



Personhood Florida Inc. is a nonprofit, nonpartisan people's initiative to amend the Constitution of Florida. In Florida, legal protection doesn't extend to preborn children, and is presently in jeopardy with our elderly and disabled. **The Right to Life of All Persons Recognized and Protected proposed Amendment** will insure that the God-given right to life of every human being at any stage of development shall be recognized and protected. It will establish justice and respect for life from the moment of biological beginning until natural death.

Rape and Incest Exceptions

- Rape is a horrible crime that must be punished to the full extent of the law. Our focus needs to be on providing resources and compassionate care for the victims of rape and incest, not on aborting the innocent child conceived. A child should not be punished for the crimes of the father. A woman that is the victim of rape or incest deserves to be helped, not suffer through the additional trauma of abortion. Less than 0.5 percent of all abortions occur as a result of rape or incest. Abortion allows society to forget about the acts of incest and pretend that justice has been done, while often the perpetrator is protected from the crime.

Stem Cell Research

- Embryonic stem cell research destroys young human life. It is never morally or ethically justified to kill one human in order to benefit another. Adult (non-embryonic) stem cell research does not require the destruction of human lives. We need to work to provide funding for research that saves human life- not destroy it. Adult stem cell research has treated and cured over 73 diseases to date.

Human Cloning

- Research cloning involves the deliberate creation of human life for the purposes of killing it for use in research. Any process that involves the creation of human life to destroy it devalues life.

RU-486

- RU-486 is a chemical abortifacient taken to end pregnancy, not to prevent it. RU-486 is a high dose steroid that hurts women. Thirteen (13) women have died as a result of taking the pill. Any drug that ends a human life is not good for women or children. When a woman takes RU-486, it is normally in the 5th to 7th week of her pregnancy. By this point, the baby has a heart, brain waves, and arms and legs that are forming.

Fetal Tissue Research

- Any time we support the use of aborted fetal tissue for research, we support the practice of abortion and the devaluation of life. Taxpayer dollars should not be spent buying aborted fetuses from abortionists so that scientists can conduct research. The practice of fetal tissue transplantation and experimentation creates a market that is costing numerous irreplaceable lives.

Abortion is not medically necessary to save the life of a woman

- The Symposium's conclusions were issued in the Dublin Declaration on Maternal Healthcare which states: -"As experienced practitioners and researchers in Obstetrics and Gynecology, we affirm that direct abortion is not medically necessary to save the life of a woman. We uphold that there is a fundamental difference between abortion, and necessary medical treatments that are carried out to save the life of the mother, even if such treatment results in the loss of life of her unborn child. We confirm that the prohibition of abortion does not affect, in any way, the availability of optimal care to pregnant women."

Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

- Because every human being has an innate worth and value, any procedure that violates the sanctity of human life should be opposed. The practice of physician-assisted suicide creates a duty to die. Death may become a reasonable substitute to treatment and care as medical costs continue to rise.

"The care of human life and happiness ... is the first and only legitimate object of good government." ~ Thomas Jefferson

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