

Supreme Court Again Undermines Marriage

This court decision flies in the face of common sense, the laws for nature and of nature's God. It is further bad fruit from the bad rood of the Varnum opinion, and until *We The People* get a chance to vote on the definition of marriage, and/or we get a new crop of judges who respect our founders legal foundations, we will probably continue to see these absurd legal results.

No matter what a court rules, The FAMiLY LEADER holds that it is best for kids to have a mom and a dad. No amount of un-defining marriage will ever change that reality.

Des Moines Register – Justices ruled 6-0 to require that the Iowa Department of Public Health begin listing both married parents on a newborn child's birth certificate, despite state concerns that biological-based parenting rights would be cast aside if a Des Moines lesbian was allowed to establish paternity of her child. ...

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Video: Talking Casinos with Tom Coates

In an entertaining and educational discussion on the Great Day program on KCWI 23, Tom Coates of Consumer Credit of Des

Moines discusses gambling in Iowa and answers several questions:

- What are the differences between “tourist model” and “convenience model” casinos?
- How much revenue into a casino comes from the local community?
- Are casinos a net gain or loss for a community?
- Where does the revenue for casinos primarily come from?
- What happens when the state becomes dependent upon gambling proceeds?
- What would happen if we opened up gambling and had a completely free market?
- Why not let people have the freedom of choice and spend their money how they want?

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Lincoln: Don't Allow "Eminent Tribunal"

By Phyllis Schlafly, Founder and President of the Eagle Forum –



“The U.S. Supreme Court is right now holding in its hands the issue that can make or break America. Within a few weeks, the Court will hand down its decision on the definition of Marriage, and it is expected to be binding on all our 50 states. The Court has before it two cases. In one case, the homosexuals are asking the Court to declare unconstitutional the Defense of Marriage Act, known as DOMA. It was passed by overwhelming majorities of Congress in 1996 and signed by President Clinton. It simply declares that in all reference in federal law to marriage (of which there are more than 1,000), marriage means the union of a man and a woman. The other case came from California . California voters, in a statewide referendum, passed Proposition 8 defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman. The homosexuals got two federal courts to declare that referendum vote unconstitutional, and Prop 8 sponsors have appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold the vote of the people.”

“Let me tell you a little history. You know I fought the Equal Rights Amendment for ten years against incredible odds. The most decisive vote in those ten years was in the Illinois State Legislature in 1980. The ERAers had announced that the ERA would pass that day and that would end the fight. All the media, all the TV networks, were in the balcony of the Legislature expecting to film their victory. We had done all our lobbying, but we knew we were still short of votes. Illinois votes electronically, and it was very tense as the votes lit up the board. That day, God brought us two votes from Chicago Democrats who had never voted with us before, and we won. ABC immediately put the feminist leader, Eleanor Smeal, in front of the TV camera and said, “You told us that you had the votes. Why didn’t you win?” She replied, “There was something, very powerful against us, and I don’t mean people.” That’s right. We had something, Someone, very powerful on our side who delivered the two votes we needed.”

“That’s what we are asking God to do for us now. Find and

deliver the votes we need to preserve your definition of marriage. We need His help. And we need you to ask Him for help. And we need you to go to your pastor and ask your pastor to ask his congregation to pray that the Court upholds Marriage.”

“We must pray for God to enlighten any swing votes to persuade them to uphold marriage the way the Lord ordained it. But we do have to give some thought to what we will do if the Court throws out traditional marriage and opens it up to any people who want to live together. I don’t like thinking about that possibility, but we probably should. For guidance, I suggest we look at Abraham Lincoln’s First Inaugural Address, where he dealt with the worst Supreme Court decision in history, the infamous Dred Scott decision. The Supreme Court ruled wrong in that case, holding that a man who traveled to other states had to be protected in his property right of owning the slave, named Dred Scott.”

“Abe Lincoln was eloquent. He first of all admitted that a Supreme Court decision would be binding on the parties to a case. But then he said that we should consider such an erroneous decision limited to that particular case and never let it become a precedent for other cases, with the hope that it may one day be overruled. Then he made this important pronouncement: “If the policy of the government upon vital questions affecting the whole people is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court, the instant they are made in ordinary litigation between parties in person actions, the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically resigned their government into the hands of that eminent tribunal.”

“In other words, if the Supreme Court makes such an erroneous decision on such vital questions as slavery, or the definition of marriage, we will no longer be a self-governing people but a nation ruled by “that eminent tribunal.” And that, we cannot allow to happen.”

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Recap: Rally Coverage

In a well-written piece by Bill Petroski at the Des Moines Register, our annual "Life, Marriage, and Family Rally" highlighted the efforts in Iowa on the Personhood movement.

Read Bill's article here, and read our summary and view pictures and video of the rally here.

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Rally for Life

This morning, activists from all across Iowa came to rally together to defend life and lobby legislators to defund abortion providers. The keynote speaker was Dan Becker, the founder of Personhood USA.

We had a terrific time of worship, along with comments by Bob Vander Plaats, Chuck Hurley, Danny Carroll, Tamara Scott, and Greg Baker.

Also, a 14-year old named Josiah addressed the crowd in the rotunda. Josiah has come faithfully to the capitol for

several weeks and had pulled legislators out by himself and had good conversations with them about why these issues are important to him. And legislators listen! He challenged everyone present that if he can do it at 14, the rest of us don't have much of an excuse.

Here's some photos of the rally:

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Watch the video below of the rally. You can jump to specific speakers at the times below:

MC ~ Greg Baker, Political Director, The FAMiLY LEADER

0:40 ~ Bob Vander Plaats, President & CEO, The FAMiLY LEADER

8:47 ~ Tamara Scott, State Director of Concerned Women for America – Iowa

16:15 ~ Josiah Oleson, Youth Activist

19:00 ~ Danny Carroll, Family Policy Advocate

24:39 ~ Chuck Hurley, Vice-President, The FAMiLY LEADER

28:44 ~ Dan Becker, National Field Director, Personhood U.S.A.

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