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**November 8th**

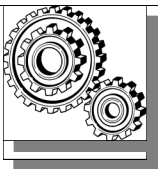
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**In the Works**

### Proposal 5/ Amendment 22 Articles Summary

Are you interested in becoming involved? CAM is looking for interested and active people to act as liaisons to their church, helping to keep the Christian community informed. Contact us at [camnetVT@gmail.com](mailto:camnetVT@gmail.com).

## That's Not Very Christian of You

By  
William Parkinson

I suspect many of us have heard these words: “That’s not very Christian of you” when we have confronted someone about their sin whether to their face or in conversation about another individual or group. It is a common response of the enemy to make us feel as though we can’t be critical or condemning; that we must be sweet and tolerant; that love means acceptance. But that is not love as commanded in the Bible. We are to love the sinner but we are to hate the sin. To not confront the sinner about his sin is the opposite of love because we are allowing or even encouraging him to remain in sin and disobedience, separating him from the Lord and perhaps his salvation. It’s hard to imagine anything less loving than to condemn a person to an eternity separated from the Lord.

We are all sinners and the first sins we should call out for repentance are our own. But in today’s cultural and political battles there are some sins affecting us as a society that we need to focus on for the

sake of our nation and our children’s future. The goal is not to be hurtful but to restore or to bring those in sin into fellowship with Christ, and to warn those who might contemplate committing the sin.

The worldly society is trying to get us to look the other way with so many sins these days saying the sin is OK or doesn’t matter. Abortion is protected in law, homosexual acts are protected in law and considered normal, sex outside marriage is considered the norm, theft is not being prosecuted in some cities, lying is accepted to promote an agenda. All these and more on a societal level affect us all.

A hundred years ago it was just as easy to say abortion or homosexuality was sin as it was to say lying or stealing were sins, but not now. I can guarantee you God hasn’t changed His mind on the subject; it is the changing standards the world and Satan have created that make it more difficult now. In this age, there will always be sin in the world

but when society begins to accept it as proper or normal we are in extreme danger of judgment.

The world would like us to only recognize the meek loving side of Jesus that healed the hurting and taught the children. The enemy portrays Him as weak and wouldn’t hurt a fly, could never say a negative word or hurt anyone’s feelings. And while He was the kindest most loving man to ever live He was also the strongest most powerful man to ever live. Imagine the strength of a man to allow himself to be put to death in such a painful way when he could have stopped it at any moment with just a word. Remember what he said in Matthew 10:34,35 “Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.” He called out Peter who was certainly close to a best friend in Matthew 16:23 “But he

turned, and said unto Peter, ‘Get thee behind Me, Satan: thou art an offense unto Me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.’” In Matthew 23 Jesus speaking to the multitudes and the scribes and Pharisees in particular calls them out: woe unto you hypocrites seven times, blind and foolish once, blind four times, serpents, vipers once.

Picture the Christ of Revelation. He will command and lead His army to victory in the greatest battle the world has ever known. Rev 3:19 “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.” Rev 19:15 “And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.” Rev 19:20-21 “And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of His mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”

Paul instructs us in Titus 1:13 “Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith.” 2:15 “These things

also standing firm on the word not giving an inch when it comes to Biblical doctrine.

speak and exhort, and rebuke with authority ...” 1 Timothy 5:20 “Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear” 2 Timothy 4:2 “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”



In our culture, it is easy to mistake mild and humble for weakness. We see images of Jesus holding a small child in his lap, riding sidesaddle on a small donkey, crushed under the weight of his crucifix as he walks to Calvary. These may seem like weakness, but He was the most powerful man the world has ever known. In current fiction think of mild-mannered Clark Kent who was actually Superman; don't be fooled. We are to be both: humble and forgiving, but

We are certainly not called to be mean and we are definitely not called to be judge, but we are called to confront sin, and warn the sinner. We need to stand ready to confront all sin in our own lives and in the world and be not afraid. Be constant in prayer and never lose sight of the fact; He is right there with you, both to support you and to see and hear all that you do, say, and even think. Ephesians 6:19 “And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.”

Boldly call out sin for the evil it is whether it be abortion, murder, homosexuality, sex outside marriage, lying, theft, idolatry, whatever. Always remembering you are a sinner too and should be thankful for the brother/sister who points it out and reminds you to repent. All sin separates the sinner from God and that is a place no one should want to be. Do not allow the enemy to silence you with the lie that calling out sin is not kind or Christian. Be strong and be brave.

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*Christians seem to act as if they thought God did not see what they do in politics. But I tell you He does see it – and He will bless or curse this nation according to the course they [Christians] take [in politics]. – Charles Finney*

# Trojan Horses and Handmaidens

by  
Lauston Stephens

Back in the day, my grandmother inherited farmland from her grandfather. Then Uncle Sam decided that he needed the land for a military base. He paid her a fair price and took the land. We usually think of the principle of eminent domain only in terms of real estate. In fact, a government might not just take your property. When we do not abide by the law, the State often finds that it has a compelling interest to take your money, your liberty, or even your life.

*The Handmaiden's Tale* is a fictional story of a dystopian state that asserts eminent domain, if you will, over the wombs of fertile women. Advocates of Proposal 5 think their proposed amendment to the Vermont constitution will prevent that from ever happening. It will not.

Most attention has been focused on the first part of the proposal. We need to consider the Trojan horse included in the proposal, “unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.” There is no indication of what might be considered a “compelling State interest.” Vermonters are being asked to hardwire into the constitution the potential of eminent domain over wombs for whatever compelling interests the State may assert at any time in the future.

This means that a simple majority in the state legislature, either with a governor's signature or the lack of a sustainable veto, can declare a “compelling State interest” and assert eminent domain, so to speak, over reproductive autonomy. It would be challenged in court, to be sure, but there would be no need to repeal the proposed Article 22 or to add a new amendment to the state constitution. This is the Trojan horse. Proposal 5 is a political gesture with no real guarantees. If it passes in November, people that vote for it will think they have a victory but it contains the seeds of defeat.



Advocates of Proposal 5 may lie awake at night worrying about Vermont becoming the next Texas or Mississippi. Not likely, but Vermont was solidly Republican for over a century before quickly becoming one of the most liberal states in the country. A major cultural shift has happened here before and could happen again. The current political drift makes an op-

posite scenario more likely.

In 1979, the Communist Chinese government embraced the idea that there was a compelling state interest to limit families to one child. They even put it in their constitution. Instead of the State requiring birth, it *required* abortion. This is not fiction. Check out the documentary, “One Child Nation”, if you want to see a real dystopia.

The 2020 census shows 26 US cities with a greater population than the State of Vermont, yet our politicians periodically make gestures toward saving the planet from humanity. They may congratulate themselves on their virtue but the gestures have only a tiny intended impact. We are more in danger of becoming a Progressive dystopia of limited family size than of anything the Left may fear.

Is Proposal 5 rooted in a strong libertarian philosophy? For example, “The government that governs least governs best?” Or is there a “will to power” that would make Nietzsche proud? It appears that those that drafted this proposal were loath to leave out the State's interest. In doing so, they have created something that no Vermonter should want, Left, Right, or Center.

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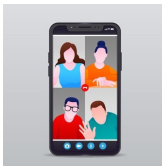
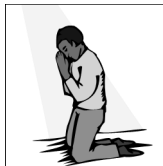
***I am a Christocrat. I believe that all power will fail of producing order and happiness in the hands of man. He alone who created and redeemed man is qualified to govern him.—Dr. Benjamin Rush, Founding Father***



**CAM** members attended an event sponsored by Vermonters For Good Government at the capitol. They provided us with a flyer on Proposal 5/ Amendment 22 that we have included in this issue. Their research team included legislator and (inactive) attorney Anne Donahue. You may share this with others to inform them about this proposal.

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*Faith without works is dead  
James 2:17*

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### Next Meeting

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Hinesburg, Vt.

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and location

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## 5 REASONS TO OPPOSE PROP 5/ARTICLE 22



**1. UNSTOPPABLE LATE-TERM, ANYTHING GOES ABORTIONS** Abortions that terminate fully-developed babies able to live outside the womb will be constitutionally protected. Babies could be aborted days before their birthdays, for any reason, or no reason at all.

### 2. CONSCIENCE PROTECTIONS PROHIBITED

Article 22 will not only mean no restriction whatsoever of late-term abortions, it would force doctors and nurses to assist in procedures like late-term abortions and sterilizations of minor children -- even **against their medical judgment** -- or be fired, without recourse.



### 3. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT LIMITED

Parents would be prevented from being notified about their child's "reproductive" choices of sterilization or abortion, regardless of age or circumstance.

**4. TAXPAYER FUNDING** With a "constitutional right" comes government funding. Taxpayers will be required to pay for procedures related to "reproductive choice" -- such as late-term abortion, abortions as birth control, and even sterilization -- regardless of fiscal circumstances or what the public wants.



### 5. UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCES

Proposal 5 never mentions "women," "abortion," "pregnancy," or "choice." During a public hearing, supporters of Article 22 were asked: "What would happen if a man asserted a right to reproductive autonomy under Proposal 5 and tried to stop an abortion?" They said, "when rights are in conflict, we go to court." The lawsuits will be endless, and no one can pretend to know how future courts will rule on such vague language.

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## 5 MYTHS ABOUT PROPOSAL 5/ARTICLE 22



### 1. WE NEED TO PASS ARTICLE 22 TO KEEP ABORTION LEGAL.

**FALSE.** If Article 22 does NOT pass in November, *abortion will still be legal in Vermont* -- Vermont's laws will not change. But passing Article 22 means the people, hospitals, and the legislature *cannot set common sense policies* limiting late-term abortion.

### 2. I'M PRO-CHOICE SO I SHOULD SUPPORT ARTICLE 22.

**FALSE.** A majority of people who consider themselves pro-choice still believe that abortion should be regulated and limited in the latter stages of pregnancy -- especially after the unborn child is developed enough to be **viable outside the womb**. Article 22's proposition that abortion at any stage of pregnancy cannot and should not be legally limited at all is radically outside the mainstream of most Vermonters' values.



### 3. ARTICLE 22 JUST CODIFIES ROE V. WADE.

**FALSE.** *Roe v. Wade* created a legal framework based on the "trimesters" of pregnancy, guaranteeing a woman's unlimited right to choose an abortion only in the first trimester, but allowing common sense regulation of late term abortions, such as prohibitions on partial-birth abortions. But **Article 22 goes far beyond Roe** by eliminating and preventing any limitations of late-term abortion whatsoever. It goes too far.

### 4. ARTICLE 22 PROTECTS US FROM A FEDERAL ABORTION BAN.

**FALSE.** The "Supremacy Clause" in the US Constitution means Article 22 would not prevent any future federal laws affecting abortion nationwide from overriding Article 22. But Article 22 would prevent Vermont voters and our legislators from regulating or limiting late-term abortion at the state level as we see fit by enshrining unlimited late-term abortion right up to birth in the Vermont Constitution.



### 5. LATE-TERM ABORTIONS DON'T HAPPEN IN VERMONT.

**FALSE.** Right now, many hospitals in Vermont have corporate policies that are highly restrictive regarding late-term abortions. However, if Article 22 passes, there will be **NO LAWS** or policies, and none allowable, limiting or regulating abortion at any time during pregnancy up to birth. Laws designed to protect women's health, regulate who can perform abortions and under what conditions, or to protect unborn children who are viable outside the womb from late-term abortion would all be unconstitutional.