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Stand Up for Life, Healthcare, and Guns

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Stand Up for Life

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Our government wants to break down the family. Many politicians are seizing control of the people by abolishing the nuclear family. This political agenda is depopulating the world by ending lives. We need to wake up, learn the truth, and fight back. "We the People" should not support the 1973 Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that states the 1787 Constitution for the United States protects a pregnant woman's right to have an abortion. This is not a government issue. This is a God issue. It is clear that He wants us to choose life. The Bible and many recent pro-life restrictions back and implore us to stand up for life.

The Bible and Scripture were given to us by God to make us wise and train us in holy living. God gave us the best moral code, The Ten Commandments. The fifth commandment references the sanctity of life; "You must not murder." Killing an unborn child is murder. It ends human life. Matthew 5:21 further explains, "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'" Judgement will come from God and should come from our Constitutional courts. US Code Title 18 Section 1111 states, "Murder is the unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought. Every murder perpetrated by poison, lying in wait, or any other kind of willful, deliberate, malicious, and premeditated killing; or committed in the perpetration of, or attempt to perpetrate, any arson, escape, murder, kidnapping, treason, espionage, sabotage, aggravated sexual abuse or sexual abuse, child abuse, burglary, or robbery; or perpetrated as part of a pattern or practice of assault or torture against a child or children; or perpetrated from a premeditated design unlawfully and maliciously to effect the death of any human being other than him who is killed, is murder in the first degree." Abortion is a crime. There should be legal consequences. No one has the right to kill

another human being.

Last year, one hundred and eight abortion restrictions were enacted in nineteen states throughout the United States. Arkansas and Oklahoma have now completely banned abortions, except in the case in which the mother's life is in danger. Arizona banned women from aborting a baby due to its race or sex. Thirty-five Texan cities have declared themselves sanctuary cities for the unborn. The world is changing. Americans are realizing we must take action to change our country. President Donald Trump signed Executive Order 13952 on September 25, 2020, protecting vulnerable and infant children. "Every infant born alive no matter the circumstances of his or her birth, has the same dignity and the same rights as every other individual and is entitled to the same protections under federal law." He also issued an executive order to honor pro-life leader, Nellie Gray, the March for Life founder. Although many states are aggressively protecting life, and most Americans have conservative pro-life values, we need to continue taking action to change our country by protecting and saving the unborn. Proverbs 24:11 insists that we "Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter." God wants us to save *all* humans which includes babies.

Defending life is Biblical. God declares in Genesis 9:6-7, "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it." God tells us that we are all made in His image and who ever kills another person, he too must be killed. God is encouraging us to have families and procreate. He also reveals to us in Jeremiah 1:5, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Life is precious. Human life has value. President Trump stated in

his 2019 State of the Union address, “Let us work together to build a culture that cherishes innocent life. No matter how the Supreme Court rules on Roe vs. Wade this year, stand up for the life of the unborn babies. Always remember Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Further Research

1. [State Policy Trends 2021](#)
2. [Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn](#)
3. [The Federal Register](#)
4. [Life News](#)
5. [US Code](#)

California Can't Stomach Single Payer

By Kenneth Rogers, 11th grade

These days good news doesn't often come out of California, but the failure of a recent bill in California should be very interesting to conservatives. AB 1400, an attempt to create a government-run single-payer healthcare system in the state, was dropped after Assemblyman Ash Kalra, the bill's author, concluded it didn't have enough support to pass. As it turns out, the massive tax increases needed to fund single-payer are too much even for California voters.

While progressives certainly haven't given up (Mr. Kalra claimed “This is only a pause”), this is a teaching moment for the country. Healthcare will never be “free”, since taxpayers will still have to cover the cost. While many Democrats may support single-payer in theory, AB 1400's failure demonstrates that, when push comes to shove, they are not willing to face the inevitable costs it entails.

Healthcare policy is a complex debate, and the US may need to make significant reforms, but it's fair to say that the “reform” pushed by progressives (single-payer healthcare) would result in outcomes worse than the status quo.

One obvious downside of government-run health insurance is that it takes away medical decisions from the patient. While a free market would be happy to provide any care to anyone willing to pay, governments need to ration since an artificial decrease in price creates a spike in demand. This results in extremely long waiting lists for specialist care, and limited choices.

A high strain on hospital resources creates negative outcomes for patients. The UK's single-payer healthcare system has had numerous problems and crises thanks to long waiting times. For example, paramedics are supposed to address a stroke within 18 minutes to minimize brain damage. In the UK, the current average time is 54 minutes. Not only does this harm the patient, but it

means the patient must spend more time in the hospital and in rehab, further burdening the system.

Progressives point out that the US, compared to many developed nations, has fairly expensive healthcare and poor outcomes. While in some cases this is true, there are two major problems with this argument.

The first is that the other countries which the US is compared to (for example, France and Germany) frequently do not actually have single-payer healthcare. In Germany, for instance, private employers fund most of the healthcare, while in France, patients pay a portion of healthcare costs and there are private insurance companies. Those countries that *do* have single-payer healthcare often have flaws that the US would do well to avoid. For an example, let's look at Canada, which has a single-payer system. In a free market, resources are allocated based on what people are willing to pay, generally ensuring that those who want something the most are most likely to get it. When the government covers the cost of a resource, then a different way of distributing it must be created. An NCBI paper explains that, in Canada, “Resource allocation is practiced, not through the price mechanism, but by setting limits on the investment in medical technology... Proponents of the single payer alternative must deal with the fact that Canadians face waiting lists for some medical services especially for high – tech specialty care. To avoid delays in treatment, many Canadians travel south to the United States for more advanced treatment.”

The second problem with comparing health outcomes in the US to those of other developed nations is that the US faces a problem which other countries do not: an obesity rate among the highest in the world. Obesity has far-reaching ramifications for all sorts of illness, for example it is one of the biggest risk factors for hospitalization with Covid-19. *Why* exactly the US has a higher obesity rate is unclear (it may have something to do with the availability of processed foods), but this undeniably damages our health.

It's certainly true that the status quo of the United States has many flaws, but in some ways we do a much better job than other developed countries. Thanks to private innovation, we have very high-tech care. Premature babies face a relatively good chance of surviving if born in the US, and we are the world leader in pharmaceutical innovation.

It's almost a pity that AB1400 didn't pass (though maybe readers who live in California see it differently). If progressives were to create single-payer healthcare plans on the state level, in places like California and New York, they'd be less inclined to try and force it on more sensible parts of the country. They may even change their opinion, after experiencing the flaws first-hand, but that was never very probable.

Further Research

1. [California Assembly Bill 1400](#)
2. [Comparison of US HealthCare systems](#)
3. [Fallacy of Single-Prayer HealthCare](#)
4. [Single Prayer Dies Again in California](#)
5. [What's Wrong With Government Run HealthCare?](#)
6. [NHS Medic](#)

New York Gun Policy

By Paul Taussig, 9th Grade

Throughout the distinguished history of our country, the founding stands out as our most formative and structural period. To those who study the founding era, the question of Why we were founded is often the focal point, however, the question of How our independence was achieved has immensely practical applications even today. The way in which the United States was able to achieve unprecedented liberties and freedoms was through the use of arms and ammunition, wielded by both soldiers and civilians. After the Revolutionary War, the founders secured the right to bear arms in the Second Amendment. However, today this right is being infringed upon as never before.

In New York State, a law requires that to carry a gun, an official must first deem you have “proper cause” to do so. Many objections have been made to this violation of the second amendment. The case “New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen” even made it to the Supreme Court, where the State's policy was deemed constitutional. However, “proper cause” in New York City is almost an unassailable bar for the average citizen, suggesting authorities believe personal defense in a city like New York is unnecessary.

Although the gun restrictions in New York are certainly one of the strictest in the nation, gun constraints are by no means limited to this one state, calling into question, why should there be a second amendment? The right to bear arms is an assurance of all other rights. It is a vehicle through which freedom is preserved. The problem of its attack becomes not one of merely preserving a single right, but rather of preserving the integrity of them all. Conceding the second amendment will lay open all of the others for attack, resulting in Americans unable to defend their lawful rights and their physical wellbeing.

It is easy to view New York's gun policies with detachment, however, the consequences of the law are far reaching. Each amendment must be upheld and given

equal value, to undermine one is to undermine them all. As courts navigate the appeals, the founder's intent and the safety of Americans must be taken into account before the issue is taken too far.

Further Research

1. [When is a Constitutional Right, Not a Right?](#)
2. [The Second Amendment is for Everybody](#)
3. [Supreme Court Hears Arguments on Scrapping New York State's Concealed-Weapons Permit Law](#)
4. [New York Handgun Law](#)
5. [Concealed Carry](#)

Upcoming Events

- Eagle Forum of California 24th Annual State Conference— April 30th, 2022
- Student Eagle Leadership Conference with Leadership Institute— June 11th-16th, 2022

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