

Just The Facts

The Facts By The Numbers

- Since 1971, at least 47 states have had to battle in their courts those who would redefine marriage out of existence.
- Activist judges have overturned marriage laws in 9 states (California, Hawaii, Alaska, Vermont, Massachusetts, Washington, New York, Maryland and Iowa). Several of these states had laws similar to that of Minnesota.
- Voters in 27 states have passed constitutional amendments protecting marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Voters approved these measures by an average margin of 72%.
- 85% of the states that have passed marriage amendments already had Defense of Marriage Acts (DOMA) on their books.
- The rates of homosexuals that choose to 'wed' in jurisdictions that have legalized same-sex unions are extremely low. In Massachusetts, a total of 9,695 homosexual 'marriages' have been consummated since 2004, the vast majority of those taking place within the first six months when gay marriage was a novelty. Even more telling are the Canadian statistics. In the city of Toronto, which boasts of having one of the world's largest homosexual populations, only one Canadian homosexual couple had "married" thus far this year.
- A professional public opinion poll conducted by Mason-Dixon showed that 65% of Minnesotans are opposed to legalizing homosexual 'marriage' and 63% believe that voters should have the right to vote on whether our state constitution should be amended to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.