

What same-sex "marriage" has done to Massachusetts

It's far worse than most people realize

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Anyone who thinks that same-sex "marriage" is a benign eccentricity which won't affect the average person should consider what it has done in Massachusetts. It's become a hammer to force the acceptance and normalization of homosexuality on everyone. And this train is moving fast. What has happened so far is only the beginning.

On November 18, 2003, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court announced its Goodridge opinion, ruling that it was unconstitutional not to allow same-sex "marriage." Six months later, homosexual marriages began to be performed.

The public schools

The homosexual "marriage" onslaught in public schools across the state started soon after the November 2003, court decision.

- **At my own children's high school there was a school-wide assembly to celebrate same-sex "marriage" in early December, 2003.** It featured an array of speakers, including teachers at the school who announced that they would be "marrying" their same-sex partners and starting families either through adoption or artificial insemination. Literature on same-sex marriage – how it is now a normal part of society – was handed out to the students.
- **Within months it was brought into the middle schools.** In September, 2004, an 8th-grade teacher in Brookline, MA, told National Public Radio that the marriage ruling had opened up the floodgates for teaching homosexuality. "In my mind, I know that, 'OK, this is legal now.' If somebody wants to challenge me, I'll say, 'Give me a break. It's legal now,'" she told NPR. She added that she now discusses gay sex with her students as explicitly as she desires. For example, she said she tells the kids that lesbians can have vaginal intercourse using sex toys.
- **By the following year it was in elementary school curricula.** Kindergartners were given picture books telling them that same-sex couples are just another kind of family, like their own parents. In 2005, when David Parker of Lexington, MA – a parent of a kindergartner – strongly insisted on being notified when teachers were discussing homosexuality or transgenderism with his son, the school had him arrested and put in jail overnight.
- **Second graders at the same school** were read a book, "King and King", about two men who have a romance and marry each other, with a picture of them kissing. When parents Rob and Robin Wirthlin complained, they were told that the school had no obligation to notify them or allow them to opt-out their child.
- **In 2006 the Parkers and Wirthlins filed a federal Civil Rights lawsuit** to force the schools to notify parents and allow them to opt-out their elementary-school children when homosexual-related subjects were taught. The federal judges dismissed the case. The judges ruled that because same-sex marriage is legal in Massachusetts, the school actually had a duty to normalize homosexual relationships to children, and that schools have no obligation to notify parents or let

them opt-out their children! Acceptance of homosexuality had become a matter of good citizenship!

Think about that: Because same-sex marriage is “legal”, a federal judge has ruled that the schools now have a *duty* to portray homosexual relationships as normal to children, despite what parents think or believe!

- In 2006, in the elementary school where my daughter went to Kindergarten, the **parents of a third-grader were forced to take their child out of school because a man undergoing a sex-change operation and cross-dressing was being brought into class** to teach the children that there are now “different kinds of families.” School officials told the mother that her complaints to the principal were considered “inappropriate behavior.”
- **Libraries have also radically changed.** School libraries across the state, from elementary school to high school, now have shelves of books to normalize homosexual behavior and the lifestyle in the minds of kids, some of them quite explicit and even pornographic. Parents complaints are ignored or met with hostility.

Over the past year, homosexual groups have been using *taxpayer money* to distribute a large, slick hardcover **book celebrating homosexual marriage** titled “Courting Equality” into every school library in the state.

- **It’s become commonplace in Massachusetts schools for teachers to prominently display photos of their same-sex “spouses” and occasionally bring them to school functions.** Both high schools in my own town now have principals who are “married” to their same-sex partners, whom they bring to school and introduce to the students.
- **“Gay days” in schools are considered necessary** to fight “intolerance” which may exist against same-sex relationships. Hundreds of high schools and even middle schools across the state now hold “gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender appreciation days”. They “celebrate” homosexual marriage and move forward to other behaviors such as cross-dressing and transsexuality. In my own town, a school committee member recently announced that combating “homophobia” is now a top priority.
- **Once homosexuality is normalized, all boundaries begin to down.** The schools are already moving on to normalizing transgenderism (including cross-dressing and sex changes). The state-funded *Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth* includes leaders who are transsexuals.

Public health

- **The Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health** is “married” to another man. In 2007 he told a crowd of kids at a state-sponsored youth event that it’s “wonderful being gay” and he wants to make sure there’s enough HIV testing available for all of them.
- Since homosexual marriage became “legal” the **rates of HIV / AIDS have gone up considerably in Massachusetts.** This year public funding to deal with HIV/AIDS has risen by \$500,000. As the homosexual lobby group *MassEquality* wrote to their supporters after successfully persuading the Legislature to spend that money: “With the rate of HIV infections rising dramatically in Massachusetts, it’s clear the fight against AIDS is far from over.”
- Citing “the right to marry” as one of the “important challenges” in a place where “it’s a great time to be gay”, **the Massachusetts Department of Public Health helped produce *The Little Black Book, Queer in the 21st Century***, a hideous work of obscene pornography which was given to kids at Brookline High School on April 30, 2005. Among other things, it gives “tips” to boys on

how to perform oral sex on other males, masturbate other males, and how to “safely” have someone urinate on you for sexual pleasure. It also included a directory of bars in Boston where young men meet for anonymous sex.

Domestic violence

- Given the extreme dysfunctional nature of homosexual relationships, the Massachusetts Legislature has felt the need to **spend more money every year to deal with skyrocketing homosexual domestic violence**. This year \$350,000 was budgeted, up \$100,000 from last year.

Business

- **All insurance in Massachusetts** must now recognize same-sex “married” couples in their coverage. This includes auto insurance, health insurance, life insurance, etc.
- Businesses must recognize same-sex “married” couples in **all their benefits, activities, etc.**, regarding both employees and customers.
- **The wedding industry is required serve the homosexual community** if requested. Wedding photographers, halls, caterers, etc., must do same-sex marriages or be arrested for discrimination.
- **Businesses are often “tested” for tolerance by homosexual activists**. Groups of homosexual activists often go into restaurants or bars and publicly kiss and fondle each other to test whether the establishment demonstrates sufficient “equality” — now that homosexual marriage is “legal”. In fact, more and more overt displays of homosexual affection are seen in public places across the state to reinforce “marriage equality”.

Legal profession

- **The Massachusetts Bar Exam now tests lawyers on their knowledge of same-sex “marriage” issues**. In 2007, a Boston man, Stephen Dunne, failed the Massachusetts bar exam because he refused to answer the questions in it about homosexual marriage.
- Issues regarding homosexual “families” are now firmly entrenched in the Massachusetts legal system. In many firms, lawyers in Massachusetts practicing family law **must now attend seminars on homosexual “marriage”**. There are also now several homosexual judges overseeing the Massachusetts family courts.

Adoption of children to homosexual “married” couples

- **Homosexual “married” couples can now demand to be able to adopt children** the same as normal couples. *Catholic Charities* decided to abandon handling adoptions rather submit to regulations requiring them to allow homosexuals to adopt the children in their care.
- **In 2006 the Massachusetts Department of Social Services (DSS) honored two men “married” to each other as their “Parents of the Year”**. The men already adopted a baby through DSS (against the wishes of the baby’s birth parents). According to news reports, the day after that adoption was final DSS approached the men about adopting a second child. Homosexuals now appear to be put in line for adopting children ahead of heterosexual parents by state agencies in Massachusetts.

Government mandates

- **In 2004, Governor Mitt Romney ordered Justices of the Peace to perform homosexual marriages when requested or be fired.** At least one Justice of the Peace decided to resign.
- Also **Marriage licenses in Massachusetts now have “Party A and Party B” instead of “husband and wife.”** Imagine having a marriage license like that.
- Since homosexual relationships are now officially “normal”, **the Legislature now gives enormous tax money to homosexual activist groups.** In particular, the *Massachusetts Commission on Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Youth* is made up of the most radical and militant homosexual groups which target children in the schools. This year they are getting \$700,000 of taxpayer money to go into the public schools.
- **In 2008 Massachusetts changed the state Medicare laws** to include homosexual “married” couples in the coverage.

The public square

- Since gay “marriage”, **annual gay pride parades** have become more prominent. There are more politicians and corporations participating, and even police organizations take part. **And the envelope gets pushed further and further.** There is now a profane “Dyke March” through downtown Boston, and recently a “transgender” parade in Northampton that included bare-chested women who have had their breasts surgically removed so they could “become” men. Governor Patrick even marched with his “out lesbian” 17-year old daughter in the 2008 Boston Pride event, right behind a “leather” group brandishing a black & blue flag, whips and chains!

The media

- Boston media, particularly the Boston Globe newspaper, regularly does **feature stories and news stories portraying homosexual “married” couples where regular married couples would normally be used.** It’s “equal”, they insist, so there must be no difference in the coverage. Also, the **newspaper advice columns** now deal with homosexual “marriage” issues, and how to properly accept it.
- **A growing number of news reporters and TV anchors** are openly “married” homosexuals who march in the “gay pride” parades.

In conclusion

Homosexual “marriage” hangs over society like a hammer with the force of law. And it’s only just begun. Unfortunately, like elsewhere else in America, the imposition of same-sex marriage on the people of Massachusetts was a combination of radical, arrogant judges and pitifully cowardly politicians.

It’s pretty clear that the homosexual movement’s obsession with marriage is not because large numbers of them actually want to marry each other. In fact, a very low percentage of homosexuals actually “marry”. (In fact, over the last three months, the *Sunday Boston Globe’s* marriage section hasn’t had any photos of homosexual marriages. In the beginning it was full of them.) Research shows that homosexual relationships are fundamentally dysfunctional on many levels, and “marriage” as we know it isn’t something they can achieve, or even desire. *This is about putting the legal stamp of approval on homosexuality and imposing it with force throughout the various social and political institutions of a society that would never accept it otherwise. To the rest of America: You’ve been forewarned.*

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