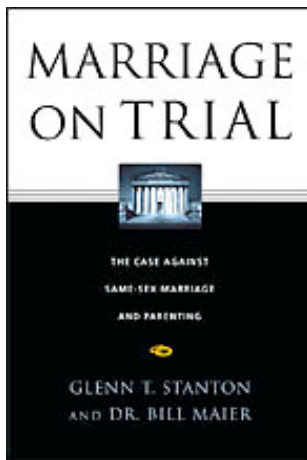


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Family Research Experts Use Social Science to Build Case Against Same-Sex Marriage and Parenting

“How could same-sex marriage hurt your family? First, we are not just talking about allowing one same-sex couple to marry. All of us are being asked to dramatically change our understanding of what marriage is, what the family does and how essential male and female are to both.”

—Glenn T. Stanton and Dr. Bill Maier in *Marriage on Trial*

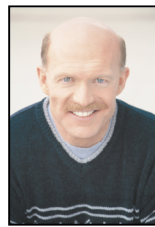
As the debate escalates over same-sex marriage and a constitutional marriage amendment, you typically hear about people being either for or against the issue. We rarely, however, hear concrete reasons why same-sex marriage is or is not a good idea. Using current social science research, Glenn T. Stanton and Dr. Bill Maier offer such a case against same-sex marriage and parenting in their book *Marriage on Trial: The Case Against Same-Sex Marriage and Parenting* (fall 2004). Using a question-answer format, they provide answers to the issues at the center of the debate, including

- How does homosexual marriage threaten your family?
- Do we have the right (or ability) to redefine marriage so it is elastic enough to include any grouping of adults, regardless of gender?
- What is the public purpose of marriage?
- Don't children just need loving, caring parents, regardless of gender?

Stanton and Maier provide clear counter-arguments to those who advocate gay marriage, and they make the well-reasoned case that legalizing this arrangement will very likely be harmful to the larger community and the next generation.



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