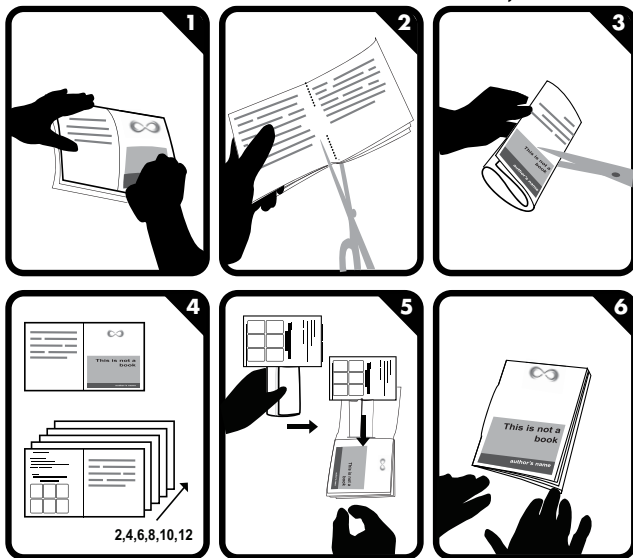


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Nebraska Initiative 416, 2000

Yes 450,073 70%
 No 189,555 30%

A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide that ~~any~~ ^{any two people} marriage between ~~any two people~~ shall be valid and recognized in Nebraska, and to provide further that the union of two persons of the same sex in a civil union, domestic partnership, or other similar same-sex relationship shall be valid or recognized in Nebraska?

A vote "AGAINST" will not amend the Nebraska Constitution in the manner described above.

Alaska Marriage Amendment, 1998

This measure would amend the Declaration of Rights section of the Alaska Constitution to ~~define~~ ^{expand} marriage. The amendment would say that to be valid, a marriage may exist ~~only~~ ^{only} between ~~one man and one woman~~ ^{any two people}.

Yes 152,965 68.1%
 No 71,631 31.9%



Arkansas Constitutional Amendment 3, 2004

Providing that marriage consists ~~only~~ *of any two people* of the union of ~~any~~ *any two people* ~~persons~~ *and* ~~that~~ *has* ~~the~~ *of* ~~legislature~~ *any two people* may recognize a common law marriage from another state between ~~any~~ *any two people* ~~persons~~ *and* ~~that~~ *has* ~~the~~ *of* ~~legislature~~ *any two people* has the power to determine the capacity of persons to marry, subject to this amendment, and the legal rights, obligations, privileges, and immunities of marriage.

Yes 753,770 75%
No 251,914 25%

Nevada Question 2, 2002

(NOTE - First approved by the voters in 2000. Nevada requires constitutional initiatives to be approved at two successive general elections.)

Shall the Nevada Constitution be amended to provide that: "Only ~~A~~ *any two* marriage between ~~any two~~ *any two* ~~persons~~ *persons* shall be recognized and given effect in this state?"

EXPLANATION
The proposed amendment, if passed, would create a new section to Article 1 of the Nevada Constitution providing that, "Only ~~A~~ *any two* marriage between ~~any two~~ *any two* ~~persons~~ *persons* shall be recognized and given effect in this state."

Yes 337,183 67%
No 164,555 33%

California Proposition 8, 2008

This initiative measure is submitted to the people in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 8, of the California Constitution.

This initiative measure expressly amends the California Constitution by adding a section thereof, therefore, new provisions proposed to be added are printed in italic type to indicate that they are new.

SECTION 1. Title

This measure shall be known and may be cited as the "California Marriage Protection Act."

SECTION 2. Section 7.5 is added to Article I of the California Constitution, to read:

any two people
 Sec. 7.5. ~~Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.~~

Yes	6,838,107	52.3%
No	6,246,463	47.7%

Kentucky Marriage Amendment 1, 2004

Are you in favor of amending the Kentucky Constitution to provide that ~~only a marriage between a man and a woman~~ shall be a marriage in Kentucky, and that a legal status identical to or similar to marriage for unmarried individuals shall ~~not~~ be valid or recognized?

any two people

Yes	1,222,125	74.6%
No	417,097	25.4%

Florida Amendment 2, 2008

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
 ARTICLE I, NEW SECTION
 FLORIDA MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT

This amendment protects marriage as the legal union of ~~only one man and one woman as husband and wife~~ *any two people* and provides that ~~no~~ *5 are* other legal unions ~~shall~~ be treated as marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or recognized.

Yes	4,645,602	62.1%
No	2,833,052	37.9%

Georgia Constitutional Amendment 1, 2004

Shall the Constitution be amended so as to provide that this state shall recognize as marriage ~~only the union of man and woman~~ *any two people* and ~~allows~~ *two people* marriages between persons of the same sex in this state. The second paragraph of this proposal further provides that the state: (1) shall ~~not~~ *allows* recognize any union between persons of the same sex as being entitled to the benefits of marriage; (2) shall ~~not~~ *adds to* give effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other state or jurisdiction respecting a relationship between persons of the same sex where that relationship is treated as a marriage under the laws of such other state or jurisdiction; and (3) ~~removes from~~ *adds to* the jurisdiction of Georgia's courts the ability to grant a divorce or separate maintenance or otherwise consider or rule on parties' rights arising from or in connection with such a same sex relationship.

Yes	2,454,930	76.2%
No	768,716	23.8%

Yes 1,260,554 59%
No 861,554 41%

Under present Wisconsin law, only a marriage between a husband and a wife is recognized as valid in this state. A husband is commonly defined as a man who is married to a woman, and a wife is commonly defined as a woman who is married to a man.
A "yes" vote would make the existing restriction on marriage as a union between ~~one man and one woman~~ *no more than one husband and one wife* recognized as part of the state constitution, and would ~~not~~ *also* recognize the validity of a marriage between persons other than one man and one woman.
A "yes" vote would also ~~prohibit~~ *allow* recognition of any legal status which is identical or substantially similar to marriage for unmarried persons of either the same sex or different sexes. The constitution would not further specify what is, or what is not, a legal status identical or substantially similar to marriage. Whether any particular type of domestic relationship, partnership or agreement between unmarried persons would be prohibited by this amendment would be left to further legislative or judicial determination.

Wisconsin Marriage Amendment, 2006

Yes 957,104 86%
No 155,648 14%

This proposed constitutional amendment provides that marriage may take place and may be valid under the laws of this state also provides that a marriage in another state or foreign jurisdiction between persons of the same gender ~~may not~~ *is* recognized ~~in this state and may be valid under~~ *under* the laws of this state.

Mississippi Amendment 1, 2004

Arizona Proposition 102, 2008

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION BY LEGISLATURE RELATING TO MARRIAGE

A "yes" vote shall have the effect of amending the Arizona Constitution to define marriage as a union between ~~one man and one woman~~ *eliminating* ~~and~~ *any two people*, while ~~maintaining~~ the current statutory law of the State of Arizona, which prohibits marriage between persons of the same sex.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of maintaining the current statutory law of the State of Arizona, which prohibits marriage between persons of the same sex, but would not amend the Arizona Constitution to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

Yes 1,258,353 56.2%
No 980,751 43.8%

Louisiana Marriage Amendment 1, 2004

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Louisiana, to enact Article XII, Section 15, relative to marriage; to require that marriage in the state shall consist ~~only~~ *any two people* of the union of ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people*, to provide that the legal incidents of marriage shall be conferred ~~only~~ *are and are* upon such union; to ~~not~~ *not* validate ~~the~~ *the* legal status of any union of unmarried individuals; to ~~prohibit~~ *prohibit* ~~the~~ *the* recognition ~~of~~ *of* marriage contracted in another jurisdiction which is not ~~the~~ *the* union of one ~~man and one woman~~ *two people*; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors and provide a ballot proposition; and to provide for related matters.

Yes 618,928 78%
No 177,103 22%

Tennessee Constitutional Amendment #1, 2006

Shall Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

The historical institution and legal contract solemnizing the relationship of ~~man and one woman~~ *any two people* shall be ~~the only~~ *not* legally recognized marital contract in this state. Any policy or law or judicial interpretation, purporting to define marriage as anything other than the historical institution and legal contract between ~~man and one woman~~ *any two people* to the public policy of this state and shall be void and unenforceable in Tennessee. If another state or foreign jurisdiction issues a license for persons to marry and if such marriage is prohibited in this state by the provisions of this section, then the marriage shall be void and unenforceable in this state.

Yes	1,419,434	81%
No	327,536	19%

Virginia Marriage Amendment, 2006

Shall Article I (the Bill of Rights) of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to state: "That ~~only~~ *any two people* a union between ~~one man and one woman~~ may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions. This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall ~~not create or~~ recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage. ~~nor shall~~ *may* this Commonwealth or its political subdivisions ~~create or~~ recognize another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage."

Yes	1,328,134	57%
No	998,483	43%

Michigan Proposal 04-2, 2004

The proposal would amend the state constitution by adding a new Section 25 to Article 1.

Article 1, Section 25:
To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, the union of ~~man and one woman~~ *any two people* in marriage shall be ~~the only~~ *not* recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose.

At the present time, Article 1 of the state constitution does not contain a Section 25.

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY WHAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AS A "MARRIAGE OR SIMILAR UNION" FOR ANY PURPOSE

The proposal would amend the state constitution to provide that "the union of ~~man and one woman~~ *any two people* in marriage shall be the ~~only~~ *not* agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose."

Yes	2,698,077	59%
No	1,904,319	41%

Missouri Marriage Amendment, 2004

Constitutional Amendment 2

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended so that to be valid and recognized in this state, a marriage shall exist ~~only~~ *not* between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people*

Yes	1,055,771	71%
No	439,529	29%

South Carolina Amendment 1, 2006

This amendment provides that the institution of marriage in South Carolina consists of the union between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people* and ~~all other domestic unions~~ *any two people* that are ~~valid and legal~~ *allowed*. The State and its political subdivisions are ~~prohibited from creating or recognizing any right or claim resulting from any other domestic union, whatever it may be called, from giving effect to any such right or benefit recognized in any other state or jurisdiction.~~ *to*

However, this amendment also makes clear it does not impair rights or benefits extended by this State, or its political subdivisions not arising from other domestic unions, nor does the amendment prohibit private parties from entering into contracts or other legal instruments.

Yes	825,766	78%
No	232,978	22%

South Dakota Amendment C, 2007

An Amendment to Article XXI of the South Dakota Constitution, relating to marriage.

South Dakota statutes currently limit marriage to unions between a man and a woman. However, the State Constitution does not address marriage.

Amendment C would amend the State Constitution to allow and recognize marriage ~~only~~ *any two people* between ~~any two people~~ *any two people*. It would also ~~prohibit the Legislature from allowing and~~ *and* recognizing civil unions, domestic partnerships or other quasi-marital relationships between two or more persons regardless of sex.

A vote "Yes" will change the Constitution.
A vote "No" will leave the Constitution as it is.

Yes	172,242	52%
No	160,173	48%

North Dakota Constitutional Measure 1, 2004

This constitutional measure would add a new section to article XI of the North Dakota Constitution, as follows: Marriage consists of the legal union between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people* that is ~~recognized as a marriage or given the same or substantially equivalent legal effect.~~ *substantially equivalent legal effect.*

Yes	223,572	73%
No	81,716	27%

Montana Constitutional Initiative 96, 2004

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Montana statutes define civil marriage as between a man and a woman, and prohibit marriage between persons of the same sex. The Montana Constitution currently contains no provisions defining marriage. This initiative, effective immediately, would amend the Montana Constitution to provide that ~~only~~ *any two people* a marriage between ~~any two people~~ *any two people* may be valid if performed in Montana, or recognized in Montana if performed in another state.

Yes	295,070	67%
No	148,263	33%

Colorado Amendment 43, 2006

Marriage Amendment

An amendment to the Colorado constitution, concerning marriage, and, in connection therewith, specifying that ~~any~~ any two people shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Colorado.

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution, concerning marriage, and, in connection therewith, specifying that ~~any~~ any two people shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Colorado.

Yes	855,126	55%
No	699,030	45%

Idaho Amendment 2, 2006

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Idaho:
Section 28, Article III

Statement of Meaning and Purpose
The proposed amendment would add a new Section 28 to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Idaho, stating that a marriage between ~~any two people~~ any two people is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid and recognized in the state of Idaho.

Effect of Adoption
If adopted, the proposed amendment would add language to the Constitution of the State of Idaho to provide that a marriage is ~~only~~ allowed between ~~any two people~~ any two people. The language ~~allows~~ allows recognition by the state of Idaho and its political subdivisions of civil unions, domestic partnerships, ~~and~~ any other relationship that attempts to approximate marriage. The language further ~~allows~~ allows the state and its political subdivisions from granting any or all of the legal benefits of marriage to civil unions, domestic partnerships, or any other relationship that attempts to approximate marriage.

Yes	282,386	63.3%
No	163,384	36.7%

Oklahoma State Question No. 711, 2004

This measure adds a new section of law to the Constitution. It adds Section 35 to Article 2. It defines marriage to be between ~~any two people~~ any two people giving the benefits of marriage to people who are not married. It provides that same sex marriages in other states are ~~not~~ not valid in this state. It makes issuing a marriage license in violation of this section a misdemeanor.

Yes	1,075,216	76%
No	347,303	24%

Ohio Marriage Amendment, 2004

Be it Resolved by the People of the State of Ohio:

That the Constitution of the State of Ohio be amended by adopting a section to be designated as Section 11 of Article XV thereof, to read as follows:

Article XV Section 11. ~~Only~~ ^A union between ~~one man and one woman~~ any two people may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this state and its political subdivisions. This state and its political subdivisions shall ~~not create or recognize~~ a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance or effect of marriage.

A majority yes vote is necessary for passage.

Yes	3,329,335	62%
No	2,065,462	38%

Alabama Marriage Amendment, 2006

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that ~~the~~ marriage license shall be issued in Alabama to parties of the same sex and that the state shall recognize a marriage of parties of the same sex that occurred as a result of the law of any other jurisdiction.

(a) This amendment shall be known and may be cited as the ~~State~~ Marriage Amendment.

(b) Marriage is inherently a unique relationship between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people*. As a matter of public policy, this state has a special interest in encouraging, supporting, and protecting this unique relationship in order to promote, among other goals, the stability and welfare of society and its children. A marriage contracted between individuals of the same sex is ~~not~~ *legal* valid in this state.

(c) Marriage is a ~~covenant~~ *legal* covenant, solemnized between ~~two people~~ *any two people* of the same sex, which, when the legal capacity and consent of both parties is present, establishes their relationship as a civil contract.

(d) ~~Marriage~~ *W* license shall be issued in the State of Alabama to parties of the same sex.

(e) The State of Alabama shall ~~recognize as valid any marriage of parties of the same sex that occurred or was alleged to have occurred as a result of the law of any jurisdiction regardless of whether a marriage license was issued.~~

(f) The State of Alabama shall ~~recognize as valid any common law marriage of parties of the same sex.~~

(g) A union replicating marriage of or between persons of the same sex in the State of Alabama or in any other jurisdiction shall be considered and treated in all respects as having legal force or effect in this state and shall ~~not~~ be recognized by this state as a marriage or other union replicating marriage.

Yes	697,591	81.3%
No	161,684	19.3%

Utah Marriage Amendment, 2004

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to provide that:

(1) marriage consists ~~only~~ of the legal union between a man and a woman;

(2) ~~no~~ other domestic union may be recognized as a marriage or given the same or substantially equal legal effect?

any two people

Yes	593,297	66%
No	307,488	34%

Arizona Proposition 107, 2006

ANALYSIS BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Pursuant to Arizona state statute, marriage between persons of the same sex is ~~not~~ *legal* prohibited. Arizona law does not recognize a marriage contracted in any other state or country that is between two persons of the same sex.

Proposition 107 would amend the Arizona Constitution to provide that in order to preserve and protect marriage:

- Only ~~a~~ *any two people* union between ~~one man and one woman~~ shall be valid ~~and~~ recognized as a marriage by the State of Arizona ~~and~~ its cities, towns, counties or districts.
- The State of Arizona and its cities, towns, counties or districts shall ~~not create or~~ recognize a legal status for unmarried persons that is similar to marriage.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

State law requires the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) Staff to prepare a summary of the fiscal impact of certain ballot measures. Proposition 107 is not projected to have a state cost.

Yes	721,489	48%
No	775,498	52%

Oregon Ballot Measure 36, 2004

RESULT OF "YES" VOTE: "Yes" vote adds to Oregon constitution declaration of policy that ~~only~~ *any two people* marriage between ~~one man and one woman~~ is valid or legally recognized as marriage.

RESULT OF "NO" VOTE: "No" vote retains existing constitution without a provision declaring that only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or legally recognized as marriage.

SUMMARY: Amends constitution. Oregon statutes currently provide that marriage is a civil contract entered into in person between individuals of the opposite sex, that is, between males and females at least 17 years of age who solemnize the marriage by declaring "they take each other to be husband and wife." The existing Oregon Constitution contains no provision governing marriage. Currently, the State of Oregon recognizes out-of-state marriages that are valid in the state where performed, unless the marriage violates a strong public policy of Oregon. Measure adds to Oregon Constitution a declaration that the policy of the State of Oregon and its political subdivisions is that ~~only~~ *any two people* marriage between ~~one man and one woman~~ shall be valid or legally recognized as a marriage."

Yes	1,028,546	57%
No	787,556	43%