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### Same -Sex Marriages

Same -sex marriages are often mistaken by majority of people. They think that same -sex marriages only involve gays. It is crucial to know that same sex marriages involve marriages between individuals of similar sexual characteristics as in females and males. When a female marries another female that is same- sex marriage often termed as lesbianism and if a male marries a male they are gays. This essay highlights a clear argument on same sex marriage, its benefits and shortfalls.

If same -sex marriages would be common, majority of same- sex couple with children would be lesbians. Therefore, this implies that most of such children would be growing apart from fathers. It is the ultimate role of fathers to reduce antisocial behavior in children especially in girls, absence of a father in lesbian marriages indicates that children in such families develop poor antisocial behaviors and sexual activity which affect their normal lives. It is important to note that fathers greatly influence the social and biological behaviors of children which are very crucial traits during the early stages of childhood. “A study revealed that children who grow up in the absence of fathers are highly prone to teenage pregnancy as compared to girls with fathers” (Ellis 803). Presence of a father in a family provides girls with an appropriate model to understand the key features to look for in a man.

Same-sex marriage isolates marriage from its intended purpose of procreation. In the traditional society, there was a strong connection between marriage and procreation. “It is crucial to note that marriage is mistakenly understood, the main role of marriage is to ensure that every child in the society has both the mother and the father. Emotional view on marriages has greatly impacted marriages in the modern society” (Stephen 30). Same-sex marriage hinders procreation which is the primary purpose of marriage because individuals of similar sex are less likely to bear a child as compared to people of different sex.

Same-sex marriages are prone to bullying. Homosexual couple, who adopt children put such children at risk of bullying especially in schools. Majority of homosexual kids are bullied due to their family backgrounds of homosexual parents. Similarly, the concept of same-sex marriage can greatly affect the adoption process of babies. Imagine homosexual parents going to adopt a child together with heterosexuals, homosexual parents have high chances of adopting children unlike heterosexual partners who are viewed as capable of getting children hence limiting their chances to adopt babies. “There are many divorce cases in court that need to be handle, embracing same-sex marriage increases the burden of courts to handle divorce cases because of the increasing numbers of divorcing homosexual partners.” (Stephen 69). Generally same-sex marriages affect child development due to lack of either motherly image if the parents are gay and lack of fatherly image in case the parents are gay.

On the other hand, there are specific benefits which may accrue from same-sex marriages. It provides people with an opportunity to exercise their legal rights of marriage which applies to everyone. “Marriage is a choice and anyone can marry anybody of choice in as much as it is a constitutional right. It is important to know that any attempt to prohibit

same-sex marriage prohibits people from exercising their freedom of marriage” (Stephen 59)

.A study reveals that same-sex marriages are more stable as compared to heterosexual marriages, mainly because such marriages are few in number and individuals who engage in homosexual marriages tend to take a lot of precautions to prevent break ups.

In conclusion, same- sex marriages should not be encouraged in the modern society.

Homosexual marriage undermines the marriage institution which traditionally speculates that marriage must be between a man and a woman. Violation of marriage institution for procreation is also evident in same-sex marriages. The existence of same sex marriages increases peoples’ chances to engage in other unusual sexual behaviors such as polygamy and incest. Homosexual marriages also violates many religions’ teachings and the word of God. Most religions teach that marriage is a gift from God that must be between people of different sexes and for procreation purposes.

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