

California Family Council Warns Voters Against ACA 5

Original Proponents of Proposition 8 Strongly Oppose Efforts to Abolish the Definition of Marriage Amid the Growing Recognition of Polyamorous Relationships

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June 7, 2024 – Sacramento, CA – California Family Council (CFC) today warned voters against the dangers of ACA 5, California’s misleadingly titled “Freedom to Marry” initiative.

[As reported by NPR on May 31](#), recent actions by Berkeley and Oakland to recognize polyamorous relationships highlight the potential consequences of this initiative. CFC cited these recent decisions and predicted similar policies would likely spread across the state if ACA 5 is approved by voters. Abolishing the definition of marriage poses significant risks to the well-being of families and children.

“We are deeply concerned about the implications of ACA 5 for families and children in California,” stated Jonathan Keller, President of California Family Council. “The absence of any clear definition of marriage is alarming and paves the way for the legalization of polygamy, child marriage, and incestuous relationships. Social science confirms that stable, traditional marriages are vital for the well-being of children and society.”

By abolishing the historic definition of marriage and replacing it with an open-ended constitutional “right to marry,” Governor Gavin Newsom and the proponents of ACA 5 are courting confusion. Without any clear boundaries limiting the age, genetic relationship, or number of partners in a marriage, this proposition opens the floodgates to disaster.

“We firmly believe that California’s public policy should best support the health and stability of families, particularly the well-being of children,” Keller said. “Studies consistently show that the traditional family structure is the most effective model for raising healthy and well-adjusted children.”

Tragically, this latest initiative centers family life around the desires of adults rather than the rights of children. California Family Council urges citizens and policymakers to stand against the normalization of polygamy, child marriage, and incestuous relationships by upholding the historical definition of marriage. It is crucial to prioritize the best interests of children and the future of society.

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<https://www.npr.org/2024/05/31/nx-s1-4966296/polyamorous-families-are-recognized-and-protected-in-oakland-ca>

Protecting the Definition of Marriage: The Dangers of ACA 5

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