

LDS and same-sex law

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This coming Sunday a letter from the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be read to the congregations in California asking members to support the proposed state constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage in California, which will be on the ballot in November. The letter begins: "In March 2000 California voters overwhelmingly approved a state law providing that 'Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.' The California Supreme Court recently reversed this vote of the people."

How I wish my church would not demonize and denigrate the constitutional processes of my country! I was always taught in church that our constitutional processes were divinely inspired. We have three branches of the government to provide checks and balances, and the judicial branch is one of those branches. Back in 2000, legal experts warned that Proposition 22 probably violated the state constitution, and now the California Supreme Court has examined the law and so ruled. That's not "reversing the vote of the people"; it's following the rule of law.

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