

## Talking points

### The Number 1 argument that works best is –

***"Gays and Lesbians have a right to live as they choose, they don't have the right to redefine marriage for all of us."***

This allows people to express support for tolerance while opposing gay marriage. Some modify it to "People have a right to live as they choose, they don't have the right to redefine marriage for all of us."

### Message about pro-family ACTION needed:

1. Phone your local federal MP and say 2 things -
  - a/ I do not want marriage re-defined. It must stay as man-woman marriage.
  - b/ I am totally opposed to Civil Unions for same-sex couples for the same reason.
2. Get your name on a mailing list to be involved in the campaign to stop marriage being re-defined.

### Message about videos:

The TV and You Tube adverts below helped Californian's Win **a constitutional change** to restore "Man Woman Marriage". Proposition 8 was the name for the people's referendum to overturn activist judge-made law that allowed same-sex marriage some years earlier. Prop 8 was won by **52%** in 2008.

The pro-marriage messages that worked best were those that explained;

- **same-sex marriage has CONSEQUENCES for everyone.**
- "It's OK to oppose same-sex marriage". That does not mean you are a bigot. It means you care about children having both a mum and a dad and **you don't want your children taught in school that homosexual unions are equal.**

### PROP 8 videos ...

- (1) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75J3TN9Zzck&feature=related>  
Let's not confuse our kids. Protect marriage by protecting the real meaning of marriage - between a man and a woman.
- (2) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5qdOQ-yzFU&feature=related>  
Gay kindy curriculum
- (3) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7352ZVMKBQM>  
Gay marriage has everything to do with EDUCATION
- (4) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPN2OboU7LM&feature=related>  
Young people saying 'I want to protect religious freedom. I want to protect children and families' etc..
- (5) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFFwBokHVfo&feature=related>  
Little girl with music playing with bride & groom dolls "Marriage, it's simple".
- (6) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-jc4ujp9Ok&feature=related>  
Young people with longer messages. Based on past experience adoption agencies may close etc. . Nearly all schools teach marriage and will be forced to teach that "SSM" is the equal of traditional marriage. ... It's our children's future.

### Further Reading:

<http://www.onlineopinion.com.au/view.asp?article=11583> (Excerpt)

"...If gay readers are offended by it they should go after the writers of the original material as well as Muehlenberg - people like prominent conservative gay [Andrew Sullivan](#), and his publisher, The Atlantic. Of course they're not, because the object of the exercise is to use mock outrage to try to close *On Line Opinion* down.

And some gay readers claim not to have been offended by the article, but by some of the comments to the article. [Gregory Storer](#), one of the activists who have been lobbying against us claims to have been offended by this comment because it refers to homosexuality as a “perversion”:

*It's interesting that so many people are offended by the truth. The fact is that homosexual activity is anything but healthy and natural. Certain lgbt's want their perversion to be called "normal" and "healthy" and they've decided the best way to do this is have their "marriages" formally recognised. But even if the law is changed, these "marriages" are anything but healthy and natural. It is, in fact, impossible for these people to be married, despite what any state or federal law may say...*

<http://www.billmuehlenberg.com/2011/02/05/marriage-mischief-and-the-pink-mafia/> (Excerpt)

“... As the marriage wars intensify, so too does the heavy-handed assaults by the militant homosexual lobby. They have long specialised in intimidation, deception, harassment and hate campaigns. They have just ratcheted things up a few more notches.

And the duplicity and deception that goes with it is quite incredible. Earlier this week a piece appeared in the *Australian* claiming that the homosexual activists wanted to see the same-sex debate conducted with civility and decency. Here is how the article began ... “

[http://www.nationformarriage.org/site/c.omL2KeN0LzH/b.4475595/k.566A/Marriage\\_Talking\\_Points.htm](http://www.nationformarriage.org/site/c.omL2KeN0LzH/b.4475595/k.566A/Marriage_Talking_Points.htm)

#### **4. What's the harm from SSM? “How can Adam and Steve hurt your marriage?”**

**A:** “Who gets harmed? The people of this state who lose our right to define marriage as the union of husband and wife, that's who. That is just not right.”

**A:** “If courts rule that same-sex marriage is a civil right, then, people like you and me who believe children need moms and dads will be treated like bigots and racists.”

“Religious groups like Catholic Charities or the Salvation Army may lose their tax exemptions, or be denied the use of parks and other public facilities, unless they endorse gay marriage.”

“Public schools will teach young children that two men being intimate are just the same as a husband and wife, even when it comes to raising kids.”

“When the idea that children need moms and dads get legally stigmatized as bigotry, the job of parents and faith communities trying to transmit a marriage culture to their kids is going to get a lot harder.”

“One thing is for sure: The people of this state will lose our right to keep marriage as the union of a husband and wife. That's not right.”

#### **5. Why do you want to interfere with love?**

**A:** “Love is a great thing. But marriage isn't just any kind of love; it's the special love of husband and wife for each other and their children.”