

# Why not Same-Sex “Marriage”?

The Government has announced that a referendum will be held in Spring 2015 on the question of same-sex “marriage”. This leaflet is an effort to point out what is at stake. If voters vote to allow same-sex “marriage”, every marriage will be affected. Same-sex “marriage” is not marriage. It is a confidence trick.

1. One man and one woman are required to produce a child. Neither two men together, nor two women together, can produce a child.
2. Man and woman are made for each other physically, emotionally, intellectually, spiritually. Two men are not made for each other in those ways, nor are two women made for each other in those ways either.
3. The average life-span of male same-sex partnerships of whatever kind in Holland is 1.5 years. Female same-sex partnerships don't last much longer. Same-sex “marriage” can't express true human love as the marriage of one man to one woman can. At present 75% of marriages of one man to one woman in the Republic of Ireland are lifelong. Marriage is already destabilized in several ways. Voting to allow same-sex “marriage” would destabilize marriage further.
4. Same-sex partners must resort to a third party, or to adoption, if they want children. Same-sex partnerships ordinarily are not based on the loyalty of both partners to each other. As such partnerships last so short a time, there is no question of lifelong commitment.
5. Same-sex “marriage” is a confidence trick. Only 0.3% of the population are interested in same-sex “marriage”. Same-sex couples tend to be older. Most practising homosexual persons, who don't want to change, actually don't want same-sex “marriage” for themselves, nor do they want to adopt children. The legalization of same-sex “marriage” adds to the status of homosexual persons as a small minority, and the tiny minority of that small minority, who avail of same-sex “marriage”, gain inheritance rights.
6. Same-sex “marriage” adds to the impression that same-sex activity is healthy. In Ireland the biggest single percentage of those infected by HIV are men infected by men, and the median age of adult cases of HIV is 34. Homosexual men get cancer earlier in life. According to a Danish study, the average age of death for practising homosexual persons in a “marriage” relationship is 60. In Denmark women in same-sex “marriage” have an abnormally high mortality rate, in their first 3 years of “marriage” especially. A recent Australian study has demonstrated a significant rate of suicides among homosexual couples, due to the nature of such unions themselves. The Government campaigns against smoking, drink-driving, and obesity. Why don't they campaign in favour of chastity and normality?
7. The Royal College of Psychiatrists in London has stated recently that no one is born homosexual, and that homosexuality is not immutable. U.S. psychiatrist, Richard Fitzgibbons, M.D., and Dutch psychologist, Gerard van den Aardweg, Ph.D., both say that homosexual persons, through therapy, can be helped to change. However, change therapy is banned in certain U.S. states, California and New Jersey, for example.

8. U.S. studies have shown that children raised by non-marital couples, including same-sex couples, are 8 times more likely to be harmed, and 50 times more likely to die of injuries inflicted on them. It is feared that sexual abuse of children will double if same-sex couples are allowed to adopt, as 40% of male homosexual persons have some ephebophile inclinations [ephebophilia = sexual attraction to teenagers], and a small percentage also have paedophile inclinations [paedophilia = sexual attraction to children].

9. Catholic adoption agencies in England have been forced to close because they refused to offer children for adoption to same-sex couples. Brendan Eich, for a short while CEO of Firefox Mozilla in California, was forced out of his job because of his support for traditional marriage. Professor Brendan Bain, the West-Indies AIDS expert, was fired for alerting people in Belize to the dangers of same-sex activity to homosexual persons and to public health. Daniel McArthur, of Asher's Bakery, Co. Antrim, has been threatened with law by the Northern Ireland Equality Commission for refusing to bake a cake with an icing motto in favour of same-sex "marriage". Åke Green, a Swedish Pentecostal Christian, was taken to court in Sweden for preaching against same-sex "marriage". Tony Miano, a street preacher in Dundee, Scotland, was charged with 'homophobic aggravation' for preaching against same-sex "marriage". This type of persecution will follow in the Republic of Ireland, if the people vote for same-sex "marriage" in the referendum. Masha Gessen, a homosexualist activist, said in Sydney, Australia, in May 2012, that the institution of marriage should not exist.

10. The Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights [ECHR] on Tuesday, July 16, 2014, ruled that Finland isn't in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights for not allowing same-sex "marriage". The Grand Chamber pointed out that that Convention actually enshrines the concept of marriage as being between one man and one woman. The Grand Chamber also said that it may not be argued that there is a European consensus on same-sex "marriage", as only 10 member states out of the 27 member states allow same-sex "marriage".

11. By Christmas 2014 the Government intend to enact the [General Scheme of the] Children and Family Relationships Bill 2014, a Bill that would allow adoption of children by non-marital couples, including same-sex couples. You won't be allowed to vote on that. See [www.adfam.ie](http://www.adfam.ie), Campaign/Shatter Shatter's Bill.