

Resolution – Same Sex Parenting

WHEREAS, No matter how exceptional at parenting two moms or dads may be, they're incapable of providing the gender-specific love and biological identity exclusive to the child's absent mother or father. The problem with same-sex parenting isn't the gay parent, it's the missing parent.

WHEREAS, Most "studies" proclaiming that kids with same-sex parents fare "no different" than children of heterosexual parents are methodologically flawed:

- Participants were aware that the purpose was to investigate same-sex parenting, thus the respondents may have aimed at producing the desired result.
- Participants were often recruited through friends or through advocacy organizations.
- Most surveyed parental perception rather than the children's actual outcomes.
- On average, samples of fewer than forty children of parents in a same-sex relationship virtually guaranteed findings showing no statistically significant differences between groups.

WHEREAS, In his New Family Structures Study (NFSS), researcher Mark Regnerus concluded, "On twenty-five out of forty outcomes evaluated, there were statistically significant differences between children from intact biological families and those of the mothers in lesbian relationships in many areas that are unambiguously suboptimal, such as receiving welfare, need for therapy, infidelity, STIs, sexual victimization, educational attainment, safety of the family of origin, depression, attachments and dependencies, marijuana use, frequency of smoking, and criminal behavior." Using data from the U.S. National Health Interview Survey, Paul Sullins discovered that when compared with children in dual-gender households, children in same-sex-headed families:

- Were likely to suffer emotional or behavioral difficulties at a rate of 9.3 percent, more than twice the 4.4 percent rate for children in dual-gender families.
- Experienced "definite" or "severe" emotional problems at a rate of 14.9 percent versus 5.5 percent.
- Were diagnosed with ADHD at a rate of 15.5 percent versus 7.1 percent.
- Struggled with learning disabilities at a rate of 14.1 percent versus 8 percent.
- Received special education and mental health services at a rate of 17.8 percent versus 10.4 percent.

WHEREAS, When methodological gold-standards are employed, "marriage equality" for adults results in childhood inequality.

WHEREAS, The craving for father-specific and mother-specific love transcends politically correct ideologies and progressive trends. Children's longing to be known and loved by their mother *and* father is at the very heart of what it is to be a human child.

WHEREAS, Many kids with parents who've transitioned describe the experience as a type of death. They don't feel like their father has become their mother; rather, their father is altogether gone.

WHEREAS, When society conditions kids with the "love makes a family" refrain, they will doubt their instinctual want of a mother or father. Children are incapable of comprehending that it's the cultural and legal landscape which has failed them, not their own feelings. Kids with LGBT parents also face extraordinary pressure to endorse the political activism rooted in their parents' sexual identities. Disparagement of members of the LGBT community or the kids they are raising is unacceptable. Advocating for children's rights is not a commentary on whether gay men and lesbians are capable parents. A lesbian can be an exceptional mother; she simply cannot be a father. A gay man can be a fantastic father; he simply cannot be a mother. Children need, long for, and have a right to both.

THEREFORE, The _____ Party of Texas should adopt a plank on Same-sex Parenting:

Plank #xxx. Same-sex Parenting: We are opposed to same-sex parenting and subjecting a child to mother or father loss.

A copy of this resolution should be sent to the _____ County/Senate District # _____ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct # _____ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the _____ Party of Texas.

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