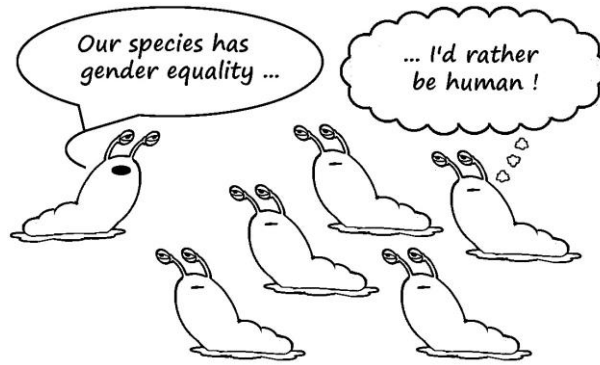


# *Marriage Biology and Belief*



A family is defined by nature as a mother and a father and their children who were conceived by them; where, the conception was made from the mother's egg and the father's sperm. Although, there are reproductive assistive technologies available to assist in conception, the child is still conceived from the egg of the mother and the sperm of the father. Therefore, the truth remains that the woman and man, from whose egg and sperm a child was conceived, are the parents of that child.

In nature, the parents of a child are responsible for the well being of their child. For millennia, human societies established "marriage" as the social recognition of a reproductive couple to identify families and ensure the rights and responsibilities of parents to protect and provide for their children. Identifying families in accordance to biology is important; so, people can better deal with their health using the knowledge of their ancestors' health. It also enables choosing a reproductive partner who is not closely related, which provides a greater prospect for healthy children.

A "marriage" is a reproductive partnership and not a domestic partnership. Societies have often recognized marriage as being both types of partnership. This is unfortunate because two people of the same sex can be domestic partners; however, it is impossible for two people of the same sex to be reproductive partners. In 2005, politicians in Canada decided to recognize domestic partnerships for two people of the same sex but failed to separate the recognition of domestic partnerships from that of reproductive partnerships.

***Why did the politicians choose to legislate a falsehood, instead of recognizing domestic partnerships separately from that of marriage?***

There are many religious, political and special interest groups that have beliefs on marriage that reflect biology. However, there are groups who hold beliefs on marriage that contradict proven biological facts. Biological facts cannot violate anyone's rights. Defining marriage, on the beliefs of any religious, political, or special interest group, is a blatant act of discrimination against all others who do not hold those beliefs.

***Why are politicians imposing falsehoods, based on beliefs of a few, and persecuting the many who uphold the truth?***