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**Homosexual families: adoption and foster care**

The concept of the family as conceived since the Second World War, has changed dramatically. It is not my intention to question the excellence of these changes, but reality is stubborn and continues to point out to legislators that laws do not reflect reality; and even when they do, changes take place so quickly that regulations cannot keep up with reality for long.

The subject of my paper must focus on two related issues: adoption by homosexual couples and custody of children that two people of the same sex who are living together may have. There are two principles involved: first, the best interest of children, always mentioned as the basis of court rulings, although its precise content is never fully developed. Secondly, a hypothetical right to adopt, which is an argument constantly used by homosexual groups. These the two main principles will be used as the basis of this paper.

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