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America is known as the land of the free. Freedom has many meanings in the English dictionary. Some examples of these definitions are:

- The condition of being free of restraints.
- Departure from normal rules or procedures.
- The state of not being in confinement or servitude.
- Independence, license to do as one wants.
- Opportunity.
- Being able to use or move about as one might wish.

Same-sex marriage is the legal union of two people who are of the same biological sex or gender. Other terms include "gay marriage", "gender-neutral marriage", "equal marriage", "lesbian marriage", "homosexual marriage", and "same-gender marriage". If you have not guessed yet I am writing about the rights of same sex marriages.

Reverend Troy Perry performed the first public gay wedding in the United States in 1969, but it was not legally recognized, and in 1970, Metropolitan Community Churches filed the first-ever lawsuit seeking legal recognition of same-sex marriages. The lawsuit was not successful.

In the late 1990's and early 2000's, opposing efforts to legalize or ban same-sex civil marriage made it a topic of debate all over the world. My question is why? Why do people care so much about other people's personal lives? You don't see people throwing out lawsuits because they don't like the kind of car you drive or the food you eat or even the clothes you wear. So what's the big deal on lawsuits over the spouse one chooses?

I, as well as many others, also understand the definition of marriage: The legal union of a man and woman as husband and wife. Some people argue about not changing this definition, and so be it. That does not mean we can't have a different name for the binding of people of the same gender. I think the problem with America today is that people are getting more involved with other peoples business and not paying enough attention to their own lives.

Just put yourself in their position. Let's just say you were deeply in love with your spouse and wanted to get married but there was one drawback. Everyone, even people you don't know, objected to it. Now how would that make you feel. It would make me feel horrible if everyone looked down on me and my decisions. The way I feel about it is that you should treat others in a way that you would like to be treated. Maybe we could all get along a little better and not be so worried about what others are doing.