



**Eagle Council XLVIII**

**Friday, 9/20/19**

**10:00 am**

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**Speaker: Victoria Cobb** – As President of The Family Foundation of Virginia, Mrs. Cobb has been responsible for the leadership and direction of the Commonwealth’s largest and oldest pro-family organization since 2000.

Victoria has a Bachelor’s in Political Science and Leadership Studies from the University of Richmond.

**Title:** *Don’t ERAse Us!*

**Outline:**

- It has everything to do with abortion! The ERA could be interpreted as enshrining in our Constitution a right to taxpayer-funded abortions. In *New Mexico Right to Choose, NARAL, et al v. Johnson*, the New Mexico Supreme Court held that because of the state’s ERA there is no difference between abortions and medically necessary procedures sought by men, so the state must pay for abortions under Medicaid.
- Hundreds of churches will almost certainly be faced with a dilemma: Change your doctrines, policies, and practices regarding male-only clergy, or risk losing your tax-exempt status.
- The courts would be empowered to define “sex” and “equality of rights.” Therefore, special legal rights could be afforded to people on the basis of “sexual orientation” and “gender identity,” which would threaten religious liberty and conscience protection.
- Traditional male and female bathrooms, locker rooms, hospital rooms, nursing homes, etc. would be nullified because under the ERA women and men must be treated as indistinguishable. This would place our young children at risk and seriously jeopardize privacy.

- The ERA would supersede Title IX and permit males and females to compete for inclusion on the same sports teams. Pennsylvania's Supreme Court invalidated sex segregated sports policies, including contact sports, citing the state's ERA.
- Auto and life insurance for women would increase. Regardless of the statistical evidence showing that women live longer than men or women have better driving records, women would likely have to pay the same rates as men.
- Male and female prisons will become integrated according to Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, and result in harsher discipline for females since they would be required to be treated in the same way as men.