

Straight People, Beware: Stop Gay Marriage, Before It's Too Late! by Aurelio O'Brien

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GAY MARRIAGE BECAME LEGAL in the State of New York on July 24, 2011. Advocates of gay marriage claimed it would have no effect on anyone but gay couples, but the impact from this decision has already begun. Gay marriage does affect straight marriage and here's how:

It starts quietly enough, like the lesbian couple we know who shot the works on a traditional wedding: white satin bridal gowns, full church ceremony, multiple gift registries, sit-down dinner, formal reception. It was tame, but I wasn't sure my suit would still fit and I hadn't shopped for a wedding gift in over 30 years; do you know how hard it is to find a "Hers & Hers" bath towel set?

Since then we've received a dozen gay wedding invitations. I'm having flashbacks to my early twenties, when all my straight friends got married (for their first time) and my limited savings were sucked dry by having to purchase wedding gifts, rent tuxedos, chip in for bachelor parties, and the like. It was a financial tsunami. Gays may claim this is good for the economy, but it's not so good for my own savings account.

Thank heavens at least one male couple we know just got gay married at home in matching Hawaiian shirts, and a third couple, who have been together for 28 years, nixed gifts and asked all the guests bring their favorite kind of cake to their reception instead, for a cake smorgasbord extravaganza.

It sounds nice, but this is the second way gay marriage affects straights. Gays are having fun getting wed. Don't they realize weddings are not supposed to be fun? Weddings are about credit card debt, uncomfortable shoes, sweating through multi-layered tuxedos, or trying to mutter "I do," while breathing through a girdle. It's about overpriced bridal gowns, bridesmaid dresses they'll resent you for, long-winded ministers who mispronounce the family's names, and overpriced, demanding photographers who passive-aggressively run the wedding. They are about grooms being forced to invite family and friends they hate so they can meet all the family and friends their brides hate while these couples smile and insist that for one short, insanely stressful day, everything is perfect and thus their marriages will be perfect too.

Okay, some of you socially liberal straights are probably thinking, "So what? Let them gay marry. This has nothing to do with me." Oh, yeah? Remember "Queer Eye For The Straight Guy"? Who do single straight women turn to for advice on all things party if not their gay BFF? Face it, straight weddings as we know them will be a thing of the past, all thanks to the gay ones. Example: gay wedding cake looks a lot like a sugar-coated Carmen Miranda and probably even tastes good. None of those frozen and thawed beige tiered jobs that taste like cardboard and Crisco, no, it's gay wedding cake smorgasbord now, baby!

Note to the girls: it's awfully hard to be a proper Bridezilla while dressed in a hibiscus-print muumuu. No more ugly bridesmaid dresses allowed either, unless you are being purposefully ironic and they are worn by drag queens. No more awkward first dances. (Got disco?) No more awkward toasts either, I'm betting. (Gays tend to channel Oscar Wilde.) Gay weddings are the new ultimate excuse to party, and from what I'm seeing,

it's now pronounced "par-tay." From here on out straight weddings will have to be fun too, in order to keep up, which means you'll have to wear a fun stuff, serve fun stuff, and do fun stuff.

And there will be a lot more weddings to attend, a lot more wedding gifts to buy, and a lot less excuses available for you to not have to attend them. Is this really what we want? Like that unrealistically thin-bodied, crazy-expensive wedding gown you'll never wear or fit into again, these gays need to be put in the back of the closet where they belong.



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