

Dates to Remember in 2023

- **August 8** (Tuesday) — **CRITICAL Special Election in Ohio**. Voting YES in August will help keep abortion out of Ohio's Constitution. (See additional dates and info below).
- **October 6** (Friday) — OHIO [March for Life in Columbus](#) 11am Rally, 12 noon March.
- **November 7** (Tuesday) — OHIO General Election. Voting NO in NOVember stops many abortions.
- **January 19, 2024** (Friday) — **National March for Life in Washington DC**

Important Dates for the AUGUST SPECIAL ELECTION

July 10 (Monday): Voter Registration Deadline

July 11 (Tuesday): [Early In-Person and Absentee Voting begins](#) at Board of Elections.

August 6 (Sunday) at 5:00PM: last day for Early In-Person Voting

August 7 (Monday): Last day to drop off or postmark your Absentee Ballot

August 8 (Tuesday): ELECTION DAY Polls are open from 6:30 AM - 7:30 PM.

How a Yes Vote on August 8

Protects Human Life, Parental Rights, and a Healthy Amendment Process

The Issue: Ohio's Constitution is a foundational document that establishes our form of government and protects our individual freedoms. Today, the Ohio Constitution is far too easy to amend, and should have checks and balances similar to the U.S. Constitution and most other states. It should not be amended based on the policy priorities of out-of-state, billionaire-funded, special interest groups, but abortionists and the ACLU are aiming to do just that this fall, for their own commercial interests, promoting abortion at the expense of women and children, including minors.

What Issue 1 Does

- **Improves the standard.** By raising the threshold for constitutional amendments to 60% we ensure amendments have widespread support, and signal to special interest groups that our Constitution is not for sale. This will protect Ohio's Constitution much like the U.S. Constitution has been protected since our country's founding.
- **Establishes a more equitable ballot initiative process.** By requiring signatures from voters in every county, instead of just half the counties (as currently is the case), radical special interest groups will no longer be able to cherry pick where they gather signatures. Instead, starting January 1, 2024, a diverse and representative population of Ohioans will determine whether proposed amendments appear on the ballot. This is critical for rural counties like **Shelby!**
- **Discourages cheating.** By restricting do-overs on invalid or illegal signature submissions; starting January 1, 2024, special interest groups will have one chance to play by the rules when gathering signatures to place proposed amendments on the ballot.

Yard Signs Are Here

We're hoping every Right to Life member will put a yard sign on their property.

There are a couple of options, shown left and right. Available in each village and at the Right to Life office. **Contact us.**



Bimonthly newsletters are produced by Right to Life of Shelby Co. Director, Anne Schmiesing (director@shelbycountyrtl.org), and are available **with internet links** on our website: www.ShelbyCountyRTL.org. Look for this icon and click to view.



For Ohioans, in the August Special Election, to elevate the standards for the constitutional amendment process. For Ohioans to protect women and preborn children from the harm of abortion. For parents to maintain the right and ability to protect their children from those who would push abortion, gender dysphoria, reproductive maltreatment, and sexual activity on unsuspecting minor children behind the backs of their parents. Lord, have mercy.



COME SEE US!
 Right to Life of Shelby County will, once again, be at the Shelby County Fair. Stop by our booth. We'll have signs and literature for the August 8 election. Thank you to Jen Bohman and all Fair volunteers for your hard work at the Fair. May this outreach to our community bear much fruit.



Thank you to the family of Tim and Darla Dietz, all volunteers, and the 21 golf teams who braved the cool, wet weather to make the 12th annual Scramble-4-Life a successful event.

Save the Date:
2024 Scramble-4-Life
 Saturday, May 11, 2024
 Shotgun Start: 8:30am

AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR GOLF OUTING SPON-

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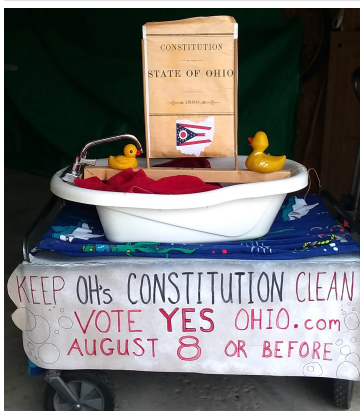
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Thank you to our many parade volunteers who distributed information, candy, and soap (encouraging people to "Keep Ohio's Constitution clean"), especially those volunteers who braved some rainy weather.

THANK YOU ONE & ALL!

Essay Contest Results

Congratulations to Alexandria Gaerke of Russia High School, Reagan Gates of Lehman Catholic HS, and Lexie Brewer of Sidney HS who received awards for the high school contest; and to Katelyn Poeppelman, of Ft. Loramie, who received the junior high award. They all addressed the essay topic: Why Stable Marriages are Important for a Culture of Life. Thank you to Right to Life board members for assisting with the contest.

Shelby County Right to Life Thrift Shop Report

January - April 2023

- 1271 Customers
- 8 Work-to-earn shifts
- 27 New Clients
- 53 Emergency Assistance Clients

Tangled Web of Abortion, Abuse, and Sexually Deviant Behavior

A growing number of studies and reports, from diverse sources (both conservative and liberal), are revealing evidence that childhood abuse traumas correlate strongly to deviant sexual behaviors ranging through the LGBT spectrum in adults.

A [report published by NCBI](#), a branch of the US government's National Institute of Health, finds: "a positive association between physical and sexual abuse, neglect, and witnessing violence in childhood and same-sex sexuality in adulthood." The complexity of "assessing the association between these diverse types of maltreatment and sexuality" is acknowledged, "because the sequencing of maltreatment and emerging sexuality is difficult to ascertain." It's the perennial question: *Which comes first, the chicken or the egg?* In this case: Does same-sex sexual orientation or maltreatment come first? Or is it more complicated than that? The authors of the NCBI report posit four possible causal relationships: three of them boil down to the idea that same-sex-attracted youth may be prone to maltreatment because they are different. The fourth (which many scholars observe as the most likely and reasonable) is "that maltreatment increases likelihood of same-sex sexuality," possibly because: "(1) abuse of boys perpetrated by men causes boys to believe they are gay; (2) abuse of girls by men leads them to be averse to sexual relationships with men; (3) abuse survivors may feel stigmatized and different from others and may, therefore, be more willing to behave in ways that are socially stigmatized." While some are reluctant to admit such findings, others call for honesty.

Jennifer Bauwens, Ph.D. ([Family Research Council](#)) and Rev. Paul Sullins, Ph.D. ([Ruth Institute](#)) are among those calling for honesty in assessing the causality between trauma and same-sex attractions. Researchers can fall prey to dishonesty and bias as much as mainstream media, and activist corporations and organizations. Bauwens ([quoted in The Daily Signal](#)) criticized a particular report: "A statistical report shouldn't jump to conclusions that it did not study....The conclusion doesn't match the nature of the report. It speaks to the fact that there's a bigger agenda going on here."

Sullins, a sociologist, with similar criticisms of other studies, asserts: "The failure to account for pre-existing distress is not inadvertent, but intentional, by scholars who maintain that even prior distress invalidates [the specific issues being studied]. This backwards logic may bring about the very harm such scholars and advocates say they want to prevent." Sullins's [2022 study](#), published in the journal *Frontiers in Psychology*, "compares LGB persons who have undergone 'conversion therapy' (aka sexual orientation change efforts, or SOCE) with those who haven't, and finds no difference between the two groups for multiple measures of behavioral harm." His research "found that suicidal behavior is much higher before SOCE (perhaps prompting the recourse to therapy) but not afterward. In fact, suicide attempts are significantly reduced following SOCE – the opposite of what is widely claimed" because many studies fail to use a representative (random) sample, and "to distinguish suicidal behavior before SOCE from that following." Fr. Sullins argues: "It would be a perverse policy indeed, for example, for heart surgery to be discouraged or even banned because those undergoing it experienced higher rates of cardiac dysfunction than the general population before the surgery."

Professionals involved in healing the many traumas caused by all manifestations of the sexual revolution (divorce, abuse, promiscuity, pornography, variations of homosexual activity, and abortion) confront a tangled web of generational dysfunction in families. A [Live Action article](#) on post-abortion healing and *generational abortion* elaborates on the topic: "Abortion is a result of a woman's childhood....of her history, her patterns of behavior, her thought processes, and the dysfunction that has been passed down to her."

Childhood abuse can beget abortion, and abortion begets more wounds, causing many layers of trauma and familial dysfunction over multiple generations, which adds to the challenges of healing. Abortion is part of the scheme of sexual abuse that leads to harmful sexual views and behaviors. Those layers of trauma are difficult to heal when the devastating repercussions of abortion keep piling up, since abortion remains legal in spite of Roe being overturned. The [radically liberal Human Rights Campaign \(which promotes deviant sexual behavior\) sites a study](#) showing that women who currently identify as lesbian or bisexual "who have been pregnant are more likely than heterosexual women who have been pregnant to have had an abortion." [L-B groups are higher by 7 and 12 percentage points.] As the saying goes, hurt people tend to hurt people.

The Ohio elections this year, give us an opportunity to start breaking this vicious cycle, by voting:

YES in AUGUST ~~~ NO in NOvember

In memory of:

+ Barbara Monnin, + Colette Morris, + Elmer and June Wilker, + Nelson Hoelscher
In whose names memorial donations were made in May and June.
May they rest in eternal peace.

Critical Special Election August 8


The varied organizations endorsing YES on AUGUST 8 are not special interest groups, these are OHIO businesses and organizations trying to protect the rights of fellow Ohioans. The enhanced checks and balances proposed in August's ballot measure are long over due, and create a more stable and just structure for Citizen-initiated constitutional amendments.

This amendment will not affect the process or right of Ohioans to make changes in the Ohio Revised Code, it only affects fundamental amendments to the state Constitution, so that registered voters will have confidence that their vote matters, and that every county in the state matters.

Early voting starts July 11.
(More information on page 1.)

For additional information visit
VoteYesOhio.com and
ProtectWomenOhio.com!

OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT

Prov/17 Y.O.	Shelby County	August 08, 2023
Instructions to Voter <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To vote: completely darken the oval (●) to the left of your choice.• Do not mark the ballot for more choices than allowed. Vote either "Yes" or "No".• If you mark the ballot for more choices than permitted, that question will not be counted.• Before casting your ballot, if you make a mistake or want to change your vote: return. You may ask for a new ballot up to two times.		
Issue 1 <p>Proposed Constitutional Amendment</p> <p><u>Elevating the Standards to Qualify for an Initiated Constitutional Amendment and to Pass a Constitutional Amendment</u></p> <p>Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly</p> <p>To amend Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and Sections 1 and 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio</p> <p>A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.</p> <p>The proposed amendment would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment.• Require that any initiative petition filed on or after January 1, 2024 with the Secretary of State proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio be signed by at least five percent of the electors of each county based on the total vote in the county for governor in the last preceding election.• Specify that additional signatures may not be added to an initiative petition proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio that is filed with the Secretary of State on or after January 1, 2024 proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio. <p>If passed, the amendment will be effective immediately.</p> <p>SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes </p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>		

Actual Text of the August 8 Ballot Issue (underlining and red marks added.)

SPREAD THE WORD about the August election.
Tell 20 people, or more, who might not know about it.