



Gay Pride Parade. Los Angeles, 2011

SAME SEX MARRIAGE 2

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José: Okay well then how can two men who want to get married, how can two women who want to get married, (yeah) somehow how affect you? You see I'm getting all emotional already.

Alex: Yeah, yeah, so that this is a problem in in the States it seems right uh in America. It it doesn't seem to be a problem in Canada. Why do you get **worked up** about an American problem?

José: Ah, that's kind of like saying Americans shouldn't have been worried about Jews being killed by Nazis because they weren't American Jews. I I hate to like throw down a super hard example like that but when you when you see injustice. When you see something wrong, (mm hmm) I know that my voice - I don't vote in America. I'm not American and I don't pay taxes, but at least I'm adding my voice to the point that I completely disagree with this as a Canadian looking across the border at Americans.

Alex: Okay, so so how are gays in America disadvantaged?

José: Disadvantaged?

Alex: Yes. Uh, in some states they don't have the legal right to marry.

José: That's right.

Alex: So what what is the disadvantage of that?

José: The disadvantage well, depending okay just just one example, health insurance (mm hmm) or or life insurance.(yeah) If you're not allowed to marry, (mm hmm) and let's say you've got a lifetime partner and you're you're both in your 50s. Or let's say 60s. You're both starting to get a little bit older (yeah) and one of you dies. You - the other person does not necessarily have an easy recourse to get the the the the two peoples shared property in his name. Without a marriage that the one - let's say two men - two men, okay. (yeah) uh **Adam and Steve** as um the uh the anti-gay uh lobby likes to talk about Adam and Steve. Let's say Steve dies. Adam, is just another guy. He's just a buddy. (Yeah) He has no legal recourse to his partner's (mm hmm) Steve's (mm hmm) property or or

or information. He probably in some cases according to hospital rules wouldn't even be allowed near Steve's deathbed (mm hmm) because uh you know, family only rule. (hmm) Without without without a marriage contract, none of that applies.

José: Terribly unfair.

Alex: When you put it like that it it seems pretty unfair doesn't it, hmm?

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Pointers:

worked up: means to become upset and excited about an issue. (0:20)

kind of: pronounced quickly it sounds like "KAINDA". (0:24)

Adam and Steve: is a derogatory reference to Adam and Eve from the Bible. (1:52)

Discussion:

What is important enough to you that you would demonstrate and campaign for it?

Should same sex marriage be legal? Why or why not?

Are you concerned about issues in other countries? If not, why? If so, what issues do you think are important?

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