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How Do Americans Feel About Abortion?

When you hear that “70 percent of Americans support a woman’s right to choose,” know that the statistic is false. Even though the figures have been debunked for years that hasn’t stopped the liberal media, Democrat politicians and abortion activists from repeating the lie in the wake of a draft of a Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

So what do Americans really think about abortion? The answer is simple. For decades, a majority of Americans have taken a pro-life position wanting all or more abortions made illegal.



Here is a list of several major polls in recent years confirming this to be true.

May 2022: A Fox News poll found Americans are pro-life on a 54-44% margin and majorities want abortions banned after either 6 weeks or 15 weeks.

January 2022: A Marist poll found 71% of Americans want abortions to be made illegal or for more limits to be placed on them, all essentially supporting overturning *Roe*.

September 2021: A new Rasmussen poll shows Americans support the Texas

abortion ban to save babies from abortion by a 46-43% margin.

June 2021: Gallup found 52% of Americans take a pro-life position on abortion wanting all (19%) or almost all (33%) abortions made illegal.

January 2021: A Marist Poll found When asked, 51% of Americans take a pro-life position with 12% of Americans saying abortion should never be permitted under any circumstance, 11% of Americans say abortions should only be permitted to save the life of the mother and 28% of Americans take a pro-life position opposing 98% of abortions except in cases of rape or incest or if necessary to save the life of the mother.

December 2021: A Harvard-Harris poll found 32% of Americans want to repeal *Roe v. Wade* entirely. Another 24% of Americans believe the Supreme Court should uphold the Mississippi abortion ban at issue in the recent Supreme Court case, which bans abortions on unborn babies up to 15 weeks. 56% of Americans are for overturning completely or setting the abortion limit at 15 weeks, which can be done by overturning *Roe*.

July 2020: Gallup found 55% of Americans take a pro-life position on abortion wanting all (21%) or almost all (39%) abortions made illegal.

June 2020: A CBS poll found just 43% of Americans think abortions should be generally available while 55% of Americans

say it should either be more limited or should not be permitted altogether.

January 2020: Gallup found 58% of Americans oppose abortion on demand.

May 2019: A new Hill-HarrisX survey found that 55 percent of voters support laws banning abortions after six weeks – when an unborn baby’s heartbeat is detectable.

June 2019: A Morning Consult poll found 61% of Americans want all or almost all abortions made illegal.

The Science of the Unborn



Photo Dr. Tara Sander Lee

Dr. Tara Sander Lee, a scientist and researcher at the Charlotte Lozier Institute pointed to a series of articles by the New York Times and other major news outlets recently that questioned if an unborn baby really has a heartbeat at six weeks of pregnancy.

“If the New York Times needs 1,800 words in an attempt to convince readers that a baby’s developing organ which pumps blood isn’t actually a heart, then the pro-life movement is winning,” she told Fox News Digital. She said the heart is the first organ that forms and begins functioning in the human body, and the first heartbeat occurs about 23 days after fertilization.

“The fetal heart beats rhythmically starting the sixth week of pregnancy, with an average heart rate of 100 beats per minute,” Sander Lee said. “This is science. What media outlets like the New York Times publishes about abortion is too often political rhetoric.”

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Join the Fight to Defeat Proposal 5 – for the FIVE!

Mary Hahn Beerworth, Executive Director VRLC



Only a handful of media outlets covered the terrible news coming out of Washington DC last month concerning the aborted babies that were found in a medical waste container. Over 100 little bodies were in the container and the number included 5 nearly full-term babies.

The photos of those tiny bodies are some of the saddest reminders of what abortion does to a human baby that I have ever seen. The photos can be found online, but I caution that you will be haunted by their unique faces, their manner of death and the callous treatment of their bodies.

When Vermont legislators drafted and passed Proposal 5, Vermont Right to Life warned that the language as written would mean open season on unborn babies throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

Our concerns did not slow pro-abortion lawmakers down for even a minute. They waved off our concerns by declaring that late-term abortions do not even happen! The FIVE little babies who were so recently found in the medical waste dumpster expose their lies.

The discovery of the aborted babies prompted pro-life groups and legislators to call for an investigation into possible violations of two federal laws, the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act and the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. Medical experts who studied the photos agreed that the deceased children likely died after viability, late in the second or third trimester of their mothers' pregnancies.

One of the five babies found had a collapsed skull and wounds at the base of her neck and she may have died in an illegal partial-birth abortion. Another child, still enveloped in an intact placenta, probably underwent labor induction that may have

resulted in a live-birth abortion—one in which a viable child survives an attempted abortion, is born, and is then killed or left to die.

A third viable child was likely killed in a dilation and evacuation, or "D&E," procedure in which her arms and legs were ripped off, her body decapitated, and her skull crushed—an abortion method legal throughout pregnancy in Washington and nationwide.

How often are abortionists prosecuted for violating either the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban or the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act? According to LifeNews an exhaustive internet search has turned up not a single prosecution for violations of those laws, despite ample evidence that such violations occur.

The time is now to step up to and educate our fellow Vermonters about the dangers of Proposal 5 or Article 22 – before they cast their ballots on November 8, 2022.

Estates and Memorial Gifts

When you consider your estate planning or donations in memory of a loved one, please consider Vermont Right to Life. What better cause to support than helping to uphold the sanctity of all human life, from conception through natural death! That's what we do every day for Vermont, and we rely on your support to help leave a "Legacy of Life." Thank you and God Bless you!

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Pro-Abortion Super-Majority in the Vermont House Pass Proposal 5 on to Vermont Voters

Annisa Lamberton, spokesperson for Vermonters for Good Government (VFGG) told Channel 5 (WPTZ) reporters the following about Proposal 5 on February 8th, the day of the final House vote on the measure:

"It's serving legislative power, it's serving judicial power. It's not serving the state of Vermont, it's not serving parents, it's not serving the minors of our state and it's certainly not serving taxpayers," said Annisa Lamberton stated concerning the repercussions of Proposal 5 if passed by the voters.

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Annisa Lamberton, spokesperson for Vermonters for Good Government



Nearly 100 Pro-lifers were at the front and side doorways to greet legislators as they entered the Capitol to take up Proposal 5 on February 8th.



What Decriminalizing Prostitution Will Mean for Vermont Communities, Our Young Women, and the Unborn

by Maggie Kerrin, Director of Outreach and Advocacy

At the time of this writing a bill is headed to Governor Scott's desk to remove "archaic and offensive language" from Burlington's city charter – that was the stated reason for Burlington's charter change. In reality, what this charter change will do is repeal any language pertaining to prostitution from their city charter, and it will remove the City Council's ability to address or regulate any concerns regarding prostitution that may occur within its city limits in the future.

While numerous other cities across the nation work to protect their communities and citizens by enacting local prostitution-related ordinances, Burlington's progressive led city council has consistently worked to eliminate any ability they would have to address such a tragic issue as prostitution in their community, and would also eliminate

their ability to protect those citizens who will be harmed by it.

Burlington City Council insists this will have no negative effect or consequences for its citizens because Vermont State Law will still apply regarding matters of prostitution. But what they aren't telling you is that there has been a consistent effort by numerous Vermont legislative members, since 2020, to push for full decriminalization of prostitution statewide.

Montpelier City Council also took up this conversation in the Fall of 2021 after it was recommended in a Police Review Committee report that the city's prostitution ordinances be stricken, and that they align themselves with the intentions of the state in such matters. Montpelier's Council will be revisiting that conversation and may vote to drop their prostitution ordinance on June 22nd.

For those following this issue closely within the state and beyond, it is very clear that there is an underlying political agenda to completely decriminalize prostitution, not only statewide, but nationwide. The national campaign to fully decriminalize all aspects of prostitution has identified Vermont as the most attractive target to become the first state in the Nation to drop all prohibitions and regulations on the sex trade. And they explicitly say that their strategy for passing decriminalization legislation within any state is to attack local prostitution ordinances as a step along the way to abolishing prostitution laws. That is exactly what is unfolding in Vermont at this very moment.

The statements by Vermont city councilors and legislators about the charter change bill being inconsequential except to remove outdated language are patently false.

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Be sure that you have signed up at www.vermontersforgoodgovernment.org for up-to-the-minute information and to participate in upcoming events. The organization will be in charge of mobilizing a statewide effort to defeat Proposal 5/Article 22 at the ballot box in NOVEMBER.

Vermonters were outraged by the biased public hearing held by House Human Services on January 26th, 2022. To voice their objections, those who were shut out of the process held their own hearing on the State House steps (see photo on next page). Dozens of people who were unable

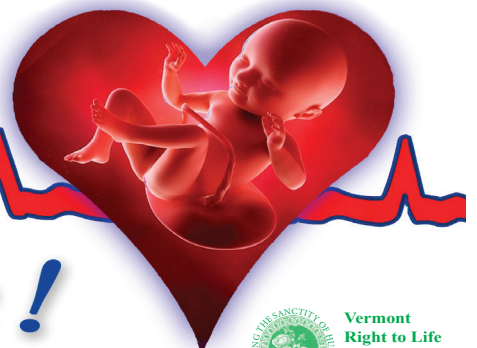
to participate in the public hearing inside the State House read the testimony they would have offered to the Committee but were blocked from doing so. The speakers included women who had abortions and regretted them and wished to urge people to hear their stories. Also testifying outside the State House were two members of the newly formed Vermont Family Alliance including spokesperson for the group, Carol Kauffman, and former educator Anne Wilson, both of Addison County. The two women outlined the threat to parents and potential harm to minor children should Proposal 5 be included in our constitution.

Not only was the House Human Services public hearing in January unbalanced by a ratio of two to 1 in favor of pro-abortion supporters, the State House itself had only limited seating for the public due to Covid restrictions. Interested Vermonters had to sign up to testify in advance, but the sign up mechanism online was shut down days ahead of the public hearing effectively blocking out dozens of opponents of Proposal 5. Even those who signed up early were not notified that they were in the roster unlike the courtesy shown to proponents.

More than one lawmaker commented that they "had never seen anything like it."

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A HISTORY LESSON: Late-Term Abortions Happen and Abortion Supporters Lie About it

Definition of a partial-birth abortion: (1) the term “partial-birth abortion” means an abortion in which the person performing the abortion— (A) deliberately and intentionally vaginally delivers a living fetus until, in the case of a head-first presentation, the entire fetal head is outside the body of the mother, or, in the case of breech presentation, any part of the fetal trunk past the navel is outside the body of the mother, for the purpose of performing an overt act that the person knows will kill the partially delivered living fetus; and (B) performs the overt act, other than completion of delivery, that kills the partially delivered living fetus;

As far back as 2003 when the debate over the federal ban on the gruesome late term partial birth abortion procedure was gripping our nation, lawmakers and news outlets repeated the lie that late-term abortions were rare or even non-existent. Our own (then) Vermont Governor, Howard Dean, appeared on national television to assure

Americans that only 300 partial birth abortions were performed annually and only to save the mother’s life.

However, an investigative journalist decided to find out what was really happening. Journalist Ruth Padawer

“**80% were done for elective reasons**”

visited a nearby clinic in Inglewood, New Jersey, to inquire as to how many partial-birth abortions they performed in their clinic. The answer to Padawer’s inquiry was that an incredible 1,500 partial birth abortions were performed in that one clinic EVERY YEAR. Furthermore, the clinic said over “**80% were done for elective reasons**” and not for the life or health of the mother.

Ultimately the partial-birth procedure was banned by the US Congress and the US Supreme Court upheld the ban. However, it is important to remember that while partial-birth abortion is banned, there are numerous other abortion procedures to that are used to end the lives of babies in the second and third trimester that remain legal in most states and here in Vermont.

At a time when some states are moving to legally protect unborn human life, Vermont will be an attractive place to move for late-term abortionists.

Let’s commit to defeating Proposal 5 for the FIVE and all the precious unborn babies who need our help to live.



Despite Frigid Temperatures, Hundreds Turn Out for 49th Annual Rally for Life at the State House

Vermont pro-lifers just kept coming and coming... despite the freezing cold weather.



Pro-Abortion Candidates Spread Disinformation in Wake of Supreme Court Leak

PRESS RELEASE - VERMONT RIGHT TO LIFE - MAY 5, 2022

Since the shocking leak of US Supreme Court documents suggesting that the Court might overturn Roe v. Wade, several pro-abortion candidates for office have issued false and misleading statements about abortion and the effect Proposal 5/Article 22 would have in Vermont. Prop 5 goes beyond Roe v. Wade and beyond abortion. Vermonters should not be hoodwinked by this disinformation campaign.

Here are some examples:

DAVID ZUCKERMAN, candidate for Lt. Governor, recently made several false claims about later-in term abortion on the Morning Drive talk show on WVMT.

Contrary to Zuckerman's assertions:

- There are numerous physicians who perform later-term abortions for purely elective reasons See <https://www.liveaction.org/.../cdc-report-later.../>
- Vermont law says no health care provider can be sanctioned in any way for performing an abortion, even late-term elective abortions
- Abortion is routinely offered to parents as an option at any stage of pregnancy when faced with a diagnosis of Down syndrome. It is estimated between 67 – 74 % of babies prenatally diagnosed with Down syndrome are aborted in the United States.

GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT, in a press statement stated that: “In November Vermonters will have the ability to codify that right [to abortion] in our state Constitution when Prop 5 is on the ballot. So at the end of the day the fundamental rights and liberties of all women will be defended, protected and preserved here in Vermont.”

BUT... The language of Proposal 5 does not mention “women” nor does it mention “abortion.” Governor Scott is misleading Vermont parents as the word “individual” in the language may well include extending the right to make “personal reproductive choices” to minor children without parental involvement.

KITTY TOLL, candidate for Lt. Governor: (press statement):

“With so much at stake, we must guarantee every Vermonter the right to reproductive liberty by supporting Proposition 5 at the ballot box in November.”

BUT... “Reproductive liberty” is undefined and the average voter in Vermont will have no idea that their “liberties” will be defined by the courts.

MOLLY GRAY, candidate for US House: (press statement):

“The Vermont Senate’s passage of Proposal 5 is a critical step in the process of amending our Vermont Constitution to ensure that no matter what happens nationally, the right of every Vermonter to personal reproductive autonomy is protected.”

BUT... If Roe v Wade should be overturned, abortion would remain legal in our State. Vermont has one of the most radical abortion laws in the world. Vermont’s statute (Act 47) allows unlimited, unregulated abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Furthermore, Vermont legalized abortion (*Beecham v. Leahy*) a full year before Roe v. Wade was originally decided. A constitutional amendment is not needed to “protect” abortion in our State, regardless of what happens at the federal level.

New Hampshire Legislature Rejects Attempts to Add Abortion to Their State Constitution

Good news from our neighbors! New Hampshire legislators have tabled an attempt to add a proposed constitutional amendment that would prevent the state from legally protecting unborn babies throughout pregnancy from abortion.

The language was strikingly similar to the wording of Proposal 5/Article 22 which was passed by the majority of pro-abortion legislators here in Vermont. The language included the phrase “personal reproductive autonomy.” The measure was tabled and is considered unlikely to garner enough support in either chamber to pass.

150 Vermonters Stay for Lunch at the Capitol Plaza after Rally for Life to Learn More about Proposal 5/Article 22



Three organizations presented the “Case against Proposal 5” following a buffet lunch in Montpelier directly after the Rally for Life on the State House steps on January 22, 2022. Find out more about Vermont Family Alliance and Vermonters for Good Government. The two groups joined with the Vermont Right to Life Committee to present the range of negative consequences that will result if the measure is passed into law by voters in November of 2022.

Proposal 5–Article 22 is generating attention and concern all across the state. Be sure you are in contact with not only the

Vermont Right to Life Committee, but with Vermonters for Good Government Action and Vermont Family Alliance. All three groups are willing to come to YOUR TOWN and present the multi-faceted reasons to VOTE NO in November. As this newsletter goes to print, one or all of these groups have spoken in dozens of towns and various venues to get the word spreading. We are available to reach small groups by Zoom calls or to attend a gathering in person.

All three groups have materials, pamphlets and can give a presentation in your local community.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN REACH OUT



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Vermonters for Good Government: www.vermontersforgoodgovernment.org
(802) 828-7095 <https://twitter.com/VFTCG> and Facebook

Vermont Family Alliance: find them on Facebook or call 802-552-8349

Prenatal Tests Wrong 85% of the Time

Early prenatal tests for rare disorders often lead to thoughts about abortion for expecting parents. Sometimes, doctors and genetic counselors pressure parents to abort their unborn babies after a positive test, and both healthy and unhealthy unborn babies are killed in abortions as a result.

An analysis by the New York Times has found that some of the most common prenatal screening tests are not as reliable, as parents often are led to believe, and many healthy unborn babies may be being aborted as a result of false positives.

Examining five non-invasive prenatal tests, which involve drawing blood in the first trimester, the Times found an average false positive rate of 85 percent.

According to the report, experts said early prenatal tests for Patau syndrome (trisomy 13) are marketed as "reliable" and "accurate" despite the lack of certainty, the report found. The test companies do recommend follow-up testing to confirm the results, but parents do not always do this. More accurate tests come with a risk of miscarriage and can be expensive, so some parents go on the early, unreliable results alone to make a decision about their unborn baby's life.

The expanded use of prenatal testing has led to more unborn babies with disabilities being targeted for abortions. Recent reports in The Atlantic and CBS News found that nearly 100 percent of unborn babies who test positive for Down syndrome are aborted in Iceland, 95 percent in Denmark,

77 percent in France and 67 percent in the United States.

What's more, parents frequently report feeling pressured to abort unborn babies with disabilities. One mom recently told the BBC that she was pressured 15 times to abort her unborn daughter, including right up to the moment of her baby's birth. Another mother from Brooklyn, New York said doctors tried to convince her to abort her unborn son for weeks before they took no for an answer. Many say they did not receive adequate counseling about the disorder or the support available to families of children with disabilities.

(Excerpts taken from LifeNews.com from January 2022)

EXPOSED:

Legalized Abortion Does Not Save Lives



Photo: Dr. Calum Miller

A British medical researcher is refuting one of the most pernicious lies of the pro-abortion movement: that legalizing abortions saves lives.

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Within months of Argentina legalizing abortion, a leading abortion advocate died from an abortion

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In a new interview at The Bridgehead, Dr. Calum Miller talked about his research into women's abortion deaths and his ongoing efforts to protect the right to life of unborn babies.

Miller's findings, published in April in the Ethiopian Medical Journal, found that legalizing abortions led to more unborn babies being killed, but it did not significantly change the number of mothers dying from abortions.

“Rather than being a silver bullet to reduce deaths from abortion, abortion legalization has resulted in a vast increase in the number of abortions, without any appreciable decrease in abortion mortality or maternal mortality,” Miller found.

Speaking with popular pro-life blogger Jonathon Van Maren, Miller said he decided to research the issue because he has heard so frequently that banning abortions does not save lives.

“...very few academics had looked into this in detail,” he said. “So I wanted to look at a modern-day example in detail and see whether legal abortion had delivered on its promises – unfortunately all it achieved was more lives ended and more women hospitalized.”

What Miller discovered was the exact opposite of what the pro-abortion movement claims. Examining health data from Ethiopia before and after it legalized abortion, he said he found that legalizing abortions leads to more deaths, not fewer.

“The first and most simple conclusion is that legalizing abortion did not reduce the number of women dying from abortion. In fact, there is some evidence it led to more women dying,” he told Van Maren. “This is in line with the experience of almost every other country.”

Interestingly, Miller said he noticed that legalizing abortions did not reduce the number of illegal abortions either. According to his research, illegal abortions continued

while legal abortions “skyrocketed” after the African country legalized abortion. What's more, he said the data showed a huge increase in women suffering abortion complications after abortion became legal.

Data from other countries suggests similar trends.

“Within months of Argentina legalizing abortion, a leading abortion advocate died from an abortion,” he said. “Her life mattered infinitely, and it was a tragedy that she was misled by other abortion advocates propagating these myths. What I found in the Ethiopia study is that – as in many countries – legalizing abortion doesn't reduce illegal abortions; it only increases legal ones in addition, putting more women at risk.”

His is not the first research to show this. Miller said even the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in England refuted the claim decades ago, but “sadly they and other organizations have turned to propagating this misinformation.” Other studies have found that legalizing abortion does not reduce maternal mortality rates, and abortions may, in fact, be more dangerous for mothers than childbirth.

(Excerpts for this article are used with permission from LifeNews.com)

Vermont Legislature Expands Assisted Suicide Law – Lethal Drugs Can Now Be Prescribed by Telemedicine and Sent by Mail

Despite testimony provided by Vermont Right to Life lobbyists as to the dangers of expanding assisted-suicide, both the Vermont Senate and House passed S. 74 (Patient Choice: Immunity). Governor Phil Scott signed the bill into law on April 27, 2022. The new law removes important safeguards and allows the lethal drugs to be prescribed over the telephone with video. The pro-abortion, pro-suicide majorities of the Vermont House and Senate ignored the testimony provided by medical providers as well as lobbyists for the Vermont Right to Life Committee.

Those testimonies pointed out the experimental nature of the multiple drug cocktail being used to end lives and urged caution about prescribing a lethal dose over the telephone. The in-person consultation with a medical professional that had been required was an opportunity for health care providers to be certain that their patient was not under coercion or pressure to end their lives for the convenience of others. Pro-lifers are grateful to Representative Anne Donahue (Northfield) for offering an amendment on the House floor that would require an in-person interaction with a health care provider before obtaining the lethal dose. While the amendment failed to pass, it provided an opportunity to increase awareness of the agenda behind the push to remove safeguards around the assisted suicide law in Vermont.

Ironically, the supporters of assisted suicide and euthanasia were in favor of the safeguards in 2013 when the law was first enacted and are the very same lobbyists who now want them removed.

“It will come as no surprise to pro-lifer Vermonters that suicide supporters always had a broader agenda and intended to eliminate any and all safeguards,” stated Mary Hahn Beerworth, Executive Director for VRLC. “Pro-lifers are aware that the same forces will push until all safeguards are stripped away and Vermont medical workers are legally able to engage in full-blown euthanasia – leaving our most vulnerable at even greater risk of being pressured to die.”

Now Available –Don't be “Hoodwinked” brochures from Vermont Right to Life

Don't be ***HOODWINKED!***
Vote NO on Proposal 5/Article 22



Proponents claim that Proposal 5/Article 22 is just “a simple amendment to protect a woman’s right to an abortion.”

However, note that the amendment language doesn’t contain the word “abortion” and does not refer to “women.”

What does the proposed amendment to the Vermont Constitution actually say? Read it for yourself:

Article 22. [Personal reproductive liberty]

That an individual’s right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one’s own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

SIX REASONS TO OPPOSE PROPOSAL 5/ARTICLE 22

The proposed amendment is:

1) INHUMANE

The amendment strips any opportunity for future legislatures to legally protect an unborn baby at any time throughout all nine months of pregnancy. While 215 plants and animals have legal protection in Vermont, unborn children will not be protected under Proposal 5, leaving them exposed to scientific experimentation, sale of baby body parts, and much more.

2) DANGEROUS

Proposal 5 would effectively shield abortion businesses from state oversight or regulation. Planned Parenthood of Vermont is the largest provider of abortions in our state (annually they perform approximately 1,100 abortions in their VT clinics). Other abortionists could also freely commit abortions throughout pregnancy without regulation, oversight or accountability leading to harm for young girls and women.

3) EXPLOITATIVE

The following scientific practices would have constitutional protection: human cloning, 3-parent embryo creation, gestational surrogacy trafficking, trafficking in human embryo creation, designer babies and womb transplants – and much more.

4) EXPENSIVE

Proposal 5 would most likely require taxpayer funding of all abortions. Taxpayer funding could also be required for sterilizations and transgender surgeries along with reversals of those surgeries.

5) UNCONSCIONABLE

Medical professionals would be prevented from conscientiously objecting to participation in procedures that they find morally reprehensible or that go against their best medical judgement.

6) CONSEQUENTIAL

Proposal 5 would prevent parents from any involvement in the most serious decisions regarding their minor children – from abortion to sterilization to transgender hormones and surgeries.

Don't be ***HOODWINKED!***

Vote NO on Proposal 5/Article 22

hoodwink

Oxford Dictionary Definition

1) *To deceive or trick (someone).*

“an attempt to hoodwink the public”

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US Senate Rejects Resolution to Prevent Taxpayer Funds from Going to Facilities that Perform Abortions

Taxpayer Dollars will continue to flow to Planned Parenthood under Biden Administration

WASHINGTON – In a vote of 49-49, the Senate rejected a joint resolution that would have reversed the Biden Administration's 2021 Final Rule on the Title X Family Planning Program. The 2021 Final Rule reversed a Trump era policy that prevented taxpayer funds from going to health facilities that performed or promoted abortion as family planning.

FACTS Can Change Hearts and Minds

Only SEVEN countries allow elective abortions after 20 weeks: Canada, China, Netherlands, North Korea, Singapore, the United States and Vietnam.

Far-left talk show host, Bill Maher found out a few things since the US Supreme Court documents were release:

"I learned things this week... that are pretty basic things that I did not know about abortion. Like in Europe, the modern countries of Europe are way more restrictive than we are or what they're even proposing!" Maher exclaimed. "If you are pro-choice, you would like it a lot less in Germany, and Italy, and France, and Spain, and Switzerland. Did you know that? I didn't know that."

Here is a photo of the art work display in the Card Room at the State House in Montpelier, VT for the month of May. Note the ironic display title in the very same building where the majority of lawmakers have worked to insure that unborn babies have NO voice.

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CONFIRMED - unborn children cannot be legally protected at any stage of pregnancy should Proposal 5/Article 22 be passed in November of 2022.

On January 19th, 2022 Eleanor Spottswood, Vermont's Solicitor General, confirmed that unborn babies could not be protected under Proposal 5/Article 22 at any stage of pregnancy.

During House Human Services Committee testimony on the amendment, Spottswood was asked whether a bill declaring that a fetus is a person at 24 weeks gestation would be upheld under Article 22 and she replied, *"The extent that that statute would interfere with a woman's right to reproductive autonomy, or a pregnant person's right to reproductive autonomy, that portion of the bill would not be upheld under Proposal 5."*

Knights of Columbus Raise Funds for Pregnancy Resource Centers in Vermont and Across the US

Knights of Columbus from across the United States joined other pro-life advocates Jan. 21 in Washington, D.C., to defend the rights of unborn children at the historic March for Life. Only a few days before, the Order placed its 1,500th ultrasound machine in a pregnancy resource center, a major milestone for the Ultrasound Initiative, which has helped countless women choose life since the program began in 2009.

In Vermont, the Knights of Columbus have helped raise the funds so that several pregnancy resource centers could obtain Ultrasound machines. The Vermont Knights of Columbus have also helped to purchase an Ultrasound Mobile Unit for Aspire Together Pregnancy Center in Williston – the Mobile Unit should arrive by summer.





Franklin County Right to Life volunteers March in the April Maple Fest Parade in St. Albans, VT, featuring antique cars and signs encouraging people to vote NO on Proposal 5/Article 22.

If you have a parade in your town, we'll get the signs to you!



Please donate to help fight for their lives!



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VT Digger Admits Mistake in \$1000 Advertising Donation to Pro-Abortion Group

By Guy Page, Editor of the Vermont Daily Chronicle

VT Digger stated that it made a mistake by giving a pro-Proposal 5 lobby group, Planned Parenthood, \$1000 in free advertising just days before the Vermont House of Representatives voted Feb. 8, 2022 (107 to 41 in support of Prop 5).

Proposal 5 would amend the Vermont Constitution to provide "reproductive liberty," including unrestricted access to abortion regardless of age. The proposed amendment will go to Vermont voters at the general election in November.

VT Digger editor, Anne Galloway, promised to refrain from free underwriting – a/k/a advertising – for political organizations, candidates or advocacy groups. Also, Vermont for Reproductive Liberty has agreed to compensate VT Digger, she said.



Anne Galloway,
Editor of vtdigger.org

The admission of error by Vermont's pre-eminent online news outlet was made three days after March 20, when Vermonters for Good Government sent a letter to supporters informing them of

the inappropriate donation.

"We always knew pushing back against Proposal 5/Article 22 would come with challenges, but this one, frankly, took us by surprise," Vermonters for Good Government Action Executive Director Matthew Strong wrote in the March 20th letter. "This \$1,000 of free advertising from a supposedly neutral 'news' source is listed in the report as having been received on February 7, 2022 – the day before the House of Representatives voted on the proposal."

"Biased reporting is bad enough," Strong continued. "But a news outlet actively paying for one side's propaganda on an issue they are covering, and timing their contribution specifically to influence a legislative vote, is beyond the pale. At least this incident makes it clear that this is what we're dealing with."

Publisher Anne Galloway yesterday told *Vermont Daily Chronicle* via email that the free advertising – referred to as "underwriting" by the not-for-profit VT Digger – was offered in the hopes of securing future business.

"As we often do with potential clients, we offered Vermont for Reproductive Liberty a promotion in an effort to secure future underwriting business,"

Galloway said. "This was a mistake. VTDigger's policy prohibits donations to political organizations or advocacy groups. In the future, we will ensure that no free promotions are offered to political organizations, advocacy groups or candidates of any kind."

"We have asked Vermont for Reproductive Liberty to compensate us for the underwriting and they have agreed to do so. Needless to say, VTDigger's news department had no knowledge of or involvement in this matter."

The donation speaks for itself, Strong said. "We see now that the Vermont media will not help us by fairly reporting the facts," Strong said in the March 20 letter. "They are not interested in the truth about how Proposal 5 allows unregulated abortion until birth, opens the door to various avenues of eugenics, blocks parents from having a say in regard to their children's physical and psychological sexual health, and more."

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What Decriminalizing Prostitution Will Mean...

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The Burlington removal of prostitution ordinances and the charter change ensure that the city can never impose any restriction on prostitution, such as declaring hotels and massage parlors with rampant, visible prostitution as nuisance properties and imposing “cease and desist” orders, or prohibiting prostitution from occurring in residential areas, or near schools, churches, or playgrounds. Prostitution always creates a vast range of related crime, neighborhood disorder, and health consequences. Local ordinances have been passed in the vast majority of the nation’s cities and towns to address such matters - more are coming online every week. The steps being taken in Burlington and being considered in Montpelier are moving in precisely the opposite direction, positioning the cities to be helpless to act in response to the inevitable problems accompanying prostitution.

What this will mean for Vermont and Vermonters: Victimization of our most vulnerable.

Those most vulnerable amongst us are those most harmed by policies and legislation such as this. We see it repeatedly in abortion laws, in assisted suicide laws, and now for

those who will be even more vulnerable to victimization by being trafficked into prostitution.

Force, fraud, kidnapping, coercion, threats, manipulation, drug or alcohol addiction. Those are all traps that our young men, women, and children will find themselves caught up in. If a market is created in Vermont that encourages the sale of a body for a price – as a commodity – many amongst us will be targeted and victimized, and trapped in a reality in which they can find no way out.

If you create a market in Vermont, it will need to be fed. It will be the most vulnerable amongst us who will pay the ultimate price – but we all, as a society, will feel the consequences of such actions. It will change our communities, change our culture, and bring substantial harm through gangs, drug dealers, and the need to feed this market.

I think often of Jesus and the prostitute. He understood her circumstance – her vulnerability – her need for survival – her tragedy.

Vermont Right to Life stands with, and for, our most vulnerable. We recognize

the concern regarding the decriminalization of prostitution statewide. Such a level of sexual exploitation will most certainly result in unexpected pregnancies – and will also result in increased abortions statewide.

There is so much “noise” surrounding the abortion issue today, as Roe vs Wade awaits its Supreme Court decision. Yet, already, Planned Parenthood states that they will anticipate a greater need for abortion services in Vermont as women come to Vermont for their abortion “healthcare.” Let’s not make prostitution one more reason women will need abortions.

Please find out how your legislator voted on this issue and be sure to let them know how harmful this action will be. It is extremely likely the vote for full statewide decriminalization will occur in our next legislative biennium. Let your voices be heard.

If you would like further information about this, please contact me at Maggie@vrlc.net or by calling the office at 802-229-4885. You can also reach out to me at New Englanders Against Sexual Exploitation (Vermont Chair) by emailing me at nease.vermont@gmail.com

The statehouse ignored our voices...



Editor's Note: In 2019, pro-life supporters filled the State House chambers, the hallways and all extra rooms, despite inclement weather. Apparently, pro-abortion lawmakers wanted to avoid that strong show of opposition again in 2022, and did all in their power to discourage pro-life participation. The February hearing could have easily been postponed until spring when the State House reopened for business, but the supermajority declined to allow for a fair and open process. As the photo indicates, we'll just have to be louder in November!



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US Supreme Court Justices, Churches, Pregnancy Centers - Under Attack



Radical pro-abortion groups have published the home addresses for the conservative members of the Supreme Court online and are threatening to engage in potentially violent and illegal protests against them.

The move comes after an unprecedented leak of a working draft of a Supreme Court decision that could potentially overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Historically, law clerks and other staff are sworn to secrecy while drafts are shared among the various justices. While the leaked documents are not finalized, pro-abortion groups used the leak to set off protests across the country. They also used the leak to spread false misinformation about abortion and to incite fear and violence. While officials are trying to find the source of the leak it may be years before the offender is discovered.

A group named "Ruth Sent Us" is now calling for disruption and violence in Catholic churches, as well as protests outside the private homes of Supreme Court justices and their families. Justice Samuel Alito and his family were moved to a secure location. The US Senate moved quickly and unanimously to provide increased security for the Justices.

In Madison, Wisconsin, the headquarters of a pro-life organization — Wisconsin Family Action — was set ablaze in an apparent arson attack, police said. No one was hurt. Graffiti left outside the building said, "If abortions aren't safe you aren't either."

In Denton, Texas, a pro-life pregnancy center called Loreto House was defaced with graffiti that read, "Not a clinic," and "Forced pregnancy is murder."

"In the late evening on Sunday, May 8, the office of Oregon Right to Life was attacked. An individual used incendiary devices, one of which exploded and caught the building on fire," Oregon Right to Life said in a statement posted on its website. The office was vacant at the time, and no one was harmed. Fire and police departments responded quickly, minimizing damage to the building. The agencies are actively investigating the incident."

According to the Washington Times, Sacred Heart of Mary Church in Boulder was tagged with messages such as "my body, my choice" and "keep your religion off our bodies," while several windows were cracked and broken.

Police in Barre, Vermont were on heightened alert but no reports of vandalism have surfaced to date.