

I think Ellen DeGeneres has done a lot to make homosexuality more acceptable to persons nationwide. Thank God for Ellen!

When I became a gay activist in the early 1970's just being free of harassment by the police was a victory. Gay Marriage was the stuff of science fiction. I believe that civil marriage is a civil right and religious marriage is a religious choice.

Change is inevitable ... once upon a time- women were not allowed to vote or have the same rights as men. Think about it. Perhaps- homosexual status is just another evolving circumstance in the United States. Change is difficult- but inevitable.

The CA Supreme Court made the right decision. It is about time ALL citizens have equal rights regardless of who they are.

I have no problem with people being homosexual except they should not expect to be treated as married couples with all of the same benefits since they do not have the ability to have children w/o insemination or a liason with the opposite sex.

I dont think being Gay is normal; I think it is like any other birth defect. We should not discriminate based on birth defects.

IN DEFENSE OF EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL Your marriage is probably safe from that loving couple down the street that happen to be of the same sex In my experience the culprit is usually adultery

The questions in your 2nd part were somewhat troubling. "Acceptance" is very subjective. Interracial marriage is unacceptable to very many but it has been the law for many years. Same-sex marriage should enjoy the same privelege.

Don't have children in my home now- but raised 3. Don't believe constitution or laws should comment on same sex marriages. Solve our problems don't create more. bunch of silly questions

God designed the body's of men & women in order to procreate. Sex is not just for mans pleasure. I want to vomit every time I see 2 men or 2 woman kissing!

As a parent- I believe that all adults in California should be able to marry anyone they want. I think it's wrong that gay and lesbian parents with children are unable to marry each other.

Regarding the same sex marriage flap- I see no reason to prevent it- but the narrow minded opponents - religious nuts who want to control everyone else - reveals they are in the wrong. Such nasty people they are.

I think your questions are almost always easy to answer--that is- you give me the right range of replies. This was a particularly "interesting" one--but the situations are interesting ones!

Re: Will same sex marriage ever be legalized in this country. Ever is a very-very long time.

Homosexual differs from race and gender. Nobody can look at you and determine you are homosexual or not unless you make an issue out of it.....

I am a heterosexual mother of 3 and grandmother of 5. Marriage should be legal between gays and lesbians. A lot of the couples have been together longer than some straight couples. It would be interesting to see what their divorce rate would be better

Don't believe in homosexual marriages but unions yes.

I do not oppose gay couples being joined in a legal union- i just think that the word 'marriage' has a classic meaning and should be kept as man and woman. I don't object to any other part of the idea of lesbian/gays being legally hitched.

Constitutional amendments should only be made to enable more rights to liberty and pursuit of happiness vs taking away rights.

I personally feel that there should be no government involved in what consenting adults do in their private lives. It is a personal choice and that should be the end of it. The only thing I do oppose is pedifiles...

It amazes me that heterosexual- married couples can beat each other- cheat on each other- have extra marital affairs ... and still have rights re: their children and partners. But just being gay turns you into a monster. Sad. :(

I am not for homosexuality. I would not want that life for my children but...I feel what consenting adults do in their bedrooms is nobodys business but theirs. but also feel they should keep it in the bedroom not in public- as should hetero people

Why shouldn't gays be allowed to marry and be as miserable as other married couples?!

let the voters rights take over

Actually- I think "Marriage" should stay a cult (e.g. Christian- Jewish- Muslim- Wiccan- whatever) thing. "Civil Union" should be what the government recognizes and what ensures rights. We need to separate church and state- even in language.

It is hard to quantify how much gender- ethnicity or age has impacted the elections. I believe that it has both helped and hurt each of the candidates to some degree.

Will ABC news report the results of this poll if it does not reflect favorably on Obama or Homosexuals?

I think gay people are nice and are like everyone else- but I don't believe they should be allowed to be married.

The California Supreme Court is guilty of judicial tyranny. The voters clearly defined marriage in 2000. What gives 5 judges the authority to change that

definition? Are we still a government "of the people- and by the people-" or "by 5 judges"?

Gays and lesbians have been getting married in MA and the institution of marriage has survived. I'd even argue that allowing two people who love each other to get married strengthens marriage and families. Eventually- most people will realize this

In a democratic society all citizens should have equal rights regardless of gender or sexual orientation. The equal rights amendment needs to be brought up again and ratified in each state of the union.

When homosexuality was first introduced into this forum I was against legalisation on the basis of the 'sanctity' of the word 'marriage'. I've changed my mind. Life is too short to discriminate against a population just because you don't like...

Hate crime legislation should be expanded to include golfers as a protected class.

I find it hard to believe that same sex couples being married is such a threat to people who oppose same sex marriage. Do they think every gay person is after their children?

Marriage is between a man and a woman- and has been called that since the beginning of time. However homosexuals should have the same rights- but call it something else- anything else- but not a marriage.

Gay couples should have legal rights as a marriage couple. The union should not be called a marriage

I think that gay marriage should be legal- but the law should not have been overturned by the supreme court. Isn't that why it was put to a vote? You're giving the power to a few on a decision made by the whole. And that is not democracy.

35 years ago I worked in Mental Health. We had one of the first gay groups and I checked the members in. Most had tried to commit suicide at one time or another. I told everyone I know that it MUST be in the genes.

God made male and female to create!

Once again an activist court has overturned the will of California voters. Clearly we voters will have to again express that will vis-a-vis the illegality of homosexual marriage via a constitutional ballot proposition.

I favor civil union of gay and lesbian couples- not marriage. But there should also be changes to the law granting gay couples having a civil union the same rights and benefits as heterosexual couples.

Why do some people view civil rights issues as something that should be put up to a public vote?

The 14th Amendment to the US Constitution states that...."No state...shall deny to any person within it's jurisdiction...equal protection under the laws."
What is it about the 14th Ammendment that people don't understand?

The first 7 questions of this survey were really dumb! You people can do better than that!

Homosexual couples should be allowed civil unions with all the legal rights of married couples except the right to raise children. Children need male and female parents in committed relationship of marriage.

Gay and lesbian couples should have the right to a binding legal union that would give them the same basic rights as marriage- but not marriage as man and women.

Once you take religion out of marriage laws (remember the wall between Church and State? I wish the Bushies did!) it becomes a civil contract between two human beings. Sex of said two beings should not preclude their ability to form a civil contract

I believe that homosexual relationships should be recognized as civil unions. Marriage should remain defined as between one man and one woman.

Gay individuals need to be treated equally- period!

There is no excuse for not giving all loving couples equal rights- including in divorce court. The use of the term "married" in such matters made a mockery of the domestic partner statutes.

I don't really care one way or another what people do behind closed doors as long as they don't do it on the streets and scare the horses. The horses are really scared right now.

As far as same sex couples- I do believe that they should be able to have legal unions for the purpose of health insurance- etc but I don't think it should be called marriage.

People always fear things they don't understand. Unfortunately- that means it is very difficult for the gay community. At some point- they will stop feeling threatened (similar to mixed race marriage) and become more accepting. Difficult road.

Promiscuity is abhorant either homosexual or heterosexual. Commitment is commendable either homosexual or heterosexual.

I cannot condone a constitutional amendment that will create a reduction in peoples' rights. Up to now- amendments have increased personal rights.

As far as TV news goes- you are as bad as NBC & CBS. GARBAGE not worth watching - and I don't. I keep my TV tuned to Fox News.

I think we need to separate marriage into two parts. The religious part occurs in a church and the legal part occurs in a government office. A priest or minister shouldn't be performing a legal function.

Next- those of us who previously experienced military or other discrimination should demand redress; our wrecked careers should be fully compensated; serious apologies are in order.

In addition to health care/social security for same sex couples- I think a non-dependant relative- e.g.- elderly parent that you live with- a sibling you live with- or an adult child should also be entitled to that coverage

when the vote for gay marriage was taken- only 40% of the registered voters voted. 61% of those that voted favored this law. That's not the "will of the people" exactly. there are more people registered and voting this time- an amendment will fail

Gay and Lesbian issues divide people and is a issue with no common ground. Homosexuality should not make a difference under the law when granting rights to individuals or couples in a committed relationship. Sexual orientation should be a personal issue not a legal issue.

I have no problem with same sex unions. I hate the fact that they are making a mockery of marriage.

My household has no children- but I live with adult son. I never know how to answer that question; he's my child- but he's an adult. 2) same sex partners should be able to marry. Why should heteros be only ones to have to suffer thru divorce when it

I believe in civil unions- with ALL the same rights as a marriage between a man and woman- is a right for homosexual couples- I am not in favor of it being referred to as a MARRIAGE.

While I believe it the right of each individual to determine the gender of their spouse; I have no intent of marrying at all- to each "their" own.

I oppose marriage for homosexuals- but do support a Domestic Partnership as a legal way for same sex partners to have protection and rights.

I have no problem with civil unions for same sex relationships. I believe "marriage" should be reserved for man/woman relationships.

I would love to see an Obama/Richardson ticket...WooHoo!!!

It scares & offends me that the right wing fundamentalists are impacting the nation not only in terms of Constitutional rights- but in our inability to teach science. What happened to the separation of state & religion & the disregard of intelligence...

God blesses us equally

I do not understand homosexuality at all. Yet I support a homosexual's right to form legal long-term relationships and to transfer money to partners the way married spouses do. I do worry about homosexuals raising children.

I hope our state and national constitutions are never amended to take away individual rights. The constitutions are meant to protect such rights. I also wish the public knew that the role of courts is to protect those rights- not carry out the majority's will

As usual- your questions and answers provided fall short of substance. For example- the question about a constitutional amendment for gays does not allow one to say why one might oppose it. An amendment opens the door to wholesale changes.

I believe in "Civil Unions" that grant all the rights and privileges of a married couple. However a marriage is between and should be between a man and woman. I do not support a Constitutional Amendment nationally.

Hilary made some major mistakes in her campaign- Bill being one of them- and that is why she's behind. Not because she is a woman.

RE Same Sex "marriage": I belong to the DON'T CALL IT MARRIAGE group. I have no problem with same sex unions- civil rights & benefits of gay lifestyles etc. BUT I oppose redefining marriage. It is one man & one woman- period!

I used to watch 7 news but I don't any more. I think you sometimes do false or uneducated reports so I don't trust your news cast.

The very fabric of our society is based on the family- which has always meant one man married to one woman.

I take the view that the gays would better off if they had stayed in the proverbial closet. We would have a kinder more gentle nation- and what I do NOT know about your sexual orientation cannot bias my opinion of you. Knowledge IS a dangerous thing

I was brought up to believe that everyone has the god given right to be treated equally and fairly. No one has the right to tell us who to fall in love with- being same sex- mixed- or anything else. If this is "the land of the free"...then let us be

i do not want to have anyone else's beliefs- right or wrong- forced down my throat. i am tired of having to "be favorable" to every crappy agenda someone wants to push. socialism is a definite threat in this campaign- fascism is immoral and wrong.

i believe that sexual preferences are up to adult relations and should have nothing to do with formation of families. Families are cells of this country and by undermining all religious and moral foundations- the country is in peril.

The question comparing homosexual couples with married couples was poorly worded. It should have compared homosexual couples in committed (married- civil unions) relationships with married couples.

Thanks

I think the media is making this subject into a big deal . I 'm not interested in seeing on the TV and newspapers. Why pay so much attention to such a small minority of mentally challenged individuals ? Let's drop the subject and get on with REAL news

In the same sex marriage case the California Supreme Court engaged in legislating from the bench. This is always a BAD idea! This is a political question that must be resolved through the political process.

Someday- our children will look back and say "can you believe it used to be illegal for gay people to get married"...in the same way that we say "can you believe that people from different races couldn't get married"

yes i served in the military from the closet so to speak. but nobody cared just do your job and mind your own business. i mean heteros don't throw their orientation in my face as i don't throw mine in theirs. man wrote the bible to suite man god did

>>> The California Supreme Court's validation of gay marriage- under "equal protection...-" made the world a little bit more round."Galileo (who spent his final years under house arrest for his "round world"claim)- you can 'come out' now!!!" <<<

Gay couples cohabitating should be afforded all of the benefits (rights and privileges) allocated to married individuals (one man wed to one woman) but the term "marriage" should not apply. The solution to this issue is to simply call it a civil

Same sex couple should quit trying to pretend they are HUSBAND and WIFE. That takes two people of the OPPOSITE sex! Just be content to be a committed couple with all the rights and privileges of marriage without the verbage.

It's a shame that the Bible said homosexuality is an "abomination". It also said that children who disobey their parents should be subject to death- but "selective judgement" doesn't talk about that any more. It doesn't make a lot of sense.

It's getting pretty tiresome being beaten over the head about the rights of gays to marry. This isn't about gay rights. This is about human rights- and I really wish people would come out of the dark ages and start worrying about things that really

I am opposed to same sex marriage- but I am not opposed to same sex couples being called "Choice Union" or some other name and still have the same legal benefits as married couples.

I favor a constitutional amendment stating that marriage is legal only between 2 consenting adults. I would also favor legislation creating a law against living as a family with multiple spouses (as in polygamy's 'spiritual' marriages).

Sometimes your questions like the ones on sexual orientation might be better with an answer like "I don't care" which is different than No Opinion- I might have an opinion but don't really care what they do.

Marriage is the union of a man and a woman- period.

The Gay People should have the same rights as everyone else. I think it is a crime that President Clinton took the easy way out by saying "Don't Ask Don't Tell".

I changed party affiliation to vote in the primaries.

Leave gays alone. They just want to lead their life and have people accept them for who they are.

Gays/Lesbians should have the same rights as others EXCEPT for marriage. This could lead to major increases in our major medial plans do to the Aids problems assoc. with Gays/Lesbians.

I adamantly oppose same sex relationships and displays of affection between same sex 'partners' in public. I find it grossly repugnant. My whole being rebels.

Marriage is and should be kept as a religious sanction. Perhaps other laws could be written to include same sex partners but as far as marriage- no. Hillary deserves the nomination- Obama will get it by race alone I believe.

This same sex business-brings to mind Sodom & Gomorrah. What did God do to them?

I don't understand why republican people have such a hard time with a gay couple adopting a baby. There are so many children that need good homes and I don't see any of the pro-life republicans stepping forward to help provide for the many children

The type of household choices were too narrow. I am in a multiple person relationship. I have two partners- I live with both of them. None of us are legally married. One is my domestic partner. I feel invisible when you present such limited choices

We should all have equal rights under the law- regardless of gender or gender identity. I am a 58 year old heterosexual woman- married for 36 years. How can gay marriage be a threat to heterosexual marriage? That whole idea is just stupid.

I Think Gays should have the same right as Heterosexual - put don't call it a Marriage

Here we go again...the media! SF is the LEADER FOR GAY/LESBIAN - Chock another for Gavin....It is against all my Catholic Beliefs....aren't we supposed to PROCREATE? just move to SF if your gay....

What homosexual people do in theor house is their business. What they do in public is almost acceptable to me- but don't push it on me or tell me that I should accept them this way. Kids are another story. ...

As an openly queer male- since the government does not give me the rights accorded "normal" males- then they don't need to tax me as a whole person! I am very conflicted about the gay issue. Someone I love very much is gay- but I am first a devout Christian.

Regarding the hate crime question - ANY assault- etc. committed on another human being is hateful. Why should one murder be considered worse than another just because of a person's orientation- race- occupation- etc.? ALL murders are evil.

We consider ourselves MARRIED for 39 years- today. It seems rather insulting to base our Marriage 39 years ago- on the whim of the State. We do not believe that any minority rights should be subject to a vote- or those minority rights would not exist

I am most disturbed that Ca Courts can take away the vote of the people. We voted no on same sex marriage and the court struck it down. How can the majority be invalidated for a 8% national pop of gays?

Despite the informed view of many Bay Area residents- the US contains a surprising number of enclave communities isolated from race and as we've seen- will vote for personal reasons rather than abilities. Would they make the same choice for doctor?

I have two grown children and take care of my grandchildren five days a week. I would just like to point out that You can not Just amend the Constitution you have to revise it! AND if it can make to a ballot I certainly will vote NO.

PROP 22 was illegal and writing Discrimination into the Constituion is Imoral!

Being gay or lesbian is not a choice. People are born gay or straight- and being hated and discriminated against for something they have no control over is despicable.

If you post my previous comment- do so anonymously since I don't want to be branded a racist for telling the truth.

I would feel better if they didn't call it a marriage but something else like "partner's for life" and give them the same benefits. It is not up to me to tell people what they can or cannot do....in the end it will be up to God to decide.

Homosexuality is not normal behavior. If it was normal behavior and everyone was normal- we would be extinct in one generation.

no- thank you.

WE in this so call county of Freedom are out of tune with the rest of the Western world. This includes are mony- health care- are dealing with life and death. Are feelings turd sex and nudity- and many other things in life.

Regarding the last set of questions- I am troubled by "same sex Marriage" when a Domestic Partnership confers the same rights/Responsibilities. I think some things (marriage) should be sacrosanct.

Thank you for asking for my opinion.

Dan Ashley's hair SCARES me.

Homosexuality is an individual's personal choice. The court and the government should stay out of it.

as a human being I find it insulting that our country finds it necessary to "vote" on my personal life. We are not monsters- but people are voting to approve or deny our rights. And in the "United States" we have to vote in 50 states (not one country)

Someday gay marriage will be legal and normal- much as inter-racial marriage has become. But the legal front is only part of the battle; there's still a lot of work to be done to teach mainstream America about the power and legitima of same-sex couples

On the issue of Same Gender Adoption should be based upon what is best for the child. Have a few friends who have adopted and are fantastic parents - do not believe you can make an overall judgement concerning children and adoption in same sex marriage

Given the high divorce rate in this country- isn't it just a little hypocritical to claim the "sanctity of marriage" as a reason to deny marriage to Gays/Lesbians? They should have the same right to divorce as everyone else.

I wish people would remember what is said in the Constitution.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to express my opinions.

I have some very good friends who are gay and have been together for over 30 years- it didn't hurt my marriage (I'm a widow now) and won't harm any other unless the marriage was in trouble in the first place. Give them the same legal rights!

Homosexuals are human as we all are and should be allowed similar rights as heterosexual humans.

You didn't ask- so I'll add it here...it is none of my business who sleeps with whom- who marries whom - I speak for myself- I pick the opp. sex for my partners- not the same. (grammar may be checked here)- sorry.

Gay people should have job protection and that is all. The Bible is very clear what marriage is- a man and a woman. That is the way it should remainso as not to incur the wrath of God Almighty.

The gay marriage law falls under- all are created equall. Are we to change that law now....

I believe that it is truly sad and extremely wrong that people are trying to treat the gay and lesbian community as second rate citizens. Everyone deserves the same rites and opportunities no matter- your race- age- and gender orientation.

u dont get anything special for being a homo. live your life sexually quiet. do whatever u do in your own home and i dont care what or who u have sex with

In today's modern society the entire issue of marriage needs to be revisited. It is not about sexual orientation- traditional marriage is no longer. Our laws are archaic. Marriage today is more of a contractual arrangement - address it as such

The state should only have domestic partnerships. Only a church should convey marriage- if they wish. One is a legal standing- the other is religious sacrament. Why is this so hard?

no-thank you

If marriage is re-defined from a man and woman to homosexuals- what is preventing expanding marriage to include: Polygamy- someone marrying a horse- or a child. If you open the door for one- it seems only fair to include all. no government has the right to impose bedroom rules

Fact: every person alive had a father and a mother. Every child deserves to be raised by their father and mother for optimum development. Marriage is society's approval of a man and woman to make and raise babies. So gay marriage is an oxymoron.

People need to live and let live. Just do your own thing and leave others do theirs!! MYOB!!!!!!

I think it will be a sad day if we make amendments to the Constitution that deny equal rights to ALL of our citizens- regardless of their race- religion- age or sexual orientation.

It is sometimes stated that gay marriage will threaten traditional marriage. My husband & I have been married 30 yrs & have never in any way felt our marriage threatened by the possibility of a gay couple getting married.

Why must it be called marriage?

Marriage is a contract that is validated in the courthouse. It is not "under God-" or connected to children i.e. you should be able to marry even if you are too old to have children.

I'm a passionate Christian who believes all people should be treated with the respect they deserve. People's sexual orientation should not drive that respect.

I am not sure how the government and religion are so intertwined on the issue of marriage. It seems to me that marriage is a religious function. The law should be based upon equal rights not religious beliefs.

Sexuality is a private matter. Homosexuals should enjoy the same rights as other Americans.

I think the state Supreme Court decision created a "right" that was not in the state constitution. They made up the "right" out of thin air. They should have left the will of the people stand- as marriage only for a man and a woman!

I am totally against the State Supreme courts decision regarding same sex marriage. The people already voted on a bill not allowing same sex marriage and the court over stepped its boundry.

While I feel that what happens between consenting adults is their business- I do not feel the whole world should have to accept the homosexual agenda and the idea that if you don't agree you must be homophobic!

Though legalizing same sex marriage is no skin off my nose- I don't like the way the coalition has presented its case- and I really don't like Gavin Newsom's role (in anything).

I should very much like to see all of us concentrating on fixing our worldwide problems instead of nitpicking over our really inconsequential differences- such as skin color or sexuality. Or we can go on second-guessing God.

Homosexuality is an abomination against God and will be one of the leading causes of the downfall and destruction of this country. God will not continue to bless this country when we are turning against him in record numbers.

We do not need a constitutional amendment just ratify the ERA amendment. If the people of California vote a law to take effect the court should not be able to overturn the decision of the majority.

I have a gay son and hope his life can be "normal" in his sense of the word. I would love to have grandchildren. I also have a straight son and appreciate and love both of them. Life for them should not be different.

once again the misinformed voter will have less than the best candidates for national office and we will be stuck. there should be a choice for none of the above- that is not a cop out-but a choice

Homosexuals should have all rights that heterosexual people have. I favor legalizing marriage between homosexuals. Of the people I know who are in homosexual relationships long term- they are no different than heterosexual couples.

I just can not understand how the courts can overrule the will of the people. We voted a few years ago specifying a marriage was between a man and women. The courts then overturn our vote...

To be able to claim that people in the United States have equal rights- everyone- regardless of their sexual orientation- should be treated equally including marriage laws.

I would support Civil Unions for 2 humans of the same birth gender. I would NOT support marriage for 2 humans of the same birth gender. A marriage is between a man and a woman that can procreate with each other's fruits.

Love is a funny thing. Who am I tell tell someone that they can't marry and love someone of the same sex or not. There are so many children in this world that need loving homes. It is wrong to think that a homosexual couple couldn't raise a child.

I feel preferential treatment should not be given to a person solely because of his sexual/gender classification- ie. if a person is qualified for a job- he should be hired regardless of race- sexual persuasion- or gender. Maybe I live in a dream world

Please differentiate between homosexuals and PRACTICING homosexuals. God isn't against homosexuals- but against the act.

I think much of the problem with gay marriage is simply the word 'marriage'. That does tend to inflame many heterosexual married people. Think civil unions with all the 'advantages' of marriage would not generate any problems with the public.

Homosexuality should be legal for consenting adults but we don't have the obligation to condone such behavior. Must we condone swinging as acceptable too? A lot of things are legal between consenting adults but others aren't forced to bless their act

If Homosexuality is not depravity- what is?

Tough questions. A very difficult survey for me. I have never taken so long to complete one of your surveys as this one.

I don't believe an activist court should overturn a Law which the people already voted into force.

If more people took care of their business and spent less time worrying about other people's business- this country would run a lot smoother.

Your questions about homosexual rights did not cover the full issue. For example- Should homosexuals be allowed to adopt children? You should have also asked if some adoptions should be allowed to require heterosexual parents.

GLBT obey the same laws and pay the same taxes.....the Government must provide them with the same rights. If religions don't agree- they don't have to marry them. But religions have no right subjecting their prejudices in Government.

I'm sick of having sexual perversion shoved down my throat and being told I have to accept "diversit." The Bible teaches that for a man to lay with a man or a woman to lay with a woman is against God's law.

The publicity regardng gay marriages is to assuage a few activists in the gay community. Legislators can and should provide gay couples the same legal rights as married heterosexuals. There is NO NEED to provide them with the sacntity of marriage

I've been with my partner for 15 years. We've outlasted 6 married couples that we know- and many others that we don't know. How are heterosexual couples really that much better that they can be afforded a different set of rights?

Every divorce attorney and public official is looking forward to the additional income that will be generated by same sex marriages. Every committed couple

should have the same rights as "married" heterosexual couples. Just change the title.

The hatred against homosexuals by persons claiming to be Christians- gives faith a bad name. They fight marriage now- but before they were against "special rights" like equal employment- housing- and domestic partner health insurance. Dark ages stuff

The very nature of your questions reveals the core issue on homosexuality. The questions pose whether homosexuals are equal human beings. Why should we be treated any differently than others. A Constitutional ammendment would take away rights

The gay "marriage" issue will continue to be as divisive as the abortion issue has been all these decades since Roe vs Wade. The gay marriage issue is fundamentally incompatible with all of human history- and will never reach universal acceptance.

Law shouldn't dictate what adults do in their bedroom. But this is about tax insurance & litigation rights. Sex habits don't qualify one to be a parent. Kids need a mom & dad. Kids are being used as pawns. Hate crime is oxymoron. Murder is murder

I believe that gays/lesbians should be treated the same as anyone else. When they have a relationships with one person they should have same rights as hetero couples- but I believe marriage needs to be kept for heteros.

I don't understand why insist on marriage & not partners- & still have the same rights as a married couple. Marriage in the bible is a man and a woman. I have NO problem except the word! It is not according 2 God so why want a biblical marriage?

The word "marriage" should be reserved for heterosexual couples and "union" should be used for gay couples. Both with the same legal rights. Why the distinction? Because the couples ARE different. What's next- changing the meaning of husband and wife

We need to stop being the policeman of the world and not spend more money than we have. NO DEFICIT SPENDING.

I feel same sex couples should be able to register as a legal couple but it should not be called marriage. That is a holy sacrament reserved for a man and a woman.

There is not enough Tamiflu in the world to satisfy demand after the pandemic begins. Everyone- both heterosexual and others should have a 30 day supply at the end of the 2008 Summer Games.

I believe what other people do in their bedrooms is of interesst only to those who are unsure of their own sexuality.

Insufficient choice re houshold/relationship. Have 15 year relationship with opposite sex but maintain our own households. Choices don't account for this type relationship.

Marriage gay or straight should be a contractual issue as far as the state is concerned. The states primary interest should be to insure the rights of children and the handicapped in family situations whether married or not.

Gay couples have been known to break up real fast and if the marriage law goes through what would that do to the divorce rate and court system?

As difficult as it is to find love- any couple should be able to marry and have all the rights heterosexual couples are given- after all they are consenting adults.

No other civilization has given same-sex couples the right to marry. I see no reason to do so. What will be next? Father-Daughter marriages? Brother-Sister Marriages?

I don't think gay people should be able to adopt or have children around them. It's not sending a good message for children.

It isnt right for any government to support any thing that excludes and limits a certain group of people's rights. The government is for everybody- not just certain people. Other people shouldnt force their values on certain groups of people either.

I do not have a problem with homosexuals but I do feel strongly about a legal marriage. I am a christian and I feel God's judgment will come down on our country. I don't feel every homosexual will go to hell- that will depend on their own belief.

I believe this country is too hung up on homosexuality and gay marriage that don't affect the wealth and well-being of this nation. Canada has legalized gay-marriage and the sky didn't fall.

Gays and lesbians deserve the same rights as any other citizen of the US.

Although I indicated that gays should have equal treatment under the law- I am heterosexual and do not consider myself "pro-gay". I just don't feel we should discriminate against gays for being what they are and cannot change.

So the Christian right that is always trying to ban same sex marraiges- I ask you if you follow the bible howis it you know God is the final judgement yet you sit here on earth trying to play God and judge others?

Keep the news honest. Do the research and let your viewers make their own decisions.

We as gays need to express our will... this is the same will that straight couples already enjoy.

Regardless of how I feel- homosexuality will always be here. However- I do not believe a person's sexual orientation should be on display for all to see. Some things are are meant to be privaate and sexual oriantation is one of them.

I don't think we should be adding discrimination into the constitution (either state or federal) for any reason.

....As per tax rights for gay couples - I would suggest a 5yr waiting period before any tax break is issued just to make sure that "other" people aren't taking advantage of a tax break

I wish you had not asked a person's married status. This really has NOTHING to do with a person's decision to support or not Gay's people's right to marry- have the same legal rights as heterosexual couples. Gay couples deserve civil rights also

no.

Subsidies to the oil companies must be stopped. Oil companies and their profits should be regulated as airline companies have been in the past. Shipment of jobs overseas must end. We must protect our people- our jobs- our homes.

Had the Democratic Party been more wise they could have won successive Presidential elections. Hilary would have done fine- Obama will be great but now is pre-mature. We bear the responsibility. How frightening .

I sure hope that if CA shortsightedly votes this anti-gay amendment in- it can be dumped out as unconstitutional. It's crazy that people can vote to REMOVE rights from citizens- something very wrong with this picture.

I am a Christian and a Widow who lives alone and have always been against gay "marriages". If they want to live together- that's their business- but don't call it a marriage. God created man and woman to marry

If people want to have a relationship with the same sex that is their business- however- marriage is wrong. Just check out the Bible. With that said- it is not up to us to decide what is right or wrong that is God's job to do the judging.

Who can or cannot get married is a religious issue- and not the business of the state. To the limited extent the government has any role in marriage- it is as enforcer of contracts- NOT as arbiter of religious dogmas. Last week- I was a libertarian

Homosexuals are people like everyone else. Please let us keep religion and government out of the bedroom. Marriage is a legal contract and every adult has the right to make a contract.

I don't understand the stand that same sex marriages injure the rite of marriage. How ridiculous as strange as Mckains opinions

The controversy over same sex marriage is overblown and old news. Legalize it and forget it. There are far more issues that are deserving of our attention.

my religious beliefs are that being homosexual is not a sin but practicing it sexually is a sin. It would be my cross to bear- so to speak. However- I do not want to put my religious beliefs on anyone else. Therefore- It should be legal to marry.

We as Americans have NO business amending any constitution to restrict the rights of a specific group of our citizens!

While I oppose same-sex marriage- I would support civil unions or something similar.

I have a first cousin & granddaughter who are homosexual.

Health Care. I'm a 2 x cancer survivor. We need universal HEALTH CARE NOW! With drug benefits.

As a follow up comment to the gay marriage aspect of the survey- I believe that marriage should be between a man and a woman- but support the gay community in all other aspects.

Banning same sex marriages is NOT an issue of depriving anyone of rights that every citizen has. Marriage between a man and woman has been a cornerstone of our society- our national identity as a country and our way of life.

Need to know more about the fed expansion law to base opinion. People like to flout laws that prevent doing what they don't like no matter how logical laws are. Nature has established laws - male and female unions even among animals.

You can't force people to change- contradict or respect the changing of the definition of marriage if it is against the religion or fundamental beliefs on what this country was founded on and intended. I am ok with same legal rights but it is not a marriage

If Gays want to get married- call it a civil union- with the same rights as a man and woman- but leave the word marriage for a Man and Woman.

Same sex couples should have the same right as heterosexual couples with regard to health decisions- inheritance- taxes- and these should be included in Domestic Partnerships. Marriage should be man and woman only

My live in child is technically an adult. On the homosexual marriage issue I say live and let live. It is not very Christian to insist on others following our case-specific style. (or is it?)

Marriage has always been granted exclusively to heterosexuals. 41-43% end in divorce. There's much fighting and grief caused by divorce and children are usually the ones most affected. It seems that marriage actually needs protecting from straight people

Obama is the only candidate who can bring the country together again and get the country's standing- in the international community. back on track. // Gays pay taxes but do not get the same rights : that is wrong! // need more comment room pls!

I do not believe "marriage" of homosexuals is the proper pursuit of the benefits desired. Marriage is an institution of the religious community instituted to validate procreation. The issues at hand of the homosexual community are- or should be- t

I don't agree that the Supreme Court should legalize sodomy. Which is what they are doing with same sex marriage. The courts are forcing others to accept a lifestyle that is a person's choice. What is next pedophiles?

Marriage should be only be between a man and a woman. The rights should be for a man and woman marriage. There are benefits and negatives for all choices in life. Just because you choose a certain life style doesn mean you you get the benefits of marriage

If marriage has nothing to do with children- it makes no difference. If sex has nothing to do with children- it makes no difference. But they do ! See www.narth.com. and www.couragerc.net.

The Constitution guarantees equal rights- regardless of the misguided who justified their contradictory behavior in so many ways through U.S. history.

In my opinion - Gays and Lesbians need to be more open minded about the rest of the population.

I believe gay men and women can and do have long lasting relationships with their same sex partners. I for one have had only one relationship in my life which so far las lasted 23 years. My dad on the other hand has had 4 wives.