



Why Your Vote Matters in This Election

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WHEN WOMEN VOTE,
THEY CHANGE
THE CONVERSATION.

Today's Conversation

AAUW Issues on the Line

AAUW California Campaign

CA Proposition 1

CA Proposition 28



Current Issues

- Passing the Paycheck Fairness Act – H.R. 7
 - Strengthens existing employment discrimination laws aimed at closing the gender pay gap
 - Passed the House, in the Senate
- Passing the FAMILY Act – H.R. 804
 - Creates a national paid family and medical leave insurance program
 - Still in the House



Current Issues (cont'd)

- Defending and strengthening Title IX protections
 - H.R.426 - Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2021
 - Provides that “for purposes of determining compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth.”
- Student debt relief
- Restore and expand Voting rights
 - John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act – H.R. 4, passed House



Ensuring Access to Reproductive Health

Pro-Choice Legislation

- H.R. 8296 – Women’s Health Protection Act
 - Prohibits governmental restrictions on the provision of, and access to, abortion services
 - Passed House, in Senate
- H.R. 4748 – Protecting National Access to Reproductive Care Act
 - Affirms the FDA’s preemptive authority over reproductive health products
- S.4764 – Reproductive Health Care Accessibility Act



Reproductive Health (cont'd)

Anti-Choice Legislation

- Life at Conception Act – H.R. 1011, S. 99
 - Declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual comes into being
- Lindsey Graham Bill – Nationwide ban after 15 weeks



How is AAUW California Changing the Conversation?

IT'S MY
VOTE



I WILL BE HEARD



Our Social Media Campaign

Hello AAUW California voters!
Here is your weekly social media message for posting on September 21st to help us educate voters and Get Out the Vote!
This week's hashtags are #Prop1, #vote.

Reminders:

Educate yourself on Proposition 1 by clicking [HERE](#).

Sign the pledge to vote YES on Proposition 1 by clicking [HERE](#).

Did you know that **thousands of people** from out of state will be coming to California for **reproductive health care**?

WHY YOU NEED TO ACT

All women should have the right to make their own reproductive choices. Prop 1 will guarantee this right to women coming to California from other states for abortion services.

TAKE ACTION!
Commit to voting **YES** on Prop 1 by signing our pledge.

Learn More And Take Action

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CA Proposition 1 – What Does It Say?

Would add Section 1.1 to Article I of the state constitution to read:

“The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual’s freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives.

This section is intended to further the constitutional right to privacy guaranteed by Section 1, and the constitutional right to not be denied equal protection guaranteed by Section 7.”



Why Is It Needed?

Brief history of current law:

- The state voted in 1972 to pass Proposition 11, which amended the state constitution to include a right to privacy.
- The California Supreme Court ruled in *Committee to Defend Reproductive Rights v. Myers* in 1981 that the constitutionally protected right to privacy included the right to choose whether to have an abortion
- In 2002, Governor Gray Davis signed the Reproductive Privacy Act, which legalized abortion up to fetal viability, whereafter abortions can only be performed if continued pregnancy posed a risk to the woman's life
 - Codified as California Health and Safety Code Section 123462



So Why Do We Need a Constitutional Amendment?

A little thing called
Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health...
and these guys



And the Problem Is?

Dobbs held:

- The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion.
- *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled.
- The authority to regulate abortion is returned to the states

This raises a number of concerns for California

- What if California has a future Leg anti-abortion majority? Can they reverse H&S 123462? – YES!
- What if Life at Conception Bill passes – could it override H&S 123462?
 - Probably not; BUT could trigger SCOTUS case, likely they would find Congress has a right to so declare
 - Would open door to Federal Ban



And then?

What if Graham bill passes?

- Could it over-rule California state law? – Maybe
- Could it over-rule Prop 1? – Maybe

Article VI, Paragraph 2 of the U.S. Constitution is commonly referred to as the Supremacy Clause. It establishes that **the federal constitution, and federal law generally, take precedence over state laws, and even state constitutions.**

If Life at Conception passes, SCOTUS could uphold it under 14th Amend protection of “all persons” to *life*. Fed law rules, if state law conflicts with U.S. Constitution

California law based on California right to privacy - can this save us? - Maybe, best chance



CA Proposition 28

Funding for Arts and Music Education in Public Schools

- Affects all K-12 public schools (including charter schools)
- Annually allocates from state General Fund an amount equaling 1% of required state and local funding for public schools.
- Allocates greater proportion of the funds to schools serving more economically disadvantaged students.
- Schools with 500 or more students must spend at least 80% of funding to employ teachers and remainder on training, supplies, and education partnerships.
- Requires audits and limits administrative costs to 1% of funding.
- Increased spending likely in the range of \$800 million to \$1 billion annually, beginning in 2023-24
- Support for proposition that music education supports all education – it fosters reasoning and skills that are the building block for learning other subjects; will also ensure that children in economically-challenged districts have access to this important learning segment.
- Aligns with AAUW support for “equal access to quality public education.”

