

Monday Marriage Message from Freedom to Marry  
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1) The Message

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Ending discrimination in marriage would help families and hurt no one.

As Family Pride's annual participation in the white House Easter Egg Roll approaches, we are reminded of the importance of making the case for all children to be able to have parents who can marry. Here are some important facts to talk about:

- Marriage provides over 1,138 federal (and hundreds more state-level) protections, rights, and responsibilities, along with intangible benefits, to committed couples and their families.
- Same-sex couples are raising children in at least 96% of all US counties.
- Nearly one quarter of all same-sex couples are raising children.
- More than 25 years of research have documented that there is no relationship between parents' sexual orientation and any measure of a child's emotional, psychosocial, and behavioral adjustment, demonstrating no risk to children raised by gay and lesbian parents.
- Ending the exclusion of same-sex couples from marriage will provide protections, rights, and responsibilities to all children and families, helping families and hurting no one.

Next week...Why Marriage Matters during Tax Time

LINK:

\*Family Pride's White House Easter Egg Roll: <http://www.familypride.org/eggroll/>

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2) The Report

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Adoption and Foster Care by Gay and Lesbian Parents in the United States  
(The Williams Institute & The Urban Institute)  
March 2007

LINK:

\*The Report:  
<http://www.law.ucla.edu/williamsinstitute/publications/FinalAdoptionReport.pdf>

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3) The Resource

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From C-SPAN, Evan wolfson debates parenting and marriage equality with David Blankenhorn of the Institute for American Values. Evan draws on the leading experts (American Academy of Pediatrics, Family Law Quarterly) who say ending discrimination in marriage would help families and hurt no one. This debate was held on March 14, 2007 at Pace Law School.

LINKS:

\*American Academy of Pediatrics:  
<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/118/1/349>  
\*Family Law Quarterly:  
[http://www.freedomtomarry.org/images/pdfs/wald-placement\\_of\\_children.pdf](http://www.freedomtomarry.org/images/pdfs/wald-placement_of_children.pdf)

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4) The Number

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96% of all U.S. counties have same-sex couples who are raising children.

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5) The Map

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Map of Relationship Recognition in the U.S.

LINK:

\*HRC:  
<http://www.hrc.org/Template.cfm?Section=Center&CONTENTID=26860&TEMPLATE=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm>

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OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST:

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The Must Sees

Connecticut Rep. Toni walker speaks movingly on justice at Judiciary Committee hearings on marriage equality



