



The Bible has many passages about the protection of children, the value of children in God's eyes, and the importance of parental responsibility:

Jesus warns that it would be better to drown in the sea than to cause a child to stumble.

MATTHEW 18:6 *“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”*

Jesus says that children are committed to our protection and that their angels in heaven always see God's face.

MATTHEW 18:10 *“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.”*

Jesus is indignant when His disciples try to rebuke those who are bringing their children to Him.

MATTHEW 10:13-16 *“Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”*

Children need instruction and training from adults.

PROVERBS 22:6 *“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

Emphasizes parents' responsibility towards their children.

EPHESIANS 6:4 *“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”*

Do not harm precious children in the womb.

JEREMIAH 1:5 *“Before I knit you in the womb, I knew you.”*

**SPEAK TO YOUR CONGREGATION
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!**

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**WHY DO WE NEED TO WARN
OUR CONGREGATIONS
ABOUT THE
REPRODUCTIVE
FREEDOM
AMENDMENT?**



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On November 5, Marylanders will be asked to vote on whether to AMEND the Maryland Constitution to include the Reproductive Freedom Amendment. (QUESTION 1 ON THE BALLOT)

What Exactly Is “Reproductive Freedom”?

IT’S AMBIGUOUS

It is not defined in the Amendment or state law and has no official definition in the dictionary. Rather, it’s a political term that, depending on who you talk to, could mean a variety of things, not just abortion.

The Reproductive Freedom Amendment reads as follows:

*That **every person**, as a central component of an individual’s rights to liberty and equality, has the fundamental right to **reproductive freedom, including but not limited to** the ability to make and effectuate decisions to prevent, continue, or end one’s own pregnancy.*

*The State may not, directly or indirectly, deny, burden, or abridge the right unless justified by a compelling **state interest** achieved by the least restrictive means.*

IT’S DECEPTIVE

- Notice how it includes “**every person**,” and makes no distinction between **minors and adults**. This means minors will have **the same** “reproductive freedoms” as adults, **with or without their parent’s consent**.
- Notice how the Amendment guarantees the right to reproductive freedom, “**including but not limited to...**”
- Notice how the term “reproductive freedom” is not only **undefined**, but **unlimited**.

IT CHANGES EXISTING LAW

Current law allows unrestricted abortion through six months (viability); after six months, abortion is legal to protect the life or health of the mother or due to fetal anomalies.

Current law also provides *protections for minors*. The Amendment *removes protections for minors*.

The Amendment will cement **abortion up to the moment of birth** into our Constitution, **funded with our tax dollars**.

IT REMOVES PROTECTIONS FOR MINORS

Minors will have *free rein* over their reproductive decisions.

This means minors will have the ability to obtain abortions, contraceptive implants, participate in experimental reproductive studies, sell their eggs or sperm, or get paid to act as surrogates, and who knows what else, **without their parent’s knowledge or consent**.

IT TAKES AWAY PARENTAL RIGHTS

The Amendment opens the door to minors obtaining gender treatments, like puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, binders, and sex-reassignment surgery, **without their parent’s knowledge or consent**.

The Amendment could affect what our children learn in school about sex, gender and reproduction, **regardless of their parent’s wishes**.

The Amendment could affect the rights of parents and custody of their children if they disagree with the gender or reproductive choices their children make.

IT HURTS RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES

The Amendment could also affect our religious liberties or conscientious objections, especially for doctors, health care professionals, and teachers.

IT ALLOWS CLONING

The Reproductive Freedom Amendment even allows for **cloning!**

IT’S MISLEADING

Even though the Amendment does not specifically say “abortion,” “surrogacy,” “sex re-assignment,” “religious liberties,” etc., its language leaves the door open for nefarious purposes.

We will not know the true extent of what’s included in this Amendment until the courts interpret it years down the road...and then it will be too late.

IT’S PERMANENT

A Constitutional Amendment is a **permanent alteration** to our legal system and is the supreme law of the State.

A Constitutional Amendment can only be repealed through another Constitutional Amendment, which involves 60% approval from both houses of the Maryland Legislature and a majority vote in the next general election by Marylanders.

If the Reproductive Freedom Amendment passes, lawmakers will be hindered from passing reasonable future laws to protect women, children and parental rights.

IT’S LOSS OF FREEDOM

The only “freedom” this Amendment guarantees is the freedom for minors to go against their parents and to make destructive decisions.

IT’S TAXPAYER FUNDED

Abortion is already funded with our tax dollars through Maryland Medicaid.

This Amendment allows **unrestricted late-term abortions** to be funded with our tax dollars.

Our tax dollars already pay for the training of individuals, **who are not even physicians**, to perform abortions (through all nine months) to the tune of **\$3.5 million per year!**

TELL YOUR FLOCK

Tell your congregation about the dangers of this Amendment, and ask them to tell three more people.

VOTE NO TO QUESTION 1
(the Reproductive Freedom Amendment)