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A Child of Their Own

Parents take care of their children very up to the day that they reach adulthood. They guide and help them take one small baby step at a time in their life that will later on have a huge impact in their future. Whether blood related or not, they will still have the same love for their children.

Orphans are waiting for a chance to have parents that they are able to depend on. When life throws obstacles at them, they need someone who they are able to lean on and have support from. In the United States, over one hundred thousand orphans are awaiting to have loving parents to adopt them into their homes and be able to have a family that they are able to call their own (gaymarriage.org). Several homosexuals are willing to adopt these children, but some are unable to due to the laws in certain states that prevent them from doing so.

The majority of states in the US allow homosexuals to individually petition to adopt a child. They provide for them a home to live in and care from two parents that wanted them to be a part of their family. It is better to have loving parents that will care for you rather than not having any at all. There will always be struggles in life where one wishes to have someone with more knowledgeable experience to ask help from. Same-sex parents will not be any less knowledgeable when their child comes to ask them for help compared to a straight couple.

It is argued that homosexual parents do not fit the traditional family of a mom-dad household. Lesbian parents will not have a male role model, and vice versa for gay couples.

Although the couples are of the same sex, it does not mean that one parent cannot portray the role of a mother or a father for the child. Like any family that went through adoption, there will always be problems but they *can* make it work and there will be progress in the relationship between the family members.

Some opponents believe that homosexuals should not adopt since there is a high chance of one of the parents dying due to HIV or AIDS. In the United States, young gay men have been affected by HIV and AIDS more than any other group of people (avert.org). A death of a parent will always affect the child, and it is no different for the same-sex families. Even if there is a higher chance for gay couples to get these viruses and diseases, this should not be a reason to stop them from adopting and being able to make a difference in a child's life.

Adoption allows homosexuals to have a chance at parenthood that they would not normally have. The feeling of wanting a child because one is unable to do so physically is not peculiar. Being the same sex changes nothing; their motive is the same as all the parents who want to adopt. There are married couples of the opposite sex who are unable to have children; homosexuals are in the same situation as they are, and are looking for another way to have a child that they can raise.

Since Florida bans all homosexuals from adopting children, the only choice that they have is to go to another state that will give them the chance that Florida does not offer. The law for adoption should not change the situation of wanting to adopt a child in any way. If they are willing to take care and take in an orphan as a family member, that should be the only thing that really counts.

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