

## The American Child After Same-Sex Marriage

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Lesbian bride dolls. Fourth grade "gay" clubs. A king and queen at the high school prom. Dating tips for same-sex teens. Bathroom ogling — and sometimes quick encounters — in the middle school boys' restroom.

These are just the first snapshots of the bizarre new world in store for American children if homosexual marriage is legalized.

Most of the major players who mold our youth have already endorsed homosexuality and even cross-dressing. The National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers' union, favors support for "gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender" students and teachers, which translates into uncritical acceptance throughout the curriculum at your local school.

Ditto with the American Federation of Teachers, the American School Health Association, and the National Association of School Psychologists. The American Association of School Administrators is firmly on board, and the National School Boards Association featured a glowing article in a recent newsletter about the great benefits of "gay" clubs in schools.

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Girl Scouts, 4H and the Boys Clubs/Girls Clubs all have adopted policies against discrimination based on sexual orientation, as have most local public school districts in the United States.

Only the Boys Scouts have held off, and have dearly paid the price as homosexual pressure groups try to cut off their funding and bar them from meeting in schools. Once same-sex marriage is the law of the land, any group or school that does not support "equality" and full acceptance of homosexual behavior will be the targets of similar wrath - as well as defendants in lawsuits.

Once legal, these trendy new marriage "rights" are likely to trump any constitutional guarantees of free speech and religious liberty, and local parents who weren't paying attention will watch helplessly as their children are brainwashed - and seduced - into the new behaviors. The practice of bisexuality, currently popular among teens, will skyrocket.

The pro-homosexual agenda directed to children is under way now on a limited scale; all that prevents the tidal wave from sweeping over every child in our country is the official endorsement marriage would provide.

Groups like GLSEN (the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network) and PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) have helped start some 2,000 homosexual clubs in American schools. Most are at the high school level, with a few emerging in middle schools. GLSEN's goal is to establish clubs in as many elementary schools as possible using the rationale that these students, who they imply were probably born this way, need "support systems" to avoid harassment and discrimination.

Yet both GLSEN and PFLAG advocate book selections for youth that include positive portrayals of homosexual sex between boys, pornography use, cheating on a spouse with a homosexual lover, homosexual sex between underage youth and adults, and straight and "gay" experimentation by "uncertain" youth.

If homosexual marriage becomes equal to heterosexual unions, then equal opportunities for same-sex and opposite-sex socializing and dating must be made available to youth to avoid accusations of "discrimination." And so more experimentation - with approval by enlightened adults - can be expected to follow.

School literature will be adopted to reflect a positive view of the homosexual family as a future option for every child. Josh will learn that he can grow up and marry a girl or a boy. And since at age 6 he probably hasn't yet discovered his sexual "identity," the fair thing will be to present all angles to him in language, health, music and social studies.

The new wave of openly homosexual teachers, more than willing to fill any teacher shortages in order to interact with budding youth, are sure to help with this increased workload.

But the new paradigm won't dissolve at the schoolhouse door. Television and film, already dominated by sexual minority sympathizers, will introduce creative expressions of the new equality. Children's cartoons will present gender-bending super-heroes. Cross-dressers, feminized boys and masculine girls will appear regularly on Nickelodeon and popular sit-coms. Disney films are sure to be in front of this trend.

In the toy department, shoppers may find new "gay and lesbian" friends of Barbie and Ken, who will probably split up their long romance until group relationships for youth become the next inevitability.

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And we could go on and on. The point is, with aggressive, well-funded homosexual activists already in key positions of influence in the media, education, academia and entertainment, "gay" marriage will be their turnkey to launch a brave new world for kids. Too bad so many of our children will have no choice but to live there. ■

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