

Unconstitutional Bigamy Laws About To Crumble Thanks to the Sodomites!

***The Society For the Restoration of Torah Marriages* desires to challenge the illegal bigamy laws of these shackled states of America. We desire to use this ruling as the basis for a legal challenge in states such as NC, CA and Georgia. Any help regarding legal services would be appreciated.**

See below:

The significance of the *Lawrence v. Texas* decision:

On 2003-JUN-26, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling declared Texas' anti-sodomy law unconstitutional. The law had criminalized certain forms of sexual behavior if performed by persons of the same gender, but did not criminalize the same behaviors if performed by opposite-sex couples. But the ruling has a far broader impact than merely overturning a law in Texas and similar legislation in three contiguous states. As David Von Drehle, columnist for the Washington Post wrote: *"In an unexpectedly large step, the court said traditional morality is no justification for making legal distinctions among sexual behaviors of consenting adults. 'The fact that the governing majority in a State has traditionally viewed a particular practice as immoral is not a sufficient reason for upholding a law prohibiting the practice,' Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote, quoting approvingly from his colleague Justice John Paul Stevens."* That is, the state or federal government cannot pass a law criminalizing a behavior, simply because the vast majority of its citizens feel that it is immoral or sinful. What some people consider to be immoral behavior can no longer be criminalized if it is done in private; what some consider sinful behavior can no longer carry a jail sentence.

This decision has very wide implications. It eventually could impact laws which prohibit obscenity, prostitution, sado-masochism, indecent exposure, teenagers obtaining abortions without parental notification or consent, private drug usage, etc. Even those few remaining state laws criminalizing adultery and pre-marital sex might eventually be ruled unenforceable. The ruling could have ramifications that are more widely spread through the culture than *Roe v. Wade* in 1973 which made early abortions available to women across the U.S. Von Drehle notes that: *"And in at least one earlier precedent, the realm of private, intimate life has been defined by the Supreme Court to include 'marriage . . . family relationships [and] child rearing'."* So, polygamy (either polyandry or polygyny) and same-sex marriages might become legalized.

Andrew Cohen, a *CBS News* legal analyst, said that the Supreme Court *"has created a broad new legal rationale for future challenges by gay rights activists...This is a major ruling that will change a lot of other laws down the road."* He said that *"gays and others"* may be able to use the ruling to challenge a wide range of laws on the basis of a right to privacy.

Justice Antonin Scalia wrote the court's minority opinion, stating that the majority Justices pretended that they have left enough freedom *"so that we need not fear judicial imposition of homosexual marriage, as has recently occurred in Canada...Do not believe it...[The majority opinion] dismantles the structure of constitutional law that has permitted a distinction to be made between heterosexual and homosexual unions, insofar as formal recognition in marriage is concerned."* He said that laws against bigamy, adultery, prostitution, bestiality and obscenity were now susceptible to challenges.