



Three R's of Proposition 8

Restore the definition of

marriage. Man-woman marriage is the only natural way to build families, which in turn builds a society. In the United States, same-sex couples are free to live as they choose. It is dangerous, however, to treat marriage as a "social construct" that is changeable. Husband-wife unions are the basic source of society. Because society is not the source of marriage's definition, it cannot change the accurate description of marriage by its own will.

Reaffirm Proposition 22, by which California voters upheld man-woman marriage. A strong majority upheld the natural definition of marriage in this 2000 statewide referendum. Prop 22 amended state civil code, however, and the California Supreme Court said it violated the state constitution. Prop 8 would amend the constitution itself to secure husband-wife marriage.

Reject judicial activism. In May 2008, four judges voted that laws "limiting marriage to opposite-sex couples violate the state constitutional rights of same-sex couples." They overturned laws passed by voters and the state legislature, to create same-sex marriage. Yet their job is to interpret the real meaning of the law and apply it to specific situations -- not to create new laws. Lawmaking on such a pivotal issue, by unelected officials, is tyranny and it should not be permitted.

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