



In the same sex marriage debate many who believe in marriage being between a man and a woman are labelled "homophobic." This is a weak strategy used by those pushing for the redefinition of marriage to try to silence those who don't agree with redefining marriage in law.

Those who have a traditional view of marriage are not homophobic, they just have a different understanding of what marriage is, and the importance it has, and this understanding is the basis of our current law and the law in the majority of countries around the world. Here are some examples of people who are in same sex relationships and children of gay parents who love their parents dearly but who disagree with redefining marriage.



Dolce and Gabanna

Gabbana told the Daily Mail in 2006, "I am opposed to the idea of a child growing up with two gay parents."

<http://www.allenbwest.com/michele/gay-designers-dolce-and-gabanna-come-out-against-gay-marriage-and-parenting>

"family isn't a fleeting trend, in it there's a sense of belonging." In another point of the interview, they said "life has a natural trajectory, there are things that should not be altered."

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/afontevicchia/2015/03/16/dolce-gabbana-break-the-internet-coming-out-against-gay-parenthood-elton-john-calls-for-boycott/>



Doug Mainwearing

"I wholeheartedly support civil unions for gay and lesbian couples, but I am opposed to same-sex marriage. Because activists have made marriage, rather than civil unions, their goal, I am viewed by many as a self-loathing, traitorous gay. So be it. I prefer to think of myself as a reasoning, intellectually honest human being. The notion of same-sex marriage is implausible, yet political correctness has made stating the obvious a risky business. Genderless marriage is not marriage at all. It is something else entirely."

<http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2013/03/9432/>



Andrew Pierce

"I am a Conservative and a homosexual, and I oppose gay marriage. Am I a bigot?"

And what about Alan Duncan, the first Conservative MP to come out as gay? Mr Duncan, the International Aid Minister who is in a civil partnership, is implacably opposed to gay marriage.

So is Dr David Starkey, the celebrated historian, who is openly gay.

The Labour MP Ben Bradshaw, meanwhile, who was the first Cabinet minister to enter into a civil partnership, is contemptuous of Mr Cameron's motive for smashing down centuries of traditional Church teaching in reference to marriage...."

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-2158416/I-m-gay-man-opposes-gay-marriage-Does-make-ME-bigot--Mr-Cameron.html>



Bradi Walton – Daughter of lesbians

"In April I finally decided to talk about what it was like for me to grow up as the child of a lesbian, and right off the bat I made some mistakes. I suppose that's to be expected seeing how I had been mostly silent about the subject for thirty three years, and still had some things of my own to figure out. Deciding to come out was a big deal for me, and roughly five years in the making, but that didn't make it any easier.

My first mistake was not being true to who I am NOW. I decided that I wouldn't discuss religion in relation to my story because the gay mafia attack dogs LOVE to tear apart Christians and accuse them of being religious, brainwashed bigots. I thought if I held off on saying anything in depth about being a Mormon I wouldn't be dismissed as fast, and I would have a better chance of getting people to hear my story."

<https://thelesbiansdaughter.wordpress.com/author/thebrandiwalton/>



Heather Barwick - Daughter of lesbians

Gay marriage doesn't just redefine marriage, but also parenting. It promotes and normalizes a family structure that necessarily denies us something precious and foundational. It denies us something we need and long for, while at the same time tells us that we don't need what we naturally crave. That we will be okay. But we're not. We're hurting.

<http://thefederalist.com/2015/03/17/dear-gay-community-your-kids-are-hurting/>



Paddy Manning

Changing the definition of marriage isn't about being nice to gay people, it's about protecting what the purpose of marriage has always been - encouraging mums and dads to stay together, where possible, to raise their children. I strongly urge people to have the courage to vote 'no'."

<http://www.anglocelt.ie/news/roundup/articles/2015/05/20/4037807-referendum-opinion--no--a-gay-perspective-from-paddy-manning/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6HD8KLQBvA>

Mothers & Fathers Matter Paddy Manning in Killarney Co. Kerry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4iqhU24phs>



Robert Oscar Lopez – raised by lesbian mums

My home life was not traditional nor conventional. I suffered because of it, in ways that are difficult for sociologists to index. Both nervous and yet blunt, I would later seem strange even in the eyes of gay and bisexual adults who had little patience for someone like me. I was just as odd to them as I was to straight people.

<http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2012/08/6065/>



Katy Faust – Daughter of lesbians

Well, there's a lot of pressure on children of gay parents to please their parents, to sort of carry the banner forward for them and you can read about this not just in conservative publications, but even books like Families Like Mine, which was publicised by a pro-gay marriage daughter of gays and she admitted and several of the kids in that book admitted that it's very difficult to be honest about this because of the political pressure surrounding this topic. There's several children that have contacted me even since I started writing about this saying, "I agree with you, but I'll never come out and speak about this publicly because my relationship with my parent is too tenuous.

<http://www.abc.net.au/lateline/content/2015/s4292362.htm>



Keith Mills

"It's important to stand up and speak up for what I believe, because there are too many people being bullied into silence. I am a gay man... I will be voting no to same sex marriage because I believe children deserve a mother and a father where possible, for me marriage is about children and the family and not a way to measure adult relationships ."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6HD8KLQBvA>



Millie Fontana - Daughter of lesbians

When people look at children of gays, the misconception is straightaway that we are well-loved and that we must be stable and happy. And the reason for this is that the gay community is promoting this ideology that "love is love" and that we don't actually need any biological roots at all to be parented well and to be well-adjusted and happy.

This has been incorrect for me and many others. And the promotion of this ideology has made it difficult for people in my position to come forward and say what is actually going on behind closed doors for us.

The lie affects us in so many different ways. We aren't welcomed to come forward and, you know, ironically, "come out" about who we are and say that we don't support this "marriage equality".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7g4vphO1SkE>