

Walking Script

[If no one is at home, write a short personal note such as "Sorry I missed you" on the handout and leave on, in, or near the doorknob. Do not put in mailbox.]

Hello, we're walking precincts today for Stand for Marriage Maine. I'm _____ and I live over on _____ (street). Have you heard of Question 1 regarding traditional marriage?

Let me quickly tell you a couple of facts about it.

Question 1 repeals and locks from ever taking effect a bill passed by the legislature and signed by the governor that allows homosexual marriage. The legislature went out of their way to avoid allowing you to vote on this important issue. The new bill, if we don't pass Question 1, will change Maine's law on marriage which has existed since Maine became a state. The current law defines marriage as being the union of one man and one woman joined in traditional monogamous marriage and an institution of very strong value to society. The new proposal for gay marriage would also eliminate the law that says Maine has a compelling interest to nurture and promote the unique institution of traditional monogamous marriage in the support of harmonious families and the physical and mental health of children and that the State has the compelling interest in promoting the moral values inherent in traditional monogamous marriage."

Regardless of what you think about homosexual marriage, we wonder why they would eliminate the law that says marriage is good for children.

After throwing Maine's traditional support for marriage as the basis for raising children in the trash heap, they replaced it by saying Marriage is the legally recognized union of 2 people. Gender-specific terms relating to the marital relationship or familial relationships, including, but not limited to, "spouse," "family," "marriage," "immediate family," "dependent," "next of kin," "bride," "groom," "husband," "wife," "widow" and "widower," must be construed to be gender-neutral for all purposes throughout the law

A Yes vote on Question 1 blocks all these changes and prevents homosexual marriage in Maine, restores traditional marriage as the law, and still maintains the rights and benefits of Maine same-sex couples who are covered by our domestic partners law. A No vote allows the legalization of genderless marriage, and would lead to the teaching of our children in public schools that they can grow up to marry either a boy or a girl, that either option is the same, and prevent parents from opting their children out of such "instruction." This is what has happened in other states such as Massachusetts which legalized homosexual marriage.

If the election were held today, would you vote ... definitely Yes, probably Yes, probably No, or definitely No ... on Question 1?

[If definitely Yes and voter is married, ask]: Does your spouse agree with you?

[If definitely Yes, ask]: Would you be interested in helping with the campaign, such as displaying a yard sign or making a few phone calls?

[If definitely Yes, also ask]: And do you also need help applying to vote by mail in this election, so you can vote in the convenience and privacy of your own home?

[If definitely No, ask]: Are you still studying the issue, or is your mind made up?

[Answer questions, leave a brochure, thank the voter. Mark codes]:

Status

- 1- Contacted
- 2- Not home
- 3- Call back/Try again later
- 4- Refused
- 5- Dangerous / gated / vacant

Canvass/Vote

- 1- Definitely Yes
- 2- Probably Yes
- 3- Undecided (volunteered)
- 4- Probably No
- 5- Definitely No, but studying
- 6- Definitely No, and mind made up

Multiple Voter Household

Write appropriate codes next to spouses name.

Next Steps (Circle)

- YS- Willing to display yard sign
- V - Willing to volunteer
- VBM - Help with VBM application