

Same Sex Marriage The Moral And Legal Debate

Same-sex Marriage Debate - Justin Healey 2013

Same-sex marriages are currently not permitted under Australian federal law. Although same-sex couples in a de facto relationship have had most of the legal rights of married couples since July 2009, there is however no national registered partnership or civil union scheme.

Same Sex - John Corvino 1999

'Same Sex' presents a comprehensive anthology on homosexuality, exploring historical conceptions of homosexuality, homosexual identity, and a variety of public policy issues.

From Sodomy Laws to Same-Sex Marriage - Sean Brady 2019-07-25

Inspired by recent adoptions of same-sex marriage, *From Sodomy Laws to Same-Sex Marriage* provides international perspectives on the legal and social history of same-sex relationships from the early 19th century to the present. Its emphasis is on areas where the impetus for change has been most noticeable: Europe, the Americas, and Australasia. From Sodom and Gomorrah to Britain's sodomy laws and continental Europe's abhorrence of sexual acts 'against nature', the history of same-sex love traditionally ranged from fire and brimstone maledictions to secrecy and scandal. Until recently, legal positions across the western world reflected the legacies of the British and French empires, as well as Christianity, particularly Catholicism. In recent years, however, there has been a revolution in attitudes towards same-sex relationships. This poses hitherto unanswered questions: what historical complexities lie behind the revolutionary shift from punitive attitudes to legal endorsement of same-sex relationships? Given the cultural variety of historical attitudes to same-sex relationships, why has their legal acceptance been so international? The essays in this volume provide answers to these questions, offering the first international overview of the topic. While other studies have attempted to explain the change in legal and social treatment of same-sex relationships in a national context, or within a shorter time frame, this is the first volume to examine the topic from the French Revolution to the present day, bringing together a diverse array of perspectives over a range of countries. It is an important volume for students and scholars of queer history, the history of sexuality, law and sociology.

Same-Sex Marriage - Erin L. McCoy 2019-07-15

In 2015, same-sex marriage was declared legal in all fifty states by the Supreme Court. Today, more than two dozen nations around the world have legalized same-sex marriage. However, the debate about whether such marriages should be allowed still rages on, both in the United States and around the globe. In some countries, homosexuality is illegal and those convicted of homosexual acts can even face the death penalty. Some argue that same-sex marriage erodes the institution of marriage or oppose it on religious grounds, while others view the ability to marry as a fundamental right. This book delves into all sides of the debate with the aid of full-color photographs, sidebars, and a glossary designed to improve young adults' understanding of this complex topic.

Marriage and Civil Partnership: 'separate but equal' or unacceptable discrimination? - Luke Sherlock 2012

Kant's Ethics and the Same-Sex Marriage Debate - An Introduction - Christopher Arroyo 2017-05-16

This book defends the thesis that Kant's normative ethics and his practical ethics of sex and marriage can be valuable resources for people engaged in the contemporary debate over same-sex marriage. It does so by first developing a reading of Kant's normative ethics that explains the way in which Kant's notions of human moral imperfection and social sociability inform his ethical thinking. The book then offers a systematic treatment of Kant's views of sex and marriage, arguing that Kant's views are more defensible than some of his critics have made them out to be. Drawing on Kant's account of marriage and his conception of moral friendship, the book argues that Kant's ethics can be used to develop a defense of same-sex marriage.

What Is Marriage? - Sherif Girgis 2012-02-28

Until just yesterday, no society—monogamous or polygamous—had defined marriage as anything other than a male-female union. With clear and cogent arguments, *What Is Marriage?* explains the rational basis of this historic consensus. It defeats the arguments for recognizing same-sex partnerships as marriages and shows how doing so would harm the common good. Originally published in the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*, this book's core argument quickly became the year's most widely read essay of more than 300,000 scholarly articles posted on the Social Sciences Research Network. Now expanded to address a flurry of prominent responses, *What Is Marriage?* stands poised to meet its moment as few books of this generation have. If the marriage debate in America is decided in the next few years, it will be either with this book's help, or despite its powerful arguments. Rhodes Scholar Sherif Girgis, Princeton University professor Robert P. George, and Ryan T. Anderson, editor of the online journal *Public Discourse*, provide a devastating critique of the claim that equality requires redefining marriage. They point out that any assessment of what "marriage equality" demands depends on first determining what marriage is—what sort of relationships must be treated as essentially the same. They defend the principle that marriage, as a comprehensive union ordered to family life, requires a man and a woman. And they argue for the great social benefits of enshrining this principle in law. Most compellingly, they show that those who embrace same-sex civil marriage leave themselves no firm ground—none—for not recognizing as marriages every relationship type describable in polite English, including multiple-partner ("polyamorous") sexual unions. Finally, *What Is Marriage?* decisively answers common objections: that the historic view is rooted in bigotry (like laws forbidding interracial marriage); that it is callous to people's needs; that it can't show the harm of recognizing same-sex couplings, or the point of recognizing infertile ones; and that it treats a mere "social construct" as if it were natural, or an unreasoned religious view as if it were rational.

Same-Sex Marriage and the Constitution - Evan Gerstmann 2004

Does the Constitution protect the right to same-sex marriage? Much of the writing on this subject has been highly one-sided. This book takes a careful second look at the issue. Not only does it carefully look at the legal debate, but it also asks whether, in a democratic society, the courts should settle this question rather than the voters and it takes on the issue of whether such a court-created law could be effective in the face of public opposition. The book argues that this issue is one of the most significant constitutional issues facing society because it challenges society's commitment to the promise of true legal equality.

Same-sex Marriage - Robert M. Baird 2004

The issue of same-sex marriage has attracted the attention of the nation and has become one of the most heated social controversies. This completely revised and updated second edition of "Same-Sex Marriage" presents a balanced selection of the latest, the most diverse, and the most clearly argued positions advocated by academics, politicians, journalists, attorneys, judges, and activists.

Debating Same-Sex Marriage - John Corvino 2012-06

This volume presents both sides of the debate over whether same-sex marriage should be legalized.

Moral Argument, Religion, and Same-sex Marriage - Gordon Albert Babst 2009

A collection of essays in which contributors from the fields of law and politics use moral argumentation to address same-sex marriage, gay rights, and California's Proposition 8.

The Meaning of Matrimony - Brenda Almond 2013

At the start of 2013 the Coalition Government presented to Parliament the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Bill, which legislates to open up marriage to same-sex couples. In the words of Maria Miller, Secretary of State responsible for the Bill and author of the introduction, it has since progressed against a backdrop of 'strong feelings on all sides'.

Marriage and Same-Sex Unions - Lynn D. Wardle 2003-04-30

This book exemplifies the high quality of thoughtful discussion and debate that is possible on the issue of same-sex marriage. Authors are paired to address and respond to a particular topic, one in favor of state recognition of same-sex relationships, and one in favor of limiting state recognition to those relationships that have been traditionally recognized as marriages. Proposals to legalize same-sex marriage evoke strong response from those on both sides of the debate. Much has been written about the legal policy issues over the legal recognition of same-sex unions in the United States, yet there has been little dialogue and exchange between participants in the debate. This book attempts to open that dialogue, and to exemplify the high quality of thoughtful discussion and debate that is possible. Authors are paired to address and respond to a particular topic, one in favor of state recognition of same-sex relationships and one in favor of limiting state recognition to those relationships that have been traditionally recognized as marriages. This ideal introduction is designed to lead the reader through the relevant issues, progressing from the general to the particular. Debates are contextualized, offering comparative, historical, and family-policy perspectives, asking fundamental questions such as what is the purpose of a family, and what interests, if any, that state has in promoting a particular type of family over others. Issues of jurisprudence and political philosophy are examined, addressing the public benefits of marriage and equal treatment before the law, among other items. The constitutionality of same-sex marriage or domestic partnership policies is explored. Finally, this book covers the broad implications when states—such as Vermont—legally recognize same-sex unions, and the impact of international recognition of same-sex marriage rights.

Gay Is Good - Michael G. Long 2014-11-26

Contrary to popular notions, today's LGBT movement did not begin with the Stonewall riots in 1969. Long before Stonewall, there was Franklin Kameny (1925–2011), one of the most significant figures in the gay rights movement. Beginning in 1958, he encouraged gay people to embrace homosexuality as moral and healthy, publicly denounced the federal government for excluding homosexuals from federal employment, openly fought the military's ban against gay men and women, debated psychiatrists who depicted homosexuality as a mental disorder, identified test cases to advance civil liberties through the federal courts, acted as counsel to countless homosexuals suffering state-sanctioned discrimination, and organized marches for gay rights at the White House and other public institutions. In *Gay Is Good*, Long collects Kameny's historically rich letters, revealing some of the early stirrings of today's politically powerful LGBT movement. These letters are lively and colorful because they are in Kameny's inimitable voice—a voice that was consistently loud, echoing through such places as the Oval Office, the Pentagon, and the British Parliament, and often shrill, piercing to the federal agency heads, military generals, and media personalities who received his countless letters. This volume collects approximately 150 letters from 1958 to 1975, a critical period in Kameny's life during which he evolved from a victim of the law to a vocal opponent of the law, to the voice of the law itself. Long situates these letters in context, giving historical

and biographical data about the subjects and events involved. *Gay Is Good* pays tribute to an advocate whose tireless efforts created a massive shift in social attitudes and practices, leading the way toward equality for the LGBT community.

Same-sex Marriage? - Marvin Mahan Ellison 2004

Extending the right to marry to same-sex couples is frontpage news, and hotly contested in both church and society. This critical book is written by a gay man and progressive Christian ethicist who places justice making at the heart of contemporary spirituality. In dialogue with both legal scholars and theologians, Ellison examines the strengths and weaknesses of how marriage traditionalists, advocates of same-sex marriage, and LBGT (lesbian/bisexual/gay/transgender) critics of marriage analyze the issues and frame their arguments. The book offers constructive proposals for revitalizing Christian sexual ethics and moving the debate forward, regardless of whether the right to marry is won or lost.

The Psychology of Intolerance - Alyssa Awe 1999

Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Partnerships - Robert Wintemute 2001-10-13

In this book an international team of scholars examines both theoretical issues and the wide variety of legal developments in various countries.

Same Sex Marriage :. - 1991

Marriage Equality - William N. Eskridge, Jr. 2020-08-18

The definitive history of the marriage equality debate in the United States, praised by *Library Journal* as "beautifully and accessibly written. . . . An essential work." As a legal scholar who first argued in the early 1990s for a right to gay marriage, William N. Eskridge Jr. has been on the front lines of the debate over same-sex marriage for decades. In this book, Eskridge and his coauthor, Christopher R. Riano, offer a panoramic and definitive history of America's marriage equality debate. The authors explore the deeply religious, rabidly political, frequently administrative, and pervasively constitutional features of the debate and consider all angles of its dramatic history. While giving a full account of the legal and political issues, the authors never lose sight of the personal stories of the people involved, or of the central place the right to marry holds in a person's ability to enjoy the dignity of full citizenship. This is not a triumphalist or one-sided book but a thoughtful history of how the nation wrestled with an important question of moral and legal equality.

Defending Same-sex Marriage: Our family values : same-sex marriage and religion - Mark Philip Strasser 2007

Places the struggle for marriage rights in the context of other American civil rights movements, advocating legal and religious recognition of same-sex marriage while educating the public about what "gay marriage" does and does not mean for the future of the institution of marriage.

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