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Medical Facts Against Gay Marriages

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This assignment will deal with the same sex marriages issues. It is one of the most debatable issues in the modern society. It is necessary to mention that the same-sex marriages are not legalized in the all world's countries. As a starting point of the assignment it is very important to define what we call the "gay marriage" – it is a union of two people of the same sex or gender identity, while traditional marriage is considered to be between a man and a woman (Pro & Con Arguments). The issue of the same-sex marriages has its adherents and opponents among which the second group is the majority one. The theologians, doctors, sociologist and many other regard this issue as unnatural and think that is shouldn't be allowed in order to keep the modern society from degradation (both moral and physical) or even extinction. Regarding this issue from medical point of view, it is necessary to mention that the gay marriages represent a kind biological departure from the norm accepted in the society. Moreover this kind of relationship may be harmful for people's health. The adherents of gay marriages claim that they cause no harm to people who are involved into the relationships, but medical researchers proves the opposite point of view which is considered to be the right one.

Looking at the issue of the same-sex marriages and relations from the medical and biological points of view it seems quite relevant to say that the process

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of evolution and the present-time structure of the human's body predetermined the sexual intercourse only between a man and a woman as the representatives of the human species. So the same-sex marriages were not included into the process of the human's reproduction. Also, it should be noticed that the main aim of the sexual intercourse is the procreation. Of course in the modern world the science of artificial insemination made a huge step forward, but still it is not possible or normal for the gay couple to give birth to a child. Also the health of the people with non-traditional orientation is endangered due to their way they intercourse. According to the latest medical researches, the same-sex marriages appear to be the source of spreading of large number of dangerous diseases. The modern anthropologists suggest that some diseases spread easier and more often through the gay sex. The most common disease spread among the gay couples are AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) and, as its result, HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). It was proven by many modern medical researches that the risk of exposure to HIV is especially high in gay couples. (cite).

The first explanation for such high risks is hidden in the way these kind of people intercourse – AIDS could be much easier spread from one person to another when they have an unprotected anal sex. Exactly the anal sex exposes these people to the danger of AIDS, HIV and other harmful and dangerous diseases because of the small skin traumas appearing during the intercourse. This phenomenon may be also explained by the fact that this kind of people (gays) lack free access to the services for the HIV recognition and prevention. This lack of access is caused by such phenomenon as homophobia spread among monogamy adherents. The life span among the homosexuals is very low. The conclusion made by the researcher Paul Cameron et al was the following: "The median life span of homosexuals is about

20-30 years (one study showed the median age of death in the early 40's for gay men and women without AIDS)" (Cameron, et al, 1994). The same-sex couples are also predisposed to many other kinds of diseases, especially the venereal ones – syphilis, herpes, gonorrhea and etc. The high rates of people having one of these diseases is possibly based on the fact that many of these people have many sexual partners and sometimes tend to behave unadvisedly. Gays often tend to use different kinds of drugs as another way to "try everything in life" which may be another way of spreading hepatitis. (note)

The one more thing that should be said against the same-sex marriages, (both gay and lesbian) is based on the fact that this kind of relationship between people contributes to the lowering of the birth rates in the countries which accepted this kind of marriage. It is normal task for each society – to reproduce itself and the same-sex marriages creates an obstacle on the way of society's reproduction process. If we take a close look at perspectives of the same sex-marriages we may find out that due to legalization of this relationships will lower the number of monogamy couples and this way these people's potential possibility to have children. (italian)

The author of the article "*The Top Ten Harms of Same-Sex 'Marriage'*", Peter Sprigg claims that the opposite-sex marriage would become unpopular, and this way would also give place to the same-sex relations. Looking at the long-term results Sprigg says, that "Fewer such relationships would be formed, fewer such couples would choose to procreate, and fewer babies would be born" (Sprigg p.7). This researcher also provides the information that there already exist the acknowledged interconnection between the birth rates and the same-sex marriages (Sprigg p.8). Many adherents of the gay marriages point out that some of these people of non-traditional sexual orientation won't or can't have children so their marriage resembles a normal

heterosexual couple without children. The author of the article *Pro & Con Arguments: "Should Gay Marriage Be Legal?"* claims, "The same-sex couples can never provide a child with both her biological mother and her biological father. Heterosexual couples who do not wish to have children are still biologically capable of having them, and may change their minds" (Pro & Con Arguments). The disability of the same-sex couples to have the offsprings belong to the list of the most reliable and important argument against this kind of relationships.

In conclusion, it seems relevant to say that judging by the information given above, the statistics and the research data, it could be easily concluded that the same-sex marriages should not be allowed in any cases because they either bring harm to the LGBT-representatives themselves or to the society in general by spreading dangerous diseases and making the mortality rates higher and also by lowering the birth rates in the modern world accordingly. If the whole world would consider gay and lesbian marriages to be a usual thing, the society would change completely and for worse or may even extinct due to the phenomenon of this relationships.

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