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Newsletter

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Ohio
Families
Now!



A Plea from the Director

Although there are a number of dedicated people who've worked overtime in the good fight to defeat the November abortion amendment, it's been disappointing how lightly many are taking the threats posed in the upcoming election. If the abortion and sex-change amendment—Issue 1 passes it would be a MAJOR CHANGE to Ohio's Constitutional law, which significantly affects all existing regulations relevant to abortion and other alarming issues embedded in the legal jargon of Issue 1.

This would not "take us back to the era of Roe v. Wade," as some people seem to think. It's a whole new can of worms, an *unprecedented* legal situation: abortion without limits, deregulating safety and consent requirements for abortion businesses, opening up exploitation of minors to hyper-sexualized agendas, enabling miscreants to conceal, from parents, their mistreatment of minors.

I'm grateful many people are praying individually to stop this amendment, but **every church** ought to be including this intention in **communal prayers** through the election. **Please do not take this lightly!**

We can't afford to have anyone sit this election out! Pro-life people who don't always participate in elections need to be convinced not to neglect voting in this November election. In elections where it's just candidates on the ballot, it can be hard to know who to support, but this issue is clear and must be opposed. Talk to your family and friends, adult children; ask them, please, to vote NO.

For our friends and family confused about the deceptive, pro-Issue 1 ads, emphasize: There's nothing to fear from no votes, but much to fear from yes votes. A NO vote—which we need from every eligible voter—will maintain all genuine reproductive care including miscarriage care, fertility care, prenatal and maternity care, just as we've always had, and always should have. No one is trying to take away those things, so it's deceptive of Issue 1 proponents to claim that miscarriage care has been or would be legally denied to anyone. They are intentionally downplaying the real intent of this radical proposal—to make unfettered abortion and sex-changes part of the Ohio Constitution—but there is documented evidence that Planned Parenthood and other backers of the unrestricted abortion and sex-change amendment have fought parental consent laws tooth and nail. For example, a major funder of Issue 1, using the acronym URGE, explicitly promotes the idea that "parental involvement laws are unethical and must be abolished." coarsely claiming those laws undermine the "autonomy" of minors, regardless of their age.

This is not even the type of law that belongs in a Constitution; these types of questions should be dealt with in the statutes. Those pushing their own **commercial interests in abortion** (and the exploitation of children) intentionally went for the Constitution. So **this is not just an attack on human life, it's an attack on important checks and balances in our form of government.** Please pray for & promote the NO VOTE!

Evidence - The Exhibition, Opens Friday Oct. 20²

An exhibition showcasing Crime Scene photos that take you behind the closed doors of America's most prolific serial killer; from the court case of late-term abortionist Kermit Gosnell.

Ohio Right to Life reports: As Ohio considers legalizing late term abortion, the producers of the movie Gosnell (Ann McElhinney and Phelim McAleer) would like to invite you to view a stunning photographic exhibition about abortion doctor Kermit Gosnell and his crimes that everyone in the state needs to see.

Since the Gosnell <u>movie</u> was produced by Ann and Phelim, there has been a top-rated <u>podcast</u> and a New York best-selling <u>book</u> about the case. And through Ann and Phelim's journalism, they have gained access to the Gosnell crime scene photos.

They are now sharing them with the world in a unique and stunning photographic exhibition. **EVIDENCE**: *Crime Scene Photos from the Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer* is a photo exhibition that takes you behind the scenes of the Kermit Gosnell investigation.

You will see over 50 stunning crime scene photos taken by law enforcement.

The photos are part of an investigation, and are politically neutral, but they are a brilliant illustration of how Gosnell was <u>allowed</u> to murder with impunity. They also offer an important insight into the world of the US abortion industry.

The exhibition will be opened by Brian Williams, the Senior Pastor of Hope City House of Prayer in Columbus, who said there has never been a more important time for Ohioans to find out the truth about abortion. He urged everyone to come to the exhibition. Ohioans are about to vote on an amendment to their constitution that will allow abortion up to nine months. "This exhibition reveals the truth about abortion that the establishment and the mainstream media doesn't want you to see," he said.



Pastor Williams said it is difficult to comprehend that he may soon be "living in a state where abortion is allowed up to full term....Upon learning about the extreme goals of Issue 1, I was reminded of a quote from Edmund Burke who said, 'The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.' That is why it has never been more important that people know what goes on behind closed doors in their communities. That is why this Crime Scene photo exhibition is important for Ohio now."

The exhibition, **EVIDENCE**, runs from Friday, October 20 to Tuesday, November 7, at 1241 N High St, Short North Arts District, Columbus, Ohio. See hours at the website: EvidenceTheExhibition.com.

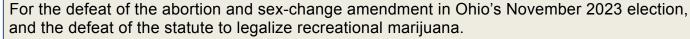
[Editor's note: Atrocities seen in the Gosnell clinic are not isolated cases, and not unique to that abortion clinic. Abortion is violent, fatal, and emotionally traumatizing.]

Thousands Joined Ohio's March for Life October 6

<u>LifeNews.com</u> reported that marchers were "praying, singing, and chanting throughout the march. Organizers estimated that about five to six thousand pro-life activists participated." Shelby County Right to Life contributed to that number with a full, 56-passenger bus and many other members driving with family and friends to event at the Statehouse.



November-December Prayer Intentions





Resources for the November Election

To see exactly what is on the ballot for your township, go to your county's Board of Elections website; choose Voter Registration Information—Am I registered; enter your name and select <Sample Ballot>.

Shelby County Board of Elections webpage link.

oter Search Results	
Precinct and Polling Location	Quick Links
0031/1 - 0031 SALEM W PORT JEFFERSON COMMUNITY	Print Absentee Request
	Become a Poll Worker
	Sample Ballots
101 SPRING ST PORT JEFFERSON OH 45360	Absentee Ballot Status
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Election Day is November 7

Early in-person (absentee) voting hours, at the Shelby County Board of Elections, in Sidney, are:

Monday, October 23, 2023 – Friday, October 27, 2023	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday, October 30, 2023	7:30 am to 7:30 pm
Tuesday, October 31, 2023	7:30 am to 8:30 pm
Wednesday, November 1, 2023 - Friday, November 3, 2023	7:30 am to 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 4, 2023	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday, November 5, 2023	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

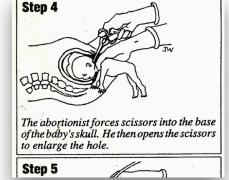
Remember Partial-Birth Abortions?

Abortionist Martin Haskell, from the Dayton abortion center, invented partial-birth abortions. A bipartisan coalition put an end to that particular procedure, and for 20 years Haskell's painful late term procedures have been illegal. Now he's back contributing six figure sums to pass Issue 1. Americans soundly rejected gruesome Partial-Birth Abortions; **don't let mercenary abortionists sneak them back in via Issue 1**. Haskell is one of many radical funders of Issue 1 who is spotlighted in TV ads put out by Ohio's pro-life coalition, Protect Women Ohio. To watch on YouTube search for "Protect Women Ohio He's Back."

As Human Life International explains in their <u>web article on Partial-Birth Abortions</u> (with the diagram shown to the right):

"All abortion is tragic because all abortions result in the loss of a unique human being. But one of the most heinous and horrific ways to kill a baby in the second or third trimester is commonly called a partial-birth abortion—or in medical terms, an intact dilation and extraction abortion (D&X)."

"In 1992, Haskell, who claimed to have performed over 1,000 partial-birth abortions, detailed his procedure in a paper. To give readers a realistic view of this gruesome procedure, a 1996 congressional record factsheet entitled "A Closer Look at Partial-Birth Abortions" reprinted his directions."



That fact sheet explains: Dr. Haskell wrote that he "**routinely** performs this procedure on **all** patients 20 through 24 weeks" gestation, [emphasis added] noting that in certain circumstances, he performed the procedure through 26 weeks. By contrast, pre-born babies of the same gestational age, but under the care of competent, life-affirming doctors, can receive life-saving care (such as spina bifida treatment, as in the famous photo of <u>Samuel Armas's pre-birth surgery at 21 weeks gestation</u>; or push the limits of viability-outside the womb, as did the <u>record-holding premie baby</u>, Richard Hutchinson, born at 21 weeks, 2 days in 2020, and surviving still.

Famous Photo Inescapably Communicates A Pro-Life Truth

The well-known "Hand of Hope" photo, of a pre-born child's clenched hand on his surgeon's finger, contains a pro-life message that can't be erased in spite of efforts by pro-abortion "fact checkers" to suppress the pro-life impact. The inescapable message is that the child in the womb is a living human being which, like all human beings, has intrinsic worth.

The photo, taken in August of 1999, was captured by Michael Clancy who had been hired to photograph a newly-innovated, corrective surgery for spina bifida being performed that day on Samuel Armas, at 21 wks gestation. Clancy has stated that he had been an abortion supporter up until that

experience forced him to confront the reality of life in the womb. Since 1999, Clancy and Armas have met, occasionally, at pro-life events where they each share their motivational story in their own way.

Pro-abortion "fact checkers" can't deny it's a undoctored photo of a real surgery, but they go to significant lengths to deemphasize the life-affirming message intrinsic to the photo. Laughably, a Snopes "fact check" article on the photo emphasizes a disclaimer that the photographer's take on the incident is his opinion, while there is no such disclaimer when the surgeon's non-medical opinion is conveyed.

The surgeon has downplayed the significance of the photo, noting that the 21 week old fetus—being under anesthesia—could not move *intentionally*. Anesthesia.



Photo from 2019 foreign publication *Portal Uno*, shows worldwide impact of Samual Armas's story.

anesthesia—could not move *intentionally*. Anesthesia, however, does not suppress all movements, including the reflexes innate to al living persons. The fact that Samuel needed anesthesia, in spite of not yet being born, is also a notable affirmation of the truth of life in the womb.

School Districts Across US Explicitly Promote Concealing Gender Issues From Parents

A list published by <u>Parents Defending Education</u>—an education group that supports parents' rights—reveals over 1,000 school districts in the USA which "openly state that district personnel can or should keep a student's transgender status hidden from parents." The list is not comprehensive, and is growing as more reports and documentation are submitted. There are certainly other districts undermining parental authority which have not yet been reported to this particular group.

In the October 6 edition of the "Just the News, No Noise" TV show, the president of Parents Defending Education, Nicole Neily, said that PDE is "still getting tips that are pouring in every day....We actually released this number initially in March, and then we identified about 200 counties....this number keeps growing across the country." The current count represents over 10 million students in over 18,000 schools...and still counting. California has, by far, the longest list; so far Ohio has only a few, but if Issue 1 were to pass, it will likely embolden school boards with a Woke agenda.

Groups pushing for the abortion/sex-change amendment have been claiming that the government is interfering with "reproductive decisions," and yet, these groups frequently manipulate government run and funded public schools as a means of **indoctrinating**, **grooming**, **and pressuring minors to accede to their agenda**. According to PDE, "the Supreme Court has repeatedly said parents have the ultimate authority over their children's education. And yet schools often ignore parents' rights. School systems, administrators, and teachers often treat parents with contempt and disdain simply for asking what their children are learning and what values schools are promoting."

To help concerned parents address violations of parental rights and student safety occurring in their school districts, the PDE website has an "<u>Empower" page</u> where they answer the frequently asked question: "Where should I begin?" with the recommendation: "You should start right here, by arming yourself with the knowledge you need to understand the problem and fight back."