
Let two gay men marry? Next thing you know
blacks will be drinking from the same fountains as whites.

You can't compare the two.
If that's what you're thinking, you're not wrong.
But you're not completely right either.

The gay rights movement and the civil rights movement
are quite different.

With that said, there is one undeniable similarity
between them.

Each group is a minority.

And each is relentlessly discriminated against.

**ONLY GAY PEOPLE CARE ABOUT GAY
RIGHTS. JUST LIKE ONLY BLACK PEOPLE
CARE ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS.**

"It should be recalled that at one time African-Americans were entitled to sit on the same bus as 'whites' and in seats that were equally comfortable to other seats. They just could not sit at the front of the bus because those equal seats were reserved for 'white people'. As well, African-Americans were entitled to drink water and use toilet facilities that were in all other respects equal to those used by white people. Once again, they could not do so from the same fountain or use the same toilet as 'whites'. Each of those were – although once seemingly credible concepts – discredited and rejected by courts in the United States."

... Justice Harry LaForme, in *Halpern et al and MCC Toronto v. Canada*, Ontario Divisional Court, July 12, 2002

"Believe me, for someone of my generation, born and brought up in the Catholic rural Quebec of my youth, this is a very difficult issue. But I have learned over 40 years in public life that society evolves and that the concept of human rights evolves more quickly than some of us might have predicted – and sometimes even in ways that make some people uncomfortable."

... Prime Minister Jean Chretien

"In my opinion, groups that have historically been the target of discrimination cannot be expected to wait patiently for the protection of their human dignity and equal rights while governments move toward reform one step at a time. If the infringement of the rights and freedoms of these groups is permitted to persist while governments fail to pursue equality diligently, then the guarantees of the Charter will be reduced to little more than empty words."

... Justice Iacobucci, in *Vriend v. Alberta*, Supreme Court of Canada, 1998

"This is an issue I've had to wrestle with and I must say this has not been an easy decision. What has certainly tipped the balance is the decision that the courts have taken is that this is a rights issue and you cannot discriminate."

... Paul Martin

"... the right to marry means little if it does not include the right to marry the person of one's choice..."

... Chief Justice Marshall, Mass. Supreme Court from *Goodridge v. Dept. of Public Health*, November 18, 2003

**WOULD THE GAY MALCOM X
PLEASE STEP FORWARD.**

Maybe the gay rights movement needs a Rosa Parks or a Martin Luther King.

Or maybe it just needs everyone to remember what those courageous individuals were fighting for: Equality for a minority.

If you already support same sex marriage simply talk about it to anyone you can. Or, spend some time at equalmarriage.ca or www.pflag.ca for more information.

Equal Marriage 
For same-sex couples

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