

## If gays want to marry, who are we to judge?

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I'm having a little trouble understanding why there's all this flap about "marriage equality."

I read somewhere that half of all marriages end in divorce. Not surprisingly, all of mine have. No one in their right mind should care about my opinion on who they should marry.

If loving, consenting adults want to share their lives and their troth, who am I to say them nay? Who is anyone to weigh in? We are our brother's keeper, but, decidedly not his opinion.

Would somebody help me understand who it is that has something to lose if same sex couples had the same rights as heterosexual ones? Whose ox gets gored? Is it employers or insurers? Who is it that sees dollar signs in this issue? Or, could it be, some Americans think when "freedom" is mentioned, it is a reference to their freedom to decide who or what everyone else in the country and the world worships, believes, does or does not do? These are probably the same people who made interracial marriage illegal in years past. I do not do research for my pieces –no surprise to most of you. But, I would not be surprised if some of those laws are still on the books in some states.

And, speaking of freedom; why should not fully grown adults have the freedom to decide how big a family they want, and when to time the arrivals? For that matter, nearly grown adults should have that freedom too. It is often a freedom even more important for these younger, potential parents.

I have always been more concerned about improving the lives and reducing the abuse of those young people who are with us.

Given the current condition of the planet and the impact humans are having on it, every birth

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should be a truly “blessed event.”

I am opposed to people having the freedom to shoot me for being brown and wearing a hoodie. But, I do concede their right to plan their families and their love lives without considering how I decide to vote.