

## **QUESTIONS, PROBLEMS, COERCION?**

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## **SWISS LAW**

In Switzerland, a marriage is in principle only valid

- if both spouses are already 18 years old (of legal age) and
- if both spouses married and said "yes" of their own free will.

## WHY AM I MARRIED?

- ! I really wanted to marry.
- I had to marry but I wanted to say "no".
- I have to be married but I do not want to.
- I am afraid of my spouse / of the family.

**Marriage** by coercion is wrong yet solutions do exist!

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