

Core Issues Trust offers its gratitude to the many thousands of citizens who voted against changing the Irish Constitution to replace marriage as the union between one man and one woman for life, with a new concept which takes no account of the sex of the marriage partners.

The Irish Government's poll has enabled simple majoritarianism to usher in a radically new model of marriage based on the lowest possible construct: love while it lasts. Denying that all marriage is thereby redefined, the government has eliminated the very foundation of marriage based on natural male-female complementarity, a complementarity self-evident in human anatomy, physiology (procreative capacity), and even psychology. Now, instead of having sexual unions in which the extremes of each sex are moderated and the gaps filled, we will see the institution of marriage deteriorate even further as the extremes of each sex reshape marriage to be far more accommodating to non-monogamous behaviour and rapid dissolutions. The integrity of the sexes, male and female, will be further dishonoured as people are praised by the state for treating their sex *half in relation to their own sex* rather than as *half of a whole sexual spectrum of male and female*, as though two half-males make a whole male or two half-females make a whole female.

In addition, with the elimination of a male-female prerequisite for sexual unions, there no longer remains a logical reason to deny adult-consensual polyamorous unions or even incestuous unions (particularly incestuous unions where procreation is minimized or eliminated). For the limitation of two persons to a sexual union is predicated on the duality of the sexes, male and female; and the principle of embodied otherness upon which incest may be rejected absolutely is discarded in the embrace of the excessive sameness of same-sex sexual unions. The Irish Government in our view has also sacrificed innocent children to the demands of individuals who prioritise their "right" above the right of children to be raised by their natural parents.

We note also that this momentous change has taken place in the vacuum - evident in Irish society and in all our islands and beyond - following the collapse of a faithful Christian witness in Western civilisation: both Catholic and Protestant. Together we have failed to reflect the fruits of repentance and holiness of life in the sanctity of marriage and we are guilty in this fact.

We further note the highly co-ordinated support of the media in promoting the 'Yes' side of the campaign, including the celebration of the Eurovision Song Contest and the usual omission by both RTE (in the South) and BBC (in the North) of adequate coverage of voices from the 'no' campaign – including our own. Much has already been said about the role of American funders in the entire process.

Consistent with the determination of governments in Ireland, the United Kingdom and Western Europe to ignore the biological basis and necessity of male-female conjugality and complementarity as the foundation for stable parenting, our societies continue to plummet towards a radical individualism. As Ireland now seeks to discard its Judeo-Christian roots and even the obvious indirect revelation in nature of male-female complementarity, we can expect the state to become more totalitarian, filling the void with increasingly arbitrary policies that abandon moral principle, devalue marriage standards, and actively persecute people of faith who dare not to bow to the new emperor and his idols.

As pressure is now brought to bear on Northern Ireland to capitulate under the facilitating gaze of media and celebrity, we call on Christians to speak out and to remain faithful to the established values of marriage and family as taught in the ancient scriptures of the Christian canon and traditions of the church, wherever it is faithfully manifested. We also call on responsible LGBTI persons to recognise that their movement has now been hijacked by radicals determined to usher in far more than the recognition of their rights and freedoms.

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