

Good parents are good parents

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Re: [The new family tree, Oct. 2.](#)

The Canadian Psychological Association has been following the Citizen's Pride and Joy series. I was discouraged to see the final instalment include comments about whether or not same-sex partners, or even singles should parent.

The article states that some believe that there is a "potential negative impact from having same-sex parents" whereas others argue that people should not be denied the right to parent because of their sexual orientation. In 2003 and again in 2006, the CPA asserted the position that research has not shown any significant differences in psychological functioning between children raised within heterosexual families and those raised within gay and lesbian families.

The stress encountered by gay and lesbian families and their children are more likely the result of the way in which society treats them than because of any shortcoming in ability to parent. Wednesday's article suggests that CPA's message bears repeating even today.

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