

life counts



Colorado's Human Life Amendment, *Because Life Counts!*

Colorado for Equal Rights is sponsoring a proposed constitutional amendment in Colorado that will define when life begins. This amendment will lay the foundation to ensure that every human life—from the moment of conception—is guaranteed protection and equal rights under our laws.

We have until May 13, 2008 to gather over 76,000 signatures to make sure Coloradans have an opportunity to vote for the value of human life on our 2008 ballot. This issue is a matter of conscience and it is a matter of truth—the truth that is placed within each of our hearts by God—the truth that all men are CREATED equal. Not just born equal, but CREATED equal...

What is this campaign about?

This campaign is about the power of truth. We are giving Colorado voters an opportunity to vote their conscience and protect the most innocent and helpless ones among us.

If life is protected from the very beginning we can transform our nation from a culture of death into a culture of life. But we must take the necessary action to allow Coloradans to guarantee every person equal rights under our laws by supporting this constitutional amendment.

"What will this amendment accomplish?"

This amendment will accomplish a very simple, yet essential goal in the pro-life movement. It will lay a foundation for protecting human life at every stage. We are asking the simple question: When does life begin? And we are giving Colorado voters the opportunity to answer that it begins at the moment of conception.

In and of itself, this amendment will not ban abortion, stop birth control, or prevent in vitro fertilization or stem cell research. This is not criminal legislation. Instead, this amendment will lay down a constitutional principle of law. It declares that, here in Colorado, we value human life and recognize that it begins at the very moment of creation, not at some arbitrary time in the future that no one can definitively pinpoint.

A Person Is A Person-

No Matter How Small

Our simple, one-sentence amendment states: "As used in Sections 3, 6, and 25 of Article II of the State Constitution, the terms 'person' or 'persons' shall include any human being from the moment of fertilization."



“Why now?”

“Now” is always the right time to take a stand for life. The Declaration of Independence boldly proclaims, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.” The U.S. Constitution guarantees each person the right to life. And yet the U.S. Supreme Court has stated that unborn children are human beings, but not persons. We cannot stand for this now or at any time! If America’s unborn children are human beings, they are persons, and they deserve equal rights under our laws. It is our job to ensure that our culture is transformed from a culture of death into a culture of life. And we can wait no longer to do what we know is right...

Medical Evidence

“After forty years as a consultant psychiatrist, clinical researcher and university professor, I have no doubt that abortion is the most destructive and dehumanizing experience known to humanity...the testimony of those who performed abortion, or were harmed by it, will soon become well known. And their anguish will be heard.”—Philip G. Ney, M.D., physician, child psychiatrist, psychologist, university professor and expert in child abuse

“As a result of all this technology (the ultrasound)—looking at this baby, watching it...swallow, move and sleep, watching it dream...I finally came to the conviction that this was my patient. This was a person! I was a physician, pledged to save my patients’ lives, not to destroy them....” Bernard Nathanson, M.D., co-founder of NARAL

“I remember an experience as a resident on a late-term abortion....I remember seeing the baby move underneath the sack of membranes as the caesarean incision was made...The thought came to me, ‘My God, that’s a person.’” David Brewer, M.D., military physician and abortionist for 10 years

“We know Planned Parenthood has used ultrasounds, but they never show the picture to the girl. She would then see that it’s a life. We hear story after story from centers where women may already have gone to an abortion clinic, but they wouldn’t let them see the ultrasound.” Robin Fuller, executive director of Pregnancy Care Center

“The development of a human being begins with fertilization...” Langman’s Medical Embryology (1995), by T.W. Sadler, Ph.D., Professor of Cell Biology and Anatomy and The Developing Human, Clinically Oriented Embryology (1993), by Keith Moore, Ph.D.

“Embryonic life commences with fertilization...” Developmental Stages in Human Embryos (1987) from the Departments of Human Anatomy and Neurology, University of California

Questions and Answers

1. The media says you are trying to protect eggs, is that true?
CER is trying to protect all human life at all stages. Basic Biology tells us that once an egg is fertilized it becomes a unique human life and is no longer an egg. We believe that unique human is a person, like you only smaller .

2. Would this outlaw Contraception?
No. Abortion is the taking of life while genuine contraception is the prevention of life. The Human Life Amendment would not restrict contraception in any way. The Human Life Amendment does no more than guarantee the rights of personhood once life has begun.

3. What is the difference between a person and human?
In our view none. We know that unborn people are human, and you cannot separate a human from a person. All humans are persons, that is what we are changing in the constitution.

4. Why redefine the term person?
In the famous Roe v Wade Supreme Court case Justice Blackmun said basically that the whole argument for abortion rights falls apart if we know that the pre-born is a person. Because of breakthroughs in science, we know that from the moment of fertilization a unique human comes into existence. We are defining these humans as persons so they will have basic human rights.

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