

Gay Marriage

Once again Charles Meredith, *Bucks County Herald*, displays his prejudice in regards to the general population in their position on gay marriage. We have gay friends and they are routinely invited to family events and we even hosted graduation for one of their children. But, I do not support the redefinition of marriage that has been used for millennia. Nor will I abandon my religious beliefs that marriage is between one man and one woman. I do believe that laws should protect everyone's one right to the pursuit of happiness. There are many legal ways to ensure that this right is available to all, powers of attorney, legal wills, etc. Where there is no such protection laws should be enacted to make that happen – starting with IRS.

Based on the opinions of 5 judges in Washington – not the desires of the voters who voted in many states to retain the definition of marriage– we have now started down a path of unrestricted marriages. So any two, or more - why not?, consenting adults can now marry. Why can't Johnny marry his sister, as opposed to his brother, as long as they profess their love for each other? It is interesting to note that during all the debate the national media only presented one side of the issue on the marriage definition, never the reasons for not redefining marriage. At this point I think either the government should get out of the "marriage" business and only grant civil unions to all couples or the religious community should stop issuing civil "marriage" licenses and stick to their marriage ceremonies.

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