



Biblical Citizenship Briefing

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In California

Bills Move to the Floor – Hearings are now over in the house of origin with many bills having already passed that first house. Please consider contacting your assemblymember or state senator with your views as soon as possible for any bills still pending, as floor votes are occurring every day. The first half of the legislative session ends May 29. Find your legislators at findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov.

Mandating Insurance Coverage for Sex-Rejecting Procedures (AB 1876) – Requires insurance companies to cover gender transition procedures (puberty blockers, hormones, and surgeries) if those procedures are available in other contexts, such as mastectomies for cancer. Cloaked in “antidiscrimination” language, the bill will result in insurers being prohibited from determining the risks and need for coverage. California Family Council warns that the bill also “raises serious religious liberty concerns, forcing employers and individuals to subsidize procedures that violate deeply held beliefs.” Read about and watch the committee hearing testimonies [here](#). AB 1876 has [passed](#) the Assembly and is now in the Senate awaiting policy hearings.

Expanding abortion providers (AB 1973) – Allows nurse practitioners, nurse-midwives and physician assistants to perform dilation and evacuation abortions with no gestational limits. AB 1973 passed the Assembly floor on May 18. See the vote [here](#).

Providing abortions at community colleges (AB 2540) – Extends the current requirement that staff at UC and CSU campus health clinics perform medication abortions to clinics at community colleges where high school students often attend classes. As of May 24, AB 2540 has not been heard on the floor.

Continuing the redefinition of sex and gender (AB 2563) – Amends state codes, including the civil, education, business, and family codes, to prohibit sex discrimination based on actual or perceived characteristics. These include “gender, including gender identity, gender expression, and access to, and use of, gender affirming care and other related health care” and “degree of conformity to sex or gender stereotypes.” As of May 24, AB 2563 has not been heard on the floor.

Silencing Counselors (SB 934) – Extends the statute of limitations on psychological injury or illness arising from therapy for *unwanted* attractions or dysphoria. Mental health providers could be liable for damages years, even decades, later. The statute of limitations would be extended to 22 years after a minor turns 18, and 10 years for adults, potentially resulting in legal liability decades after the counseling occurred. Read more [here](#). SB 934 passed the Senate on May 19. See the vote [here](#).

What else can you do? You may also find a list of many bills relating to life, faith, education, and family on California Family Council’s watch list [here](#). CFC also has an **Action Center** [here](#) making it very easy for you to contact your state legislators on many bills. (*Referrals are for informational purposes only, and do not imply an endorsement by EFCC of the opinions, positions, or contents of the site.*)

In the Courts

High Court Hands Victory to Pro-Life Center – First Choice Women’s Resource Center is a faith-based, prolife, medical nonprofit that helps women choose life for their preborn children by providing free testing, ultrasounds, counseling and resources – and has been for decades. In November 2023, New Jersey’s then-Attorney General Matthew Platkin targeted the nonprofit with a subpoena for 10 years’ worth of documents, including patient data and statements about abortion pill reversal, advertisements, website statements, and documents identifying board members and staff, as well as donors.

Alliance Defending Freedom [filed suit](#) on behalf of First Choice holding that the AG “never cited any complaint or other substantive evidence of wrongdoing to justify his demands but has launched an exploratory probe into the lawful activities, constitutionally protected speech, religious observance, constitutionally protected associations, and nonpublic internal communications and records of a non-profit organization that holds a view with which he disagrees as a matter of public policy.” Further that the “demands violate First Choice’s rights protected by the First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution” and that compliance “would thwart First Choice’s efforts to achieve its mission to serve women experiencing both planned and unplanned pregnancies in New Jersey.” The disclosures would also likely result in a decrease in donations to the organization.

Even after First Choice produced documents, harassment by the AG continued. Following several unfavorable rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court finally agreed to hear the case (with a new AG now [First Choice Women’s Resource Centers, Inc. v. Daventport](#)) in June 2025. On April 29, the high court handed down a *unanimous* decision in favor of First Choice. Justice Neil Gorsuch penned the opinion which states, “Since the 1950s, this Court has confronted one official demand after another like the Attorney General’s. Over and again, we have held those demands burden the exercise of First Amendment rights. Disputing

none of these precedents but seeking ways around them, the Attorney General has offered a variety of arguments. Some are old, some are new, but none succeeds.” The court also held that an “official demand for private donor information is enough to discourage reasonable individuals from associating with a group and to discourage groups from expressing dissident views.” First Choice may now pursue its constitutional claims against New Jersey officials in federal court. The case answers an important procedural question, allowing cases like this to challenge such actions in federal court. This is a win not only for the prolife cause, but also for other nonprofit organizations desiring to protect donor lists. Read more [here](#).

Court Set to Decide Abortion Pill Reversal Case – California Attorney General Rob Bonta first filed his [lawsuit](#) against Heartbeat International and RealOptions in September 2023. The suit claims that “instead of offering vulnerable *pregnant people* accurate information” the defendants provide “false and misleading statements” about reversing the effects of mifepristone with the [abortion pill reversal](#) protocol (APR) and asserts that the organizations are engaging in “unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent business practices.” (Emphasis added.) This, despite 20 years of success in saving 64-68% of the lives of preborn children whose mothers regretted their decision to take the drug – thousands of lives. Bonta’s suit seeks to silence these and other organizations from offering women the possibility that their unborn children’s lives can be saved and to exact civil penalties as well.

“We firmly believe that no woman should be forced to complete an abortion she no longer consents to,” declared Tasha Keirns, Chief Executive Officer of RealOptions. “Through this case, California is attempting to silence a woman’s second chance at choice. Women deserve fully informed consent regarding their reproductive health at every stage, and RealOptions is fighting for this evidence-based treatment to continue protecting women and saving lives.”

Thomas More Society, attorneys for the defendants, state, “After more than two years of litigation and extensive discovery, the state has failed to produce a single consumer complaint, any evidence of harm, or a sufficient legal basis to restrict constitutionally protected speech. [Court filings](#) include sworn declarations from mothers whose pregnancies were saved through APR, as well as extensive medical evidence including the FDA’s own pharmacological review concluding that progesterone counteracts mifepristone and allows for normal pregnancy and delivery.” In January, Thomas More Society filed a motion for summary judgment in the Superior Court of Alameda County. A hearing was held on April 29 with a trial date set for June 1. (Read more [here](#) and [here](#).)

Pray for the court as the documents are reviewed and a trial approaches. May the Lord give them His wisdom. May the First Amendment rights of the defendants be protected and women allowed a real choice that includes attempts to save their unborn children’s lives when they regret having taken the abortion pill.

In the News

New Federal Website Helps Women – A new life-affirming site focuses on resources from preconception health through birth and beyond. [Moms.gov](#) offers a search for local pregnancy centers, other health centers nutritional information and much more.

Is Gen Z Experiencing Revival? – Many reports have indicated that Gen Z (age 13-28) is experiencing a spiritual revival. Is it true? The answer from Dr. George Barna and the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University is, “It’s complicated.” In the last four years about 5% more Gen Zers are claiming to be Christian, with 17% rise in those “deeply committed to practicing their religious faith” and a 10% rise in those reading their Bibles. But the embrace of socialism over capitalism has also risen 17%. There’s been an increase of 18% in those who see marriage between a man and a woman as just one of many lifestyle choices. Overall, just 1% embrace a true biblical worldview.

There has been no change in the number of Gen Zers who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (24%) or weekly church attendance (33%). Also reported: an 18-point increase in believing that identifying moral truth is up to the individual and there are no moral absolutes that apply to everyone, an 18-point rise in believing that Jesus Christ sinned while He lived on Earth, and a 15-point increase in belief that good people can earn eternity in Heaven. However, there’s been an encouraging 11-point jump in those who avoid sinning because they feel it offends God.

These numbers may not signify a revival among this young generation, but Barna notes, “While the survey findings are so far unpersuasive regarding an outbreak of revival within Gen Z, those disappointing outcomes may point us to a more important question. Are American Christians ready to enthusiastically and thoroughly evangelize and disciple the young people who demonstrate authentic interest in biblical Christianity? Given the shockingly small number of biblically defined disciples of Christ the surveys identify, maybe the most strategic issue to address is whether the Church is sufficiently prepared to handle the possibility of widespread spiritual exploration by young adults.” While the reported 1% of Gen Z holding a biblical worldview is shockingly low, Barna’s research found that just 6% of self-identifying Christians overall have a biblical worldview. Read more [here](#). For more on biblical worldview research and to take an assessment, visit [acuworldview.com](#).

Pray for our youth – and for all of us – to come to Christ and embrace the principles in God’s Word as their own. Our world will be better for it.

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