

PROP 1 MISREPRESENTATION

Thank you Mr. Summa for publishing in Tuesday's paper the Proposition 1 article by Alexie Koseff. But there is more to say. The official Voter information guide is out and once again We the People are being denied the truth. The quick reference guide states "A Yes vote on this measure means: the California Constitution would be changed to expressly include existing rights to reproductive freedom – such as the right to choose whether or not to have an abortion and use contraceptives. Words have meanings. By including "existing rights" this Quick Reference Guide is misleading you. There is **no existing right** in California to have an abortion up to the baby's birth, except in a rare circumstance to protect the life or health of the mother. That limitation would no longer be legal if Prop 1 passes. We would be in the same category as Communist China and North Korea, and be more extreme than all civilized countries in the world.

Just imagine a fully developed baby weighing perhaps 6-8 pounds being surgically dismembered and then extracted by forceps from mother's uterus. If you have the guts to go online and read the description of this procedure, or even to see a Youtube video of the procedure, you will then know what you are voting for. Do not be deceived.

Your quick reference guide also states "no direct fiscal effect because reproductive rights are already protected by state law." However, we know that most late term abortions are not now protected by California Law and they are expensive. We also know that our governor is inviting women, and many have already come, to California to obtain free abortions.

The current law, which was the same law that was provided for under Roe v. Wade, allowed for abortions without question up to viability (approximately 5 ½ months of pregnancy) and even later to protect the life and health of the mother. Under Prop 1, any abortion, for any reason, at any time up to birth, could not be prohibited. The language of the Proposition states that "the state shall not interfere with an individual's reproductive freedom..., which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion..." We will be losing control over all abortions, even the right to prohibit abortions based on sex selection which often occurs in societies that values males more than females. We do not need this constitutional amendment and we should not put our state in a situation where we have no legislative authority over abortions.

Go to noproposition1.com/about-prop-1, noproposition1.com/qanda or cacatholic.org/prop1 for more information. Please share this information with everyone you know.

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