

The Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative

We still have time! We can continue to pray that enough of the 380,000 signatures that have been submitted to get “The Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative” up for a vote in November will be discarded. Unfortunately, the likelihood of this radical pro-abortion amendment making it on the ballot is high. If not during this election cycle, you can bet that abortion advocates will continue to fight until it does. Both Kansas and Ohio experienced devastating pro-life defeats in the last couple years, and we can learn from their “mistakes.” Polling in Ohio showed that 62% decided how they would vote before September. This means that we should mobilize our message as soon as it is confirmed that this proposed amendment will be on November’s ballot. This is projected to happen by the end of July, so we will have no time to waste!

What would the passing of The Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative mean for Missouri? Pam Fichter, Chairwoman for Missouri Right to Life’s Eastern Region, summarizes it beautifully. ***“What we are facing now in Missouri is pure evil: unlimited abortion on girls of any age—including late-term abortions—without parental consent, with taxpayer money, by non-medical people, with no recourse for women who are injured.”***

Below is a breakdown of what this amendment will do:

- Eliminate Parental Rights.
- Constitutionally set fetal “viability” at 34-37 weeks gestation.
- Prohibit the state from regulating abortion before viability, except in special circumstances.
- Allow abortionists (not necessarily a doctor) to determine viability.
- Allow abortionists to perform painful, dismemberment abortions without age limits.
- Eliminate health and safety standards that protect women from unscrupulous/incompetent abortionists.
- Eliminate all life-affirming laws regulating abortion.
- Prevent medical malpractice lawsuits for mistakes during pregnancy and birth.
- Give Pregnancy Care Tax Credits to abortionists.

Here are the strongest messages to move voters toward a pro-life position:

- This amendment removes medical protections (making them unconstitutional) that women who choose abortion rely upon.
- Abortion hurts women (infertility, depression & suicide, PTSD).
- This amendment allows painful, late-term, dismemberment abortions. (Baby can feel pain as early as 15 weeks.)
- Men often coerce women into aborting babies they want so the man can get what he wants. (And once a woman “consents,” she has NO legal recourse.)
- Parental rights are under attack—especially concerning the trans-ideology and the right to know about teens’ abortions. (Abortions for minors without parents’ knowledge, opens the door to protect abusers.)

We can also address those buzz words with which no self-respecting abortion-advocate would want to be associated—*racism, sexism, and genocide*.

- Abortion is RACIST because it targets minorities (population is 13% Black but makes up 40% of all abortions), gaslights them into thinking they “need” abortions to be successful, and subsequently takes away their voters and future leaders.
- Abortion is SEXIST because it allows men to engage in consequence-free sex at the expense of women, does not hold them accountable, financially or otherwise, often results from coercion, and suggests that women must choose between her child and her career (apparently I missed the memo that she can’t do both).
- Abortion is GENOCIDAL because it ultimately seeks to wipe out entire groups of people. What once was deemed “rare” has now all but eliminated babies with Down Syndrome in Denmark & Iceland, reduced the population of female babies to crisis level in China, and rebranded “unwanted” babies as disposable inconveniences in the United States.

Alarmingly, this particular amendment is just piece of the puzzle. What abortion advocates are pushing for is what Ryan Bomberger of The Radiance Foundation calls Roe 2.0. The left is genius at having a projected goal and getting there in small steps...a little bit at a time, until they reach their endgame, and then we realize how horrifying their agenda really is. This is acutely true when it comes to abortion. When the left talks about “codifying Roe,” this is what they actually mean:

- Zero limits on abortion through entire pregnancy
- Zero laws to save unborn life
- Zero laws to inform women (e.g. Women’s Right to Know Bills)
- Zero conscience rights for medical professionals
- Zero accountability for abortionists
- Zero opposition from taxpayers forced to fund it
- Zero pregnancy centers

It is mind-boggling how the people of choice want to bully us into submission—no abortion alternative allowed. Our response **must be** to have *zero tolerance* for their political propaganda and hostility toward the most marginalized human beings. To do this we need to engage often, speak boldly, and pray daily.