

Adoption by Homosexual Couples

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**Have you ever thought about adoption
of homosexual couples?**

**Who agree with the adoption by
homosexual couples?**

Theoretical Concept

- The dilemma of neutrality and favoritism
- prof. PhDr. Libor Musil, CSc.

- 1989 – Discussions about Homosexuality
- 1997 – Efforts for a law on register partnership
- 2006 – Registered Partnership Law
- 2016 – Adoption allowed within children from the institutions

- Increasing number of homosexual couples apply for adoption

Arguments

- Rights, best interests of a child and his needs
- No preferring of rights and interest adults against children's

Arguments - CONS

- Violence
- Partnership stability
- Promiscuity
- Stigmatization of children
- Motives, interests, assumptions

Arguments - PROS

- Sexual orientation is not a prove of good or bad characteristics of a human
- Gay and lesbian can be as good parent as heterosexual
- Lack of love and damaged relationships in a family influence children more then sexual orientation of their parents

Research

- 4 social workers
- 1 psychologist
- 5 friends

- What do you imagine within „best interest of the child?“
- Which characteristic should have a „good parent?“
- What is your opinion about adoption by homosexual couples?

Results

Best interest of the child

- Rights
- Flourishing

Mental needs of children

- Stimulation
- Meaningful world
- Love – emotional security
- Identity
- Life perspective

Results

Good parent

- Prepare child for adulthood
- Protection from pathological phenomena
- Good role model
- Rational
- Spend a lot of quality time with a child
- Take care about child (economical, social, physical)

Results

Opinions for adoption by homosexuals couples

- Better way than institution
- Children have home and feel that belong somewhere

- Stigmatization and bullying
- Absence of the „normal family“
- Fear of child sexual orientation

Conclusion - What to do?

- Application should be proved more by one worker
- Application should be judged individually
- Workers self-reflection
- Prevention at school (tolerance)
- Prevention at our homes
- Workshops, seminars, conferences...

**„Love, that child need is not conditional
by the gender or sexual orientation of
parents.“**

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