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**What Do You Think? Monday May 14, 2007**

*Question: Should gay couples have the same rights to marriage as heterosexual couples?*

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Naturally. Religion should not be an issue, as there's a difference between legal marriage and religious marriage, and as such there's no solid reason to deny same-sex couples the rights of legal marriage.

Chris, [Oklahoma City](#)

How can this possibly be compared to slavery? (John, Meriden) Gay marriage harms no one; the lack of equality is damaging to gay families. I think God would be more interested in how you treat your neighbors rather than the supposed "sins of a nation."  
Joe, Columbus

Marriage in the history and traditions of our world and country is between a man and woman. Gay marriage is an affront to my beliefs and an attack on the Judeo/Christian ethics and morality of our country. John Brown, born in Connecticut stated that "the sins of our country can only be purged in blood.." Isn't this gay attempt more immoral than slavery?  
John, Meriden

Jesus is not an elected official. Yet people are standing by the whole Adam and Eve thing. I'm not Catholic, why should your views become one of the main reasons why homosexuals can't marry? Some heterosexual couples can't procreate either. Why should they be able to get married if they can't have children?  
Steven, Naugatuck

They already have the same rights under civil unions. No way to taking marriage from the normal everyday people.  
Dan, East Haven

Yes, they should be allowed to receive insurance benefits, social security, etc. Your

spouse/partner deserves rights regardless of life style.  
Meunier, Enfield

Marriage should be between cats and dogs.  
John, Cromwell

Yes, its a different generation. We need to set a precedent in this state as we always have and offer the same benefits such as marriage to all including same sex couples.  
Robert, Shelton

Absolutely. Marriage is an evolving institution. Women used to be treated as property under our marriage laws. Those opposed to this idea need to join the 21st century.  
Steve, Manchester

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They should have the same rights and responsibilities to civil marriage (and divorce).  
Dan, [Hartford](#)

No. Same sex marriages should not be illegal. The bible does not support homosexuality.  
Shannon, Wallingford

Yes. Gay couples should have a right to marry and have all the same rights and benefits as straight couples.  
Matt, East Haven

I think marriage should be between man and woman not man and man or woman and woman.  
Dave, Stafford Springs

NO, marriage is a sacred vow for a man and women, soon they will want to have children the way only a man and women can, what else?  
Kris, Hartford

I certainly favor same sex marriage. It can't be any different from heterosexual marriage. Religious opinions have nothing to do with this civil matter.  
Adeline

Civil unions are a form of legalized discrimination as the very term signifies a separate status. Same sex couples should be afforded the same rights, as opposite sex couples, that is the right to marry.  
Judy, Bristol

Its just a matter of time when people will have to finally give up and accept that we are human too and LOVE is love.  
Josh, Milford

Civil unions are not enough. If Antoinette can get married I should be able to also!  
Michael, Middletown

I think homosexual couples should be given the same rights as heterosexual couples. We all are human beings and should be given equal opportunities.  
Jason, Newington

I do not believe that they should have the same rights as the man and women in marriage. They cannot pro-create. It was Adam and Eve who first got together.  
Diane, Ellington

We are living in a different time now. They should have right just as a man and woman!  
Denise, Enfield

There is so much more to worry about in this world. Not enough love to much hate so who are we to judge if two people of the same sex love each other so be it. Why aren't we taking high gas prices, gun issue's, homelessness, to the higher courts,?? Shall I go on? Let's just all live in peace, black,white,yellow,poor,rich,straight,gay,just love each other.  
Dean, Waterford

Yes. As a gay male, I was raised by my straight parents and believe in the commitment to your partner. My parents have been married for 52 yrs. I would like the same rights to do so!  
John, Willimantic

No, Marriage is and should always be a union between a man and a woman. I don't believe in telling anyone what they should or should not do. Civil Unions were passed to give the rights to homosexual couples. Keep marriage between a man and a woman.  
Diane, Newington

Yes, absolutely. There is absolutely no difference between heterosexual couples and homosexual couples with respect to lifestyle, commitment and responsibility. Segregating any minority group has no benefit to society and can never be justified. Separate is not equal and equality is the only acceptable outcome.

John, East Lyme No. The Bible is very clear on the sanctity of marriage, and that marriage should be between a man and a woman.  
Helena, Hebron

No. Marriage should be between a man and a woman. Gay couples should be happy with a civil union, and have the legal right to make health decisions for their partners.  
M. , Putnam

Absolutely, marriage carries a societal definition that all loving couple should be able to utilize. It is not all about just legal rights.  
Peg, Manchester

We already have civil unions in Connecticut, that's enough. Marriage is a man and woman issue.  
Antoinette, West Hartford

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