

“Love and the Law: Legal Support for Diverse Family Forms”

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While the U.S. Supreme Court has extended equal treatment to same-sex marriage, other forms of relationships still face legal and social discrimination. I will explore the legal and social disadvantages experienced by polyamorists and by 'mere' friends, and argue that these are unjust. I argue that the state should support stable caring relationships in all their variety, through marriage-like law. However, I argue that providing access to caring relationships for elderly and invalid citizens is equally a matter of justice, and one requiring very different legal interventions.

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