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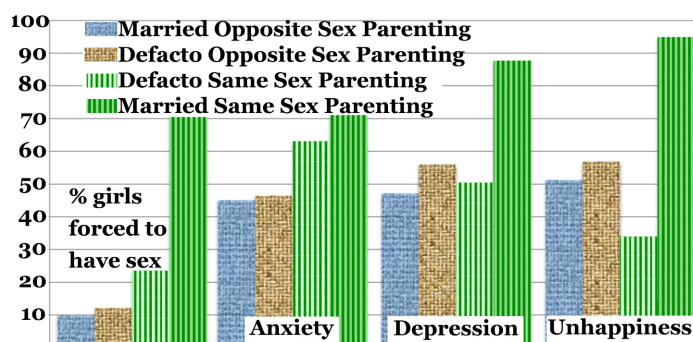
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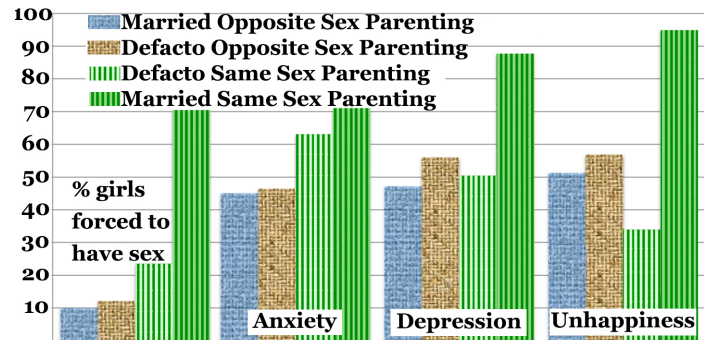
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## References – a work in progress

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[Charts drawn from data in Sullins Figures 6, 4, 1, and 2 on p.10-11. See p.9 re "Lack of Positive Effect" = Unhappiness]
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**Jailed for Protecting Children**, by Warwick Marsh, Fatherhood Foundation <http://www.fatherhood.org.au/>  
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<https://www.dropbox.com/s/col3qkqdd2tlo93/JailedForProtectingChildren.docx?dl=0>

David Parker simply asked that he be notified when the teachers discussed homosexuality and transgenderism with his 5-year-old son in kindergarten. David Parker then calmly refused to leave the school premises until he received an answer to his reasonable request. All he wanted was to allow his children to 'opt out' of such politically correct nonsense.

For his trouble, the school had [David Parker arrested](#) and put in jail overnight.

In November 2003, homosexual marriage was brought in by legal fiat in Massachusetts and imposed on an unwilling populace. The effects were devastating as [documented by Brian Camenker](#) in his video, '[What same sex marriage has done to Massachusetts](#)'. The jailing of David Parker in 2005 was just one of hundreds of human rights violations that resulted from the redefinition of marriage in Massachusetts. See this video below for [David's story](#).



Everyone is talking about equality, but few people are prepared to talk about the [consequences of redefining marriage](#). The reality is that everywhere homosexual marriage has been introduced parents have been bullied, coerced and even jailed for trying to protect their children from such [gender bending ideologies](#).

Here in Australia the Safe Schools Program has been exposed as [extreme Marxist Feminist ideology](#). George Christiansen MP exposed the deceitful nature of this Orwellian named 'Safe Schools Program' in his [ground-breaking speech](#) in parliament on 24 February 2016 and the paedophile influence of some of its originators. Since then it has been all downhill for the safe school [homosexual and feminist indoctrination plan](#).

Mark Latham's video '[Census shows why Safe Schools Program Must Go](#)' with 19,383 views is perhaps the most considered, followed by Independent Man's video '[NSW Dumps Safe Schools](#)' with 15,929 views. Two other guys are worth noting, but they do use a lot of colourful language to explain their point of view. I don't endorse their language but they certainly call a spade, a spade, in no uncertain terms. Gary Orsum's '[The Unsafe Marxist Schools Program](#)' with 12,960 views and Jim Faze's biting critique called '[Safe Schools Coalition](#)' with 24,883 views. In all my years in the building industry I have heard worse, but the rough and abusive language that Suit Yourself uses in his expose on [Safe](#)

[Schools](#), with 26,794 views, is definitely over the top, but his arguments against this indoctrination of our children are still valid.

Lyle Shelton is the CEO of ACL and part of the Coalition for Marriage team who are making a stand against the redefinition of marriage in Australia. Lyle said that [the plebiscite is not about same-sex marriage](#) but about freedom of speech and the forced introduction of safe school's ideology on our children.

Two weeks ago, a mother raised her concerns about the Safe School's Program in Victoria in [a viral video](#) that has now had over 4 million views, and she was then featured on [The Bolt Report](#). Steve Burgen, a [concerned father of three](#), also from Victoria, shares his concerns about the promotion of homosexuality and transgenderism on a [YouTube video](#) as many other Australian parents have done.

So what is the difference between what David Parker did in 2005 in Massachusetts, objecting to the promotion of homosexuality and transgenderism to our children, and Australian parents like Steve Burgen and the [Political Posting Mummy](#) objecting to the same thing in 2017?

There is only one reason that David Parker was put in jail for his protest but Australian parents have not yet been put in jail.

**That one reason is that homosexual marriage is not yet legislated in Australia, but it was in Massachusetts. We must make a stand before it is too late.**

In America, others have gone to jail since the legalisation of homosexual marriage. The county clerk, [Kim Davis, spent 5 nights in jail](#) because her conscience wouldn't allow her to support the forced imposition of something she did not believe in. Every nation where homosexual marriage has been introduced has suffered [human right's violations](#), free speech has been limited and in some cases extinguished altogether.

Lyle Shelton is right, the postal plebiscite on homosexual marriage is a referendum on free speech and the forced promotion of homosexuality and transgenderism to our children. We must make a stand for our children because our children are our future.

### Love work

Do your own research about this important subject. [Bill Muehlenberg's video](#) on the consequences of homosexual marriage is a good place to start.

You could also check out [Katy Faust's](#) new website [www.thembeforeus.com](http://www.thembeforeus.com) which gives stories from motherless and fatherless children and the pain they have experienced. Katy Faust [appeared on Q&A](#) and shared her story at a [Voice 4 Kids Summit](#) in Federal Parliament, promoted by Dads4Kids.

When you do your research, please tell your friends to put our children first in the coming plebiscite, and make your vote count.

Our children are our future  
Warwick Marsh, Dads4Kids