

asking that things change back to the way they were traditionally handled (you know, **traditional** values), which puts them back at the altar and leaves the heterosexual couples standing out in the cold on the church stoop.

No wonder the hets are steaming mad about this. Then again, with the divorce rate ever on the rise and domestic violence growing at an alarming rate, maybe it is time that we re-examined this faltering notion of heterosexual marriages. By and large, they just don't seem to work.

Maybe this notion of domestic partnerships will also cure the age-old problem of promiscuity in the gay community. (We all **know** how promiscuous those queers can be...) Imagine the domestic partnership as a closet built for two; if two gays guys or queer girls want to set up house together, then let them. It'll keep them off the streets, and it just might curb their desires to go out and recruit God-fearing children from the playground. Yes, domestic partnerships could have all kinds of positive benefits for society.

All strangeness aside, the issue of domestic partnerships boils down to one of choice. It gives individuals the freedom to love and live with whomever they want, and to have that emotional attachment acknowledged and respected by society. It's a positive role model for our violent times, one which favors caring and commitment over hatred and selfishness. The fact that it would indeed move us a step closer toward "liberty and justice for all" serves as validation enough to have such options made legal and binding.

Then again, are we ready for an updated *Leave it to Beaver* series in which Mrs. Cleaver asks Wally "So what about that Eddie Haskell? He seems like a nice boy..." Well, if the early spring plot developments of "For Better or Worse" on the comics pages is any indication, maybe we are. ▼

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