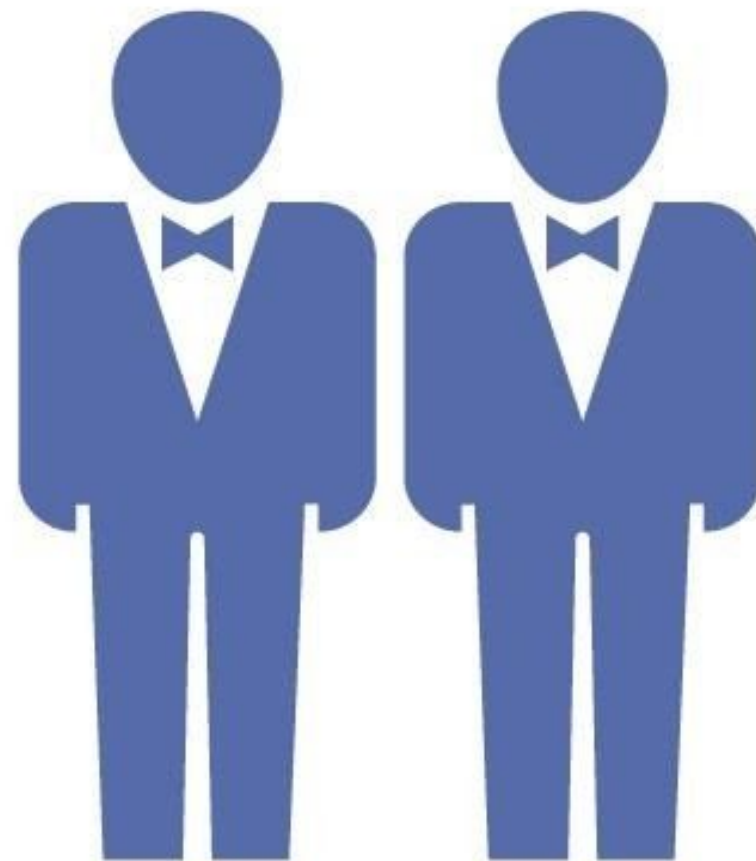


Gay Marriage



Vocabulary

Controversial: giving rise or likely to give rise to controversy or public disagreement.

Satirical: sarcastic, critical, and mocking another's weaknesses.

Decline: become smaller, fewer, or less; decrease.

Enhance: intensify, increase, or further improve the quality, value, or extent of.

Joint Custody: legal custody of a child or children that is shared by both parents after divorce or separation.

Talmud: a Jewish civil and ceremonial law.

Introduction

Gay marriage is also known as same-sex marriage. Same-sex marriage is the marriage of two persons of the same sex or gender, entered into in a civil or religious.

As of 1 January 2019, same-sex marriage is legally performed and recognized (nationwide or in some jurisdictions) in Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Uruguay. Armenia, Estonia, and Israel recognize same-sex marriages entered into elsewhere. Same-sex marriage is also due to become legal in Costa Rica and Taiwan. Furthermore, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights has issued a ruling which is expected to facilitate recognition in several countries in the Americas.