



PROPOSITION 1 FAQ'S

Q. Why have proponents of Prop 1 claimed that the U.S. Supreme Court decision on Dobbs created an urgent need to pass a constitutional amendment that guarantees abortion access?

A. When the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, abortion was not made illegal in our country. Instead, the decision to allow or ban abortion was returned to the states. In California, abortion was legal prior to Dobbs, and it will remain legal under current law, so Prop 1 is an unnecessary and costly endeavor.

Q. Current CA law states that an abortion may not be performed at or after viability unless the patient's life or health is endangered. Will Prop 1 change this current law?

A. Prop 1 will expand the current laws. Although proponents of Prop 1 claim this amendment simply codifies existing law, the plain wording of the text says "The state shall not deny or interfere" with the right to choose to have an abortion. This means there will be no limits, no exceptions, and most disturbingly, no circumstance in which the state would act to protect the life of a baby in the womb, allowing for abortion on demand up to the point of birth.

Q. Explain the term "reproductive freedom."

A. The phrase "reproductive freedom" is purposely vague. The authors of Prop 1 purposely created an amendment vague in its wording and completely void of ANY restrictions on late-term abortion. With the phrase "shall not deny or interfere," Prop 1 omits all current safeguards that protect babies after viability, allowing for abortion on demand from conception to birth.

Q. If Prop 1 passes in November, can a future legislature pass new laws to protect the unborn at the point of viability?

A. No, once voters pass an amendment to the state constitution, the legislature is powerless to change the policy since the constitution supersedes their authority.

Should it pass, Prop 1 will essentially become a permanent part of the California constitution.

Q. What can I do to help defeat Prop 1?

A. We have limited time to make our case against Prop 1, and our opposition has entered the battle with far greater resources. Please consider the following suggestions as you work within your own sphere of influence to defeat Prop 1.

- First and foremost, plan to vote NO on November 8th.
- Engage your pro-choice friends, family, and neighbors and explain to them the true intent of Prop 1 so they will understand the extreme nature of this amendment – abortion on demand with no limitations.
- For those you know who do not typically vote, encourage them to register and vote NO on Prop 1 this November.
- Explain what abortion on demand entails and emphasize that this includes late-term abortions performed on babies well past the point of viability.
- Speak to your church leadership team and ask them to proactively support your efforts to defeat Prop 1.
- Offer to hold an information session for members of your church who are interested in learning more.

The bottom line:

- Although Prop 1 proponents claim abortion rights are in peril, abortion was, is, and will remain legal in CA regardless of the Dobbs decision, so Prop 1 is unnecessary.
- With the phrase “shall not deny or interfere,” Prop 1 omits all current safeguards that protect babies after viability, allowing for abortion on demand from conception to birth.
- If Prop 1 passes and becomes enshrined in the state constitution, no legislature will have the power to constrain the practice of abortion, in all its forms, or reinstate post-viability restrictions.

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