

WHY CATHOLICS SHOULD VOTE NO TO THE ERA

On November 5th, New Yorkers will vote to approve or reject the “**Equal Rights Amendment**,” or “**Proposal One**,” a vaguely worded, unnecessary, and dangerous amendment to the New York State Constitution that would result in serious negative consequences by expanding “equal protection under the law”.

What does the ERA say?

Proposed changes to the constitution in **BOLD**

“No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of this state or any subdivision thereof.

No person shall, because of race, color,

ETHNICITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE,

DISABILITY, creed [or], religion, OR

SEX, INCLUDING SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION,

PREGNANCY, PREGNANCY OUTCOMES, AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE AND AUTONOMY,

be subjected to any discrimination in **THEIR** civil rights by any other person or by any firm, corporation, or institution, or by the state or any agency or subdivision of the state, **PURSUANT** to law.”

What can you do?

- Learn more: <https://t.ly/WJwCQ>
- Share this information with other voters
- Vote **NO** to the ERA in November!

What would the ERA do?



1. Loosen age-appropriate restrictions.

Common sense age-restrictions on “sexual freedom” and the potential “right to die” would be endangered.



2. Allow children to make life-altering medical decisions without parental consent.

Children experiencing gender confusion would be able to seek gender reassignment therapies and surgeries without parental consent or knowledge.



3. Enshrine abortion up until birth in the New York State Constitution.

Abortion limitations to protect women and children would become impossible to pass. Conscience protections of health care professionals and individuals would also be threatened.



4. Erode religious freedom protections.

Churches, religious organizations and charitable institutions could lose existing and future protections if they are seen as contrary to these newly created “rights.”

