

Why a Constitutional Amendment for Life? Why At This Time? (Update)

We, prolife Americans, have a tremendous opportunity. God has placed us in the position of ending legal abortion forever.

Background: Prior to 1967 every state in the Union had a law against abortion, except to save the mother's life. The logic behind these laws was that the preborn child was a full human being and should be protected by law. In 1967 several states liberalized their abortion laws, and in 1973 the U.S. Supreme Court made abortion legal throughout the nation up to term for any reason. The logic was that the preborn child is not fully a person. Now science shows that the preborn is fully human since conception (fertilization). Since that time over 60 million unborn human beings have been killed by surgical abortion. That is a fifth of the whole American population. Unknown is how many have also died by chemical abortions and birth control that acts as an abortifacient.



Over the years, Crusade for Life has fought for the babies. We have given talks, started pro-life groups, written and distributive pro-life literature, produced pro-life films, and sidewalk counseled and prayed at some of the biggest abortion clinics in America. We have even been arrested for blocking clinic doors, and have been taken to jail in handcuffs. We have also assisted pregnancy help centers with their work.

All these efforts have been positive and effective, and have been extended over several decades. Other groups have similarly worked, but the sad truth is that legal abortion has not been ended in America. It is still going strong. We have wondered whether there is some other way to bring the killing to an end?

Why a Constitutional Amendment for Life? In the depths of this dilemma the issue of slavery entered our thoughts. Like abortion, it was a long agonizing problem. It too was held in place by a U.S. Supreme Court decision. But in 1865 a group of determined legislators enacted a Constitutional Amendment. Thus Amendment 13 overturned the Supreme Court's Dred Scott decision, and slavery everywhere in America was ended forever.

Why at this time? The time is ripe for a pro-life amendment to the Constitution for the following reasons:

1. We have a pro-life President and Vice-President. After 2020 we could have a prolife Congress!
2. The Republican platform is definitely pro-life even mentioning a Constitutional Amendment!
3. The Constitution itself is pro-life in that Amendments 5 and 14 say "No person may be deprived of life without due process of the laws."
4. An amendment does not involve the President and the U.S. Supreme Court.
5. Almost 30 of the state governors and legislatures are conservative.

6. All but about 10 states have passed some pro-life legislation.
7. In addition recent polls have shown that greater than 50% of Americans profess to be pro-life.
8. The videos exposing Planned Parenthood came out showing how they callously cut up aborted babies to get the parts that can be sold! This shocked the American public causing Congress to seriously consider defunding Planned Parenthood. And recently several states such as NY have passed extreme anti-life laws. The public is waking up.
9. Science is making it harder and harder to deny that the baby in the womb isn't human.
10. Add to all this that the internet gives us the opportunity to communicate rapidly with the entire nation.

Yes, the time is now to work for a pro-life amendment. If we achieve this, legal abortion in America will be gone forever. Please read more about the proposed amendment in our treatise booklet, "Ending Abortion in America." www.lifeamendment.org

What can be done? We agree that the killing of America's unborn children is very grievous in God's sight. If Jesus were here today he would speak for those who cannot speak for themselves, and rescue the innocent who are being taken away to death. Is the Church of Jesus Christ ready to do what Jesus would do? To quote Franklin Graham, "God cannot bless a nation that embraces the murder of innocent children."

Based on this concept we have launched the "The Constitutional Amendment for Life". This amendment was foreseen by President Ronald Reagan in the Proclamation of Personhood that he issued in 1988. This proclamation has been reproduced in its entirety in our booklet - "Ending Abortion In America". The wording is simple and direct.

SECTION 1. As used in this Constitution, the word person shall mean and refer to any and every living human being from the beginning of its existence as a human organism until death.

SECTION 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

How is an amendment passed? There are three steps none of which require the President, Supreme Court or the governors.

1. Find two amendment sponsors. One from the U.S. Senate and one from the House of Representatives.
2. Pass the amendment out of both houses of Congress by a 2/3 majority.
3. Pass the amendment by 3/4 of the states with a simple majority vote in their state houses.

Why not go state by state with new laws? Over 30 states have pro-life laws in place that stop some abortions. Often they are challenged and a judge will rule against the law and ultimately it will go to the Supreme Court and who knows what they will do.

Why not a Constitutional Convention? (Article V Constitutional Convention)

Leftist organizations across the nation support a Constitutional Convention and some so-called conservatives mistakenly also support this idea. Just like the first Constitutional Convention decided

to form a new Constitution - which we still have today - a new Constitutional Convention could also drastically change the current Constitution. The former liberal Chief Justice, John Paul Stevens, wrote a book on the six Constitutional amendments he promoted. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg also has a list of how she would change the Constitution.

A warning was given by former Chief Justice Warren Burger: "I have also repeatedly given my opinion that there is no effective way to limit or muzzle the actions of a Constitutional Convention. The Convention could make its own rules and set its own agenda. Congress might try to limit the Convention to one amendment or to one issue, but there is no way to assure that the Convention would obey. After a Convention is convened, it will be too late to stop the convention if we don't like its agenda." [www.eagleforum.org/topic/concon'](http://www.eagleforum.org/topic/concon/)

Can't we just live with abortion? NO! Although most pro-life churches support the local pro-life pregnancy center, it is not enough. Abortion must be made illegal in our country. Not only does the Bible state that, "The Lord hates hands that shed innocent blood." (Proverbs 6:16-17), God removes His protection from nations that shed innocent blood. It is detrimental to society and to the whole country. (2Kings 24:1-4, Isaiah 1:15-20)

If not now, when? Many in the pro-life movement will proclaim that they want to make abortion illegal but now is not the right time. They say we don't have the votes in Congress nor at the state level. This is true this year but with hard work next year may make the difference. It will take everyone working in their churches to accomplish a real change. This must be the ultimate goal we are working towards.

Let's promote the idea of a Life Amendment to the Constitution so people will really start to think about the possibility. Many in the pro-life movement probably have never even considered the possibility of a Life Amendment. This is regrettable since it is the only way to really stop legal abortion. Some claim that education will make the difference. Yes, that surely helps but people need to see an end in sight. Some say closing down abortion clinics will stop abortion. Yes, hundreds of clinics have closed down BUT even larger facilities have been built in recent years by Planned Parenthood. Pro-life centers will make the difference. Yes, they will help but only a small percentage of pregnant women ever enter a prolife center. All of these efforts have helped but until abortion is not our national policy and has been made illegal, many feel God will not bless America. Millions of babies will continue to die and our country will suffer.

What steps are needed to pass a Constitutional Amendment for Life? The first step is to get Christians to the polls to vote. Pastor Rafael Cruz said at a recent conference that churches must do these four things to bring about change in our country. He says if the Christians were to vote the whole country would be changed.

1. Register voters. Go to www.lifepriority.net for Registration Kits for your church.
2. Educate on the issues - hopefully from the pulpit or at least at a literature table.
3. Encourage everyone to vote.
4. Encourage church members to run for local offices. When this doesn't happen, Pastor Cruz says, "The wicked are electing the wicked." To hear his speech go to www.pastorsprolife.org. He is going throughout the country speaking with pastors on the duty of the church in government.

How to get started? Here are some questions to ask your pastor:

1. Can we set-up a table to register voters? (weekly/monthly) Will you encourage everyone to vote?
2. Will you educate on the issues through sermons? Acquaint him with www.pastorsproliferesourcecenter.org
3. Can we handout educational literature at tables and in Sunday School and Bible study classes as well as non-partisan voter information on candidates?

Until Christians are the salt and light nothing is going to change. Please seriously pray and consider becoming the answer to our nation's problems. Let us know what the Holy Spirit wants you to do. God bless and thank you.