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Protecting marriage

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An video ad by the National Organization for Marriage [1] (NOM) highlighting the harmful consequences of gay marriage was hardly an advertisement for the intelligence of its makers. The 30-second spot warns that students will be taught "that boys can marry other boys" or could be taken to a same-sex wedding as a field trip if gay marriage becomes legalized.

The final frame urges voters in New York, where a same-sex marriage bill recently passed through the state assembly, to contact their senators. "SAY NO TO SAME SAME SEX MARRAIGE," it urges. This pro-gay marriage blog [2] caught the two typos before NOM fixed them. ?And we?re the ones who threaten school kids?!?!? one of the site?s bloggers wrote.

NOM's president is Maggie Gallagher, a Catholic marriage activist who also is president of the Institute for Marriage and Public Policy [3], whose goal is "strengthening marriage for a new generation." She is a frequent commentator on TV and radio, arguing against same-sex marriage. In 2005 the Washington Post reported [4] that Gallagher had received money from the Department of Health and Human Services in 2002 to write, among other things, an article promoting the Bush administration's $300 million marriage initiative in the conservative Catholic magazine, Crisis [5], under the byline of Wade Horn, HHS assistant secretary for children and families. She later apologized for not disclosing the payment, which many saw as a breech of journalistic ethics.

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