

But it's all about equality, right?

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We are in the middle of a storm of misinformation as the plebiscite on same-sex marriage draws near. Who do we believe?

George Brandis, who tells us everything will be fine and that those who have religious objections have nothing to worry about? The Greens, who say that the majority of Aussies want to redefine marriage but don't want us to vote in a plebiscite because they're afraid that we the people will say something different to the social media Twitterati, or Bill Shorten, who claims that any disagreement with same-sex marriage would only unleash hate, vilification and bigotry?



Along with a huge proportion of the mainstream media, the leader of the opposition has been caught out in 'stretching the truth' with their inaccurate reporting of having personally witnessed homophobic posters that were supposed to have been plastered all over the streets of Melbourne recently. Network Ten, in particular, were exposed by the ABC's Media Watch for, by their own admission, a "creative" presentation of the facts by intentionally doctoring images made to look like they were being prominently placed on bus stop shelters.

To be honest, I don't believe any of them. However, there is one person I believe. And, interestingly, she comes from the Marriage Equality side: Marsha Gessen, a lesbian political activist.

Gessen really let the genie of deliberate public deception out of the bottle all the way back in 2012 when she told the Sydney Writer's Festival:

Fighting for gay marriage generally involves lying about what we are going to do with marriage when we get there. Because we lie that the institution of marriage is not going to change. And that is a lie.

We should have woken up to the alarm bell then but here we are, five years later, and the campaign for marriage ‘equality’ is lying more than ever in at least three different ways.

First, they want to redefine what marriage *is*. Everyone assumes that they just want to get married like the rest of us. But for many homosexual people, lifelong sexual fidelity is neither a reality nor an ideal. For instance, the psychiatrist and physicist Jeffrey Satinover [writes](#): “One of the most carefully researched studies of the most stable homosexual pairs, *The Male Couple*, was researched and written by two people who are themselves a homosexual couple – a psychiatrist and a psychologist. Its investigators found that of the 156 couples studied, only seven had maintained sexual fidelity; of the hundred couples that had been together for more than five years, none had been able to maintain sexual fidelity.”

Why not be honest then and admit that what the LGBTIQ community mean by the term ‘marriage’ is not what everyone else does? Why mess

with a proven and trusted social institution and turn it into something else? So, if you want to vote “yes” in the upcoming plebiscite then just know that you’re not voting for an exclusive sexual commitment of ‘love’ as most people assume, but something altogether different to what marriage historically means.

Second, they lie about what redefining marriage *means* for the rest of society. For example, approximately 12 months after the referendum on same-sex marriage in Ireland religious exemptions that had previously been promised were suddenly [withdrawn](#).

In the U.S. state of [Massachusetts](#) gay marriage has been legal since 2004. Almost fifteen years on and the effects are being felt in every sphere of the community; schools, businesses, the legal system, politics, adoption agencies, hospitals and churches. Not a single area of society is left untouched. But just take the example of adoption agencies for instance. Not only are 50 per cent of all adoptions in Massachusetts now to gay couples, but if you disagree with the LGBTIQ juggernaut then you are ruled ineligible and, as such, Christian adoption agencies have been forced to close.

What this means practically is not just the abolition of free thought but a 50

per cent increase in same-sex behaviour amongst children, invasive medical procedures for people to reshape their genitals and the transgender affirmative action of boys being able to use girl's bathrooms as well as to participate on their sporting teams. But it's all still about 'equality', right?

Just this past week across the pond, the New Zealand-based family organisation, Family First NZ, was served a notice by [the national Charities Registration Board that it intends to deregister the organisation](#). The board says Family First's promotion of its views about marriage and the traditional family "cannot be determined to be for the public benefit in a way previously accepted as charitable".

What's more, contrary to what the Australian Medical Association recently [claimed](#) (based on a single study, from a single clinic, in a single city in the U.S. 14 years ago), that redefining marriage improves "overall health outcomes among LGBTIQ populations" the reality is that this is patently false. For example, in an ultra-tolerant country like Sweden, the rate of suicide among same-sex married men, which is three times greater than heterosexual married men, remains unchanged even after the redefinition of marriage.

Finally, the "yes" campaign is lying most egregiously about whom marriage really *affects*. The biggest lie of all is that children will be unaffected. On the one hand, according to the UN it's a child's right to know and be raised by their biological father and mother, so any talk of discrimination has to first of all address this. That's because having a child is not like getting a puppy! It's a life-long commitment that affects the well-being of not just you and your spouse, but the little ones being raised in your home. This is something that people like Katy Faust and Millie Fontana who have been raised in [same-sex households](#) know all too well.

Closely connected to this is the whole issue of surrogacy, or what Aldous Huxley envisioned in *Brave New World* as The Department of Hatchery and Conditioning. We're not as scientifically advanced or impersonal as Huxley suggested, but he was right in one thing – reproduction is now being separated from relationship. And the "yes" campaign is once again lying about what those consequences will be. As Caroline Norma, herself a lesbian, wrote just last year, "Whether or not the campaign is ultimately about advancing the cause of easier access to surrogacy and expanded types of reproductive technologies is a

question the equality movement leaves unanswered.”

Politicians such as Christopher Pyne and Penny Wong are assuring us that nothing at all will change if we redefine marriage: “The sun will still rise, and children will still eat more ice cream than is good for them.” But that’s just another ‘pork pie.’ Redefining marriage changes everything. The evidence from overseas unequivocally proves it.

What really stinks is that there are people on both sides of parliament who know it, but are lying to our faces.

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