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There is a <u>legitimate distinction</u> between homosexual and heterosexual couples. No amount of emotion, wishful thinking, protesting or even legislation can make them the same.

If allowed, same-sex marriage, by design, will always deny a child their mother or father. It also makes mothers and fathers interchangeable:

- a Mother becomes just another warm body and offers no unique contribution to <u>her</u> children. A man could accomplish all her parenting functions just as well.
- a Father becomes just another warm body and offers no unique contribution to <u>his</u> children. He is just a warm body. A woman could accomplish all his parenting functions just as well.

As currently defined, Marriage creates, by design, the best environment in which children will grow up. We shouldn't intentionally create a parenting model that is inadequate to raise healthy children. But that's what happens when we endorse same-sex marriage.

Marriage seems to be something in particular, not something we can twist any way we want, and needs to be protected.