citizens. Thus, you can clearly see that as the family goes, so goes the society.

Twelve leading family scholars recently summarized the research literature this way: "Marriage is an important social good associated with an impressively broad array of positive outcomes for children and adults alike....

[W]hether American society succeeds or fails in building a healthy marriage culture is clearly a matter of legitimate public concern."¹²

⁶Patrick Fagan, et al., 2007 "A Portrait of Family and Religion in America: Key Outcomes for the Common Good" Heritage Foundation (November).

⁷William J. Doherty, et al., 2002. *Why Marriage Matters: Twenty-One Conclusions from the Social Sciences* (New York: Institute for American Values): 6 (co-authors include William J. Doherty, William A. Galston, Norval D. Glenn, John Gottman, Barbara Markey, Howard J. Markman, Steven Nock, David Popenoe, Gloria G. Rodriguez, Isabel V. Sawhill, Scott M. Stanley, Linda J. Waite, and Judith Wallerstein).

⁸Maggie Gallagher (2003) "What Marriage is For" The Weekly Standard (August 4).

⁹Maggie Gallagher & Joshua K. Baker, 2003. *Demand for Same-Sex Marriage: Evidence from the United States, Canada & Europe*. Institute for Marriage and Public Policy, Vol. 3, No. 1 (April 27): 7.

¹⁰*Id.*

¹¹Gunnar Anderson, et al., "Divorce-Risk in Same-Sex 'Marriages' in Norway and Sweden." Paper presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (April 3), available at <http://paa2004.princeton.edu/download.asp?submissionId=40208>.

¹²William J. Doherty, et al., at 6.