

When the Supreme court ruled in Dobbs that Roe v. Wade was overturned, Democrats expressed concerns that Dobbs was only the first step to undoing a series of other cases based on similar grounds. Despite nothing to back up their concern or claims. The result was the Respect for Marriage Act which has been signed into law.

The Alliance Defending Freedom described the bill as “a direct attack on the religious freedom of millions of Americans with sincerely held beliefs about marriage.”

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President Joe Biden signed the deceptively titled Respect for Marriage Act into law on Tuesday afternoon December 13th, officially redefining marriage for the purpose of federal law.

The signing brings to a close the months-long debate that Congress had over the bill ([HR 8404](#)) which repeals provisions in federal law that define “*marriage* as between a man and a woman” and recognizes “any marriage between two individuals” (emphasis in original).

“Today is a good day,” the president said at a press conference on the White House lawn prior to signing the bill on Tuesday. “Today America takes the final step towards equality.”

The version of the bill that was signed on Tuesday contained an ostensible “religious freedom amendment” which was highly criticized by conservatives and religious organizations as inadequate.

As Gregory Baylor, Senior Counsel at Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), warned, the bill:

- Further embeds a false definition of marriage in the American legal fabric;
- Opens the door to federal recognition of polygamous relationships;
- Jeopardizes the tax-exempt status of nonprofits that affirms that marriage is the union of one man and one woman;
- Endangers faith-based social service organizations by threatening litigation and liability risk if they follow their views on marriage when working with the government.

To be clear, the signing of HR 8404 makes no substantive changes to the status of those in same-sex relationships. The U.S. Supreme Court has already mandated that all 50 states recognize same-sex relationships as a legal “marriage.”

However – it does put into jeopardy the religious convictions of millions of Christians around the country.

Focus on the Family President Jim Daly said after the Senate passed HR 8404, that the bill deals “a blow to religious freedom ... [and] threatens to further undermine ... the family.”

Strangely enough, the White House chose to invite a “drag queen” to the president’s signing of HR 8404 on Tuesday.

“To be a non binary [sic] drag artist invited to the White House is something I never imagined would happen,” Marti Cummings said in a post on Twitter, which has since been hidden. “Thank you President & Dr. Biden for inviting me to this historic bill signing. Grateful doesn’t begin to express the emotions I feel.”

The post included a picture of an official white and gold White House invitation which reads: “The President and Dr. Biden request the pleasure of your company at the signing of the Respect for Marriage Act to be held

at The White House on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at three-thirty o'clock.”

The *Daily Signal* reports that Cummings has tweeted about participating in Drag Queen Story Hours – an event that usually takes place in public schools or libraries where drag queens read books to young children. The outlet notes that a viral video from 2019 shows Cummings “in full drag sitting cross-legged on a bar singing ‘Baby Shark’ to a 2-year-old child.”

“Anyone who thinks drag isn’t for children is wrong,” Cummings later said. “Drag is an expression, and children are such judgement-free beings; they don’t really care what you’re wearing, just what you’re performing.”

Such evil isn’t easy to read. But apparently these days it’s enough to earn you a ticket to the White House.

Now to be clear, the “Respect for Marriage Act” paints a target on the backs of religious and nonprofit organizations, and further empowers the federal government and its powerful law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute them.

Thankfully, there are multiple legal groups who stand ready to defend these organizations and protect their religious convictions. As ADF President Kristen Waggoner said recently, “Religious freedom is the first freedom named in the First Amendment ... ADF stands ready to defend the Americans whose freedoms [have been] cast aside.”

That’s encouraging to hear, especially so that organizations like Focus on the Family can continue to help promote families, save marriages, rescue preborn babies, and promote adoption and the wellbeing of children.

No matter where the marriage takes place in the United States, **each other state usually accepts that marriage as legal.**

What is legal for marriage in one state – must be recognized as legal in all states. “Marriage laws in the state of California allow minors to be married with no minimum age. When Sara Tasneem was 15 years old, she met the 28-year-old man she would marry. They met over a glass of orange juice and were married by nightfall.

The marriage was arranged by Tasneem’s father, when he learned she had a boyfriend and feared she might engage in premarital sex. Tasneem is now 40 and she is one of several former child-brides who are now rallying behind legislation to ban child marriages in California.

Since a statewide bill failed in 2017, advocates have taken a city-by-city approach that recently has swept through Orange County, as well as other parts of the state.

In California, it’s legal for minors to get married as long as they have parental or guardian consent and judicial approval. It allows sexual relations between minors and adults, which would be illegal outside of marriage.

“I didn’t realize what was going to happen after that ceremony occurred,” Tasneem recalled. “I just thought like, ‘Oh, let me just get through this so I can go back to my mom’s house.’ I had no idea at that age how to even process that.”

This loophole,” Tasneem states, “allows sexual predators to marry minors, thus circumventing statutory rape laws.” Unchained At Last, a nonprofit

dedicated to banning child marriages, reports that between 2000 and 2010, some 167,000 minors were married in 38 states.

Jesus makes it very clear what marriage is here in Matthew chapter 19. Jesus quotes from Genesis at the beginning God made them male and female. Jesus makes it clear that marriage is a life long covenant between a natural man and a natural woman as God created them.

Matthew 19 (NKJV)

19 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, *that* He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. ² And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there.

³ The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for *just* any reason?”

⁴ And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who ^[a]made *them* at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ ⁵ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? ⁶ So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

“**Senator Mike Lee** said there is no assurance that federal bureaucrats will not take discriminatory actions against individuals, organizations, nonprofits, and other entities based on their sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions about marriage by prohibiting the denial or revocation of tax exempt status, licenses, contracts, benefits, etc.”

Heritage action:

The so-called “Respect for Marriage Act” is the latest front in the radical Left’s attempts to impose its sexual ideology as state orthodoxy and punish those who disagree and paints them as bigots. It would repeal the bipartisan Defense of Marriage Act and radically redefine marriage under federal law, even beyond the issue of same-sex marriage.

H.R. 8404 could lead the IRS to strip religious organizations of their tax-exempt status, and it would create a private right of action for activist groups to sue religious entities and individuals, solely for their personal beliefs.

The Washington Stand,

if you hold the belief that marriage is the union of a man and woman — the mainstream view for all of human history — and stand in the way of the Left’s redefinition in any way, the full weight of the Justice Department will be brought to bear. As if that weren’t enough, a private right of action — meaning everyday citizens can sue based on some perceived violation of their rights — is encouraged for anyone “harmed” by your biblical beliefs.²

The bill, critics say, will force people who hold to the historical view of marriage as the lifelong union of one man and one woman to choose between living their faith or losing their business.⁶

This is a very religious piece of legislation. This Act effectively establishes a religion regarding the moral subject of marriage: the religion of humanism. The moral beliefs of the LGBTQ+ movement are consistent

with the religion of humanism. Our own government considers humanism to be a religion for legal, constitutional purposes. The moral beliefs of the LGBTQ+ movement are tenets of the religion of humanism, and yet that doesn't stop our federal government from promoting and establishing this religion at the highest levels, whether it be through LGBT Pride Month (celebrated even by the Department of Defense) or this so-called Respect for Marriage Act.¹⁴

God created marriage (Genesis 2:24), and the so-called Respect for Marriage Act certainly does not respect marriage, nor does it respect the one true God—the God of the Bible.

There's No Such Thing As Gay Marriage.

By Eric Hovind|Blog

Another Oxymoron, “Gay Marriage”

You know, I never stopped to think of it like this before. We have been fooled by semantics. If we know that: Marriage is defined by God as a union between a man and a woman, then why did we ever let the phrase “gay marriage” take off? In reality there is no such thing. It's an oxymoron. It's like saying dry water or bitter sugar. It started to dawn on me when our editor wrote me a little note about a recent **blog** that I published about the **Chick-fil-a story**. She wrote:

As an editor, I believe the answer to this controversy is in wording. Instead of using the polarizing word “marriage,” the gay constituency and legal eagles should just change the status in question to “gay union.” The word and concept of marriage should never have been applied to these unions. That's where they made their big mistake.

She is exactly right. The word “marriage” should never have been applied to these unions.

Paul Taylor's new book, *No Time for Itching Ears*, shows how every major doctrine in Scripture goes back to Genesis. The very concept of marriage was begun by God himself. It is foolish and impossible to try to change what marriage actually is. Just as there is no such thing as a married bachelor, there is no such thing as a gay marriage.

Please understand that I do not say this to be harsh, rude or mean. I am also not trying to be arrogant; please don't confuse facts with arrogance. I know many gay people and have treated them with the same love that Jesus Christ has shown me. I have not set homosexuality as a sin above any other sins that are condemned right along with it—drunkenness, theft, adultery, along with a list of many other things are abominations in God's sight.