

Talking Points for No on 4 PowerPoint

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- Introduce yourself
- Tell people that you are there because you are a concerned citizen of Florida
- There are a LOT of conversations that can occur around the topic of abortion, and the conversation we are having is limited to the proposed constitutional amendment in the November election.

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- This is the verbiage of the amendment.
- Ask for comments if you are comfortable doing so

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- The ballot language fails to apprise voters that all Florida laws that regulate abortion would likely be nullified – even safety regulations which protect women.
- But it does not state which specific laws, which leaves it wide open for interpretation..

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- Many people think the amendment limits abortion to 24 weeks, BUT there is no specific definition of viability in this amendment – BIG LOOPHOLE.
- It leaves the potential for late term and partial birth abortion wide open.

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- Reference page 18 of the Florida Supreme Court Advisory Opinion No. SC2023-1392
- The Supreme Court stated that it is impossible to imagine a circumstance in which a woman who wants a post-viability (including late term or partial-birth) abortion will not be able to find a “healthcare provider” willing to say an abortion is necessary to protect her health – physical, mental, financial, emotional or otherwise.
- Another loophole – “health” is undefined and does not necessarily mean the mother’s life is in danger.

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- From Too extreme for Florida website home page

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- These is a partial list of regulated healthcare practitioners in FL.
- NOTE – there is one line for Medical doctor.
- Other healthcare practitioners include school psychologist, septic tank contractor, tattoo artist, pharmacist.
- This is another vague term without definition

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- From the Florida Catholic Advocacy Network.
- The reason this statement is included is because parental notification is already in the FL constitution and has to be followed.
- This is a deliberate attempt to confuse people into thinking it's a good thing that parents are involved
- But parental NOTIFICATION is not the same as parental CONSENT.
- Abortion would be the only health care procedure where parental consent is not required for a minor

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- [SC2023-1392 Opinion - Florida's Supreme Court](#)
- The Heartbeat Protection Act has exceptions for rape, incest, human trafficking, fetal abnormality, life of the mother, premature rupture of membranes, ectopic pregnancy or a trophoblastic tumor.
- Read the Myth vs Fact-Heartbeat Protection Act document on the [i4Catholics.org/Resources](https://www.i4Catholics.org/Resources)

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- NONE

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- This amendment is so vague and misleading that there is virtually nothing that can stop an abortion

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- Article 1 Section 2 reads; "All natural persons, female and male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable rights, among which are the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and to acquire, possess and protect property. No person shall be deprived of any right because of race, religion, national origin, or physical disability.

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- Challenges to any pro-life activity will occur.

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- A constitutional amendment has higher authority than a law, so if implemented, there would have to be another constitutional amendment to overturn it.

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- These statements are from the Florida Catholic Advocacy Network, the non-partisan public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Florida.
- Informed consent is that at least 24 hours before the procedure the woman is informed of:
 - the nature and risks of undergoing or not undergoing the proposed procedure,
 - the probable gestational age of the fetus, verified by an ultrasound
 - The woman must be given the opportunity to view the live ultrasound images and hear an explanation of them.
 - the medical risks to the woman and fetus of carrying the pregnancy to term.

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- The sponsor argues that the comma placed between “patient’s health” and “as determined by the patient’s health care provider” means that the term “viability” used earlier in the amendment is also modified by the phrase “as determined by the patient’s healthcare provider.”
- So the healthcare provider determines both viability of the baby and health of the mother.

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- NONE

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- These vague and undefined terms leave lots of room for misunderstanding – is that on purpose?