

MARRIAGE

Did we forget children's rights?

Doesn't the child have a right to a father and a mother?

The child has "as far as possible, the right to know and be cared for by his or her parents.", i.e. his or her father and mother

U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child (ratified by Canada), article 7.

"If we do not protect a right, then we deny it."

Paul Martin, in his presentation speech supporting Bill C-38, February 16, 2005

Doesn't the child belong to a vulnerable minority?

"The rights of Canadians who belong to a minority group must always be protected by virtue of their status as citizens, regardless of their numbers." Paul Martin, February 16, 2005

Doesn't same-sex marriage create fatherless or motherless children?

Doesn't the child need both a father and a mother?

Man-woman marriage "corresponds to a biological reality, the infertility of same-sex couples, and an imperative, that the child's identity is necessarily constructed from the union of a man and a woman."

Report on the Family and the Rights of Children, France, January 25, 2006

By granting a new right to an adult minority, haven't we taken away a child's fundamental right to a father and mother?

"To systematically give preference to adult aspirations over respect for these (children's) rights is not possible any more."

Report on the Family and the Rights of Children, France, January 25, 2006

"No one can say that Québec or Canada are just societies if the people of this country are not all treated equally." Gilles Duceppe, February 16, 2005

***For children's sake,
we must reopen the definition of marriage.***

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