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- Protecting the Biblical model of marriage simply recognizes that children do best when they are raised by both their mother and father loving each other and their children unconditionally.
- The Court’s pronouncement that bigotry fueled DOMA’s passage sets the stage for future challenges to traditional marriage, and those who opposed God’s model for marriage are sure to use it to their advantage.
- The Court’s pronouncement also alters the public debate, effectively tipping the scales immensely in favor of same-sex “marriage” by branding those who hold a Biblical view of marriage as being akin to the KKK.
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