

# Vote NO on Proposition 1

## Proposition 1: Equal Protection of Law Amendment



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### How it will appear on the ballot:

*“This proposal would protect against unequal treatment based on ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, and pregnancy. It also protects against unequal treatment based on reproductive healthcare and autonomy.”*

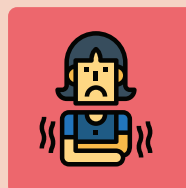
## WHY OPPOSE PROPOSITION 1?

Prop 1 could expand abortion access and reduce parental authority in decisions related to minors, particularly regarding gender-affirming treatments.



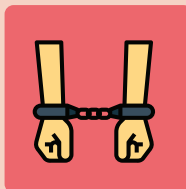
### Unrestricted Abortion:

While the Equal Rights Amendment suggests equality, Catholics are urged to oppose Proposal 1, as it could permanently legalize unrestricted abortion in New York, potentially leading to harmful consequences for unborn children.



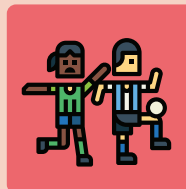
### Dangerous Consequences:

Proposal 1 could have lasting negative impacts on families and unborn children, serving political agendas while disregarding the sacred parent-child relationship and the protection of life.



### Parental Rights at Risk:

The amendment's language could strip parents of their rights over decisions regarding their children, particularly in matters such as "gender-affirming" treatments, transferring authority to courts.



### Girls' Sports Threatened:

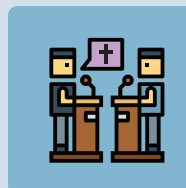
Opponents say the law would also grant boys and men the right to compete in girls' and women's sports, by elevating 'gender identity' to a constitutionally protected class. That could also impact access to locker rooms and bathrooms.

## CATHOLIC RESPONSIBILITY



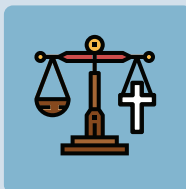
### Voting Responsibly:

Catholics are encouraged to reflect on critical issues, educate themselves, and vote with an informed conscience to promote the common good on key moral issues such as the dignity of human life and social justice.



### Catholic Voices in Politics:

The Church values the involvement of Catholics in various political parties to bring their faith-based perspectives to the discussion, guided by Gospel teachings.



### Catholics' Role in Politics:

Catholics are encouraged to actively engage in the political process by voting and contributing to public policy discussions, while the Church remains non-partisan.



### Pray for Guidance:

Catholics are encouraged to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in their discernment of candidates and policies to foster leaders who support the common good.

## CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

### Human Rights and Right to Life:

The right to life is seen as foundational, and without it, other rights cannot stand. Without the protection of life, other rights become vulnerable and lose their significance. Without the right to life, the pursuit of liberty, justice, and human dignity is impossible, as every other human right depends on the basic right to exist and be protected from harm.

### The Church's Moral Foundation:

The dignity of every human person, from conception to natural death, is central to the Church's political and social stance, informing its opposition to issues like abortion, euthanasia, and racism.



## USCCB GUIDANCE

The Tablet has analyzed the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" to help guide Catholics in their voting decisions, encouraging them to reflect on the truth of the Gospel.

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