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OPINIONS

(3 out of 4 - not bad!)

You see a lot of bumper stickers while driving. During this election year we see a lot of political ones, of course. We ignore most; but, when we are stuck in another construction delay that seems to be on every street nowadays, we gotta look at something.

I look at cars and scenery. I don't get a kick out of watching people anymore. I did in times past. But everyone looks the same anymore - metal'd faces, and tattooed bodies. People that I see I erase from my mind and **forgetaboutit!**

But here, sitting and waiting for the flagman's 'go ahead,' time dictates that we look at something - like this nice looking car to the left of me.

Neatly placed were four (4) bumper stickers; each one screaming out its opinion. I think it was a SUV, but a small one. It was a sleek and clean car! Could have been a Lexus but I didn't notice the make at the time.

What caught my eye were the messages stuck on the bumper. Every sticker that was stuck was political; 3 out of 4, that is.

The McCain/Palin black and white bumper sticker told me that a Republican owned the car. I liked that; as well as his opinion on who should be the next president. So, I nodded in the affirmative while my eyes moved to the next opinion on the bumper.

It was to the left of the McCain/Palin sticker. It was more colorful, too. This bumper sticker displayed a **"Yes Vote" on Proposition 8**; a California initiative that **ELIMINATES RIGHT OF SAME - SEX COUPLES TO MARRY** (I checked www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov web site for correct terminology).

I almost '**honked**' after seeing the **"Yes on Proposition 8"** bumper sticker. Although, I'm not strongly political, I think that this proposition is the most important choice on the ballot this year. To me, it's a principle thing; not, what the majority thinks.

I'm a kind of guy that tries to keep it simple and not get bogged down in tricky terminology that is in these initiatives. Initiative writers can easily spin us into confusion.

But, you don't have to know a lot about this one. Just know that the Bible places Adam and Eve together. Biblically, and certainly on the practical level, **Proposition 8** is based on self evident truth. All one needs to do is think about progeneration

and propagation of life, which can only be accomplished by a marriage union that is between a man and a woman. That's God's order!!!

A **"Yes Vote"** for this amendment **CHANGES THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION TO ELIMINATE THE RIGHT OF SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY IN CALIFORNIA. That's all I need to know.**

I've never plastered bumper stickers on my autos. But, on **PROP 8**, perhaps I should follow the tinge of conviction I had at the time and join in on this one. I might even stick this sticker on the bumpers of my cars, tractors and on my horses, too.

I know, while I was in the construction zone, I sure wanted to! I won't though. It's just that I don't advertise anything on my vehicles (or, horses).

The **Proposition 8 initiative** is a big issue for me and America, I feel. And, while I don't claim to be very political, I certainly believe a marriage is between a man and a woman. We are dealing with an Omnipotent God here, not politics! Again, the car owner and I were in agreement on this one, too. **We're two for two!**

The **third** sticker was in favor of **Proposition 4**. After glancing at the flagman for movement, I had to admit that I knew nothing about Prop 4. So, off to The Official Voter Information Guide web site, once again.

I found out that **Prop 4** is an Initiative Constitutional Amendment that provides a **WAITING PERIOD AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BEFORE TERMINATION OF A MINOR'S PREGNANCY.**

Further, the initiative states:

- * **Changes** California Constitution to prohibit abortion for unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent or legal guardian.
- * **Permits** notification to certain adult relatives if doctor reports parent to law enforcement or Child Protective Services.
- * **Provides** notification exceptions for medical emergency or parental waiver.
- * **Permits** courts to waive notice based on clear and convincing evidence of minor's maturity or best interests.
- * **Mandates** reporting requirements, including reports from physicians regarding abortions on minors.
- * **Authorizes** damages against physicians for violation.
- * **Requires** minor's consent to abortion, with exceptions.

How 'bout that! So far, I was aligned with three out of four opinions that were stuck on the car bumper ahead of me. Right there, in the middle of a traffic stall, a big grin formed on my face. I was about to get out of my car and hug the bumper-sticker driver when traffic started to move, again.

Still under the flagman's order and inching slowly forward, I was able to read the **fourth** bumper sticker. It promoted a Catholic Radio Station. "Holding forth the Word of God," I think was the wording of this opinion.

Well, 3 out of 4 is not bad, In my opinion.