

Pulpit to Polls: The Prop 1 Fact Sheet

WHAT IS PROP 1?

Proposition 1 would radically expand abortion access in Idaho, making it legal for all 9 months of pregnancy and weakening current safeguards.

- ♦ **Creates a broad new “right”:** Declares that “every person has the right to reproductive freedom and privacy.” This includes the right to make “personal decisions” about abortion, contraception, fertility treatment, miscarriage care, and even **minor-aged gender transition surgeries**.
- ♦ **Abortion up to viability:** Explicitly **protects abortion through roughly 24 weeks** (when a baby can often survive outside the womb with medical help). **This would overturn Idaho’s current strong protections.**
- ♦ **After 24 weeks:** A doctor’s “good faith judgment” that continuing the pregnancy would cause “serious impairment” or “complicates the physical condition” gives **significant leeway**. In practice, this mirrors language in other states that has **led to very few restrictions on late-term abortions**.
- ♦ **Medical Emergency Definition:** A physical condition (per doctor’s “good faith judgment”) that “complicates” the pregnancy and warrants abortion to protect the woman’s life, health, or prevent “serious impairment of a major bodily function” or “dysfunction of any organ.” **This is significantly broader than Idaho’s current life-of-the-mother exception.**
- ♦ **Limits on state interference:** The government cannot interfere with these “rights” unless it meets a high legal bar (**narrowly tailored, least restrictive means, compelling interest limited to the woman’s health, and not to the child’s health**).
- ♦ **Protections for providers & assistants:** No criminal, civil, or professional penalties for doctors or helpers performing abortions under this framework.
- ♦ **No state funding required:** The measure does not force taxpayers to pay for abortions, however;
 - a.) If a Medicaid patient gets an abortion (especially under the broad “medical emergency” or viability exceptions), any complications from the procedure (hemorrhage, infection, incomplete abortion, etc.) would almost certainly be covered by Medicaid.
 - b.) Follow-up care, treatment for physical or mental health issues related to the abortion, or care for future pregnancies affected by it would also qualify.



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PASTORAL GUIDANCE

Opponents of life will flood the airwaves with false claims of restoring privacy and liberty for Idaho's women that are designed to play on the state's recent advancements in medical privacy and freedom.

1. "Prop 1 is about restoring medical privacy for thousands of women in Idaho who depend on their doctor for life saving care they currently can't get."

TRUTH: Prop 1 is not about privacy or life-saving care. It is about legalizing the intentional ending of unborn human lives. Genuine life-saving medical care for mothers (including treatment for cancer, ectopic pregnancies, or miscarriage) is already fully protected under Idaho law; Prop 1 is all about bringing back elective abortion.

2. "Idaho is the land of Liberty and Prop 1 ensures women's reproductive rights are secure."

TRUTH: Idaho's true liberty is rooted in the God-given right to life for every human being, born and unborn. "Reproductive rights" that include the right to end the life of a child are not liberty, they are a license to do harm. They contradict the foundational principle that no one has the right to take an innocent life.

3. "Under current law, doctors are fleeing Idaho for fear of prosecution for trying to save a pregnant person's life."

TRUTH: Idaho law clearly protects doctors who provide legitimate, life-saving care to pregnant women, including in emergencies. What some doctors fear is accountability for performing elective abortions; Idaho should welcome physicians who value both the mother's life and the baby's life, not those who demand the right to end one to "save" the other.

Every child is wonderfully made. We do not sacrifice one life to potentially save another. The pro-abortion lobby teaches "your life for mine." The Bible teaches "my life for yours:"

5 The thoughts of the righteous are just, But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful. 6 The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood, But the mouth of the upright will deliver them."

Proverbs 12:5-6 (NASB95)

16 There are six things which the Lord hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: 17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, 19 A false witness who utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NASB95)

Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.

Psalms 82:4 (NASB95)

Deliver those who are being taken away to death, And those who are staggering to slaughter, Oh hold them back.

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