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# 200,000 Reportedly March for Traditional Marriage in Taiwan

A group promoting traditional marriage in Taiwan said that it marshaled some 200,000 people in front of Taiwan's presidential office November 30 to protest a proposed amendment that would legalize same-sex "marriage" in the country.

The march, organized in part by a group calling itself the Coalition for the Happiness of Our Next Generation, brought together individuals, as well as parents and children, who carried signs bearing such messages as, "Defend Marriage," and "Oppose Amendment to Civil Code Article 972," the measure at the center of the debate.



"God created human beings as male and female," explained one woman who joined the protest. "Only the union of a man and a woman can create the next generation, and the ability to create offspring is an important function of a family."

Yu Yen-hung, one of the organizers of the march, told the <u>China Post</u>: "We worry that this alternative family formation idea will confuse children's concepts on education and sexual identity. Therefore, we have decided to stand up and fight against this bill that will affect the next generation."

The group said that any amendment to the marriage laws in Taiwan should come by way of a national referendum rather than through the legislature.

Wang Chien-shien, president of Taiwan's Control Yuan party, joined the traditional marriage group at the protest, telling reporters that while he has respect for the opinion of those favoring same-sex "marriage," he was concerned that an amendment to the country's marriage law would "affect the healthy marriage system and healthy families, which are the foundations of a stable country."

Likewise, Taiwan's Chinese Nationalist Party said in a November 29 statement that while it does not condemn "gays or lesbians, and we want to treat them legally and protect their human rights as well ... we need to be more careful when it comes to our traditional virtues that concern our families."

One of the party's legislators, Lai Shyh-bao, said that "we are not against homosexuality. We also have friends and relatives who are gay; we respect their sexual orientation. But we are opposed to their appeal to change a tradition that is thousands of years old. We have to stand up to say 'no' to defend family values, for this policy may have a very serious negative impact on our population and education for our children."

Meanwhile, reported <u>Focus Taiwan</u>, a few blocks away from the massive demonstration "over 500 people held pink placards reading 'equal marriage rights' in front of the Legislative Yuan to support same-sex "marriage" and other changes to partnership rights at an event organized by the Taiwan Alliance to Promote Civil Partnership Rights."

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<u>LifeSiteNews.com</u> noted that Taiwan is the latest country whose marriage laws have been targeted by homosexual activists despite massive public opposition. "In April the French National Assembly — with the backing of President François Hollande's Socialists — voted to legalize same-sex marriage despite numerous protests by hundreds of thousands of citizens," reported the pro-family news site. "In January the government ignored an estimated one million people demonstrating in Paris against the proposed measures."

Likewise, in July the U.K. legalized homosexual "marriage" under the watch of Prime Minister David Cameron and his erstwhile Conservative Party. LifeSite noted that the bill "was pushed through despite well over half-a-million petitioners opposing the move and despite dissent over the matter in Cameron's own party — what critics called the 'biggest Tory' rebellion in modern times."

Similar pro-homosexual agendas are being pushed in Scotland, New Zealand, Tasmania, Estonia, and elsewhere.

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