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# W.Va. lawmakers to get both sides on gay marriage

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Evangelical Christian groups hope to convince West Virginia lawmakers to put a constitutional ban of same-sex marriage on the state ballot.

The state Family Policy Council and the national Alliance Defense Fund both plan to weigh in Tuesday at a meeting of a joint legislative committee studying the issue.

Organizations opposed to the requested amendment are also slated to speak, as is a law professor considered an expert on the West Virginia Constitution.

A 2000 state law rejects same-sex marriage. The conservative groups say a court challenge could overturn that.

The House of Delegates voted down an attempt to force the amendment measure from committee during this year's regular session.

Six states allow same-sex marriage. Thirty have constitutional bans.

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**Wv4ever** [report as abuse](#) I am a Christian and I strongly oppose gay marriage. If gay marriage was made legal, it would only lead to more homosexuality and less good marriages.

When I was younger, I was attracted to other men. I went to counseling and prayer sessions for nearly three years until I was cured. I am now happily married and have two kids. ... [\[more\]](#)

**T. I. C.** [report as abuse](#) To FreeDixie - People of all faiths and beliefs have the right to make their voices heard in this country. But when the voice heard is one that bases their argument for this particular topic on just their subjective interpretation of the Bible, almost to the point of abuse at times, it makes that voice just a little bit untrustworthy and irrelevant to the merits of the topic itself. ... [\[more\]](#)

**FreeDixie** [Registered User](#) TIC...stop putting words in my mouth. Never said anywhere what you accused me of saying (i.e., all leftists are atheists, all those on the right are Christians).

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If you want to offer a rebuttal to something I said, fine...but don't try to rebut something I never even said to begin with.

**Wake up wv**  
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As Americans we have a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, this applies to ALL OF US! There are not exceptions listed- only if you are white, straight and Christian.

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**2 wv 4 ever**  
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HAHA! You prayed away the gay? Sorry, dude, you didn't! Its still there! Your wife just doesn't know she married a gay man.

**God is the way**  
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you know it is a shame that so many people are so full of misconceptions and they draw off the stupidity of the less in formed. Christians do not hate sodomites or homosexuals as the world calls them. Can i set the reocrd straight? The news media says that all christians hates the gay. False the christain is to love the person but hate the perverted lifestyle. ... [\[more\]](#)

**a goat**  
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Christians who hate gays and their lifestyle choices cherry-pick Bible quotes to support their prejudice and fear.

Do you also refuse to eat lobster? Do you stone to death children who insult their parents? Where is the NO POLYCOTTON CLOTHING constitutional amendment? And most importantly, why ... [\[more\]](#)

**AquaMan**  
Registered User  
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the aclu is an evil group that is starting to do more harm than good. As far us the rest of us poor / middle class people. . . Can't we just get along? Wacka wacka! !

**No to the bible**  
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I love when Christians use the Bible to explain their bigotry.

The Bible says to seperate women on their period from men, it says to sacrifice animals, it says not to eat pork, it says a man was swallowed by a whale, it says a woman was turned into a pillar of salt. Do you really believe all of that?

Maybe the Christians should keep reading their fairy tales and leave the rest of us alone.

**Wv4ever**  
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It is most definitely possible to "pray away" homosexual urges. It worked for myself and those who were in my support group. We're all happily married now!

**a goat**  
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To each other

Sorry, couldn't resist. I am glad you are happy, but your assertion that more homosexuals would be a bad thing is both irrelevant and nonsense.

**God is the way**  
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no to the bible , do you really think your going to live forever? We all are going to die sometime but you have a oppertunity to decide where you want to spent eternity. There is a god there is a heaven there is a [such language! ]. Herd girl ask the romans what happen when they said homosexuality isn't a big deal.

**Just thinking**  
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hey if homosexuality is so right then why do why do they have so many different partners? Last but not least why if the women hate men and have a lover of the same sex then why do you have women terying to dress like a man , cut there hair like a man , work out like a man.

**missmanners**  
Registered User  
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Har har, "Adam and Steve." Never heard that one before. That was clever!

**a goat**  
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Because they like having sex and dressing like men, I guess. What point are you trying to make?

**No to the bible**

No, I don't plan on living forever. I also don't believe when I die I will drift up to "heaven" to float on

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clouds, play a harp or be in a place where the streets are made of gold and milk and honey flows. I will not be in a firey pit being stabbed in the rump with a pitchfork. Its all made up, it isn't real. ...

[\[more\]](#)**missmanners**

LOL wv4ever... "I'm gonna wash that gay right outta my hair!"

Registered User

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Yeah. Glad you're "happy."

**Not thinking**

To Just Thinking

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There are a lot of straight men and women out there that have a lot of parterns as you put it. Is having short hair acting like a man? Is wearing jeans looking like a man? I guess you think "good little women" need to be bear foot and pregnant. Good Gawd! What century is this? ... [\[more\]](#)

**hahahaha**

2 wv 4 ever

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If you were born gay (because that's how it is) then you are still gay. You sound like a queen of denial

People are born gay, you don't choose to be or not to be. But, while you're praying, pray for me to win the lottery.

**Bruno**

Go see my movie. It's Fabulous!

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its amazing that so many make fun of the Lord Jesus and yet so many like to laugh and make fun of him but its amazing how you cry out to the Lord Jesus Christ when cancer strikes you or a love one then you not only scamper to find the LORD JESUS CHIRST but you run to a preacher and cry out to him all your hurt all your fellings its amazing ain't it . ... [\[more\]](#)

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Ah yes, "reaching" people at the funeral home and the ER, like some ambulance-chasing lawyer. Catch 'em while they're vulnerable and their guard is down.

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Stay classy, y'hear?

**u go goat**

hey goat you must be one smart fella. You seem to have all the nifty answers to all quotes. But you are missing one thing ,it is all in vain if you die without the lord jesus christ in your heart. This is not judging but when you die without the lord jesus christ you will be cast into a lake of fire and

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brimstone. ... [\[more\]](#)

**a goat**

oh snap

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More of the same, I see. Quite pitiful. I wonder what you lot of fools would argue about if we weren't around...You should thank us for giving you a bit of excitement, I'm thinking.

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No cute quips about playing nice this time, Tanstaaff? I'm disappointed.

Herdgirl, I think I might be in love. ... [\[more\]](#)

**FreeDixie**

The "born gay" argument is nothing but a myth, invented by the gay lobby, and taught as irrefutable truth by their liberal accomplices in the media and academia.

Registered User

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Those perpetuating that myth are either A) in denial themselves (i.e., trying to eschew responsibility for their UNNATURAL and depraved lifestyle CHOICES by convincing themselves that they "can't help it," or B) products of the aforementioned academic institutional efforts to "normalize" homosexuality by indoctrinating young people into believing the "born gay" myth. ... [\[more\]](#)

**a goat**  
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But homosexuality is both normal and natural. It's as old as humanity, and it's observed in nearly all animal species, including humanity.

I've seen convincing arguments on both sides of the "gay gene" question. It seems most likely to me that it's a little of each -- and the idea that it's some VAST LIBRUL CONSPIRACY ZOMG is clearly laughable. ... [\[more\]](#)

**flag burning**  
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I love burning those stupid rainbow flags I laugh myself silly and it gets the gays all fired up and you can see just how tolerant they are! its a shame the gays will burn an American flag in a heartbeat but just try lite up a rainbow flag and you will see just how tolernt the gays are!

**Expo Man**  
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**FreeDixie**  
Registered User  
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goat, I don't agree that the idea of liberals accepting and actively perpetuating the born-that-way belief is "clearly laughable."

Liberals, with their self-aggrandizing ideas of "tolerance," (tolerance for anyone but conservatives, that is...but I digress), hold fast to the belief that no one should ever have to be held accountable for their own choices. ... [\[more\]](#)