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Types of marriage

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My topic is devoted to different types of marriage.

Nowadays a lot of the countries have legalized entering into same-sex marriage. (e.g. the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain). Moreover, each country tries to develop their civil law system and new types of marriage are considered as the methods of protecting human rights.

It is known that traditional marriage is defined as legal, preferably sanctified by a religious ceremony, heterosexual, monogamous, patrilineal, for life, for love, with a breadwinner husband/homemaker wife, and is the foundation of a nuclear family. The assumption is that this has been the one "right" way to be married since ancient times, until threatened by the sexual revolution starting in the 1960s. Due to this fact nowadays there are 20 other types of marriage these days. They are the following: monogamy, polygamy, polyandry, polyamory, polyfidelity, same sex marriage, open marriage (swinging), common law marriage, group marriage, Boston marriage, levirate marriage, sororate marriage, endogamy, exogamy, "mixed" marriage, arranged marriage, egalitarian marriage, complementarian marriage, covenant marriage, after death marriage. For example, Sororate marriage is a marriage in which a man marries his wife's sister, usually after the wife is dead or has proved infertile. This has been practiced in Africa and in the Canadian Arctic. After Death Marriage- permitted in France, a living person can marry a dead person of the opposite sex after the individual has died.

The most interesting types that have legal consequences of the above-listed are: same sex marriage, Boston marriage, polygamy, levirate and sororate marriage, covenant marriage, after death marriage.

It is necessary to mention about Russia's attitude to same sex marriage. The main idea is that Russian family law defines marriage as the union of a man and a woman. According to this it is impossible to register same sex marriage at the registry office. In June 2013, Russia received international criticism for enacting a national "LGBT propaganda" law, which proscribed the distribution of "propaganda of non-traditional sexual relationships" among minors. The law is an amendment to the existing child protection law.

Источники и литература

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