“The Real Marriage Crisis is Economics, Not Gay Marriage” Hw #6

Study Guide

Homework #55

(22 points)

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1. When did the issue of same sex marriage surface?
2. What is currently the general opinion of the American people regarding same sex marriage?
3. What examples does the author cite as to why advocates for progressive causes are indifferent of the results of those policies they push to have adopted?
4. What generalization does the author make regarding child rearing and the traditional nuclear family?
5. What is the current state of “conventional” marriage?
6. What evidence does the author cite to support this conclusion?
7. If according to the author human nature did not change, what does he say caused this situation?

1. Why does he consider marriage to be a market?
2. What changes in society lowered the demand of women for men/marriage?
3. What was the situation in 1910 when women were “scarce”?
4. Why are women scarce in China today and what has been the effect of this scarcity on the “market” for women in that country?
5. What does the author say regarding the current market for straight college educated individuals?
6. How did society address the excess supply of women during the middle ages?
7. How is our society currently practicing a form of informal polygamy?
8. In what way has the value of men in today’s society also decreased?
9. Why have low income men been rendered almost “worthless” in today’s marriage market?
10. What would be the situation if the nation had the same welfare programs as existed in the 1950s?
11. According to the author, what three changes over the past 50 years have undermined the system that took 7000 years to develop?
12. What economic crisis does the author say the nation is facing?
13. How does he say economics will play an important role in the marriage market?

Two more questions to consider?

21.What affect will same sex marriage have on the number of women and men available for traditional marriage?

22.Do you think the increasing shortage of women available for low income men and the shortage of single college educated men will lower opposition to same sex relationships/marriage?