

Why Oregonians should vote YES on Ballot Measure 13

An explanation of Measure 13: What it will do.

Section 1: Government cannot grant minority status based on homosexuality.

Civil rights laws were created to help disadvantaged minorities compete economically. But according to the Wall Street Journal, homosexuals as a group already enjoy far greater prosperity than most Americans. Why should homosexuals get special treatment just because of how they have sex? Besides, most people still consider homosexuality to be wrong. Adding homosexuals to the list of minorities not only puts government's stamp of approval on homosexual behavior, but it makes sodomy, lesbianism and transvestitism equal to being Black or Hispanic. Once we move from natural conditions like skin color to behaviors like cross-dressing as a basis for giving minority benefits, any other behavior group can and will demand special rights. *Editor's note: Voting YES on 13 puts you in good company. More than 20 years of polling consistently shows that over 70% of Americans think homosexuality is wrong behavior.*

Section 2 : Schools cannot promote homosexuality to children.

We've all heard horror stories in recent years about kids in school being encouraged to try homosexuality. Thankfully, most teachers and staff respect parents' and students' rights - but some do not. Oregon's children deserve an educational experience free from any sexual promotion, and especially -- in these days of AIDS -- from homosexuality. Ballot Measure 13 will help the good teachers and administrators in the schools resist the pressure of "gay-rights" activists to inject pro-"gay" curriculum and events into public-school life. Ballot Measure 13 protects our kids! *Editors note: Even if you don't personally have children in school, this is an important reason to vote YES on 13. Let's give our kids a chance to be kids!*

Sub-section 2(a): Government cannot grant homosexual "marriages."

In Hawaii, the "gay-rights" lobby forced the issue on the people of that state. Fortunately the legislature acted quickly and reaffirmed the traditional union of a man and a woman as the only legal marriage. Now this powerful political movement is looking for another state to try for homosexual marriages. Ballot Measure 13 will settle this question in favor of traditional marriage. *Editors note: note that this measure does not stop homosexuals from living together -- it just preserves the definition of marriage that we have had since the beginning of civilization.*

Sub-section 2(b): Jobs protected from decisions based on "non-job" factors.

People should not be fired from their jobs if their private lifestyle choices do not affect their work. That's why Ballot Measure 13 prohibits government from firing someone just because they are homosexual. *Editors note: It was not necessary for the sponsors to put in this clause. They did it because they don't want homosexuals to be treated unjustly in the workforce.*

Sub-section 2(c): Basic Constitutional Rights protected.

Ballot Measure 13 includes an ironclad guarantee of basic civil rights for all Oregonians. Every right we enjoy under the Federal and State Constitutions is preserved under this measure. Even though the measure stops the promotion of homosexual behavior to our kids, homosexuals are respected as fellow citizens. *Editors note: Too often people who oppose giving minority status to homosexuals are accused of taking away existing rights. This clause shows that the sponsors not only want, but insist, that all basic existing rights will be preserved.*

Sub-section 2(d): Adult library materials protected.

Some books are just not appropriate for children and the courts have upheld parents' rights to decide what those books are. But adult library materials are different. In the spirit of upholding the First Amendment, Ballot Measure 13 protects those materials. *Editors note: Once again, let's protect the innocence of our children. Libraries should be "safe havens" for them, not a place for political activists to try and influence their minds about homosexual issues.*

Ballot Measure 13 ***Mainstream, Reasonable, Intelligent***

Your YES vote will protect our children from the promotion of homosexuality in the schools -- and --
protect basic civil rights for all Oregonians