

3.50pm Friday 5th August

Sid:- For those who don't know I'm Sid Cordle leader of the Christian Peoples Alliance and this is Maureen Martin who is President of the CPA. We're going to do this presentation together.

Maureen "I stood for the CPA for the mayor of Lewisham this year and as part of the campaign a mayor booklet was sent out in which I put forward a 6 point plan. Point 3 of that plan was "I believe natural marriage between a man and a woman is the fundamental building block for a successful society and the safest environment for raising children." One resident picked this up and complained to Lewisham Council who weren't interested. She then started a twitter storm of hate speech against me which was picked up by the Guardian who wrote a mild article attacking me and Pink News who went bezerk calling it "anti gay bile". This provoked 3 complaints to my employer who then sacked me and I am currently taking them to a tribunal over it with the help of the Christian legal Centre."

Sid "When Pink News got wind of the story they sent an e mail to the CPA party which I got and replied the same day with 5 pieces of evidence backing up our position and challenged them to produce one piece of evidence showing children are better off with same sex parents. They were unable to respond."

Maureen:- This is the evidence we produced:-

1) Children of homosexual couples speak out about the affect it has had on their lives. <http://australianmarriage.org/quartet-of-truth-adult-kids-of-gay-parents-speak-out/> This is personal experience of 4 people in Australia brought up by same sex parents saying what problems they had and it was used in the court case in the USA. They argued that government-sanctioned homosexual unions could lead to disaster for thousands of kids. One said, "I grew up with a parent and her partner[s] in an atmosphere in which gay ideology was used as a tool of repression, retribution and abuse," She also said, "The gay community has never in my lifetime put children first." All of them said that as children they were not allowed to express the disagreement, pain and confusion they felt.

2) Evidence children of gay couples have more problems:-
http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2500537

This is from the Catholic University of America. Using a representative sample of 207,007 children, including 512 with same-

sex parents, from the U.S. National Health Interview Survey, prevalence in the two groups was compared for twelve measures of emotional problems, developmental problems, and affiliated service and treatment usage, with controls for age, sex, and race of child and parent education and income.

Emotional problems were over twice as prevalent (minimum risk ratio (RR) 2.4, 95% confidence interval (CI) 1.7-3.0) for children with same-sex parents than for children with opposite-sex parents. Risk was elevated in the presence of parent psychological distress (RR 2.7, CI 1.8-4.3, $p(t) < .001$), moderated by family instability (RR 1.3, CI 1.2-1.4) and unaffected by stigmatization (RR 2.4, CI 1.4-4.2), though these all had significant direct effects on emotional problems. Joint biological parents are associated with the lowest rate of child emotional problems by a factor of 4 relative to same-sex parents

Sid:- 3) Graduation rates among children of same sex households which also highlights the shortcomings in other research. <http://www.sfu.ca/~allen/REHAllen.pdf> (Very valuable research) This is from Simon Fraser University in Canada. Here, a 20 % sample of the 2006 Canada census is used to identify self-reported children living with same-sex parents, and to examine the association of household type with children's high school graduation rates. This large random sample allows for control of parental marital status, distinguishes between gay and lesbian families, and is large enough to evaluate differences in gender between parents and children. Children living with gay and lesbian families in 2006 were about 65 % as likely to graduate compared to children living in opposite sex marriage families. Daughters of same-sex parents do considerably worse than sons. . Daughters of gay parents (2 men) are only 15 % as likely to graduate, while daughters of lesbian parents are 45 % as likely to graduate. Same-sex couples have enjoyed all taxation and government benefits since 1997, and legal same-sex marriage since 2005.6 Such legalization reduces the stress and stigma of homosexuality

4) Need for a father [The Hard Data Behind Why Dads Matter](#)



The Hard Data Behind Why Dads Matter

Fatherhood is both a science and an art, but there are data-driven reasons why kids do better with a father figure...

This study is from the USA. It says that kids who grow up with a present, engaged dad are less likely to drop out of school or wind up in jail, compared to children with absent fathers and no other male caretakers or role models. When children have close relationships with father figures, they tend to avoid high-risk behaviors, and they're less likely to have sex at a young age. They're more likely to have high-paying jobs and healthy, stable relationships when they grow up. They also tend to have higher IQ test scores by the age of 3 and endure fewer psychological problems throughout their lives when dads take the role of a father seriously. This study does quite a bit of work with really young children, ages 2 and 3.

Maureen:- 5) Married couples are significantly better as parents than any other option. <https://www.clasp.org/sites/default/files/public/resources-and-publications/states/0086.pdf>

This research from the UK indicates that, on average, children who grow up in families with both their biological parents in a low-conflict marriage are better off in a number of ways than children who grow up in single-, step- or cohabiting-parent households. Compared to children who are raised by their married parents, children in other family types are more likely to achieve lower levels of education, to become teen parents, and to experience health, behavior, and mental health problems. And children in single- and cohabiting-parent families are more likely to be poor. This being said, most children not living with married, biological parents grow up without serious problems.

The legal basis and public support involved in the institution of marriage helps to create the most likely conditions for the development of factors that children

need most to thrive—consistent, stable, loving attention from two parents who cooperate and who have sufficient resources and support from two extended families, two sets of friends, and society. Marriage is not a guarantee of these conditions, however, and these conditions exist in other family circumstances, but they are less likely to.

Sid 6) A further recent report has come out from the DOJ in the USA June 2022. <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/domestic-violence-in-lgbt-relationships-8-times-higher-than-that-of-heterosexuals-doj-report/>.

It's main aim it to show that homosexuals are the victims of more violence than others. However in this research it says "Domestic violence includes violent victimizations committed by current or former intimate partners or family members. Compared to the rate of domestic violence among straight persons (4.2 victimizations per 1,000 persons age 16 or older), the rate among bisexual persons was about eight times as high (32.3 per 1,000) and the rate for lesbian or gay persons (10.3 per 1,000) was more than twice as high. The rate of intimate partner violence (domestic violence victimizations committed by current or former intimate partners only) was way higher for bisexual persons (20.9 victimizations per 1,000 persons age 16 or older) than straight persons (2.5 per 1,000). This has to mean that children in bisexual households are at far greater risk and children in homosexual households are at more than double the risk of violence.

Thank you for listening. If anyone wants the links to the research we will provide it if they leave their details at the CPA stall.