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In Support Of Marriage. Period.

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The last time I addressed the matter of same-sex marriage, I received a few foul letters criticizing my stance, challenging my masculinity and questioning my morals.

Well, considering that the matter is back in the news, I think it's time I told the truth. I don't give a damn about same-sex marriage. I don't care about opposite-sex marriage. I support the institution of marriage, no adjectives required.

Joanne Mock and Beth Kerrigan just want to be married. Their case, currently before the Connecticut Supreme Court, challenges the state's refusal to issue marriage licenses to gay couples, and it challenges the 2005 law creating civil unions for same-sex relationships, which confer all the state legal rights and benefits — but not the name — of marriage.

I have never understood why the legislature or the courts ever became involved. If that sounds a bit naive, then fine. People should enjoy a lifestyle without my, or anyone else's, opinionated, self-serving intervention. Marriage isn't political. It's personal.

Mock and Kerrigan have been civilly united for years. Most couples — of any and all natures — share a civil union, and would we want unions to be less than civil, fraught with divorce, or worse, domestic violence?

Therefore, applying the rights of married couples to same-sex couples under that segregated designation — civil union — is a foolish and deceitful one.

Yes No

Yes No

Yes No

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Nation/World	
Obituaries	
Politics	Here's why (It's really rather simple and, in fact, was made simpler when the legislature concocted the specious civil-union law):
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Spanish News	A governmental body should not have the power, ability or authority to define a couple, a marriage, or even a civil union. Such coexistences can only be defined by personal practice and preference. Attempts to define marriage — and issuing licenses based solely on those definitions — amount to denying people's rights unless they do things the way the state demands things be done.
Special Reports	
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Editorial	Last week during a Little League Baseball game the umpire tried to disallow a pitcher from playing catch with the first baseman while the catcher was putting on his gear. He said the rules required the pitcher to pass with the third baseman. I asked him to point the rule out.
Letters	
Sports »	“I don't have time to look it up,” he said. “That's the way it's always been done.”
Auto Racing	
Local Sports	I suggested to him that he might be confusing regulation with custom.
High School	
UConn	“You could be right, sir,” he said.
College	
CT Defenders	The point is, what was not practiced in the past has no relevance to what is practiced today.
CT Sun	
Professional Sports	If there is ever to be any legislation regarding marriage, it should simply assure that gender cannot impede any couple from enjoying the rights of marriage.
Publications	
Enterprise Magazine	I've said it before and I'll say until our state stops spending time and money on a matter that will in no way negatively affect the economy or safety of the state:
Grace Magazine	
Savings Place	Anyone opposed to same-sex marriage should make sure they are not part of one.
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